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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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The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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“We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of Peace and Joy! I hope all of you started the New Year with the Lord. I want to appreciate all of you who have been part of this season of festivities at our Parish. I hope all of you had beautiful family time. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany. The Greek word for Epiphany means appearance or manifestation. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus’ first appearance to the gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church; the feast is the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus’ identity as Son of God.

The Gospel this weekend reminds us that if God permitted the Magi who were foreigners and pagans to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that will keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ’s birth. The first group, headed by King Herod the great, tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Him.

Our call is to recognize the manifestations of Christ in our lives and in the world. Most importantly let us recognize and worship Christ present in the Eucharist/ Blessed Sacrament with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. On the other hand this Solemnity also calls us to be the epiphanies. We are to manifest Christ through our lives, because we are His Body.

(˘.˘) Always
˘.˘(˘.˘) Keep
(˘.˘)˘.˘ Smiling!

God loves you!!!!

Father Sinoj Pynadath HGN

January Birthdays

7--Jacques Williams II

10--Whitney Williams



HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh
here?

He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts
for aye.

—Crudelis Herodes Deum, Tr.
by J. M. Neale

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Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

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.

Prayer for Vocations

to Priesthood and Consecrated Life

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son’s kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious.

We pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parishes, schools, and families and assist us in building a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve you people.

Help us to remain faithful to the call of the Gospel as we support and encourage vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Jan. 31--New Year Eve Mass--6 PM
Feb. 16--Ladies of Wisdom

Diocesan Community Happenings
Jan. 25--Scripture Weekend

Jan. 18– 24—Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity

Feb. 15--Catholic Men’s Conference



Dec. 22--\$696
Weekly budget--\$933
MTD collection--\$1,172
MTD budget--\$1,866
YTD collection--\$18,602
YTD Budget--\$21,459



FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks
big to you, surely you have not done
much today.

—Anonymous

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



DISCIPLESHIP

Epiphany—What gifts will you
offer to Jesus?

Today’s Gospel tells us the magi “opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” These were lavish gifts, given to honor baby Jesus with the finest items the magi could offer. Do you recall the story of the Little Drummer Boy? Because he was poor, he did not believe he had a gift worthy to give the newborn king. But he offered what he had, a song played on his drum, and was blessed with a sweet smile from baby Jesus. Epiphany is a wonderful opportunity to consider how we share our gifts. Do we believe that Jesus loves all the gifts we offer Him, large or small? Do we hold back from giving our time, talent, and treasure because we believe they are not worthy compared to the gifts that we believe other people give? As we celebrate Epiphany, let’s prayerfully consider how we can offer our gifts to Jesus.

Priests Annual Retreat

Pray for Fr. Jerry and Fr. Sinoj
Both Fr. Jerry and Fr. Sinoj, along with the majority of the priests in our Diocese will be on Retreat January 13-16, 2018. There will be 7:00AM Mass ONLY, on Monday, January 13th and NO DAILY MASS on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 14, 15 and 16th. The priests will return late on the 16th.
Mass is celebrated at 6:55AM at the Carmel Home. Everyone is welcomed.

WINTER WILD

It was winter wild
While the Heav’n-born child
All meanly wrapped in the rude manger lies.
—John Milton, *On the Morning of Christ’s Nativity*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Prayer to the Holy Family

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. André Bessette
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews— Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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Life hands us many epiphanies or “wake-up calls.” A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby’s baptism, the priest suggested appending an “adoption blessing,” wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God’s presence at the heart of our life’s journey.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

VOCATIONS

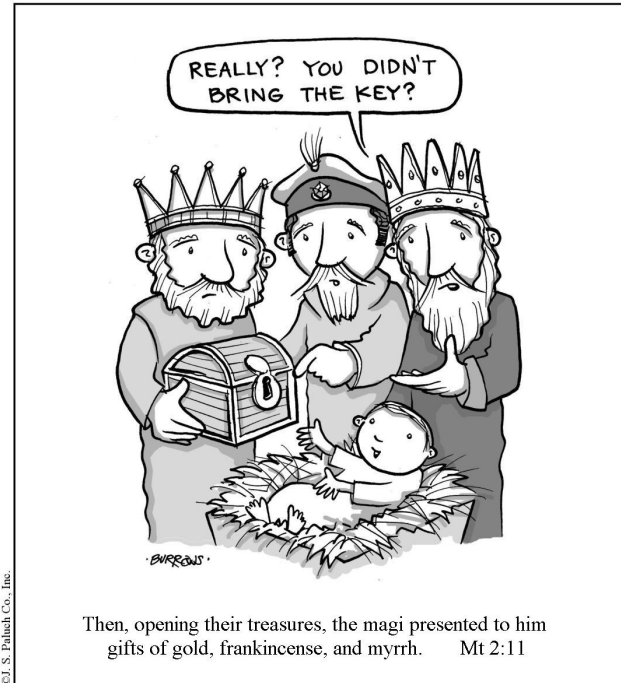
Matthew 9 Mission | Matthew 9:38 “Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” The Office of Vocations invites your parish to be a part of the Matthew 9 Mission to pray for vocations. Participants will choose at least one day a month to pray the Rosary specifically for vocations 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

McDonald's Share Night

Coming in January. Don't miss out on the fries and support Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A share of proceeds is given to our parish.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Then, opening their treasures, the magi presented to him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:11

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

January 4

Though her liturgical designation is “Religious,” Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William’s tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family’s disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: “Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!”

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SAVE THE DATE: Monday, February 17, 2020

You are invited to celebrate the 10th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of the Most Reverend William F. Medley.



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

Powerful Name of Jesus

Before going out, before going to do any of the things the man, the father of 8 children, had to do, he would whisper to himself: “Jesus!” When asked why he kept saying the name of Jesus, he answered: “When I say “Jesus”, I feel strong. I feel able to work because I know he is beside me, that he is preserving me.” This man had no theology degree--only the grace of Baptism and the power of the Spirit. His witness is right on.

The name of Jesus! There is no other name.

Lectors

Jan. 5: Layson Brooks

Von Williams

Jan. 12:: Connie Clary

Jacques Williams

Eucharistic Ministers

Jan. 5: Tina Gough

Vivian Higgs

Payton Sanford

Jan. 12: Cindy Clark

Rita Moorman

Marsha Allen

Ushers/Offertory

Jan. 5: Steve Coble

Barbara Hammond

Jan. 12: Robert Johnson

Wonet Taylor

Thank you for your ministry!

Epiphany Vespers

Please join us at Saint Stephen Cathedral for our 7th Annual Epiphany Vespers and International Potluck. Vespers, sung prayer, begins at 4:30pm, Sunday, Jan. 5th, in Church. Afterwards we will head to the Community Center (church basement). Bring a dish from your families heritage or an old family favorite (enough to share) and we will eat and play Bunco later!