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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: 9:00AM

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Sept. 11, 2022 24th Sunday--Ordinary Time

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Ps. 51:12

First Reading

So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)

Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15)

Gospel:

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Lk 15:7)

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Jesus was a sinner magnet. Whenever and wherever he showed his face the sinners came flocking: *The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking his company to hear what he had to say.* They like to be with him, in his company, and they liked to hear him speak.

There were two groups of sinners – those who knew they were sinners and those who didn't. The sinners who knew they were sinners liked to hear Jesus speak because he spoke words of acceptance, hope, reconciliation and love. The sinners who thought they were good and holy sought Jesus out in order to criticize, poke fun, catch him out and, finally, get rid of him. In a way I think they were actually *afraid* of him. At any rate they were not pleased that Jesus welcomed the other group, and even ate with them: *The Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.'*

Jesus' response is typical; he tells them a parable, three parables in fact. (Remember, a parable is supposed to *tease the mind to think, the eye to see, the heart to feel, and the ears to hear DIFFERENTLY.*) He tells a story which encloses the truth he wishes to teach in such a way that his listeners are obliged to carefully 'unwrap' it and ponder deeply on the parable. Then, if they are of good faith, the truth will present itself plainly to their eyes.

What man among you, challenges Jesus, prodding the egos of his listeners to greater attentiveness: *What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?*

Instantly the focus shifts from the lost sheep (the sinner) to the man who goes searching for it. This parable is not about the sheep, nor is it really about the sinner. Everyone knows it's in the very nature of a sheep to get its self-lost. When it strays from the flock it's only doing its duty, so to speak, like an infant screaming in church. Every shepherd of sheep understands this. We should not be surprised therefore that the Good Shepherd, the shepherd of souls, knows that we humans are sadly prone to sin. *He knows what we are made of, he remembers we are dust (Psalm 103:14).*

The parable does not scoff at those who condemn the sinner, it just shows disbelief that such a person could exist. *What man among you...?* or in other words, 'Could there be such a man among you?' And yet, ironically, unless one is attentive to Jesus' use of hyperbole, there would probably be not a single man among them silly enough to leave ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness at the mercy of the wolves in order to save one lost sheep.

In the parable we are considering it is the *heart of the shepherd* which comes under the spotlight, not the misdeeds of the sinner. The Pharisees and Scribes are, in a real sense, shepherds of the people and are offered this alluring image of a shepherd who loves each of his individual sheep with a preferential love.

In scriptural terms the flock of sheep is the Church: *in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven* (Hebrews 12:23). If the Pharisees and Scribes are seen as wanting in their love for God's wayward children, the Good Shepherd, on the contrary, is shown as one who loves each of his sheep with *all* of his love and must therefore do all he can to ensure it stays within the flock. No individual sheep is worth less than any other sheep, a fact reinforced by the parable which follows; no sheep is worth more than any other.

The merciful, loving heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the merciful, loving heart of God our heavenly Father. His mercy tirelessly seeks out each sinner and should the sinner respond there is delirious happiness and rejoicing in the whole court of heaven.

To every sinner in the state of mortal sin I say as simply as I can, 'Your sin is not the big deal you think it is; the big deal is your return to the merciful love of God. Trust in his mercy, not in your sin. And if you continue to sin, continue to trust and to return to his mercy.' Remember, Jesus said we should forgive 70 X 70 times. I have often said: "one I'm Sorry undoes a million mistakes." Father John

.TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. In the background is God's call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Sunday, not so much as a day of worship but as a day of rest, a day for renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. We can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values, having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ. James Field JS Paluch

Trivia Night
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
October 1 @ 7 pm
Get a table together (up to 8 people)
\$200 per table. (Limited number available)
Prizes for winning table and
other happenings
Complimentary popcorn and soda
Food for purchase



Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities (800-422-4453); local law enforcement (800-752-6200); or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available at this parish (in the bookshelf in back of the church), in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>). To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.

