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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

Rector: Fr. Jerry Riney, jerry.riney@pastoral.org

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

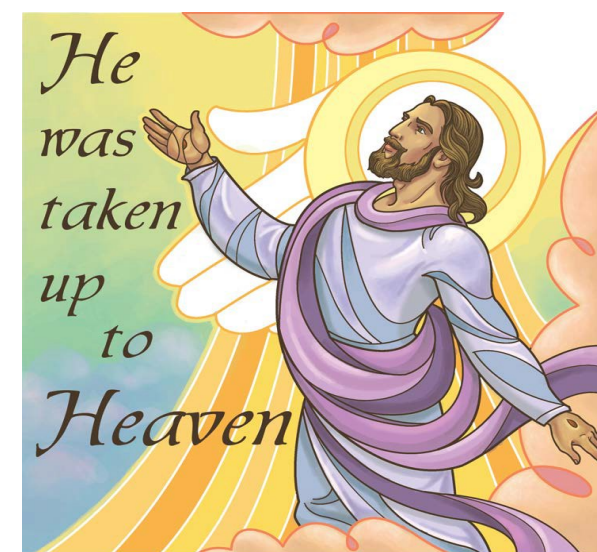
Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).



The Ascension of the Lord June 2, 2019

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. — *Psalm 47:6*



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Shout to God with cries of gladness.



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.

Wear RED for Pentecost! Next Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, the Church coming into being in this Pentecost moment. At that first gathering, Jesus’ friends experienced his Spirit in wind and fire, and that same spirit SPEAKS to us. Through the Spirit, God has formed us into a community, an instrument for bringing his life and love into our world. In Jesus breathing upon his disciples on Easter night, the new life of the Spirit, the community of resurrection—the Church—takes flight. That same spirit continues to “blow” through today’s Church to give life to our mission: to preach the Gospel to every nation, to proclaim forgiveness in God’s name, to immerse all of humanity into the love of God manifested in Jesus resurrection. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, representing the Holy Spirit; you are invited and encouraged to wear red to Mass the weekend of June 9, the Solemn Feast of Pentecost!

How Alive is the Spirit Within? Jesus promised never to orphan or abandon us, but to send an Advocate—the Holy Spirit—to be with us to guide and direct, to comfort and protect, to steer us right, to inspire and challenge us. It's like having the best attorney in the world! The Scriptural book, Acts of the Apostles, is really the acts or actions of the Holy Spirit. In preparation for the Solemn Feast of Pentecost (50 days after Easter), I ask you to pray this week for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be more active in our world, our country, our Church, our parish, and in our own personal lives. What is your image of the Holy Spirit? How is the Spirit active in you (and me)? How could the Spirit of God be more alive in us?

May Birthdays

30--Karen Leachman,
31--Barbara Hammond,
Layson Brooks

June Birthdays

2--Antonia Hagan
13--Charles Brown III (Buddy)
15--LeaAnn Johnson
16--Sister Jeannette
23--Pamela McCarter,
Michelle Jones
25--Father Jamie
30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett



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Blessed Sacrament would appreciate being named as your community reward recipient. You can enroll at www.kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS

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

Mass Intentions:

May 26--Donald Moorman
June 2--Sharon Wittinghill
June 9--Louie Moorman
June 16--Kenneth Higgs

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.

This Is An Arab Bus: The Reverend Timothy J. Kennedy tells of traveling by bus throughout Israel one summer. On one part of the journey, the bus driver placed a big white sign by the passenger side windshield. Since it was in Arabic, Kennedy asked their guide to translate. The sign said, "This is an Arab bus, owned and operated by Arabs. Please do not throw stones." When they got close to Tel Aviv, the driver pulled another sign from behind his seat, and replaced the first sign in the windshield. Since it was in Hebrew, Kennedy asked their guide to translate again. The new sign said, "This is a Jewish bus, owned and operated by Israelis. Please do not throw stones." How do you tell the difference between an Arab bus and a Jewish bus? A big plastic sign in the windshield. How do we identify a Christian? Its not by a sign or our name but by our daily deeds of kindness, deeds of love, deeds of generosity, deeds of forgiveness etc.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

June 9 Parish Meeting--Oktoberfest and Picnic

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

August 3 Picnic

Diocesan/Community Happenings

June 9--noon Multi-cultural Mass
Sts. Joseph and Paul

June 15 Right to Life Golf Scramble

July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati



Thank you for your contributions.

May 26--\$1127

Weekly budget \$875

MTD budget \$3500

MTD collection \$3295.50

YTD Budget--\$42,000

YTD Collection--\$43,639.92

Candles-- \$10

Maintenance--\$3

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



The Neblett Community Center is looking for volunteers. They are in need of help with the following

- Cot sheets sewn to fit the cots for kids to sleep on during nap time.
- Tutoring children
- Reading to the children

If you are able to help, please contact the Neblett Center to fill out a volunteer application at 270-685-3197 or you can go to the Center from 8am to 6pm. Contact person is Tiffany Cronch.

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life, we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us.

What are some ways to remind yourself that Jesus is in your midst each day? How can the reminder of his presence change your attitude, your decisions, your actions?

--Pope Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day

Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Wednesday: St. Boniface

Thursday: St. Norbert; Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: First Friday

WINGED FAITH

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven.

—St. John Climacus

FEET ON THE GROUND

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40’s* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

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Thanks to Patricia (See Galatians 5:16-26) 06-29-2006

Lectors

June 9: Von Williams
Mary K. Gough

June 16: Barbara Bisel
Audrey Mezur

Eucharistic Ministers

June 9: Karen Leachman
Barbara Bisel
Payton Sanford

June 16: Lori Robinson
Misty Sanford
Cathy Kramer

Ushers/Offertory

June 9: Pam McCarrerr
Britney Carmona

June 16: Rita Moorman
Cindy Clark

A GARDENER'S CREED

One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.

—Anonymous



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

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.



Crowning of Mary, our Mother.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother. To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen

Come Holy Spirit! Please pray for Alexis Hatchett who will be confirmed at St. Stephen's Cathedral Saturday.