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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

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4th Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

They shall name him Emmanuel,
 which means "God is with us."

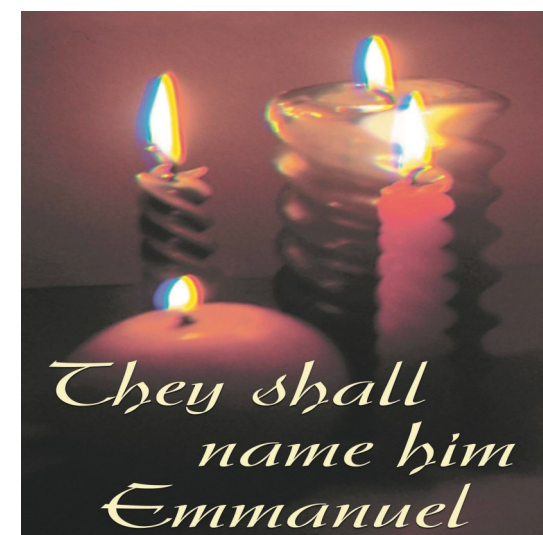
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading : You will be given this sign:
 The virgin shall conceive and bear a son
 (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of
 glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to be-
 long to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be
 called Jesus, for he will save his people from
 their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).



Emmanuel--God is with Us

From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are just a couple of days from Christmas. Wish you all a Blessed Christmas! May the smile of baby Jesus brighten our hearts and give us light to walk in His path! I hope all of you are almost ready, both physically and spiritually to receive the Savior. Let us spend some time also to think of those people who need our help to have an experience of the Savior being born in their lives.

This last weekend of Advent, the Church, through the liturgy gives us an opportunity to think of our trust in God and our loving responsive obedience to Him through the example of St. Joseph. Joseph is one of the greatest examples we can have of someone who listened to the voice of God and followed God's plan. Being a good man, he, understood that God had a master plan that would save a sinful world – so Joseph accepted his new role as part of a mystery that required great faith and trust. Joseph obediently took Mary as his wife, in spite of his fears, and he claimed her Son as his own by naming him. He nurtured, protected, watched over and loved both Mary and her Child.

One of the difficulties we face in life is to take a good and sound advice. Taking advice is often difficult because our minds can be pretty well made up before that advice is forthcoming. Joseph in the Gospel challenges us to seek advice from God and to have Faith and Trust in Him. Instead of relying on our own schemes to get us through life, let us trust in God and be strengthened by talking to Him in fervent prayer and by listening to Him speak through the Bible.

(“.””) Always

“.”(“.””) Keep

(“.””),.” Smiling!

God loves you!!!!

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

December Birthdays

5--Hunter Gough

14--Linda McDonald

16--Yulanda Williams

18--Robert Johnson

20--Cathy Kramer

24--Susan Mutter



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Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

December 15--Grace Medley Ebelhar

December 22--Betty Clark

December 24--Donald Moorman

December 29--Alicia Ottofy

December 31--Carol Jane Thornton

January 5--Mary Ann Calhoun

January 12--Kenneth Higgs

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those 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: Charlene Meadows, Sister Janice Fennewald, Austin Muenks, Frank and Gloria Adams, Philip Moorman, Sr., Joyce Moorman, 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.

ADULT FORMATION SERIES OFFERED

Immaculate Parish Faith Formation will be offering Bishop Barron's series 7 DEADLY SINS, 7 LIVELY VIRTUES the Mondays of January-February beginning January 6th. Participants can choose from the 10am-noon session or 6:30-8:30pm session. All sessions will take place in the Parish Family Center. If interested, let Diane Willis know dwillis@immaculateparish.org so material can be ready for the first day of class.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Dec. 22--Church decorating 11:15
Dec. 24--Christmas Vigil Mass 7 PM
Jan. 31--New Year Eve Mass--6 PM

Diocesan Community Happenings
Dec. 22--Reconciliation 2 PM SSC
Dec. 24--Christmas Vigil Mass at SSC 4&11
Dec. 25--Christmas Mass at SSC 8 &10 AM



Dec. 15--\$1250
Weekly budget--\$933
MTD collection--\$2,422
MTD budget--\$2799
YTD collection--\$19,852.71
YTD Budget--\$22,392
Candles--\$11



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



The story of the birth of Jesus Christ becomes woven into our hearts as we hear it throughout the years of our lives. It is a beautiful reminder of God’s gift to humanity, and we are inspired by the faith and trust of Joseph and Mary. We, too, are called to put our faith and trust in God. We are called to give back, in gratitude, a portion of the many gifts and blessings we receive.

Spend some quiet time in prayer with the Lord, giving thanks for His many blessings.

Mary knew how to listen to God. Be careful: it was not merely “hearing,” a superficial word, but it was “listening,” that consists of attention, acceptance and availability to God. It was not in the distracted way with which we sometimes face the Lord or others: we hear their words, but we do not really listen. Mary is attentive to God, She listens to God.

--Pope Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK;

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: : Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins

Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Thursday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day (Canada)

Friday: St. John

Saturday: The Holy Innocents

Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being, abuses God’s image. --St. Oscar Romero

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to Cathy Kramer for repairing the Christmas statues and the fingers of the Holy Family. Thanks also to Marsha Allen for painting the statues after the clay work was done! The sharing of their talents has blessed all of us.

Please keep in mind Blessed Sacrament Chapel if you are looking to make a charitable contribution before the end of the year. We would be very grateful.

Lectors	
<u>Dec. 24:</u>	Alexis Hatchett
	Barbara Bisel
<u>Dec. 29:</u>	Austin Gough
	Veronica Wilhite
<u>Dec. 31:</u>	Kathi Skidd
	Marsha Allen
<u>Jan. 5:</u>	Layson Brooks
	Von Williams
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>Dec. 24:</u>	Cindy Clark
<u>Dec. 29:</u>	Mary K. Gough
	Greg Gough
	Barbara Bisel
<u>Dec. 31:</u>	Lori Robertson
	Yvonne Hatchett
	Cathy Kramer
Ushers/Offertory	
<u>Dec. 24</u>	Sanford family
<u>Dec. 29:</u>	Burnell Hamilton
	Ethan Gough
<u>Dec. 31:</u>	Pam Wilson
	Yvonne Mundy
<u>Jan. 5:</u>	Steve Coble
	Barbara Hammond



Emmanuel God With Us
Celebrate and rejoice in His presence
in our lives.

VOCATIONS

Matthew 9 Mission | Matthew 9:38 “Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” The Office of Vocations invites your parish to be a part of the Matthew 9 Mission to pray for vocations. Participants will choose at least one day a month to pray the Rosary specifically for vocations to priesthood. And religious life. You may choose more than one day a month to pray. The goal is to have someone in all 78 parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro praying the Rosary. Can you choose one day a month? Sign-up sheet available.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

–SAINT STEPHEN (first century)

December 26

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

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CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May you know the JOY that comes from
His LOVE filling you with PEACE.

Father Jerry, Father “Paul” Sinoj, Sister Jeannette