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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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The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

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 "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
 well pleased."



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 "This is my beloved Son,
 with whom I am well pleased."**

— Matthew 3:17
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

God shows no partiality. Whoever acts uprightly is acceptable to Him.

From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! This weekend we liturgically conclude the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Jesus. Monday begins the Ordinary Time. I hope this Season of Christmas has brought us closer to God and His Truth of Incarnation in Christ. Let the joy and hope we received in this Season become an order of our lives! Let us extend the experience of Emmanuel (God with us) to all the moments of our lives! Baptism of repentance was an important event in the life of Jesus that by this He identified Himself with the whole sinful humanity. It was also a moment of conviction about His identity and mission; that He is the Son of God and that His mission was to preach the Good News of God’s love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming a saving Sacrifice. Eastern Churches celebrate this event on Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity. The baptism of Jesus should remind us of our identity. This Feast reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. It also shall remind us of our mission: as baptized Christians we shall acknowledge our own dignity as God’s children, and appreciate the Divine Presence in others, and live as children of God in thought, word and action.

This week all the Priests of the diocese would be gathering together from Monday through Thursday at St. Meinrad for Convocation. Please keep us all in your prayers.

(“.””) Always

“.””) Keep

(“.””),.” Smiling!

God loves you!!!!

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

January Birthdays

- 7--Jacques Williams II
- 10--Whitney Williams
- 14--Burnell Hamilton
- 17--Adaira Hatchett
- 20--Janet Clark
- 22--Von Williams
- 25--Louise Johnson
- 28--Frank Adams
- 30--Pam Wilson



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Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

- January 5--Mary Ann Calhoun
- January 12--Kenneth Higgs
- January 19--Alicia Ottofy
- January 26--Ann Denise Ward

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, 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.

Blessing of Jacques Williams III as he prepares to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on January 12



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Jan. 28--McDonald's Share Night 4-7

Feb. 16--Ladies of Wisdom Tea

Diocesan Community Happenings

Jan. 25--Scripture Weekend

Jan 31-Feb 2 Married Couples Retreat (Mount)

Feb. 15--Catholic Men's Conference



Dec. 25 and 29--\$1326

Jan. 5--\$855.07

Weekly budget--\$933

MTD collection--\$855.07

MTD budget--\$933

YTD collection--\$22,837.71

YTD Budget--\$24,258

Candles--\$18



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



Discipleship 2020

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If so, how's it going so far? Eating right, getting enough sleep, and exercising are all great ideas for taking care of our health. This year, why not make some resolutions that will benefit your spiritual life?

Make time for daily prayer: Begin with 5 or 10 minutes. Ask the Lord to bless your day; offer him your joys and sorrows. • **Practice gratitude:** Make time each day to count your blessings and give thanks to the Lord; express gratitude to someone in your life. • **Be kind to others:** We don't know what burdens others might be carrying. Offer a smile or a kind word. • **Be a good friend:** Make time to let your friends know you appreciate their presence in your life. • **Strive for work/life balance:** A balance of work time and leisure time can help avoid burn-out and reduce stress. **Review your blessings often:** Everything—time, possessions, health, talents, treasure, nature, even the air we breathe—is a gift from God. Are you sharing your talents (and God gives us **all** talents) with our parish and community? Are you giving a portion of your treasure that you believe is acceptable to God? Serving in ministry—even just a little—benefits our parish and helps us feel connected to our parish family. Our ministries need your participation.

Good habits take time to develop. Ask the Lord to bless your efforts!

Entrust your works to the LORD,
and your plans will succeed. ~ Proverbs 16:3

Readings of the Week

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
- Friday: St. Anthony
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

CERTAINTY

The Son of God died; it is by all means to be believed because it is absurd. And he was buried and rose again; it is certain because it is impossible.

—Tertullian

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matt 3:17).

This is my prayer--That, though I may not see, I be aware of the silent God. Who stands by me.

That, though I may not feel, I be aware of the mighty Love which doggedly follows me.

That, though I may not respond, I be aware that God--my silent, .Mighty God waits each day.

Quietly, hopefully, persistently, waits each day and through each night for me, For me--alone.

--Edwina Gately

<u>Jan. 19:</u>	Audrey Mezur
	Alexis Hatchett
<u>Jan. 26:</u>	Greg Gough
	Veronica Wilhite
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>Jan. 19:</u>	Misty Sanford
	Tina Gough
	Barbara Bisel
<u>Jan. 26:</u>	Vivian Higgs
	Cathy Kramer
	Lori Robertson
	Ushers/Offertory
<u>Jan. 19:</u>	Tina & Calvin McHenry
<u>Jan. 26:</u>	Burnell Hamilton
	Ethan Gough
	Thank you for your ministry!

FULFILL TODAY

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

PEACE

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.

—Thomas à Kempis

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*	<i>Jean Higgs</i>
*	<i>Yvonne Mundy</i>
*	<i>Shelby Webster---+George, Berry, Corey Webster, in honor Mr. and Mrs. Jess Payne</i>

Thanks!

Thanks to all who stayed on the 22nd to decorate Church and to help make it festive. Many hands make light the work.

Thanks also to our Advent candle bearers.

Thanks in advance to all who are helping take down the Christmas decorations.

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. If you still want to sign up, let me know. . Can you choose one day a month?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

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St. Hilary (c.315-367) January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the Arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270-687- 8888 / or 270-685-8444 _) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro sexual abuse policy is available at this parish in the back of church, or in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site ([https:// owensborodiocese.org/safe](https://owensborodiocese.org/safe)).

