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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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Aug. 22, 2021 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.
 — *Joshua 24:15b*

TODAY'S READING

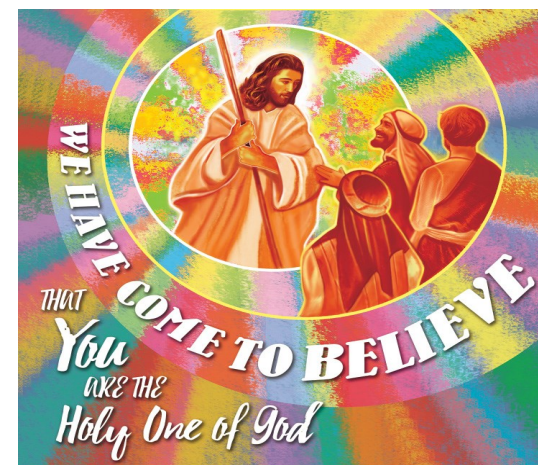
First Reading — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32)

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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*To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



.Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! On this 21st Sunday in the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year, we have the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse of Jesus in the Gospel. At the end of the discourse Jesus challenges his followers to make their choice to accept or reject Him as the true Bread from Heaven who gives His Body and Blood as food for Eternal Life. He invites them to open themselves to the gift of Faith that God is offering them.

When some of His followers turned around and walked away, Jesus did not run after them and try to reason out with them. Rather He turned to those who remained and challenged them to know that their decision to remain with Him was definite and not just a whim which could end in inaction. It might seem that Jesus is looking for perfection. But He is not. He is looking for people who trust Him enough, to believe what He tells them, and to do what He asks them. Failing or falling is very different from walking away from Him and deserting Him.

We too are challenged today by our Faith in the Eucharist. We are called to something much more than simply going to Church. We are called to a way of life, to a set of beliefs that determine our actions. Our Faith must convince us that we have no other place to go, no one else to follow, if we want to share in Eternal Life. Thus we shall walk this life in the confidence of His Bread, facing and overcoming falls and failures.

😊 Always
😊 Keep
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

August Birthdays

21--Kyler Carmona
24--Celena Hagan
30--Hank Pardon

September Birthdays

1--Norwetta Taylor
2--Emma Latta
3--Venice Higgs
6--Shelby Webster



St. Corona Prayer

Almighty God, you forgive the sins of our people and heal all their faults. You sent your beloved Son to bear our sickness. We stand humbly before You. We pray to You in this time of plague and need, remember our love and kindness that You have always shown to Your people in times of tribulation. Accept today our prayer and sacrifice and show us mercy. Keep the disease away from us, allow those affected to be healed, protect those who have been preserved from it so far by Your goodness, and do not let the plague spread any further. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions

.August 22--Grace Medley Ebelhar

August 29--Herbert Millay

September 5--Rachel Fulkerson

September 12--Ann Denise Ward

September 19--Mary Ann Calhoun

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: Connie Clary, Stephen Hall, Colton Braungardt, Doris Smith, 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, Connie Clary who is at home. 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.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

August 22--Parish meeting--Picnic results
August 26--Church Updates meeting
5:30 PM

Thanks to each of you who have donated/
pledged to the Disciples Response Fund. A
list of donors is in the latest Western KY
Catholic. Blessed Sacrament is well repre-
sented.



August 15--\$1589

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD collections--\$3453

MTD budget--\$2886

YTD collection--\$8137

YTD budget--\$6734 Candles--\$3

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



Month of August:

Salute to African American educators
We recognize Dr. Diane Hatchett who is
Superintendent of Berea Independent
Schools since January, 2018. She is well
recognized in her field and among her
peers.



Message from
Payton Sanford

At the end of July I went on a medical brigade to Guatemala through Global Brigades at Western Kentucky University. My experience in Guatemala was unforgettable. I learned so much about the need for health care in third world countries. I feel very humbled and thankful for the country we live in. My experience would have not been the same without Blessed Sacrament's support and donations. I appreciate everyone who donated supplies to me. A toothbrush or shampoo may not seem like much to us but to them it meant the world. I will take the lessons I learned with me throughout my health care career. Please continue to pray for the people of Guatemala.

TRUST

I may trust Jesus too little, but I can never trust him too much.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10/Ps 149:1-6 and 9/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 /Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5, 12-14 and 17 /Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 /Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Observances-- Week of August 22, 2021

Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop

A true leader,

King Louis IX would ride his horse out into the country to see how he could work to make life better for his people. He would often stop in villages to listen to what the people had to say. He checked that wealthy, powerful nobles were not abusing people. When he heard that the nobles unjustly took from people who had less, he forced the nobles to give back what they had taken. He listened to people's ideas for how to improve their country, and he passed laws to protect those who were vulnerable.

The king ordered churches and hospitals built throughout France. In his travels, the king himself would often visit and care for those who were sick. He listened to the needs of others. As a man given the power to guide his country, he could do great good for his people. He worked for peace in the world.

HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD'S SERVICE

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

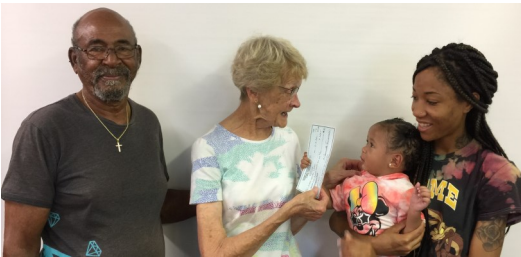
Queenship of Mary: (August 22)

In prayer, before God who speaks, Mary is not in a hurry; she does not let herself be swept away by the moment; she does not let herself be dragged along by events. However, when she has clearly understood what God is asking of her, what she has to do, she does not loiter; she does not delay, but goes "with haste." --Pope Francis

Lector	
August 22:	Layson Brooks Kathi Skidd
August 29:	Greg Gough Sarah Malone
Sept. 5:	Barbara Bisel Veronica Wilhite
Eucharistic Minister	
August 22:	Misty Sanford
August 29:	Rita Moorman
Sept. 5:	Vivian Higgs

50-50 RAFFLE

Thanks to everyone who bought/sold tickets for the 50-50 raffle. We sold \$5645. The winner was Khi’Zuria (Robert Johnson’s great grandchild).



As our parish has grown, we are in need of another religious ed teacher. Think about it and pray about it. We usually met every other Sunday after Mass. Materials and help is provided. This is a way to share your love of God and your faith.

Don’t Give Up

If we are striving to become mature disciples, we understand that we need to respond to Jesus’ call. Does that sometimes feel daunting? It likely does at times for most of us! We are, after all, humans. When it feels like the call is difficult or the cost too great, consider the words of Simon Peter, “*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.*” Those words help us understand why we can’t give up; we must continue traveling along our journey of faith, even when it feels hard to put one foot in front of the other. People can let us down, life can be challenging, and giving up might seem easier. Take time to reflect on your level of commitment to the Lord. In what ways can we increase our commitment to our faith? We can recognize and give thanks for our gifts and blessings, giving back a generous portion to the Lord by sharing them to benefit others. We can turn to Jesus into all aspects of life through frequent prayer. Spend some quiet time with the Lord each day. Ask how He is calling you; bring Him whatever you have...joys, sorrows, challenges, uncertainties, and gratitude for your blessings.

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the pa-pal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given “extraterritorial rights,” meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained tele-scopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observato-ry offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There’s still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don’t have a personal castle in the hills!

Church Mice

The 23rd Psalm
Another in a Series of
Mice-Sized Sermonettes
by Rev. Cheese

A PESSIMIST SAYS, "THE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY," WHILE AN OPTIMIST SAYS, "THE GLASS IS HALF FULL"

BUT A CHILD OF GOD SAYS, "THERE'S NO WAY MY GLASS COULD EVER HOLD IT ALL!"

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Escape to the Mount” Trivia and Quilt Bingo Sept. 11-12 “Escape to the Mount” returns for a full week-end of fun-filled activities! On Saturday, Sept. 11, we will play Trivia from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. This year, Trivia will be held at Blessed Mother Parish Hall, 601 E. 23rd St., Owensboro. Get your team together (perhaps your parish, clubs, or other groups) and join us for a fun evening. Register for \$25 per person, up to 10 people per team. Snacks and adult beverages will be served. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. On Sunday, Sept. 12, we will play Quilt Bingo (where you can win quilts!) from 1-4 p.m. in the Mount Saint Joseph Gym, Maple Mount (12 miles west on Hwy. 56). Tickets for Quilt Bingo are \$25 per person, which includes lunch and your first bingo game card. Extra cards are \$1 per game for smaller quilt prizes and \$2 per game for larger quilt prizes. Seating is limited, so register for Trivia and/or Quilt Bingo and pay in advance by Sept. 8. You can sign up online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/escape-to-the-mount-weekend/> Also, Mount Raffle tickets can be purchased for just \$5 for your chance to win \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 and \$250, or a handmade quilt! We will do the raffle drawing on Sun., Sept. 12,