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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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.



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Some who are last will be first.

From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings!!! May God continue to bless you day by day! Let us continue to pray for all who are sick and all who need our prayers. This Sunday the Gospel exhorts us to choose narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love in order to be saved. Each one of us is asked by Jesus to concentrate on our own salvation by self-discipline.

Jesus affirms that God wants all of us to enjoy eternal life. But he stresses the need for constant fidelity and vigilance throughout our lives. Entry into God's kingdom is not automatically granted, based purely on religious Faith or nationality. So we cannot presume on God's mercy and do nothing by way of response to God's invitation. Hence the role of the Christian community, from the beginning until now has been, first and foremost, to proclaim to the whole world the Good News of God's love, and then to show this Good News to be real, through our loving, sharing and serving lives.

Let us cooperate with God's grace daily; by choosing the narrow way and the narrow gate of self-control and self-disciplining of our evil tendencies, evil habits, and addictions; by loving others and sharing our blessing with them sacrificially; and by obtaining the daily Divine strength to practice self-control and sharing love through the guidance of the Holy Spirit in daily prayer, Bible reading, and reception of Sacraments.

(^^.^^) Always
^.,(^^.^^) Keep
(^^.^^),.^ Smiling

God loves you!!!!

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN



August Birthdays

24--Celena Hagan
30--Hank Pardon

September Birthdays

1-- Wonet Taylor

2--Emma Latta

3--Venice Higgs, Father Suneesh

6--Shelby Webster

7--Aubrey Ottofy

8--Mary Hagan



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Mass Intentions:

August 25--Rose Chapman

September 1--Betty Clark

September 8--Sandra Brown

September 15--Barbara Horsley

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: Ethan and Austin Gough, Chelsey Brown, Ray Higgs, Philip Moorman, Sr., Faye Fountain, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Martha Kramer, Natalie Clark, Larry Allen, 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

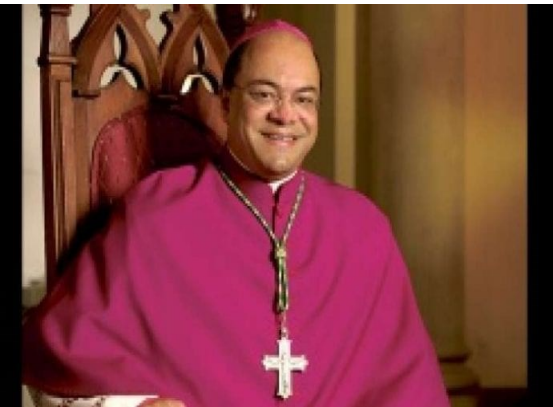
- October 5 German Oktober Fest
- Diocesan Community Happenings
- Sept. 8 Sophia Award 2 PM (Sondra Hibbs)
- Sept. 19-- Bishop Fabre 7 PM SSC
- Sept. 21 Bar-B-Q Blessed Mother Parish 4 PM



Thank you for your contributions.

- August 15--\$155
- August 18--\$790
- Weekly budget--\$933
- MTD collection--\$1940.75
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May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Please join the Diocese of Owensboro for a community presentation given by Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, chairman of the USCCB’s Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM at St. Stephen Cathedral. At 8:15 p.m. there will be a meet & greet in the lower level community room (refreshments will be served). All are welcome for an evening of inspiration! Bishop Fabre is the first African American Bishop to visit the Owensboro Diocese for a presentation.

He was born October 25, 1963 in New Roads, La. He was ordained a priest in 1989 and became an auxiliary bishop of New Orleans in February 2007. In September 2013 he became Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux in southern Louisiana. He is current chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Subcommittee on African American Affairs, on which he has served since 2010. Since 2013, he has served as a member of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church. The bishop is a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Peter Claver, a historically African-American Catholic fraternal organization which he serves as national chaplain.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK;	
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, Heb 12:18--22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Monica
- Wednesday: St. Augustine
- Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

GRACE AND STRUGGLE The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

A huge Thank-you to Philip and Joyce Moorman for the purchase of new energy-saving lights for Church. Also thanks to Layson Brooks and Rita Moorman for installing them.

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus’ call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? “They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD.”

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to “strive to enter through the narrow gate” into the glory of God’s own homeland, the reign of God.

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. 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, \$500, \$250, \$100, or handmade quilt..

Lectors	
<u>Sept. 1</u>	Layson Brooks
	Alexis Hatchett
<u>Sept. 8:</u>	Audrey Mezur
	Connie Clary
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>Sept. 1:</u>	Charlene Meadows
	Lori Robinson
	Cathy Kramer
<u>Sept. 8:</u>	Gloria Adams
	Cindy Clark
	Tina Gough
Ushers/Offertory	
<u>Sept. 1</u>	Robert Hagan
	Michelle Jones
<u>Sept. 8:</u>	Lea Ann Johnson
	Barbara Hammond

Negativity and hate are contagious. But so are positivity, kindness and courage. --Aaron Jodge

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.

Discipleship

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “*Strive to enter through the narrow gate.*” This message seems cautionary, but there is also hope to be found. Yes, the gate is narrow, but it is open. How can we ensure that we are ‘strong enough’ to enter the narrow gate? We can make a conscious decision to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus. (Do we *know* Jesus, or do we just know who Jesus is?) Some ways to strive to know Jesus better are making time for daily prayer, reducing distractions in our lives, and heeding His call to each of us to share our gifts and talents to serve one another.



Bishop Fabre’ Presentation

As I put elsewhere in this bulletin, Bishop Fabre will be here on Thursday September 19. There will be a Meet and Greet afterwards (about 8:15, 8:30.) We have been asked to provide and serve the punch. **Who is available to help that evening? Please let me know ASAP. Thanks.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy’s heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.



This week we celebrate the feasts of St. Monica and St. Augustine--mother and son. Monica shed many tears and said many prayers for her husband who was abusive and St. Augustine whose addictive behavior greatly saddened her. She is the patron saint for mothers and wives.