September Birthdays

- 1--Norwetta Taylor
- 2---Emma Latta
- 3--Father Suneesh, Venice Higgs
- 6--Shelby Webster
- 7--Aubrey Ottofy
- 8--Mary Hagan, Mamie Farish
- 9--Luke Bisel
- 20--Mary Katherine Gough



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Mass Intentions

- September 4--Stephen Hall
- September 11--Sandy Dyer
- September 18--Herbert Millay
- September 25--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: Carol Hachett, Sondra Hibbs, Sister Janice Fennewald, Charlie Brown Sr, Doris Smith, John Thompson, Dorothy Fennewald, Teresa Woods, Larry Allen, Jordan Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Ka'Mya Morton, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Gina Kirby (Connie Clary's daughter) Colin Holahan, 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, Philip Mooman, 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. **Our Scripture sharing time will resume mid-September.***

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- September--Sunday Mass at 9 am
- September 11--Sophia Award (Rita Moorman) 2 pm
- October 1--Trivia Night



Sept. 4--\$1065.55

Weekly Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$1065.55

MTD Budget--\$1058

YTD Collection--\$10,986.99

YTD Budget--\$10,580

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Rise, and Go to Your Father

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up."

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearance is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

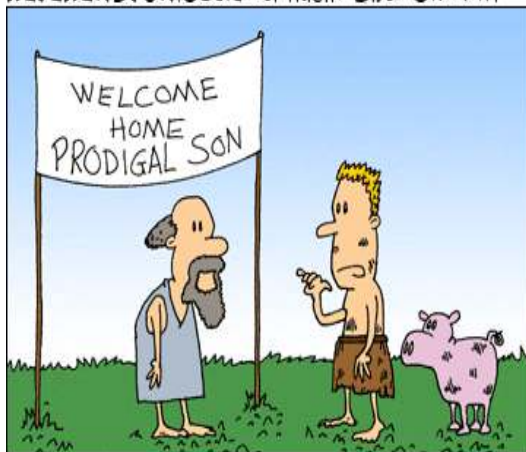
The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. *I haven't been given half of that, he thinks, and I've worked so hard.*

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Lectors	
<u>Sept. 11:</u>	Jacques Williams Sarah Malone
<u>Sept. 18:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Kathi Skidd
<u>Sept. 25:</u>	Barbara Bsel, Connie Clary
Eucharistic Minister	
<u>Sept. 11:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough, Kathi Skidd
<u>Sept. 18:</u>	Cindy Clark, Sarah Malone, Rita Moorman
<u>Sept. 25:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Misty Sanford, Lori Robinson
Collection & Gifts	
<u>Sept. 11:</u>	Steven and Meredith Fain and sons
<u>Sept. 18:</u>	Carol Hatchett, Elizabeth Hatchett
<u>Sept. 25:</u>	Alvin Leachman, Leland Herzog

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(See Luke 15) 06-04-2003
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY NEW FRIEND
... OL' SMELLY AND I SPENT A LOT OF
TIME TOGETHER

A PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE FRANCIS

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!
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.
Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

Renewed by The Eucharist: A Parish Mission | St. Pius X, Owensboro September 25-27, 2022 | 6:30 PM Nightly

- Sunday - How God's Word brings us into relationship and conversion.
- Monday - How the Mass unites us to Jesus Christ and each other.
- Tuesday - How the Mass sends us forth as servants to transform the world.

Join with parishioners and friends in the renewal event that will allow us to prayerfully see and celebrate how the Holy Eucharist brings life and hope to the world today.

The Mission Director is Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP. Fr. Frank has served as pastor in New York and Chicago and has written numerous books. He is the president of Paulist Evangelization Ministries in Washington, DC.

Continue to Change

When you're through changing, you're through.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8 and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15

Observances for the Week of Sept. 11

Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tuesday:	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs



LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to "Lost and Found Sunday." Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today's Gospel suggests that we'd be wiser to admit that we're sometimes lost. Then we'll eventually be happily counted among Jesus "found," because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, "began to complain" that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus warns them--and us-- to stop judging others. Marvel instead at God's amazing grace lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God "relented in punishment" and pardoned us, shouldn't we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his arrogance" as "foremost among sinners." We too, happy at being "mercifully treated," should share with everyone else Jesus unfailing patience.
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2022 Barbecue Schedule

- 9/17 Blessed Mother (Drive through) 4 pm
- 9/24 Immaculate 1:00-3:00 PM
- 9/25 St. Mary of the Woods 11:00 AM

Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

When we journey without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord; we are worldly. We may be cardinals, bishops, priests, popes but not disciples of the Lord.

--Pope Francis