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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**

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**15 Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11, 2021**

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said. Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

**Psalm** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation -Ps 85

**Second Reading** — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 ).

**Gospel** — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).



# In love God destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ.

## A Message from Father John Thomas

My Dear Parishioners:

Hello to you before I arrive as your pastor. I first tell you how since Bishop Medley called me to this transfer, I have fervently prayed for you, your families, the parishes of Holy Spirit, Bowling Green, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and St. Stephen Cathedral, Fr. Jerry Riney, and lastly (but no less fervent) myself. I am very much aware it was not time for a ‘move’ and this has caused modifications and change in both parishes.

The beginning of June I met with Fr. Sinoj and Sr. Jeannette so we could begin the process of getting to know one another and speak about the best way to move forward. I have also met several times with Fr. Jerry to discuss structure, liturgy, office, and a million other topics. I have profound respect for Fr. Jerry and his ability to bring a parish to life. He was my first pastor as a new priest (1993), and I followed him in my current assignment (2013).

The Gospel this weekend calls the disciples forward and sends them on mission. They are to take only what is necessary (physically) and God’s Word (Spiritually) and enter the lives of those they encounter. For those sent it is a mission of the unknown, fear, doubt, and difficulty. It is at the same time a mission of hope, excitement, discovery, and joy. It is the gospel message of Jesus. It is our message on our own journey.

I will arrive on Tuesday, July 13 so my first Sunday with you will be July 25. I humbly accept this call from the Church and together we will make our journey.

Blessings, Fr. John

### July Birthdays

- 3--Ray Higgs
- 8--Alexis Hatchett, Calvin McHenry
- 10--Chelis Carmona
- 13--Francine Epison
- 15--Georgia Holland
- 18--Lori Carman
- 20--Tina Gough
- 22--Marcia Wilhite
- 24--Lori Robinson
- 27--Robert Hagan
- 29--Hugh Joseph Moorman
- 30--Yvonne Mundy
- 31--Gloria Adams



### Picnic

We will sell bar-b-q ribs, chicken, and pulled pork through pre-sales and drive-through starting at 11 am. Pre-sale orders will be taken the middle of July. We will have a drive-through chicken dinner.

We also will have a 50-50 raffle drawing. Tickets are on sale now. Please turn in as soon as you sell. AND SELL MORE!!!

### GOD IN ALL

In everything, be it a thing sensed, or a thing known, God is hidden within.

### Mass Intentions

- July 4--Mary Ann Calhoun
- July 11--Donald Moorman
- July 18--Ann Denise Ward
- July 25--Grace Medley Elbehar

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, Margaret Wilkes, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, 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.

### IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament’s # is WX799 Thank you. It does not affect your fuel point or any other rewards. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

**Thanks to the 37 households that have registered for Blessed Sacrament, we will receive \$152.89;**



## Coming Events

### CALENDAR



#### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

July 13--Father John Thomas arrives  
July 25--Sell raffle tickets at St. Stephen

August 7--Picnic (Drive-through)



July 4----\$1303

Weekly budget--\$962

MTD collections---\$1303

MTD budget--\$1303

YTD collection--\$1303

YTD budget--\$50,000



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



### LIVE THE LITURGY

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-21; Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12, 16; Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

#### Observances for the week of July 11, 2021

Tuesday: St. Henry  
Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Saturday: BVM

Payton Sanford, a parishioner who attends WKU, is the medications chair for a **mission trip to Guatemala** at the end of July. She is asking for donations of soap, shampoo, sunglasses, toothbrushes... Please put in the box in church by July 18. Thank you.

#### A MAGICAL EFFECT

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

—John Quincy Adams

### CALLED BY GOD

Today's scriptures invite us to listen to two calls. The first is the call issued by the LORD to the prophet Amos, the "shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14). The second is the call the Lord Jesus issued to the Twelve, whom he sent out "two by two" (Mark 6:7). These faithful people responded to the call, prophesying and preaching to the people to whom they had been sent. Each of us received a call when we were baptized. The second reading invites us to ponder that call as we are reminded that we are chosen in Christ and that, in love, God "destined us for adoption" (Ephesians 1:5). As adopted daughters and sons of God we are called to bring the presence of Christ into our marriages, families, schools, and places of work. Let us be inspired today to say yes to the call we hear once again through God's living word.

