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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:

'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.' (Acts 15:28)

### Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

### Second Reading:

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. (Rev 21:10)

### Gospel:

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:26)

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**6th Sunday of Easter--May 22, 2022**

**May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you! Ps.47:6**



My Dear Parishioners:

*Obedientia*, the Latin for obeying, literally means to listen hard, to hold one's ear to something. While I studied at Saint Meinrad I learned the first word in the Rule of Saint Benedict was LISTEN! The first rule of the road that we all learned was "Stop! Look! Listen!" Before you cross the railway tracks, stop and listen. There may be a train coming.

"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart." What a beautiful promise, what a special gift. Peace is not the absence of war. It is the presence of something real and tangible. It is something I can experience, and it results from having my relationships the way they ought to be. I will deal in greater detail with this later.

We are all familiar with invitation cards that have RSVP on them. The person is looking for a response from us. Every word that Jesus speaks is calling for a response. A rule of thumb is to learn to listen, and then listen to learn.

My response must be practical; it must entail doing something. Believing something up in my head is nothing more than mental assent. Knowing that Jesus is God is not faith. Satan knows that. Faith is not up in the head; it is in the heart, and it eventually makes its way down into my feet. It is only then that I will be prepared to step out, and act on the direction given me by Jesus. The message of the gospel is simple, definite, and direct. There is not one "maybe" or one "might" in all the promises of Jesus.



**Listen to the  
Voice of creation**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

**Laudato Si Week May 22-29 calls us to take care of our planet, God's creation.**

The first of Pope Francis's goals to help sustain our universe is  
**Response to the Cry of the Earth.**

This calls us to greater use of clean renewable energy.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of His Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year,, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by Joyful Alleluia and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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## 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.



### May Birthdays

19--Lad Ottofy  
20--Christian Trevor  
22--Charles Brown, SR  
23--John Carson Malone  
26--Diane Hatchett  
30--Karen Leachman  
31--Barbara Hammond, Layson  
Brooks

### June Birthdays

2--Anthonia Hagan  
4--Larry Leachman  
15--Lea Ann Johnson



### IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks

### Legacy

We want to give our children what we didn't have but let's make sure we give them what we did have--our faith.



### Mass Intentions

May 8--Shirley Schmidt  
May 15--Bernard and Jayne Payne  
May 22--Herbert Millay  
May 29--Kenny Malone  
June 5--Peter Almendarez

*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: 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 26 at 5:30. Put it on your calendar.*

## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

June 5--Pentecost Sunday (Jax Malone's Confirmation at SSC)  
June 6-17 Sr. Jeannette--retreat  
June 19---Farewell Potluck meal to honor Father Paul (11 AM)  
June 24--Sunday Mass at 9 AM



May 15--\$941

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD Collection--\$3830

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YTD Collection--\$54,311

YTD Budget--\$44,252

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

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### THE APOSTLES' PROBLEMS

Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation

	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>May 22:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Kathi Skidd
<u>May 29:</u>	Barbara Bisel Kathi Skidd
<u>June 5:</u>	Layson Brooks Aubrey Ottofy
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<u>May 22:</u>	Vivian Higgs
<u>May 29:</u>	Rita Moorman
<u>June 5:</u>	Cindy Clark

PEACE

Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is the only the peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking

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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 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6 and 9/Jn 15:26—16:4
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1--3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28

Observances for the Week of May 22 .

Wednesday:	St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Philip Neri, Priest
Friday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Next Sunday:	Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day

Where Do We Come From?

A little girl asked her mother, “Where did people come from?”

Her mother answered, “God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and that’s how all mankind was made.”

A couple of days later she asked her father the same question. The father answered, “Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from.”

The confused little girl returned to her mother and said, “Mommy, how is it possible that you told me that we were created by God, and Daddy said we came from monkeys?”

The mother answered, “Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.”

THE GIFT OF PEACE

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion ..even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little “give and take” now and then. So where was it that “there arose no little dissension and debate”? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today’s Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy spirit, promised by Jesus in today’s Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that “reconciled diversity,” often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today’s Revelation passage, and a wondrous experience of Jesus’ promised Gospel gift. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.”

J.S.PaluchCO

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said “When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” The Holy Eucharist is the most profound witness of Christ’s never-ending love for his children. How can we respond to such an incredible gift of love except by our own response of love? We have an opportunity to renew our love for our Lord by remembering those simple practices we share as a Church that helps us to treat the Blessed Sacrament with love and reverence.