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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** — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wis. 9:13-18)

**Psalms** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 8, 2019**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, so that we may shout for joy and gladness



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# O Lord, you have been our refuge.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN*



Dear Friends in Christ,

September 8th is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we wish a Happy Birthday to our Heavenly Mom let us pray for her intercession to be guided by the Spirit of God to fulfill His Will through our lives. Wish you all God’s abundant blessings through the intercession of Our Lady. But being Sunday liturgically we celebrate the Day of the Lord.

The liturgy this weekend helps us to reflect on the true Christian discipleship which is a total commitment to the Will of God, putting God first in our lives. Being a follower of Christ requires one to “renounce” both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart. In the Gospel Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship. 1) Renounce too much attachment to family, giving priority to God and His commandments. 2) Break off the excessive attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one’s blessings with others. 3) Accept the hard consequences of discipleship which include daily sacrificial service done for others. 4) Calculate the cost involved in following Jesus.

Jesus does not want a large number of “half-way” disciples who are willing to do a “little bit” of prayer, “little bit” of commitment, a “little bit” of dedication, a “little bit” of love. Jesus wants disciples who are truly committed to prayer, to discipleship and to being ruled by him as their king. Often we are tempted to forego the call to faithful stewardship, faithful worship attendance, faithful sexuality, honest business practices, accurate tax returns and compassion for the less fortunate. May the Cross of Christ, whose Feast we celebrate on this Saturday 14th of September , be our strength to be true Christians!

(“.””) Always  
“(.””) Keep  
“(.””),.” Smiling!

God loves you!!!!

**Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN**

## September Birthdays

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



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Preacher went to visit one of the little, old saints of the church. In conversation he asks her if she ever thought of the hereafter. She said, my yes! Every day! Every time I go into another room I ask myself, now what am I here after!

## 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, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Martha Kramer, Natalie Clark, Larry Allen, Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr., If you know of any one 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

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sept. 10 Parish meeting--Picnic/Oktoberfest  
October 5 German Oktober Fest 6 PM

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

Sept. 22 African American Choral Ensemble)  
2 PM Benedictine Monastery, Ferdinand



Sept. 1--\$385 Candles--\$5

Weekly budget--\$933

MTD collection--\$385

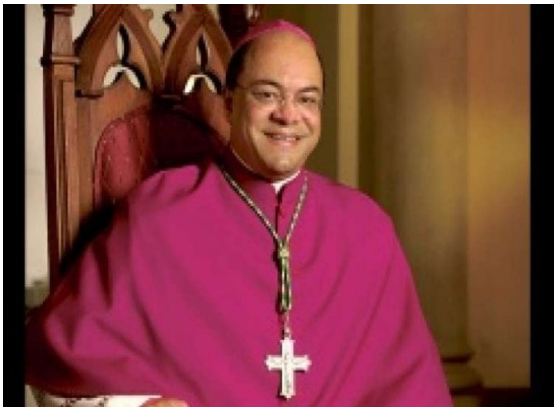
MTD budget--\$933

YTD collection--\$6379.25

YTD Budget--\$8397



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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK;

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, ; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day  
Monday: St. Peter Claver  
Wednesday: Patriot Day  
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Friday: St. John Chrysostom  
Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

—Cicero

POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.



| Lectors               |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Sept. 15:</u>      | Marsha Allen          |
|                       | Jacques Williams      |
| <u>Sept. 22:</u>      | Austin Gough          |
|                       | Barbara Bisel         |
| Eucharistic Ministers |                       |
| <u>Sept. 15:</u>      | Yvonne Hatchett       |
|                       | Misty Sanford         |
|                       | Greg Gough            |
| <u>Sept. 22:</u>      | Marsha Allen          |
|                       | Charlene Meadows      |
|                       | Vivian Higgs          |
| Ushers/Offertory      |                       |
| <u>Sept. 15:</u>      | Tina & Calvin McHenry |
| <u>Sept. 22:</u>      | Whitney and Jacques   |
|                       | Williams & sons       |

*Thank you for your faithful service.*

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

CONTINUE TO CHANGE

When you’re through changing, you’re through.



Today’s Gospel certainly demands our attention. Jesus uses rather harsh wording to illustrate the depth of commitment required to be His followers. We all know how hard it can be to make a commitment; for instance, we might need to make lifestyle changes to improve our health or adjust our spending habits. At times it may feel easier to quit than to persevere.

We are called to become mature disciples, regardless of the cost. But we are not perfect! We will encounter many obstacles along our faith journey. When we feel like we have strayed or become lukewarm in our faith, we can strive to make changes and get back on the path of discipleship. Do you believe you are an intentional disciple? That is, are you intentional about your faith? In daily prayer, we can ask for the guidance and strength we need to persevere.

The pastor of a little country church had one man who faithfully occupied the second from the front pew every Sunday. He also like clockwork, fell asleep five minutes into the sermon, not to awaken until the hymn began. One Sunday the pastor decided it was time to teach the man a lesson. Fifteen minutes into the sermon, he interrupted it and whispered, “If you want to go to heaven, stand up!” Everyone but the man stood. He sat them and then shouted, “If you want to go to hell, stand up” and he ended the request pounding the pulpit loudly. The pounding did the job and the old deacon jumped to his feet. He looked around at everyone and said, “Preacher, I don’t know what the vote is on, but it looks like you and me are the only ones for it.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God’s people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was “full, conscious, and active,” a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

When we journey without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord; we are worldly; we may be bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, or anyone else, but we are not disciples of the Lord. -  
--Pope Francis

*Why is the Cross essential to Christianity? Is it essential to your own life.?*

