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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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## TODAY'S READING

### First Reading:

"We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)

### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

### Second Reading:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing (Rev 5:12)

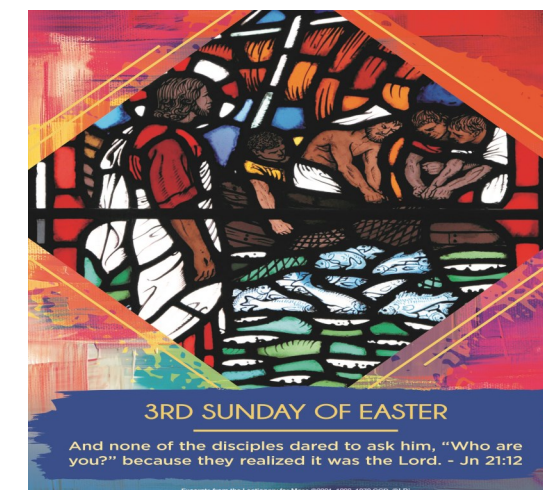
### Gospel:

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)



## 3rd Sunday of Easter--May 1, 2022

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing. Rev. 5:123



My Dear Parishioners:

Fish are funny creatures. They are always so busy and yet seem so pointlessly busy. Ever on the move, they flit about, dashing and darting hither and thither, full of agitation and enthusiasm. How easily they are alarmed by every ripple, every shadow on the water! Always keyed-up, on the alert, so ready for the unexpected, and yet so easily duped. So quick to react to the first rumours of danger and yet so easily caught.

Dare I say, there is a certain “fishiness” about us, in the spiritual sense. We are among the fish Christ sent Peter out to catch. Like fish, we are immersed in a sea of troubles and distractions, easily alarmed and agitated by every ripple of excitement, every shadow of doubt that crosses our paths. We expend so much energy on what are, in the end of the day, trivialities. We can dangerously dally with temptation, and let ourselves be hooked by unhealthy lures, from cigarettes to status symbols. It is little wonder that Christ showed a marked preference for fishermen when he chose his first apostles.

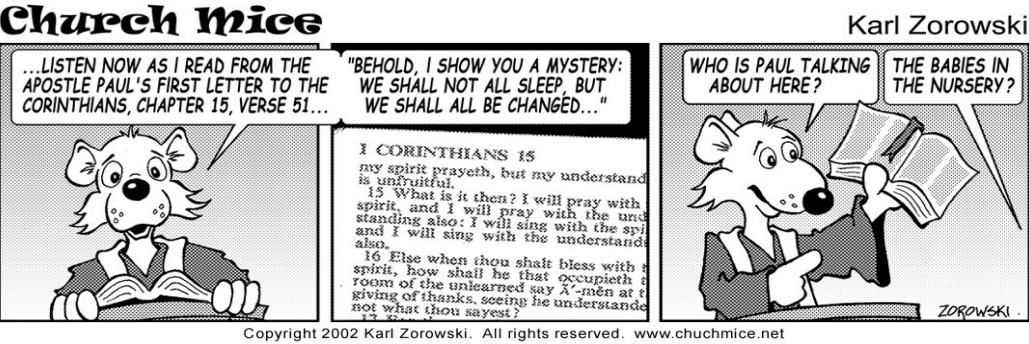
Today’s story reflects the miracle of our own lives. Through his church, Christ has thrown his net over us, a net of grace. He says: “The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind.” And like a fisherman’s net it remains unseen beneath the surface. And we are drawn into it, if we allow it to happen. Even in spite of our struggling may we be caught in God’s net.

Today’s miraculous catch of fish recalls that other big catch to which Christ compared the kingdom of heaven. We may be sharp in our estimates of the world and its ways. We might be accurate in our judgement of individuals. We may be keen critics of those whose behaviour falls short of the demands of the gospel. But we cannot limit the infinite sufficiency of God’s grace. There is no telling what size the catch will be until the net is finally drawn in at the end of time. Like today’s catch, it may well astonish even the most seasoned of fishermen. The “big catch” is Christ’s answer to those prophets of gloom who would put so many outside his reach.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION.

