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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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**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

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

**Second Reading** — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

**Gospel** — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

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# Everyone who listens to my Father comes to me.

## From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I would like to appreciate and thank all of you for making our Picnic celebrations a success. We once again celebrated our communion and hospitality. Let us continue to pray for the progress of our plans for the renovation of our Church building and make all efforts to fulfil it. God is with us.

In today’s “Bread of Life” discourse Jesus reveals Himself as the “true Bread that came down from Heaven,” to give life to the world. This means that in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus gives us a share of Eternal Life while we are still on earth. Jesus Himself comes to us to sustain us to “live forever.” Therefore let us never neglect the great gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. Let us come to the banquet and be nourished by the Bread of Life!

When Jesus says “I am the Bread of Life,” He also wants us to become him. When we receive Eucharist we become Jesus, we bring Him into the core of our being. Jesus is ready to come into our lives regardless who we are, how unqualified we are. He is ready to grow in us and make our lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we become more like Him. Thus we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for the world.

☺☺☺) Always  
☺☺☺(☺☺☺) Keep  
(☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺) Smiling!

God Loves you!!!  
Father Sinoj, HGN

### August Birthdays

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



#### ANGER’S OFFSPRING

As long as anger lives,  
she continues to be the  
fruitful mother of many un-  
happy children.

### Catholic Trivia

How many books are in the  
New Testament?

A) 34 B) 27 C) 50 D) 18

Answer below

### Laugh of the Week

**Too Many In Heaven** St. Peter and St. Paul are at the Pearly Gates. Paul is looking through The Book of Names, and he says to Peter, "There are more people in heaven than there is supposed to be! Go find out what has happened!" Peter runs off, and some time later he returns to Paul. Paul says, "Did you find out why there are too many people here?" Peter says, "It's Jesus. He's helping people in over the back fence."

Trivia answer: B

### Mass Intentions

.August 1--Herbert Millay  
August 8--Lucian Moorman  
August 15--Mary Ann Calhoun  
August 22--Grace Medley Ebelhar  
August 29--Herbert Millay

*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, 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.



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

August 8--10 am Mass  
August 15--Feast of the Assumption

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 represented.



August 1--\$952  
Weekly Budget--\$962  
MTD collections--\$952  
MTD budget--\$962  
YTD collection--\$5636  
YTD budget--\$4810  
Candles--\$3



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



What’s Your Hearth Cake?

“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” I’ve been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don’t know what it is exactly. Maybe it’s just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it’s about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we’re all just nicer people when we’re fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven’t fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that’s your hearth cake. That’s your jug of water. Don’t neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.”

Feast of the Assumption

Christians are joyful: they are never gloomy. God is at our side. We have a Mother who always intercedes for the life of her children. Jesus has shown us that the face of God is that of a loving Father. Sin and death have been defeated. Christians cannot be pessimists! ----Pope Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

.Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 /Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 /Jn 12:24-26  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3, 5 and 8, 16-17 /Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10-11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2, and 5, 7-8, 11 /Mt 19:13-15

Observances-- Week of August 8, 2021

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr  
Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin  
Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
Saturday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
Sunday: Assumption of Mary



STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

Thank You!!

Thank you to each and everyone of you who supported our picnic in whatever way you could. It takes planning and hard work and you meet the challenge. Our bar-b-q is always held up as one of the best, if not the best. Your hospitality is always tops even when we can’t welcome people into our hall. May you be blessed with whatever you need in your life right now.

### Lector

August 8: Veronica Wilhite  
Barbara Bisel

August 15: Aubrey Ottofy  
Jacques Williams

August 22: Layson Brooks  
Kathi Skidd

### Eucharistic Minister

August 8: Vivian Higgs

August 15: Barbara Bisel

August 22: Misty Sanford



Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan Friar. During the German occupation of Poland, he remained at a monastery which published a

number of anti-Nazi German publications. In 1941, he was arrested and sent to Auschwitz, where in terrible circumstances he continued to work as a priest and offer solace to fellow inmates. When the Nazi guards selected 10 people to be starved to death in punishment, Kolbe volunteered to die in place of a stranger who had a wife and children. The men were to be starved to death. He led the men in prayer and singing hymns to Mary. Father Kolbe never complained or asked for anything. Since he had not died after two weeks, he was executed with a lethal injection. He is the patron saint of prisoners, amateur radio operators, journalists, and drug addicts. He was later canonized as a martyr in 1982. Feast day is August 14.

### Reverence or Routine

Today's readings continue to provide insight and understanding about "the living bread"—the Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek words *eukharistia*, which means 'thanksgiving,' and *eukharistos*, which means 'grateful.' Take a moment to reflect on your experience at Mass; does it feel reverent or is it merely routine? That is, does attending Mass feel like nourishment for your spiritual life or a task to be checked off your to-do list? Through God's gift of the Eucharist at Mass, we receive nourishment and strength for the journey through our daily lives. When we, as disciples, recognize and give thanks for our many blessings, we become inspired to give back to the Lord a generous portion of those blessings through offerings of prayer, service, and the sharing of our treasure. How can we enrich our Mass experience?

- Review and reflect on the readings in advance;
- Avoid a late or rushed arrival; allow time to calm your mind in preparation for Mass;
- Participate actively through response and singing;
- Be mindful and appreciate your surroundings;

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.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Careful readers of the "Treasures" will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States

### Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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**Escape to the Mount** Trivia and Quilt Bingo Sept. 11-12 "Escape to the Mount" returns for a full weekend 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,