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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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5th Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech
 but in deed and truth.

TODAY'S READINGS

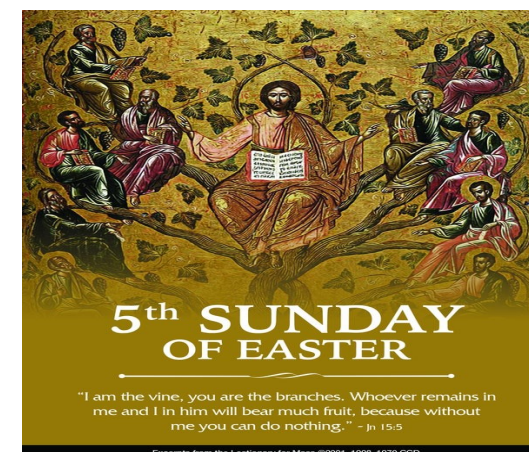
First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

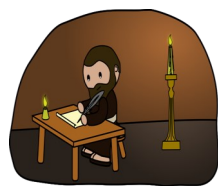
Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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Remain in me as I remain in you.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Special greetings from Fr. Jerry! Let us continue to support him with our prayers. We are into the month of May, a month specially dedicated to the devotion to our Blessed Mother. We shall find some more time to meditate on Mary and pray with her for peace and healing. Praying the Holy Rosary is a great way of being with Jesus and experiencing hope and strength in His Living Presence.

In the Gospel on this Fifth Sunday of Easter we hear from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus using His favorite image of the vine and branches to help us understand the necessity of maintaining a close relationship with Him. This being in close relationship with Jesus also involves pruning, cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Him.

Our fruitfulness as Christians shall be seen not only in the works of love and mercy we do but also in the attitude we take in times of challenges of life. Life on earth has its own characteristics that can be challenging and confusing to us. By abiding in Christ we are called to face them in Peace and Hope. If we fail, let us seek the help of Mother Mary to trust in God and move on in perseverance.

(^_^) Always
(^_^) Keep
(^_^) Smiling!

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

April Birthdays

- 25--Charlene Meadows
- 26--Vivian Higgs
- 27--Ruth Coble
- 29--Jeff McCarter

May Birthdays

- 7--Connie Clary
- 8--Mary Ann Terry
- 12--Cindy Clark, Brent Hatchett, Charles Brown JR
- 14--Steve Coble



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

- May 2--Ann Denise Ward
- May 9--Betty Clark
- May 16--Mary Ann Calhoun
- May 23--Donald Moorman
- May 30--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: Father Jerry, Stephen Hall, Dorothy Fennwald, Linda Connors, 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

- May 22--Deacon Corey Bruns ordained a priest**
- May 23--Aubrey Ottoby 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 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 25--\$1258.20

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$4343.80

MTD budget--\$3808

YTD collection--\$47,039

YTD budget--\$40,936



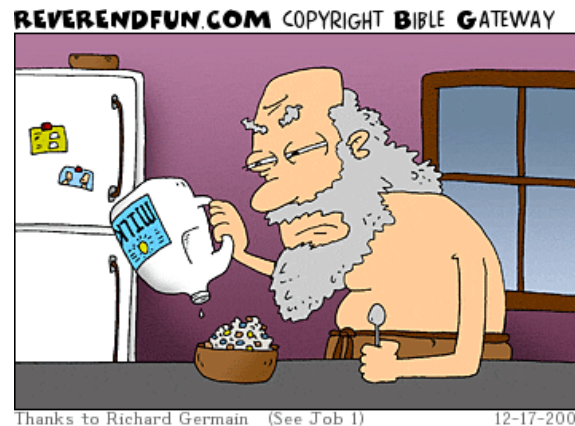
Candles--\$2

*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 Richard Germain (See Job 1) 12-17-2007
**JOB HOPED THAT THIS WASN'T THE
BEGINNING OF A BAD DAY**

***I expect to pass through life but once. If
therefore, there can be any kindness I
can show or any good thing I can do to
any fellow being, let me do it now, and
not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass
this way again***

--William Penn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4,
15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13,
21; Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5;
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5;
Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12;
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5;
Jn 15:18-21

Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: Sts. Phillip and James,
Apostles

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day

Our daily problems and worries can
wraps us up in ourselves, in sadness
and bitterness... and that is where
death is. That is not the place to look
for the One who is alive! Let the
risen Jesus enter our life; welcome
him as a friend, with trust: he is life!
--Pope Francis

Every small task is part of the total
universe

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this
Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need
for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This
shared life finds expression in the image of
the one vine and many branches. We be-
come living branches of the vine, members
of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eu-
charist, and confirmation, sacraments of
sharing God's own life. The First Letter of
John describes the fruit of this vine as ac-
tive love of neighbor: "And his command-
ment is this: we should believe . . . and
love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us
an example of someone who shares in
Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul.
Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of
his life, is proof to everyone that the risen
Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is
bearing fruit in him.

We are commanded to love God and
our neighbor equally, without differ-
ence. We don't have to look for op-
portunities to fill this command;
they're all around us, twenty-four
hours a day. You must open your
eyes wide so that you can see the op-
portunities to give free service, whole-
hearted, right where you are, in your
family. If you don't give such service
to your family, you will not be able to
give it to those outside your home.

----St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

May 2: Jacques Williams
Aubrey Ottofy

May 9: Sarah Malone
Kathi Skidd

May 16: Layson Brooks
Barbara Bisel

Bearing Much Fruit

Today's Gospel offers vivid images of a vineyard: vines, branches, withered branches, and 'much fruit,' bringing to mind branches laden with ripe, healthy bunches of grapes. Jesus explains our relationship with Him—and its importance—through references of growing, nurturing, pruning, and harvesting of fruits of the vine. Care and attention are required to maintain our relationship with Jesus and live our lives as good disciples. *"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."* (John 15:8). Are there areas in your life that need pruning? In what ways can you nurture your faith? Do we offer the Lord a plentiful harvest of 'much fruit' from our praying, giving, and serving, or is our harvest meager?

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/>

May 5	John Knight
May 12	Zach Alt
May 19	Lori Lewis

First Reading:
Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church—What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today?

Second Reading:
John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command?

Gospel:
Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.



70th Anniversary

Courthouse Lawn

Thursday May 6th

Bible Reading

11:30--11:50 am

Prayer and Worship

11:50-12:50 pm

Smile of the Week: Transformation in old age:

Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill...Let's see...Hmmm, what is the name of the flower produced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"