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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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Pentecost Sunday--June 5, 2022

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. 1 Cor. 12:13

TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Rom 8:14)

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 had told you." (Jn 14:26)



My Dear Parishioners:

The Holy Spirit used to be *the forgotten person of the Trinity* . Perhaps he suffered from being a *spirit*, since for many of us, only concrete things are real. The Father and Son make an impact because one took flesh and the other was given a beard. Have you ever imagined the Holy Spirit with a beard? Whatever the reason, even among devout Christians the Holy Spirit had been overlooked. He had been cast in the role of a third candidate, never earmarked for a seat in the House, much less a post in the Cabinet. It's only recently that he has been coming into his own. And about time too! There are several reasons why we should never forget the Spirit. The first is that he wasn't forgotten by Jesus. On the contrary. On the eve of the Passion, he promised to send the Spirit to the disciples. In fact, he took pains to emphasise the importance of the Spirit's role. Here was no poor substitute, a duckling doing "locum" for a swan. He would be helper, advocate, counsellor, teacher, a replacement for Christ himself. Indeed, Our Lord states this clearly: "Unless I go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn 16:7).

Another reason for seeking the Spirit is the example of the early Christians. He made such a difference to their lives that they could never forget him. Before his coming they were timid and afraid, like children huddling together in a storm. When he descended upon them in a miraculous confusion of wind, fire and speech, they were utterly transformed. "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4), St Luke tells us. But some of the bystanders were less poetic in their reaction. "They're drunk" (Acts 2:13), they sneered, and for once the cynics were right, drunk they were, drunk with the Spirit of Christ's love and their own furious eagerness to proclaim his message. The Spirit was breathing where he would and from now on "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor 12:3) would be shouted from the housetops. They stayed drunk for life, in this sense. They were never to be sober again. For as long as they lived, the Spirit would stay in the bloodstream. Every decision they made would be Spirit-shaped. And the influence of the Spirit was not confined to decision-making at executive level. It was felt at the ordinary level too, at what politicians love to call the "grassroots." It was felt in the gifts that were Spirit, sent for the service of the Church, unusual gifts like healing or prophecy, designed to meet the needs of an infant Church, but ordinary gifts too, required to meet the needs of God's children everywhere, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control" (Ga 5:22). It is by exercising these gifts that we honor the Spirit. Whenever we are loyal to a demanding partner, whenever we console the bereaved, support the old or encourage the young, we are doing the work of the Holy Spirit. When we curb our evil instincts, we honor him. The Holy Spirit is the rising sap moving all that is best in us. Whether we're aware of it or not, he is never idle. Our part is to grunt and heave with him and to push our stalling lives to the top of the hill. Blessings, Fr. John

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800's.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment. --James Field, Copyright J.S. Paluch

Church Mice

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It's great to do good things for God
It can fill our hearts with pride...
We feel as if we're standing tall
With the Lord right by our side

If pride is why we do things,
Then our motivation's wrong...
There'll be no joy in heaven...
No triumphant angel's song



If we want to stand beside the Lord,
If it's *God* we aim to please...
He'll never see us stand so tall...

As when
we're on
our knees!

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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

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
16--Sister Jeannette
23--Michelle Jones, Pam McCarter
30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett



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COME TO US, SPIRIT OF HOLINESS

Holy Spirit, you banish fear from our hearts; you bear witness in us that we are children of God, we pray to you. Remove from our hearts the spirit of slaves; place in us the spirit of adopted children to make us cry out....., "Abba Father!" --

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 9 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 29---\$961

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD Collection--\$6,194.

MTD Budget--\$4,810

YTD Collection--\$56,675

YTD Budget--\$46,176

Candles:\$3

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

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What language do you speak?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	Lectors
<u>June 5:</u>	Layson Brooks Misty Sanford
<u>June 12:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Jacques Williams
<u>June 19:</u>	Connie Clary Greg Gough
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>June 5:</u>	Cindy Clark
<u>June 12:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>June 19:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Rita Moorman, Kathi Skidd

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

St. Josemaria Escriva tell us, "To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more." Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!

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:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 /Ps 87:1-3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1-2, 4, 5 and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10-13/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9, 11-16/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1 -6/Mt 5:33-37

Observances for the Week of June 5

Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Church; St. Norbert
Thursday:	St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Barnabas, Apostle
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity

Picnic--2022

At the parish meeting recently,
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.

Please join us in saying farewell to Father Paul
on Sunday, June 19. The celebration of Mass
will be followed by a potluck dinner. Sign-up
sheet is in the back of church.

RECONCILED DIVERSITY

A few years ago during Rome's quiet summer,
Pope Francis took a day off to visit privately
with some old friends, whose identity took
Catholic Italy by surprise. Evangelical
Protestants. They welcomed Francis to their
Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, where
Francis asked pardon for Catholic persecutions
and celebrated the Holy Spirit's "Pentecostal
work." Unlike Satan, declared Francis, who
creates division among God's children, the Holy
Spirit creates a diversity,,,,,rich and beautiful!
And unity, not uniformity. Francis specified, but
unity in diversity. Francis named the Spirit's gift
"reconciled diversity." Pentecost's rich treasury
of scriptural readings, traces the Holy Spirit's
work from creation's beginning, through Jesus'
resurrection, into the Church's earliest days,
now into our days. Kindled in our hearts, the
Spirit's gentle fire is ours to share generously,
even with those most strikingly different from
us. All hearts are Spirit-warmed by reconciled
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2022 Barbecue Schedule

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