

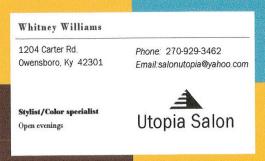
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Mission Statement:

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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).

Psalm — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).

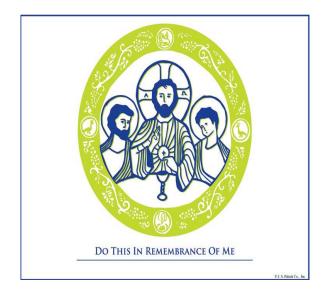
Second Reading — Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Gospel — Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).



Most Holy & Blood of Christ June 23, '19

[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. I Cor. 11:26



They all ate and were satisfied.



From the desk of Father Sinoj, HGN

Dear Friends in Christ,

"O Sacrament, most holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!" Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! After the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity last weekend, this weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. It is our Parish Feast. Let us pray to the Most Blessed Sacrament to keep us in the unity designed in the Holy Communion. By sacramentaly consuming the body and blood of Christ, we are interiorly transformed to a faithful people intimately united with God.

Just as numerous grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Our Lord chose these elements in order to show us that we ought to be united with one another and to allow and cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit who is transforming us into our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the head and we are the body. Together we are one. That which unites us with Him and with each other is our willingness to sacrifice our time and talents for our fellow-members in Christ's mystical body. This is symbolized by our sharing in the same bread and the same cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love.

Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect – not merely as a matter of routine. St. Paul speaks also of the mystical body of Christ, the People of God gathered at the altar. Such a union, plainly, means that our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot coexist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters. Let us gaze at the Blessed Sacrament and exclaim with St. Augustine, "O Sacrament of devotion! O Sign of unity! O Bond of charity!" Happy Feast!

God loves you!!!!

("`·.·´") Always
`·.¸("`·.·´") Keep
("`·.·´")¸.·´ Smiling

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

June Birthdays

16--Sister Jeannette
23--Pamela McCarter,
Michelle Jones
25--Father Jamie
30--Father Sinoj, Trent
Hatchett

July Birthday

3--Ray Higgs8-- Alexis Hatchett, Calvin McHenry



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Mass Intentions:

June 16--Kenneth Higgs

June 24--Loretta Wathen

June 30--Les Bumm

July 7--Michael Carrico

July 14--Dorothy Fulton

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: <u>SICK</u>: Charlene Meadows, Philip Moorman, Sr., Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Rose Chapman, Larry Allen, Martha Kramer, Brad Boarman, Frank Adams, Mary Hagan, Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr., David Carter, 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.

THE EUCHARIST

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is invoked is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, after we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection. St. Iranaeus



Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel
June 23 Parish Feast Corpus Christi

August 3 Picnic

Diocesan/Community Happenings

June 29 B-B-Q St. Mary Magdalene 4 PM

July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati

August 10 Retreat day "Be Salt, Be Light" 9-3 at Mount St. Joseph



Thank you for your contributions.

June 16--\$575

Weekly budget \$875

MTD budget \$2625

MTD collection \$2048.25

YTD Budget—\$44,625 YTD Collection--\$45,688.17

Candles--\$6

DISCIPLESHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus seems to speak directly and clearly about serving others: "Give them some food yourselves." God blesses all of us with gifts; no one has ALL the gifts, but we all have at least one gift or talent to share. You may have heard someone comment about a problem or a need in this way, "Why doesn't God do something?" A good reply is, "God did! He made us!"

Today we commemorate The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and give thanks for God's great gift of love, the Eucharist, which the Church refers to as the "source and summit" of our Christian life. As disciples—as good stewards—we are called to reflect that love by sharing our own gifts for the benefit of others

This week we celebrate the feast of two of our greatest saints--Peter and Paul. A look at their lives should give us hope. Peter denied Christ three times. Paul persecuted the early Christians. And yet regardless of these huge shortcomings, they spread the Gospel to many people. Initially they didn't even agree to whom they should preach and what laws each group had to follow. In spite of being two strong headed people they shared their love of God and respected each other so that of all the early apostles, they were the most influential in the spread of our faith.

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5;

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4,

6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16];

Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:

5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5,

7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood

of Christ

Monday: The Nativity of St. John the

Baptist

Tuesday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

THIS SACRED MEAL

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals: the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work.

Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the greatest human expression of divine love. We celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus this week. Popular piety highly values symbols and the Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy. But it is not an imaginary symbol; it is a real symbol which represents the center, the source from which salvation flowed for all of humanity.

--Pope Francis

Ask God to transform your heart into his.

Lectors

June 30: Kathi Skidd

Marsha Allen

July 7: Layson Brooks

Gloria Adams

Eucharistic Ministers

June 30: Tina Gough

Vivian Higgs

Payton Sanford

July 7: Marsha Allen

Lori Robinson

Mary K. Gough

Ushers/Offertory

June 30: Lea Ann Johnson

Burnell Hamilton

July 7: Barbara Hammond

Robert Hagan

The Image of God: A kindergarten teacher was observing the children in her classroom while they drew pictures. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Picnic

It is time to think about the picnic. Please mark the date **August 3** as high priority. We need all parishioners 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.
- Pork butts

The letters for Silent Auction items are ready for pick-up. Please take a couple and ask for a donation. If you know someone not on the list who does your hair/nails, provides a service, etc., please take a letter without a name and deliver it. The important thing is to follow up in early July.

Raffle tickets are ready. Please take at least one packet to buy or sell.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the Eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an "anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

Church Mice

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BILLBOARDS FOR LIFE: As most of you are aware, Opportunities for Life (OFL) is no longer available to support the pregnancy help hotline in KY, which means we in Daviess County must replace two ministry areas provided by (OFL) - someone trained in crisis pregnancy circumstances who is seeking to promote life through counseling/ education and also is equipped with ultrasound for viewing their unborn child. For over 14 years OFL has referred crisis pregnancies to Care Net Owensboro (www.careneto.com). We are delighted to inform you that Care Net Owensboro will provide both these ministry areas. We will be replacing our 800 number with Care Net's local number (270-685-1300) on all our billboards as quickly as possible. With your prayers and sacrificial giving we currently maintain over 40 billboard faces in the Daviess County area. Thank you for all your support - it is greatly appreciated!