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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

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).



#### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug.18,2019

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.



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# You are my help and deliverer, O my God, hold not back



## From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I hope and pray that all of you are keeping well and are able to support our brothers and sisters in their faith journey. Let us continue to experience God's love in our lives and share that love to all.

The Gospel this weekend consists of two sections: in the first section Jesus speaks of His Divine destiny to endure suffering, and in the second section he prophesies the breakup of families resulting from his message. Jesus explains His Divine destiny by highlighting his role of "setting the earth on fire" and being "baptized" in the waters of suffering.

We received the light of Christ at baptism and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us on fire. Our Lord continues to cast fire on the earth, the fire of the Spirit, through the ministry of Word and Sacraments. We are expected to have fire to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless each other with all the gifts of Faith. The old proverb should be applicable to all baptized and confirmed Christians: "he/she who is on fire cannot sit on a chair."

Even though Jesus did come to establish peace between God and man, that peace causes a division between those who accept it and those who reject. To be with or against Jesus is a decision which has the effect of judgment and division. In this way He becomes a sign of contradiction. Hence we are invited today even to cause division to fulfill the prophetic charism of fulfilling God's Will.

("`···´") Always `·.¸("`···´") Keep ("`···´")¸.·´ Smiling God loves you!!!!

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

#### **August Birthdays**

4--Ethan Kramer 24--Celena Hagan 30--Hank Pardon



Prayer for students and teachers

May students and teachers alike be charged with curiosity and courage to make this world a home where hope endures.

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#### Mass Intentions:

August 15--Michael Carrico

August 18--Sandra Brown

August 25--Rose Chapman

September 1--Betty Clark

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: the sick: Natalie Clark, Lea Ann Johnson, Chelsey Brown, Ray Higgs, Philip Moorman, Sr., Faye Fountain, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Martha Kramer, Charlene Meadows, Larry Allen, David Carter, 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.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF OWENSBORO ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE The annual RTLO Walk for Life raises awareness for the pro-life movement in our community. With signs, banners, cheers, and prayers, we walk down Frederica Street to spread our message of truth. This 3-mile walk begins and ends at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Registration begins at 9:00am. Walk begins at 10:00am. For more information or for sponsorship forms call the Right to Life of Owensboro Office at 270-685-4922.

# Coming Events CALENDAR



#### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

October 5 German Oktober Fest

#### **Diocesan Community Happenings**

August 25 Family Day at Gasper River 1:30-7

**Sept. 21** Bar-B-Q Blessed Mother Parish 4 PM

**Sept. 28** Immaculate (Drive through only) 1-3 PM



#### Thank you for your contributions.

August 11--\$800

Weekly budget--\$933

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



#### St. Pope Pius X

Pope Pius X is considered one of the 20th century's greatest popes. He was the oldest of 9 children and told his parents when he was eleven that he wanted to be a priest. Some of the reasons that he is considered one of the great popes

- I⇒ His motto "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor."
- He developed the foundations of modern catechism for the youth and adults
- ⇒ He lowered the age for receiving 1st Communion for children.
- ⇒ He encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion for all.
- ⇒ He was known to be gentle and humble of heart

Pray this week for a love of the Eucharist.



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK;**

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40,

43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14;

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10;

Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:

5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;

Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:

5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Eudes

Tuesday: St. Bernard

Wednesday: St. Pius X

Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Rose of Lima

Saturday: St. Bartholomew

#### **OCCUPANCY**

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

#### LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

# Escape to the Mount with Trivia, Quilt Bingo and more Sept. 7-8

"Escape to the Mount" for a weekend of fun -filled activities! On Saturday, Sept. 7, we will play Trivia from 4-7 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 8, we will play Quilt Bingo (where you can win quilts!) from noon to 3 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors! Register your Trivia team for \$25 per person, up to 10 people per team. Refreshments will be served. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Tickets for Quilt Bingo are \$25 per person, which includes lunch and your first bingo card. Extra cards may be purchased for \$1 or \$2 per game, depending on quilt size. Seating is limited, so register your Trivia Team or get your seat for Quilt Bingo by Aug. 30 by emailing carol.bradenclarke@maplemount.org Mount Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 for your chance to win \$10,000, \$3,500, \$1,000,

#### Lectors

August 25: Austin Gough

Barbara Bisel

Sept. 1 Layson Brooks

Alexis Hatchett

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

August 25: Vivian Higgs

Rita Moorman

Marsha Allen

Sept. 1: Charlene Meadows

Lori Robinson

Cathy Kramer

#### **Ushers/Offertory**

August 25: Pam McCarter

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Sept. 1 Robert Hagan

Michelle Jones



#### **BUILDING PLANS**

Whatever your lot in life, build something on it.



The message in today's Gospel may seem quite surprising. We become accustomed to messages of comfort and peace...and then hear Jesus saying He has come not to establish peace, but division. Is Jesus saying that our families should be divided? Surely He wants families to love one another. Perhaps the message is more about how following Him won't be easy, that to live life as a disciple—a follower of Jesus—requires commitment. This week, we can reflect prayerfully and honestly on our lives and ask ourselves:

- What keeps me from becoming a more committed follower of Jesus?
- What keeps me from recognizing my God-given gifts and talents, and from sharing my time, talent, and treasure to serve God and others?

If you could exchange your troubles--sight unseen --for those of others, what would you do? According to Socrates, the Greek philosopher who lived 400 years before Christ, you would probably prefer to live with your own problems. "If all our misfortunates were laid in a pile from which everyone had to take an equal portion, most people would be content to take back their own and depart."

Teach me, Holy Spirit, to face my problems, not run from them.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God@bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

## **More Picnic Day Pictures**

