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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 — "Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?" (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalms — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

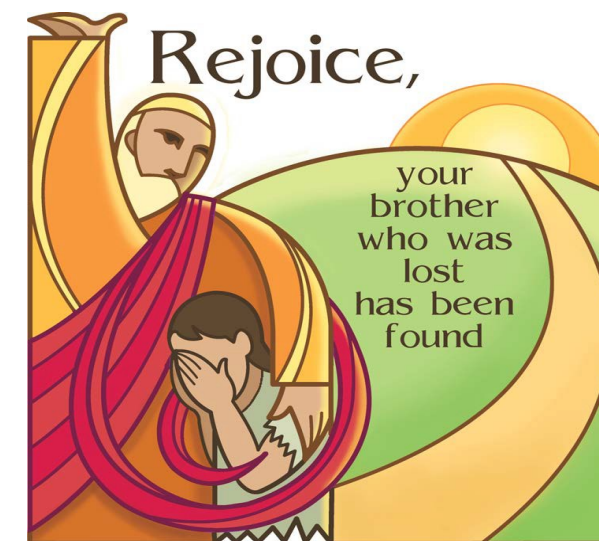
Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 15, '19

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.



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A clean heart create for me, O God.

From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I hope all of you are in happiness to show the peace and joy of being with Christ. This week-end the Liturgy of the Word enlightens us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, forgiving God. He wants to save everyone and He is always in search of His lost and straying children.

The fifteenth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel is known as "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is a distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially one distinct parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three illustrations, the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the story of the lost son. These parables teach us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition.

At the same time we can see the difference of the situation in these parables. The sheep went *lost through sheer foolishness*. It did not think; and sometimes we would escape sin if we thought in time. The coin was *lost through no fault of its own*. Many times we are led astray; and God will not hold him guiltless who has taught another to sin. The son *deliberately went lost*, callously turning his back on his father. But the love of God can defeat the foolishness of man, the seduction of the tempting voices, and even the deliberate rebellion of the heart. Be with HIM.

(☺☺☺) Always
☺☺☺(☺☺☺) Keep
(☺☺☺☺☺) Smiling!

God loves you!!!!

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

September Birthdays

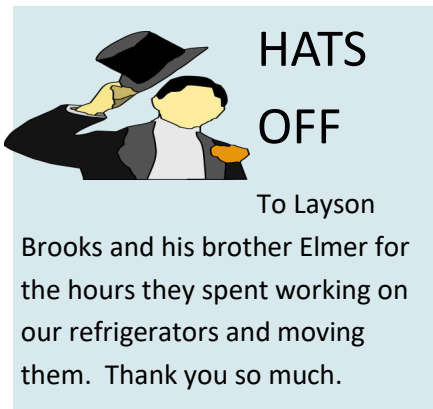
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- 3--Venice Higgs, Father Suneesh
- 6--Shelby Webster
- 7--Aubrey Ottofy
- 8--Mary Hagan
- 20--Mary Katherine Gough



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Mass Intentions:

September 1--Betty Clark

September 8--Sandra Brown

September 15--Barbara Horsley

September 22--Kenneth Higgs

September 29--Rose Chapman

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

St. Stephen Anniversary Raffle



\$10 for a Shot at 10 Amazing Prizes

Prizes range from \$2000 cash (3 cash prizes) to trips in Florida, to dinners and entertainment locally.

If you want a chance to win on Sept. 21, please see Father Sinoj, Sister Jeanette, or go to St. Stephen website. Proceeds go toward youth ministries.

Coming Events
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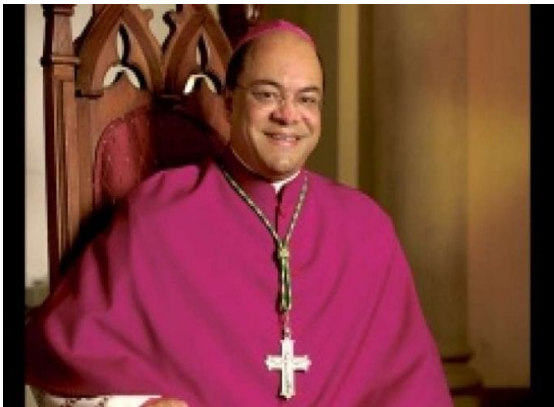
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- October 5 German Oktoberfest 6 PM
- Diocesan Community Happenings
- Sept. 19-- Bishop Fabre 7 PM SSC
- Sept. 21 Bar-B-Q Blessed Mother Parish 4 PM
- Sept. 22 African American Choral Ensemble) 2 PM Benedictine Monastery, Ferdinand
- Sept. 28 Immaculate (Drive through only)



- Sept. 8--\$735 Candles--\$7
- Weekly budget--\$933
- MTD collection--\$1120
- MTD budget--\$1866
- YTD collection--\$7114.25
- YTD Budget--\$9330

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.

