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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

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2nd Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

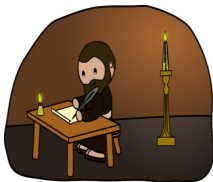
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).



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My Lord and my God! Help my unbelief.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ

Greetings of the Divine Mercy Sunday! This Sunday in a special way we reflect on the abundant Mercy of God. The opening prayer addresses the Father as “God of everlasting Mercy.” God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only-begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death and Resurrection. We experience Divine Mercy in the celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us.

The Gospel speaks of the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. We find the Risen Lord giving his apostles the authority to forgive sins. Through the encounter with Thomas, Jesus teaches us to be open to His Mercy and through the experience of His Mercy make a complete surrender to Him in Faith.

Let us accept God’s invitation to celebrate and practice mercy. We celebrate God’s mercy through frequenting to confessions, spending time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and through sincere observance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Let us pray for the grace to radiate God’s mercy to others by our actions, words and prayers!

(“.”) Always
\, (“.”) Keep
(“.”), “.” Smiling!
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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



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Mass Intentions

- April 4--Donald Moorman
- April 11--Betty Clark
- April 18--Grace Medley Ebelhar
- April 25--Charles E. Thompson

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, Doris Smith, Jarrod Malone. Sr., 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 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. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

Special Happenings Prayer Requests

- April 18--Luke Bisel’s baptism (son of Jamie and Brett)**
- 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**

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

May 18--Luke Bisel's baptism

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

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

June 13--Father Michael Charles at BSC



April 4--\$1263.10

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$1263.10

MTD budget--\$952

YTD collection--\$43,958.30

YTD budget--\$38,080

Easter flowers--\$85

Rice Bowl--\$382.23

Heralds of GN--\$185



Candles--\$2

Holy Land--\$40

Seminary--\$65

Mandeville--\$11

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 for Easter flower 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

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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. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr

Laugh of the Week

One Easter a priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting for them. 'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver. Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. 'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion?' After all I was a priest, went to church everyday, and preached God's word.' Yes, that's true.' St. Peter replied. But when you preached, everyone slept. . When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1) —what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

EVERYTHING

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.



(See Jonah 1-4) 10-04-2010
JONAH ATTEMPTS TO SHARE HIS TALE WITH DOUBTING THOMAS

April 11: Aubrey Ottofy
Jacques Williams

April 18: Barbara Bisel
Sarah Malone

April 25: Layson Brooks
Kathi Skidd

Today’s Gospel contains powerful messages on which we can reflect and consider how they pertain to our own lives. Perhaps some of us see ourselves as having unwavering faith, like the apostles who *“rejoiced when they saw the Lord.”* Or maybe some of us relate to Thomas, who struggled with doubt: *“I will not believe.”* Have there been times we have doubted the presence of God in our lives? Fortunately for Thomas—and for us!—Jesus offers us mercy and peace despite our doubts.

“Peace be with you.” In prayer, we can consider where in our lives, or with whom, we need to cultivate and share peace. *“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”* Are we holding grudges? Is there someone who needs to receive your forgiveness, or is there someone from whom you need to seek forgiveness?



Scripture Opportunity

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/>

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| April 14 | Lauren Johnson |
| April 21 | Sr. Suzanne Sims |
| April 28 | Fr. Larry McBride- |
| May 5 | JohnKnight |
| May 12 | Zach Alt |
| May 19 | Lori Lewis |

Each fall the diocese has a Diocesan Response Fund. We applied for a grant and just received a check for \$2000 to enable us to hire men from St. Benedict Shelter for maintenance needs. Our partnership with these men has given them a sense of purpose and they have taken an ownership of Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thanks to each of you who participated in the Diocesan Response Fund. If you have made a pledge, continue to make your contributions, if possible.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: “Pinky,” “Boo-boo,” and the like. This Sunday was once called “Low Sunday,” a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or “The Lord’s Day for Putting Away the Albs,” so no wonder the nickname “Low Sunday” arose. In the old calendar it was also called “Quasimodo Sunday,” after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or “As newborn infants,” a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo’s bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named “Quasimodo” for the feast.

Who is the Greatest? A kindergarten teacher challenged her children in class: “I’ll give \$5 to anyone of you who can tell me the name of the most famous man in history.” An Irish boy quickly stood up and said, “St. Patrick.” The teacher said “Sorry, Ronnie, that’s not correct.” Then an Indian boy put his hand up and said, “Mahatma Gandhi.” The teacher replied, “I’m sorry, Ranjit, that’s not right either.” Finally a Jewish boy raised his hand and said, “It is Jesus Christ.” The teacher said, “You got it right, Aaron! Here’s your \$5.” As the boy came to her, she said, “ Aaron, you surprised me. You are Jewish; yet you answered “Jesus Christ.” Aaron replied, “Yeah, I know. My heart tells me it is Moses, but business is business.”



A huge thank you to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations prayerful and special: Father Paul, Musicians--Mamie Farish, Layson Brooks, Charlene Meadows, Parker Malone; Sacristan Vivian Higgs; Lectors who rearranged their schedules so we always had whom we needed: Barbara Bisel, Layson Brooks, Sarah Malone, Aubrey Ottofy, Kathi Skidd, Jacques Williams.

Divine Mercy Sunday: was initiated by (Saint) Pope John Paul II on May 5, 2000 and affirmed by Pope Francis, the second Sunday of Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus over sin, darkness and death, is Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Saint Faustina in the 1930s in Poland, Jesus revealed the need to evangelize others to the endless mercy which God offers us, to those active in the Church, but also to those who are disconnected from the practice of their faith. Our Scripture readings this weekend are lavish in praise and thanksgiving specifically for the gift of mercy that brings us to salvation. Each reading leads us to become less conscious of ourselves, and more conscious of God's mercy, collectively and individually. The messages of God's merciful redemption through Jesus, and Jesus' subsequent instruction to serve, is as alive and relevant now as it was in the early days of the apostles. There will be a special Divine Mercy Devotion open to all at Blessed Mother Parish (601 E. 23rd Street), beginning at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome!