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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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16 Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:30-34)

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ

We have a new Pastor Fr. John Thomas. Let us thank and praise God for His providence and guidance through our shepherds. Being grateful to all our pastors in the past, let us open our hearts to our new pastor, encourage him, support him and pray for him. Fr. John Thomas began his ministry to us on Tuesday, July 13. We wish him all the best and fruitfulness in his new assignment. Fr. John is the youngest of six children and was raised at St. Agnes Parish in Uniontown, KY. He entered the seminary in 1984, graduated from Thomas More College in 1988 and began graduate studies at St. Meinrad Seminary. Fr. John was ordained a priest in May 1993. He has served as associate pastor at St. Thomas More (Paducah) and Holy Name of Jesus (Henderson); Director of Liturgy and Enrollment at St. Meinrad; and pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul (Hopkinsville), St Michael (Oak Grove), St. Stephen (Cadiz), Christ the King (Madisonville), Holy Spirit (Bowling Green), St. Michael the Archangel (Guthrie), and now Saint Stephen Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Chapel. He will be celebrating the Mass at our Church next Sunday.

The Liturgy of the Word on this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time prompts us to reflect on our God who as a Good Shepherd redeems us and provides for us. Prophet Jeremiah admonishes the irresponsible leaders of Israel and promises the people a Redeemer, a Good Shepherd. That promise is fulfilled in Jesus as He in the Gospel, cares for the weary apostles and people and attends to their physical and spiritual need. These readings also challenge us to look into our life and use our God-given authority in the family, in the Church, and in the society with fidelity, responsibility and compassion, because we are shepherds. As shepherds, let us remind ourselves that we need to constantly find time with God in prayer in order to be rejuvenated to be faithful to our call. And we shall strive to develop a balance between prayer and action in order to be faithful and fruitful witnesses of our Lord the Good Shepherd.

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

God Loves you!!!
Father Sinoj, HGN

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!!!

MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

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, 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 25--Sell raffle tickets at St. Stephen

August 7--Picnic (Drive-through)
50-50 raffle ends



July 18 7 PM

Dust Bowl Praise at Kendall Perkins Park

July 21 6-8 pm Kendall Perkins Park

Kids Day, Basketball Tournament



July 11--\$1212

Weekly budget--\$962

MTD collections---\$2515

MTD budget--\$1924

YTD collection--\$2515

YTD budget--\$1924



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



LIVE THE LITURGY

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

We are blessed to see more young people at Mass. With that blessing comes a responsibility. We want to work along side the parents to assist the young people with getting to know God and form them into disciples. We are in need of an additional teacher for religious education. We have been meeting for about 30 minutes after Sunday Mass twice a month. Two people could share the ministry. You do not have to have a teaching background, but have a desire to share your faith and love of God. Teaching materials are provided and help will be provided. We are all called to be evangelists; this is a special opportunity to share your faith. and help form the next generation of Catholics. Pray about this great opportunity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1,-6/ Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-10 and 12, 17 /Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4, Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11 / Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 /Mt 13:24-30

Observances for the week of July 18, 2021

Tuesday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Friday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Saturday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM

Solitude

Settle yourself in solitude and
you will come upon God in yourself.

Laudato Si

Pope Francis's encyclical on the Care of Creation calls each of us to care for our home the earth. We only have to listen to the news to see the effect that climate change has on all the earth. Can you make any changes that is needed for sustainable living for all life on earth? Avoid single-use plastics? Recycle? Combine car trips?

REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2021 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

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 18: Layson Brooks
Kathi Skidd

July 25: Aubrey Ottofy
Sarah Malone

August 1: Greg Gough
Barbara Bisel

Eucharistic Minister

July 18: Misty Sanford

July 25: Rita Moorman

August 1: Cindy Clark

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!

The Lord is My Shepherd

Today's Gospel is short in length yet offers powerful messages. Jesus tells the tired, hungry apostles, *"come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile,"* but the crowd arrives at their place of retreat ahead of them. When Jesus saw the crowd (*"his heart was moved with pity for them"*), he felt compassion for the needs of the people *"like sheep without a shepherd,"* and gave of himself immediately to teach and guide them.

Rest Awhile: Make time each day to spend with the Lord. Take a break from the demands of daily life and the distractions of phones, electronics, and social media. Through prayer and quiet reflection, nurture your relationship with Jesus. He offers us—the sheep of his flock—nourishment, guidance, mercy, and peace. **Be Compassionate:** Be open to recognizing the needs of others, whether in our own family, our parish, or our greater community. When we share our time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of others, we follow Jesus' example

Coming out of church, Mrs. Peterson asks her husband, "Do you think that Johnson girl is putting a rinse on her hair?" "I didn't even see her," Mr. Peterson admits. "And the dress Martha Hansen was wearing," Mrs. Peterson continues, "really, don't tell me you think that's the proper outfit for the mother of two." "I'm afraid I didn't notice that, either," Mr. Peterson says. "Oh for heaven's sake," Mrs. Peterson snaps, "a lot of good it does for you to go to church."

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

Church Mice



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Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities (800-422-4453); local law enforcement (800-752-6200); or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available at this parish (in the bookshelf in back of the church), in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>). To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.