The choir that Layson Brooks sings with will be singing that evening and BSC has the drinks at the Meet and Greet afterwards.

St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Calhoun KY Christmas shopping bus trip will be Saturday, November 16th, 2019. We will be going to Opry Mills in Nashville. Cost of the ticket will be \$50. Departure time from St. Sebastian Church 7:30am and arrival time 8:00pm. Please contact Debra Hamilton for any questions 270-929-4877. Get your tickets now by calling Debra or Catie 270-273-3185.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK;	
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Tuesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine
Thursday:	St. Januarius
Friday:	Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions
Saturday:	St. Matthew

REMOTELY SPEAKING

Television remote controls encourage couch potatoes to exercise their options while broadening their base.

LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to “Lost and Found Sunday”! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today’s Gospel suggests that we’d be wiser to admit that we’re sometimes lost. Then we’ll eventually be happily counted among Jesus’ “found,” because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, “began to complain” that Jesus “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God’s amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus’ friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God “relented in punishment” and pardoned us, shouldn’t we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his “arrogance” as “foremost among sinners.” We too, happy at being “mercifully treated,” should share with everyone else Jesus’ unfailing patience.

What’s For Dinner: This guy was watching TV as his wife was out cutting the grass during the hot summer. He finally worked up the energy to go out and ask his wife what was for dinner. Well, his missus was quite irritated about him sitting in the air conditioned house all day while she did all the work, so she scolded him. "I can't believe you're asking me about dinner right now! Imagine I'm out of town, go inside and figure dinner out yourself." So he went back in the house and fixed himself a big steak, with potatoes, garlic bread and a tall glass of iced tea. The wife finally walked in about the time he was finishing up and asked him, "You fixed something to eat? So where is mine?" "Huh? I thought you were out of town."

Lectors	
<u>Sept. 22:</u>	Austin Gough
	Barbara Bisel
<u>Sept. 29:</u>	Gloria Adams
	Kathi Skidd
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>Sept. 22:</u>	Marsha Allen
	Charlene Meadows
	Vivian Higgs
<u>Sept. 29:</u>	Rita Moorman
	Lori Robinson
	Barbara Bisel
Ushers/Offertory	
<u>Sept. 22:</u>	Whitney and Jacques
	Williams & sons
<u>Sept. 29:</u>	Cindy Clark
	Pam McCarter

Thank you for your faithful service.

If anyone would like to participate by ushering, singing, lectoring, or in any other capacity, please let me know.

NEEDED

The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family.

—Anonymous

Sophia Award Recipient Sondra Hibbs

Pictured below is Sondra Hibbs with Bishop Medley, her son Scott and wife Wendy Hibbs, Marcia Wilhite and Father Sinoj who joined Sondra at the Mass to congratulate her on this honor of being chosen for her service and wisdom. She willingly shares her time, talent, and treasure for the good of Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.



Unique Voice

Jesus wants to establish with his friends a relationship which mirrors his own relationship with the Father. To express this, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd with his sheep; he calls them and they recognize his voice. Jesus' voice is unique! If we learn to distinguish it, he guides us on the path of life.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God's call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

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In the First Reading the Lord says to Moses, "I see how stiff-necked this people is." As is often the case in Scripture, the term "stiff-necked" has a basis in agriculture. Farmers at that time used the term "stiff-necked" to describe an ox or horse which did not respond to directions. When an animal would not move and resisted direction, the animal tended to stiffen, thus the term "stiff-necked" for one who is stubborn and uncooperative. God may consider us to be stiff-necked at times, might He not? In spite of the Lord's appeals to us to trust Him and to follow Him, we sometimes stiffen and resist. Usually we do that because following the Lord may prove uncomfortable for us. God's expectations of us may sometimes seem unreasonable and even impossible. Yet, that is the challenge of living stewardship as a way of life. It is not always easy, and it may put us in positions where we feel uncomfortable and even vulnerable. Moses pleads the case for his people and the Lord responds to Moses' plea, his prayer, and Scripture tells us "So the Lord relented in the punishment." We do need to trust the Lord, and we do need to pray to Him, as He will respond with love and mercy.

Church Mice

