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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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

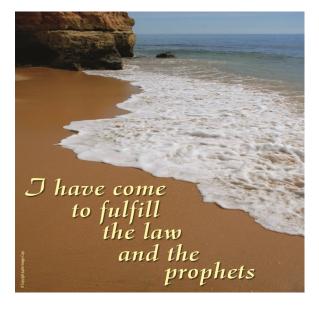
Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb. 16, 2020

What eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has shown to us thru the Spirit.



Whoever obeys the Commandments will be called the greatest.

From the desk of Father Jerry



Bishop Medley Celebrates 10 Years as Shepherd! Someone mentioned recently that only one in three priests who are asked accept the call to be a bishop—not a surprising statistic with our present climate. We are grateful to Bishop William Francis Medley for his servant leadership as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro. You are invited to Vespers (official evening prayer of the Church) at our Cathedral on Monday, February 17 at 6 PM. A reception will following the community Center.

Welcome Home, Father Sinoj! (Father Paul) It's so good to have Father Sinoj back "in the saddle". He arrived back Friday evening; I must say that I missed him. I missed all the many ministry things he does, but also his trips to the grocery store, boiling the perfect egg, and making chai, Indian style, each morning. We look forward to his stories, one of which will be Bishop Medley's visit with him mother and family around a banquet table overflowing with food and drink. He was particularly blessed to preside at one of the Masses in his home parish on the feast of St. Sebastian. Welcome back! May your jet lag be minimal!

Are We Civil? Monday, February 17th, this country celebrates Presidents' Day, which is officially Washington's Birthday; it is a holiday honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. president. On this day we express gratitude to the blessings we enjoy, freedoms we can so easily take for granted. The United States Bishops Conference has begun a new campaign: *Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate*. It will run through the election. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate? Catholics are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger. As Catholics, we must model a better way. harsh language, often directed at people themselves. *Civilize it*—committing to civility, clarity, and compassion this election year. *Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate* is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even those with whom we disagree and to put faith in action.

February Birthdays

- 2--Nancy Bumm
- 3--Jacques Williams (Sr.)
- 6--Philip Moorman
- 8--Karen Terry
- 9--Beau Bisel
- 10--Father Jerry Riney
- 23--Larry Allen
- 24--Yasmeen Williams
- 27--Sondra Hibbs



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Mass Intentions

February 2--Ray McDaniel

February 9--Beverly Chilton

February 16--Clyde G. Coble

February 23--Donald Moorman

February 26--Grace Medley Ebelhar

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: Kathy Gebhard, Charlene Meadows, Frank and Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Larry Allen, Camilla Greer, 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: 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.

Immaculate Parish will be hosting a Series on the Sacraments this Lent. Fr. John Vaughan will present the sacraments on the first four Mondays of March from 6:30-8pm in the Immaculate Parish Family Center. All are Invited to this free event. Discussion and dialogue will take place during and after the presentation.

BAD COMPANY

People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.

—Anonymous

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Feb. 16--Ladies of Wisdom Tea Feb. 29--Italian Dinner April 3--Fish Fry 5-7 PM

Diocesan Community Happenings

Feb. 17-- Bishop Medley's 10th anniversary celebration Vespers 6 PM at SSC

April 4--Corey's ordination as a deacon

April 7--Chrism Mass



Feb. 9--\$678

Weekly budget--\$933

MTD collection--\$962.40

MTD budget--\$933

YTD collection--27,235.72

YTD budget \$27,990

Candles--\$7

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



An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

Black History Month

Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest in the United States, is being considered for canonization.

He was born a slave in Missouri. He, his mother, and siblings escaped to Quincy Illinois during the Civil War. He was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame during the months that he did not work in the local tobacco factory. Sister Herlinda, SSND also tutored him after school hours. Augustus was accepted into the seminary in Rome and was ordained in 1886. He returned to Quincy and gained a reputation as a good homilist. Other people began to attend Mass at his parish. The bishop intervened and informed Father Tolton that he was to minister to black people only. The situation was unbearable for Father Tolton so he wrote his superior for permission to go the diocese of Chicago. He left Quincy in 1889 for Chicago and remained there until his death in 1897.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-

72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-

15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5;

Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7;

Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6;

Mk 8:34 - 9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6;

Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4,12

-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the

Servite Order; Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;

Washington's Birthday

CONSCIENCE

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

—George Washington

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

Tables for the Italian Dinner are going quickly. If you want a table or seat, please reserve one soon. How are you participating in the night? If you haven't volunteered, please consider doing so.

Liturgical Ministers

Feb. 23: Greg Gough

Barbara Bisel

Feb. 26: Veronica Wilhite

Audrey Mezur

March 1: Alexis Hatchett

Layson Brooks

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 23: Vivian Higgs

Cathy Kramer

Charlene Meadows

Feb. 26: Cindy Clark

Misty Sanford

Marsha Allen

March 1: Greg Gough

Rita Moorman

Yvonne Hatchett

Ushers/Offertory

Feb. 23: Jacques & Whitney Williams

and sons

Feb. 26: Volunteers

March 1: Pam McCarter

Chelis Carmona

Thank you for your ministry!



Little things can make a big difference. Sending a note of thanks, get-well wishes, or just a few caring or friendly words can lift someone's spirits. Letting someone go ahead of you in line at the grocery store or perhaps saying "thank you" to a waiter or store clerk can make a positive difference in their day.

Like those small seeds of kindness, our small gifts of time, talent, or treasure can yield a great harvest. Along our journey to become mature disciples, we can pray to acknowledge our Godgiven gifts and talents, and express our gratitude by giving back a generous portion to the Lord. Our offerings, together with those of fellow parishioners, can make a positive difference in our parish and greater community.

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." ~ St. Teresa of Cal-

Just as the light has given me morning, So you, Holy One, have given me hope.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

February 22

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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