#### Cathedral Preschool

Cathedral Preschool classes are quickly filling up for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Afternoon preschool-only classes : 2-day and 4-day options available.
- Wraparound care: limited availability.
- Morning preschool classes only: very limited availability
- A few spots available for 5-day half day pre-kindergarten class

Visit website: <http://cathedralpreschool.com>

July 11: Jacques Williams  
Alexis Hatchett

July 18: Layson Brooks  
Kathi Skidd

July 25: Aubrey Ottofy  
Sarah Malone

**Eucharistic Minister**

July 11: Barbara Bisel

July 18: Misty Sanford

July 25: Rita Moorman

# PICNIC NOTES

Our picnic is only a month away. You should have received your 50-50 tickets. Please sell them and return the ticket stub and money ASAP as we want to update our FB every few days. Money will go toward updates in church.

**How can you be involved?**

⇒ **Sell, Sell, Sell 50-50 raffle tickets and get more**

⇒ **Donate a pork butt for pulled pork sales**

⇒ **Make another donation since you will not be asked for donations of cakes, and drinks.**

# WE NEED YOU!

# Trusting the Lord

Jesus sent the disciples “two by two” and instructed them to take “*no food, no sack, no money in their belts*”. Today’s Gospel doesn’t mention whether the disciples grumbled or balked, but it does tell us that they followed the Lord’s will. Imagine how we might react if Jesus asked us to embark on a journey today without money, credit cards, cell phones, snacks, and all the other things we think we would need! What incredible trust they had in the Lord, that their needs would be met. It can sometimes feel daunting to place our trust in the Lord and believe that He will take care of our needs.

We, too, are called to follow the Lord’s will, not in the same way as the Twelve, but to be disciples in our world today. We are called to strive to be good examples, to live as good stewards by offering our gifts and talents, sharing our abundance, and by nurturing a trusting relationship with God.

# Laugh of the Week

The church choir was putting on a car wash to raise money for their annual tour. They made a large sign which read, “Car wash for choir trip.” On the given Saturday, business was terrific, but by two o’clock the skies clouded and the rain poured, and there were hardly any customers. Finally one of the girl washers had an idea. She printed a large card-board poster which read, “We Wash and God Rinses.” Business boomed!

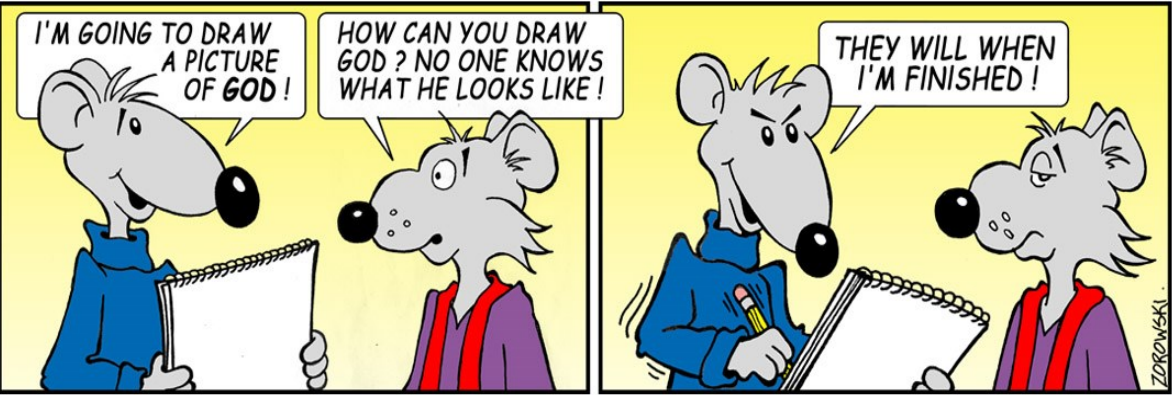
# TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At the time of the Reformation, although England broke away from papal authority under Henry VIII, a silent majority clung to the Catholic faith. Henry’s eldest daughter, Mary, restored the “old religion” in a fierce persecution of Protestants (she is called “Bloody Mary” for good reason.) His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, rejected papal ties. Under her reign, beginning with legislation in 1593, Catholics were persecuted again, and only the very wealthy could afford the fines for not attending Anglican services on Sunday. They were called “recusants,” from a Latin word meaning “refuse,” since they refused to attend the liturgy of the Church of England. Many families maintained Catholic tradition in secret, and today their descendants claim “Recusancy” as a mark of family pride. For generations they sent their young people abroad to be educated in convents and monasteries. It is not surprising that the first monastery in colonial America springs from Holland with the daughters of patrician English recusant families. Port Tobacco, Maryland, proved fruitful soil for the Carmelite tradition.

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# Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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# Laugh of the Week

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it." After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father, if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut." The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair!", to which his father replied, "Yes, you're right, and they also WALKED every where they went.