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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

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. — *Psalm 4:9*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

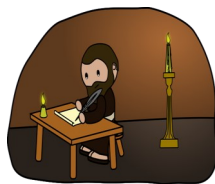
**Second Reading** — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

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# Peace be with you!



## From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter Greetings! Let us continue to live the joy and hope of Easter, sharing Light and Life with our brothers and sisters around us. Let us continue to pray for the good health of Fr. Jerry as he is recuperating from his knee surgery. Let us also increase our prayers for God’s Mercy upon the world suffering from the pandemic.

The Gospel this weekend describes the appearance of Jesus to the apostles on the evening of His Resurrection in the locked Upper Room, the Cenacle. Jesus removes the doubts of his apostles about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Then He explains prophecies that are fulfilled in him and commissions them to be his witnesses and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Our lives are given this opportunity to have this “Upper Room” experience in the Eucharist. We are given explanations of the fulfilment of God’s promises in Jesus Christ, and experience of the Living and Life-giving Christ in the Eucharist. Having this experience we are to be firm in our Faith in God’s promises, and be witnesses of His love and forgiveness by our repentance and sharing of the joy of the Living Christ with our brothers and sisters.

(^\_^) 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



### 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 11--Betty Clark

April 18--Grace Medley Ebelhar

April 25--Charles E. Thompson

May 2--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: 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 Ottofy 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

April 18--Luke Bisel's baptism

May 2--Parish meeting

May 23---Confirmation of Aubrey & Ethan at SSC 11 am

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

June 13--Father Michael Charles at BSC



April 11--\$967

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$2,230.10

MTD budget--\$1904

YTD collection--\$44,925.30

YTD budget--\$39,032

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.

### Friend for our Journey

We can find relief and hope in the present moment where we find the presence of Jesus; this is a good thing to remember when we experience times of doubt.

Jesus is a friend who walks with us on our journey, who is always ready to listen to our fears and worries. If we recognize Jesus' presence, we can realize the joy that the disciples in today's Gospel experienced. Will you invite Jesus to walk with you and share your journey?

### April is Child Abuse Month.

**Bishop Medley will be presiding over a prayer service Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.**

**We will be live streaming this service at [ststephencathedral.org/live](http://ststephencathedral.org/live) for those who wish to participate but are unable to attend in person.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3-4, 6- 8, 17, 21; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118: 8-9, 21-23, 26-29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop,; Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,



### WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.

## BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins"(1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins"

### Laugh of the Week:

A man down on his luck went into a church which catered to the "uppity." Spotting the man's dirty clothes a deacon, worried about the church's image, went to the man and asked him if he needed help. The man said, "I was praying and the Lord told me to come to this church." The deacon suggested the man go pray some more and he might get a different answer. The next Sunday the man returned. The deacon asked, "Did you get a different answer?" The man replied, "Yes I did. I told the Lord they don't want me in that church and the Lord said, 'Don't worry about it son; I've been trying to get into that church for years and haven't made it yet.'"

April 18: Barbara Bisel  
Sarah Malone

April 25: Layson Brooks  
Kathi Skidd

May 2: Jacques Williams  
Aubrey Ottofy

### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only.

## 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/>

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.

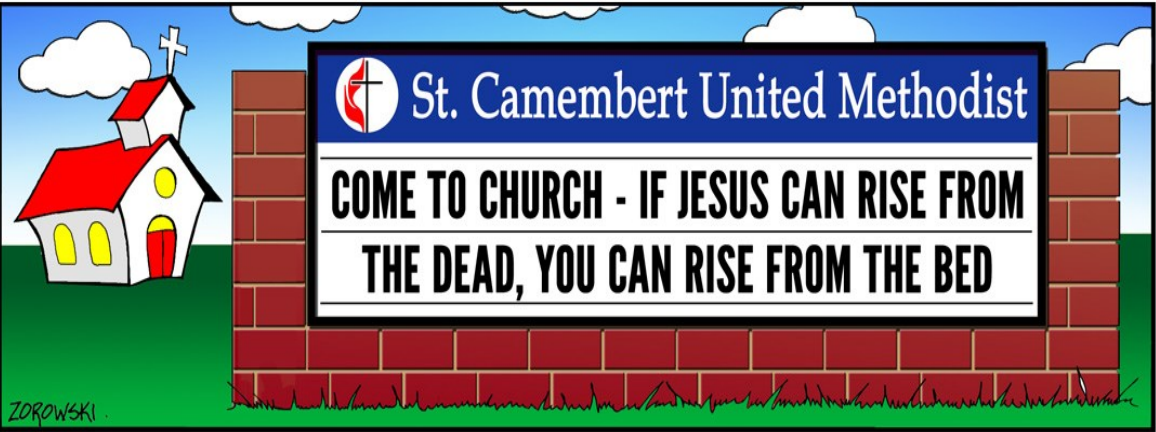
## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a “rule” that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called “Kentucky Dominicans,” began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ’s dying and rising in an inspiring way.

*God is like oxygen. You can’t see Him, but you can’t live without him!*

## Church Mice

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