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# Blessed Sacrament

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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

**St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office:** 270-683-6525

**Rector:** Fr. Jerry Riney, [jerry.riney@pastoral.org](mailto:jerry.riney@pastoral.org)

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**Easter Sunday April 4, 202**

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness:  
 The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has  
 made; let us rejoice and be glad (Ps 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are bap-  
 tized, set your hearts in heaven (Col 3:1-4)

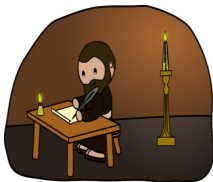
**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover  
 is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1  
 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter,  
 and John; each responds to the empty  
 tomb (John 20:1-9)



# This is the day the Lord has made.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of a Joyful Easter! After a season of repentance and renewal we have reached the culmination of celebrating the mystery of our salvation, the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter, as we are always reminded, is the foundation of our Faith. Let us continue to seek God’s help to remain as people of Resurrection! May we be filled with the hope to overcome the powers of darkness and sin in our lives and live a New Life!

On the First Easter the disciples were not out celebrating. They were in their time of sadness and fear. But the Lord broke into their lives and gave them His Peace. The message of Easter is so simple, He is alive, He is with us, Peace! The words “Peace be with you!” are a great blessing that only Jesus can give; the real peace that drives out fear.

Jesus’ gift of peace did not immediately change their circumstances. They were still behind locked doors, in their same situation. But Jesus gave them peace and faith to overcome their fears. Life of the “people of resurrection” does not guarantee absence of troubles. As we face the troubles of life, we face it not alone but with the presence of the Peace of Christ.

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

## April Birthdays

- 3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough, Bobby Hardin
- 6--Marshall Williams
- 21--Kathi Skidd
- 23--Misty Sanford
- 25--Charlene Meadows
- 26--Vivian Higgs
- 27--Ruth Coble
- 29--Jeff McCarter



**Calling all adults!** To celebrate the Easter Season, the diocese is offering a Wednesday night Easter Series titled “Stories of Faith.” Each Wednesday will feature a story from the Acts of the Apostles sharing the witness and faith of the early Church, and each week will offer a witness from a leader around our diocese. As disciples of Jesus, we need to hear and share our stories of faith to inspire others to experience the gift of God’s love. So join leaders from around the diocese, to pray and grow together as we share, “Stories of Faith.” The series will be held on Zoom and you can register at: <https://owensborodiocese.org/stories-of-faith/>

## Mass Intentions

- April 1--Kenneth Higgs
- April 4--Donald Moorman
- April 11--Betty Clark
- April 18--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: Stephen Hall, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, , Ruth Coble, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Gary Moorman Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, 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 and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Place. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who, because they are vulnerable, cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

### Special Happenings Prayer Requests

- April 26--Father Paul leaves for a month to visit family/ friends in India (returns June 4)**
- May 22--Deacon Corey Bruns will be ordained a priest**
- May 23--Aubrey Ottogy and Ethan Gough confirmed at SSC 11 am Mass**
- June 8--Father Paul starts ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville**  
**Father Michael Charles Abiero arrives at St. Stephen/ Blessed Sacrament Chapel**



# Coming Events CALENDAR



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel

April 4--10 AM Easter Mass

April 5-7 Office closed

May 23---Confirmation of Aubrey & Ethan at SSC

June 6--Father Paul's last Mass with us

June 13--Father Michael Charles' first Mass at BSC



March 28--\$1673

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections--\$24,250.20

MTD budget--\$23,808

YTD collection--\$42,685.20

YTD budget-- \$37,128

Candles--\$2



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



## Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

- Thanks to the following who for Easter flowers contributions  
Lori Robinson in memory or Alicia Ottofy, Mark Hagan, Mary C. Hagan, Lad Ottofy III
- Lori Carmen in memory of Les Bumm, Sr., Michael, Leslie Bumm
- Cindy Clark in memory of Chick, Betty, Holly Thompson
- Jean Higgs in memory of Rachel Hersey, Lucille Higgs, Earsie Moore, Martha Bell Davis, Betty Wright

## IMP—Kroger

Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799

We just received notice that our quarterly check for end of Nov. to Feb. is \$146.81. We have 36 households designating Blessed Sacrament as their reward partner. Thank you for designating Blessed Sacrament as your community reward recipient. If you do not have a reward partner, please designate Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 122-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

## Saints and Special Observance

- Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter;

## PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!"

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

## THE VICTOR

Today the Victor o'er his foes  
For human consolation rose. Alleluia.

*Thanks to everyone who helped make the fish fries a success. It takes a village to raise a child; it takes all in a small parish to help at events. Our best accounting at this time has our profits at the first fish fry as \$994.89 and the second one \$ 1580.22.*

April 4: Layson Brooks  
Barbara Bisel

April 11: Aubrey Ottofy  
Jacques Williams

April 18: Kathi Skidd  
Sarah Malone

### From the desk of Father Jerry

Happy Resurrection and Welcome! Easter is bigger than baskets and bonnets, colored or chocolate eggs. For Christians around the world, Easter celebrates Jesus' Risen Life, but also our share in it. Easter celebrate Jesus' love for all humanity, but also our call to love as Jesus did. Easter is about darkness giving way to Light, death giving way to Life, sacrifice giving way to Love. We are to be the "disciple whom Jesus loved" who sees the emptiness of materialism, consumerism, electronic distractions and sin. The goodness and generosity of our lives challenges others to see and believe, to see and love, to see and come to the Light! On behalf of Father Sinoj Pynadath, Sister Jeanette, I wish for you the New Life, the New Hope which our Risen Lord can give! It is good that you are here! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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### Continuing Our Journey

Our journey through Lent has brought us to the joy of Easter. How was your journey—was it difficult at times? Do you believe that you grew or changed in any way through practicing the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Did your Lenten sacrifices and experiences reveal anything unexpected?

So we welcome and celebrate Easter, but we continue along our journey of faith, now with the hope and joy of the Risen Savior. We can reflect on our experiences from Lent to make choices as we go forward. We can:

- begin each day with a grateful heart
- make time each day for prayer
- acknowledge that all we have comes from God
- recognize and accept the gifts God has given us
- cultivate and care for our gifts responsibly
- share our gifts and blessings
- serve those in need
- choose JOY!

Like the flowers sprouting in our yards and gardens, our gifts from God—our time, talents, and treasure—need to be cared for and nourished. This Easter season, as we notice the blooming flowers and blossoms around us in God's creation, we can think about the seeds we plant in our lives. Are we aware of the gifts God has given us? Are our gifts being nurtured to bear beautiful blooms, or are they waiting to be cultivated?

### .TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. "Neophyte," our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means "newly-planted" in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven.

### Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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### A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?" When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?" I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct.. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after. Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right. But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday. So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.