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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:

As they were looking on,  
 he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from  
 their sight. (Acts 1:9)

Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
 blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)

Second Reading:

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by  
 hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven  
 itself, that he might now appear before God  
 on our behalf. (Heb 9:24)

Gospel:

As he blessed them he parted from them  
 and was taken up to heaven. (Lk 24:51)

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**Ascension May 29, 2022**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
 the Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Ps. 47:6



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Thus it is written that the  
 Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day  
 ... You are witnesses of these things.'" - Lk 24:46, 48

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My Dear Parishioners:

Today's final paragraph of St Matthew's gospel does not describe the ascension, but reports some of our Lord's final instructions to his disciples before leaving them. I was once speaking to an elderly parishioner who was troubled over making a will. In her mind making a will, or receiving what were then called "The Last Sacraments" were things that you put off until the last moment. There was something rather ominous about it. In today's gospel, Jesus has little to say, but he is clear about what he has to say. This is in sharp contrast to the fact that, even at this last minute, some of his disciples still doubted.

The first thing about the disciples is that at least they did what he told them to do. He asked them to meet him on the mountain, and they did that. Like any gathering of human beings, each had his own emotions. Some of them worshipped him, while some of them still doubted. Jesus didn't seem to have any great problem with that, because he knew that, when the Spirit came, all of those doubts would be ended. It would seem, indeed, that he was in a hurry to take his leave of them, so that the second part of his plan of salvation could get underway.

Notice that Jesus begins his few words by telling them that he, not they, have full authority in heaven and on earth. In an earlier account in Luke's gospel, he says, "I have given you full authority over all the power of the evil one." The full authority over everything, however, is something that he reserves to himself. Those who go in his name, do so with his full authority. The authority goes with the mission. That is why he adds, "Go, therefore."; in other words, because I have the authority, you can go wherever I send you. My power, my promises, and my Spirit will go with you, and will see you through. After telling them what to do, he concludes with the clear and definite promise, "and be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The mission of the apostles was essentially to teach others all that he had taught them. As Jesus asked his disciples to obey him, they were to ask that others should obey his directions and instructions also. This is like when a doctor puts you on a course of antibiotics. The original sin was a lie. The Spirit is a spirit of truth. One of the rules connected with taking antibiotics is that it is essential to complete the course. Some people begin to feel well after a few days, and they discontinue taking the medicine and, of course, their condition gets worse. The programme of redemption and salvation must continue from generation to generation, until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, the two things that have not changed are Jesus himself, and every word of his message. The Message and the Messenger have never, and never will change. People who are bothered about changes in the church today should be reminded that the only things that matter have not changed at all:

*We write a page of our gospel each day through the things we do and whatever we say. People will know if it's faithful and true. What is the gospel according to you?*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time; there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All people, all times, all cultures are opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

### Picnic--2022

At the parish meeting last Sunday, decisions were made about the annual picnic which will be August 6th, There will be a drive-through dinner 12-2 pm, Pre-sale Bar-b-q meat and a 50-50 raffle. Please plan to support this in the best way that you can.



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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

22--Charles Brown, SR  
23--John Carson Malone  
26--Diane Hatchett  
30--Karen Leachman  
31--Barbara Hammond, Layson  
Brooks

### June Birthdays

2--Antonia Hagan  
4--Larry Leachman  
15--Lea Ann Johnson  
16--Sister Jeannette  
23--Michelle Jones, Pam McCarter



### IMP—Kroger

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**Soul, you have the heart of a lion, strong and courageous. Let nothing distract you, let nobody discourage you from your daily communion with the one who created you.** M. Kelley



### Mass Intentions

May 22--Herbert Millay  
May 29--Kenny Malone  
June 5--Peter Almendarez  
June 12--Herbert Millay  
June 19--Louie Moorman

*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 June 2 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 22--\$1393

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD Collection--\$5223

MTD Budget--\$3848

YTD Collection--\$55,704

YTD Budget--\$45,214

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

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### Humility and Stewardship

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiques dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>May 29:</u>	Barbara Bisel
	Sarah Malone
<u>June 5:</u>	Layson Brooks
	Aubrey Ottofy
<u>June 12:</u>	Alexis Hatchett
	Jacques Williams
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<u>May 29:</u>	Rita Moorman
<u>June 5:</u>	Cindy Clark
<u>June 12:</u>	Misty Sanford

Week’s Inspiration

Pope Francis states, “The Ascension does not point to Jesus’ absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is now in the Lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us.” God is present in every space and time. There is nowhere that God cannot be found and nothing that God cannot use to reveal his presence and intent to us. The neighbor who gets under our skin, the demanding coworker we see every day, the person at the supermarket who is rude to us, the elderly person we met on our daily walk who seemed so disheveled, the perfect sunrise that greeted us in the morning, and the wonderful aroma and taste of our first sip of coffee. All can be used by God to awaken us, humble us, and bring us to a heightened sense of His presence. We are given opportunities, always and everywhere, to live in the fullness of Christ. With hearts enlightened by these “God moments,” we can anticipate that day when we are all fully and eternally one with Christ. This promise is what allows us to live with joyful hope!

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Thank you!



Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-7/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-6/ Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33 -36/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11- 12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Observances for the Week of May 29 .

Sunday:	Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day
Monday:	Memorial Day
Tuesday:	The Visitation Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Justin, Martyr
Thursday:	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter,
Friday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are.” These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God’s grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?

FEET ON THE GROUND

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the star!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40’s* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended , disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for “ heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

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2022 Barbecue Schedule

5/29	St Mary of the Woods	11:00 AM
6/4	Precious Blood	3:00 PM
6/11	St. Pius X	3:30 PM
6/18	Our Lady of Lourdes	3:00 PM
6/25	St. Mary Magdalene	4:00 PM
7/9	St. Alphonsus	3:00 PM
7/16	St. Peter of Alcantara	4:00 PM
8/2	St. Martin (Drive Thru)	4:00 PM
8/6	Blessed Sacrament	12:00-2:00 PM
9/17	Blessed Mother (Drive Thru)	4:00 PM
9/18	St. Lawrence/ St. William	11:00 AM
9/24	Immaculate	1:00-3:00 PM
9/25	St. Mary of the Woods	11:00 AM