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Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 26, 2019

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29)



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Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give to you.

No Vacation from a *Vocation!* Even as you travel this summer, make every effort to participate in Sunday Mass. One of the great things about being Catholic is the universality of the sacraments. To find the closest Mass to your location, remember to check Masstimes.org.

Faith Forms Conscience: Faith spurs believers to do the right thing for the right reasons. In the early part of the 20th century, Mahatma Gandhi mused over the fate of human life when goodness wanes because a lack of faith. Gandhi thought about it in terms of those ways that bring an imbalance to our daily living. He called them the seven deadly social sins:

- wealth without work;
- commerce without morality;
- politics without principle;
- leisure without conscience;
- education without character;
- science without humanity;
- worship without sacrifice.

Would I Die for Faith? *The monks of Tibhirine knew they were in danger and would likely be killed if they remained in Algeria, at the time divided by a war between extremist rebels and the Algerian government forces. Their story was depicted in a 2010 French drama “Of Gods and Men.”*

The conflict began in 1992 when the Algerian army canceled the general election, as it seemed the Islamic Salvation Front, a fundamentalist political movement, was about to win. An estimated 44,000 people, most of them civilians, were killed amid the fighting.

French Father Christian de Chergé, the slain prior of the monastery, had written a letter nearly three years before his death that he and the other monks would willingly offer themselves as a sacrifice for the people of Algeria. The prior wrote, “When the time comes, I would like to be able to have the stroke of lucidity which would permit me to ask forgiveness of God and of my brothers in humanity, forgiving wholeheartedly, at the same time, whoever my killer might be.”

The seven French monks were kidnapped and later beheaded on or about May 21, 1996; their heads were recovered and buried in the Tibhirine monastery. Their bodies were never found and the mystery of their death was never clarified.

“To pay homage to . . . 19 Christian martyrs means also paying homage to the memory of all those who gave their life in Algeria those dark years” as they were killed “for their country and for their faith,” said Pope Francis. The decree was signed by Pope Francis on January 27, 2018, confirmed that the Servant of God, Pierre-Lucien Claverie, Bishop of Oran (who was assassinated by a bomb, August 1, 1996), together with 18 companions have been acknowledged as dying *in odium fidei*, meaning “in hatred of the faith.” They were beatified on December 8, 2018. I recommend the film, a good film for discussion and dialogue.

May Birthdays

- 22--Charles Brown, SR
- 26--Diane Hatchett
- 30--Karen Leachman,
- 31--Barbara Hammond,
- Layson Brooks

June Birthdays

- 2--Antonia Hagan
- 13--Charles Brown III (Buddy)
- 16--Sister Jeannette
- 23--Pamela McCarter,
- Michelle Jones



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If you know anyone who does not have a designated charity, ask them to sign up for BSC as their charity.

Mass Intentions:

- May 19—Sandra Brown
- May 26--Donald Moorman
- June 2--Sharon Wittinghill
- June 9--Louie Moorman

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: SICK: Hunter Hoskins, David Carter, Philip Moorman, Sr., Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Larry Allen, Martha Kramer, Perry Washington, Brad Boorman, Frank Adams, Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr., If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Beverly Chilton, who is in her home and Ruth Coble who is at Heritage Park . Georgia Holland who has moved to St. Louis stays in touch with BSC. A phone call or a card can cheer them up.



Precious Blood Parish Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 1st. Booths open at 3 PM. Serving begins at 4 PM. There will be a Drive-through for meat. Live band from 4-6 PM (bring your own chairs). The raffle has prizes totaling approximately \$9,000, including a \$7500 cash prize.

Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

May 26 Crowning of Mary

June 5 Confirmation at CATHEDRAL 5 PM
(Alexis Hatchett)

June 22 St. Meinrad tour (leave 9:30)

Diocesan/Community Happenings

June 12--noon Multi-cultural Mass
Sts. Joseph and Paul

July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati



Thank you for your contributions.

May 19--\$605

Weekly budget \$875

MTD budget \$1,750

MTD collection \$1298.50

YTD Budget—\$40,250

YTD Collection--\$41,887.92

Candles-- \$5

May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Stewardship and discipleship are about how we live our lives as a reflection of our relationship with God. What are some ways to better understand stewardship? Stewardship is...

- ...about more than money. It is a call to be a disciple, a response to God’s abundant love for us. It is a conversion—a change of mind and heart.
- ♦ ...an opportunity to give back a generous portion of the abundant blessings we receive from God.
- ♦ ...about trust. We trust that our generous God will always provide for us.
- ♦ ...recognizing and accepting God’s gifts and expressing gratitude for them. Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed into our hands.
- ♦ ...NOT new, or a fad. Stewardship teachings come from the Bible.
- ♦ ...rooted in prayer. We can return to God a portion of His precious gift of time by spending time in prayer. Make daily prayer a habit; begin by praying 5 minutes each day.
- ♦ ...a call to return a portion of our God-given talents in service in ministry (and we are **all** uniquely blessed with skills and talents) and encourage others to use theirs too. Being involved, even a little, helps you feel more a part of our parish—and our parish needs you!
- ♦ ...a call to give of our treasure in proportion to what God has given us. Aware of our blessings, we give generously to support the building of God's kingdom.
- ♦ ...counter-cultural. Society influences us to want for more; stewardship encourages us to recognize that we have enough, enough to share.

PRAYING. GIVING. SERVING.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Augustine of Canterbury; Memorial Day

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday)

Friday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Justin; First Saturday

LEGACY

We want to give our children what we didn’t have; but let’s make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.

—Anonymous

THE GIFT OF PEACE

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little “give and take” now and then. So where was it that “there arose no little dissension and debate”? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today’s Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today’s Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution.



A special prayer on Memorial Day -- As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

Lectors

June 2: Austin Gough
Layson Brooks

June 9: Von Williams
Mary K. Gough

Eucharistic Ministers

June 2: Greg Gough
Marsha Allen
Vivian Higgs

June 9: Karen Leachman
Barbara Bisel
Payton Sanford

Ushers/Offertory

June 2: Pam Wilson
Robert Johnson

June 9: Pam McCarrerr
Britney Carmona

Picnic

It is time to think about the picnic. Please mark the date **August 3** as high priority. We need all parish-ioners to help in some way.

As you shop this summer, please consider buying extra to donate to the parish for our picnic

- Baskets/items for silent auction
- Charcoal
- Rubs for poultry & ribs (Lawry or Grill Mates)
- Large disposable pans with lids for meat.

Flowers

Charlene Meadows (Thank you!!) often brings flowers from her yard to decorate our church. I am sure there are more of you who have beautiful flowers that you could occasionally bring. Please let Charlene or me know so that it could be coordinated and we could have fresh flowers every week.

St. Meinrad Tour

June 22. Plans are to leave Blessed Sacrament at 9:30 so we arrive in time for 10:45 tour. We will join the monks for noon prayer. Afterwards there will be time to visit the gift shop and go somewhere for lunch, if you want to. The plan is to carpool. We will have sign-ups the next two weekends. We hope to have a good size group from here.

CONTENTED

A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord’s Day among our ancestors in the faith was “The Eighth Day,” meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That’s why it is still Easter!

Von, May God continue to bless you; go with our prayers.