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday “blackouts,” perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.



OPPORTUNITIES

July 1-4 National Conference of Burmese American Catholics

This year the conference is held in Owensboro. We have several volunteer opportunities.

- Sarah Malone is looking for people to serve meals on July 3: 2 shifts 11:30-2:30 and 5:30-8:30.
- The parishes in Daviess County are asked to help at 7 motels on July 1 to welcome the community. They are asking for 2 volunteers to help for each of three hour shifts. 12-3, 3-6, 6-9 pm. Along with a representative of the Burmese community, you will welcome and give a goodie bag which is provided.



### April Birthdays

25--Charlene Meadows  
26--Vivian Higgs  
27--Ruth Coble  
29--Jeff McCarter

### May Birthdays

7--Connie Clary  
8--Mary Ann Terry  
12--Cindy Clark, Brent Hatchett  
14--Steve Coble



### IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799. The last donation was \$171.97. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Father Mike Williams who helps at Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan spoke at our last deanery meeting. There are a number of international students at both colleges and other students who are far from home. He is reaching out to see if anyone would like to sponsor a student. Basically, it is not a financial support but more emotional. Maybe having the student to your home for a meal, giving recommendation for needed services, just offering friendship.

### Mass Intentions

May 1--Betty and John Clark  
May 8--Shirley Schmidt  
May 15--Bernard and Jayne Payne  
May 22--Herbert Millay  
May 29--Kenny Malone

*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: Wayne Stephens, Larry Allen, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby** (Connie Clary's daughter) Tom and June Johnson, Colin Holahan, Doris Smith, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, 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 at One Park Place. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

*As you might be aware we are looking at ways to Growing Forward in Christ. We are looking at renovations. Part of any moving forward has to be to invite people to join us and to pray. We usually have a Scripture Sharing group on Thursdays, praying over the Sunday readings and praying for you. Next one is May 5 at 5:30. Put it on your calendar.*

## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

May 5--Scripture sharing 5:30 PM  
??? May 14--Clean-up day  
June 19---Farewell Potluck meal  
to honor Father Paul (after  
10 AM Mass)  
June 24--Sunday Mass at 9 AM



April 24--\$1298

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD Collection--\$5,109

MTD Budget--\$6848

YTD Collection--\$50,481

YTD Budget--\$41,366

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

Have you thought about donating to BSC online? It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient. You can use your debit or credit card, checking or saving account.

### Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>May 1:</u>	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
<u>May 8:</u>	Aubrey Ottofy Greg Gough
<u>May 15:</u>	Connie Clary Jacques Williams
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<u>May 1:</u>	Rita Moorman
<u>May 8:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>May 15:</u>	Cindy Clark

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?" --LPI

A PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE FRANCIS

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!  
We have tried so many times and over so many years  
to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.  
How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced?  
how much blood has been shed?  
how many lives have been shattered?  
how many hopes have been buried?  
But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid!  
Grant us peace, teach us peace;  
guide our steps in the way of peace.  
Open our eyes and our hearts,  
and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost".  
Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love,  
you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters.  
Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.  
Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace,  
our trepidation into confident trust,  
and our quarreling into forgiveness.  
Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.  
In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

Observances for the week of May 1

.Sunday:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
Monday:	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
Next Sunday:	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

Easter Flower Donations

Thanks to the donors of flowers for our Easter celebration:

Barbara Bisel  
Georgia Holland  
Steve Coble  
Cindy Clark  
Jean Higgs  
Vivian Higgs  
McCarter Family



Lifelong Service

"I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer." The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the son of the Living God." Yes, it was Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper. "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer. "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb"--to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.

What does it mean to have a mission in life and how does your faith impact this mission? As baptized members of Christ's Church, we are called to live the mission of Jesus. Please pray that as a diocese and parish, we are equipped to live our mission.

Owensboro Prayer Event:

Thursday May 5th ~ Courthouse Lawn ~  
Bible Reading 11:30-11:50 am. Prayer & Worship 11:50am - 2:50pm  
For more information contact Rick Rhodes by phone / text at 207-313-8370