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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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6th Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4: 7-10)

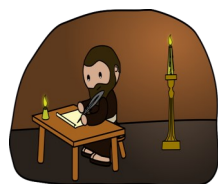
Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. (John 15:9-17)

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You are my friends if you do what I command you. Love one another.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Greetings! Happy Mother’s Day! A beautiful Spanish proverb says “An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy.” Motherhood is a special vocation to be the presence of God in the world. Thank you all, dear mothers and motherly, for all your goodness! Let us also remember to pray for those women who consciously deny the opportunity to be mothers. May God’s Love live!

The message of the Sixth Sunday of Easter is the Commandment of Love. The Mystery of Incarnation is God’s Love. In the Gospel Jesus testifies to God’s Love and then showed it through His suffering, death, and Resurrection. He also said that His love for us, His disciples, is just like the love God the Father has for Him. As the Father went to the extent of sacrificing His Son, Jesus calls us to live the Commandment of Love to the extent of overcoming all the barriers that can be created by our physical needs and nature.

I appreciate and thank all of you for your continued support and prayers for Fr. Jerry. Your cards, texts, care-goodies, inquiries... all of them are appreciated. He feels so good and comforted by your care and love.

(^^) Always
(^^) Keep
(^^), Smiling!

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

May Birthdays

- 7--Connie Clary
- 8--Mary Ann Terry
- 12--Cindy Clark, Brent Hatchett, Charles Brown JR
- 14--Steve Coble
- 18--Tina McHenry
- 19--Lad Ottofy
- 22--Charles Brown, SR
- 23--John Carson Malone
- 27--Herbert Millay



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, 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 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

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



May 2--\$815

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$815

MTD budget--\$952

YTD collection--\$ 47,854

YTD budget--\$41,888



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



Prayer 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.

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you’ve ever loved anyone, you know it’s also the hardest.

I’m man enough to admit it. I’ve seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock; things could never work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I’m not sure if it’s accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you’ve ever forgiven someone who’s hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant’s night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It’s something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 15:26 — 16:4

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 Mk 16:15-20

Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

Monday: St. Damien de Veuster,

Wednesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilles, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Thursday: Our Lady of Fatima

Friday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Saturday: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;

PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.



Don’t allow anything to interfere with our love for Jesus. You belong to Him. Nothing can separate you from him. That one sentence is important to remember; he will be your joy, your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and difficulties will come, but nothing will break you. Remember you have been created for great things. ---Mother St. Teresa

May 9: Sarah Malone
Kathi Skidd

May 16: Layson Brooks
Barbara Bisel

May 23: Jacques Williams
Sarah Malone

Jesus' message in today's Gospel is clear: it's all about love, and He repeats the message, the *command*, several times. In fact, the word "love" appears nine times! "*Love one another as I love you.*" With these words, Jesus calls us to imitate this love. It sounds like a simple command, right? However, we know that the call to love others can often feel challenging, even difficult. After all, does it seem possible to love others as Jesus loves us? Our ability to love others can be expanded by reflecting, even in small ways, the Lord's love. Here are a few suggestions:

- ◆ Begin each day with a grateful heart. What are you grateful for?
- ◆ Make time for daily prayer. Remember to pray for the needs of others.
- ◆ Take some breaks from phones, computers, or TVs and talk to God instead.
- ◆ Ask the Lord to help you recognize your blessings and talents; ask for the guidance and courage to share them lovingly and justly to serve others.
- ◆ Reach out to someone who needs words of encouragement or comfort.

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-offaith/>

May 12 Zach Alt

May 19 Lori Lewis

Prayer for Mothers

*Good and gracious God,
creator of all good things
in the universe, your Son,
Jesus Christ, loved his Mother
and modeled for us how
we should love our mothers.*

*Bless all the women in our lives
who model for us the love of a
mother. Protect them and
encourage them to love as you
have loved us.*

*We ask all this in your name.
Amen*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

Did you watch the Kentucky Derby Saturday? There is a lesson to learn from the winner Medina Spirit. Medina Spirit was born to a dam that was unable to produce milk for him initially. Less than a year after he was foaled, he was sold for the minimum \$1000 (meaning he only received a single bid.) He ended up with Bob Baffert's assistant. Medina Spirit kept surprising them by outworking the more expensive colts that Baffert's stable attracts. He had heart. Saturday Medina Spirit proved that hard work, discipline, and application of God-given gifts produce a winner. It didn't matter that Medina Spirit wasn't as big as the other horses, wasn't the perfect color, wasn't as expensive, and didn't come from Kentucky. He showed up at the race not knowing how little he cost, gave his all in heart and body...and WON the Kentucky Derby. If a horse can do it, how much better can you? Or do you let others determine your worth and heart?



Church Mice

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