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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. 25, 2022 26th Sunday--Ordinary Time

Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ..

First Reading

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (1 Kgs 19:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, ... to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Tm 6:13-14)

Gospel:

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" (Lk 16:25)



.My Dear Parishioners.

Every once and a while I pick up a hitchhiker. Yes, I know, it can be a dangerous act. If I have someone else in the car with me, I definitely will offer a ride to someone thumbing it. When I'm alone in a car I only pick someone up if I have on my collar. A few years ago I was driving to Alabama and I gave a lift to a man. He was a musician, a busker and basically lived by busking on the streets; not an easy way of life. He had practically all his possessions with him. He told me he knew over 350 songs, which was quite impressive. When he realized that I was a priest, he began asking me about religion. I can't remember much of what he said except for one thing. He said that he wasn't very religious but that he preferred to stay out of it and sit on the fence. When we spoke about death and meeting God he said that he would plead ignorance. That was the thing that struck me. He said, 'I'll just plead ignorance.'

I suppose if God were just another human being, we might get away with pleading ignorance, but since God knows everything about us, including our motivations, all the things that have influenced us during our life that cause us to act as we do, how free or not we are to make choices, I don't think that pleading ignorance will be much use! This is not to just focus on the negative as if we should be afraid of God because He is out to get us. On the contrary, the Lord loves us and wants to help us in every way possible. He knows our weaknesses and what we struggle with, but He also knows when we avoid responsibility.

In the readings today we are presented not so much with the rich and the poor, rather with those who deliberately turn their back on justice. We are shown the two extremes. The poor man Lazarus was at this rich man's gate. In other words the rich man couldn't have missed him because he was right under his nose. And it says that 'Lazarus longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table', which implies that he was offered absolutely nothing, not even a small amount. So it's not as if the rich man did a certain amount and it wasn't enough. Jesus is telling us that he did absolutely nothing. That is why he lost heaven, not because he had riches. There is nothing wrong with having riches. What you do with it is what's important. If I am wealthy then that is the situation God has put me in in this life (provided I acquired it in a just way, of course!). What I do with it is what's important.

Equally you might think that Lazarus could have got off his back-side and done something for himself. But the fact that he 'lay' at the rich man's gate and that he was covered in sores, tells us that he was sick and helpless. You could say that God put him there deliberately to allow the rich man to help him, but he chose to do nothing. I have no doubt that God often puts people in our path that may need our help, but we always have the choice to help them or not. God has given us that freedom. And the help we give people may not even be financial help. It may be something as simple as a smile or an encouraging word that is needed. All the time we are coming across people who need our help and if we are open to it we will recognize them. If we have plenty, well thank God for it, but it does mean that we also have an obligation to help those who are in need. 'The poor will always be with you.'

So you could say there is a double message here. First, let us thank God for what we have. Second, let us also ask God to help us make good use of what we have. God has given us freedom to do what we want in this life, but we are also asked to be responsible. True freedom is the freedom to choose what is good. That is what the Lord wants for us and that is also what will help us the most.

Blessings, Fr. John

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

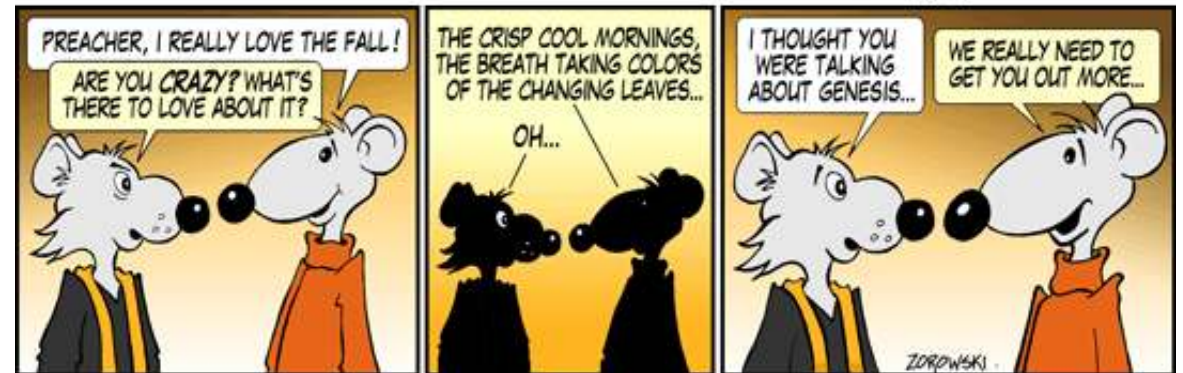
Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning and people who have a talent for hospitality. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

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Church Mice

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The movie **Mother Teresa No Greater Love** is coming to Owensboro this October. The movie will be shown only at select theaters on October 3 and 4 and Owensboro's Malco Theater has been chosen. There will only be one showing each night at 7 pm so seating is limited.

Go online early and order your tickets in advance. A great opportunity to see a movie about a modern day saint.

You are invited to a
Community Remembrance of Life
Tuesday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.
At the River Park Center, Cannon Hall
With Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Jason Toyer

Free to Attend: Everyone is Welcome
Please join Glenn Family Service as we come together to honor the memory of those whose lives were lost during the Covid-19 Pandemic. To remember them in a way we could not during quarantine. To celebrate those we love together in unity as they deserve.

September Birthdays

8--Mary Hagan, Mamie Farish
9--Luke Bisel
20--Mary Katherine Gough

October Birthdays

6--Jarrod Malone
10--Jacques Williams III
13--Vicki Leonard
20--Dorothea Melton
28--Martha Kramer



IMP—Kroger

We have just received a donation of \$138.32 from Kroger, thanks to 38 households who have signed up to contribute through the community rewards program. If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

You and I are called to do very humble work. There are many people who can do big things, but there are very few people who will do the small things. --Mother St.. Teresa

Mass Intentions

September 18--Herbert Millay
September 25--Kenny Malone
October 2--Sandy Dyer
October 9--Stephen Hall

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 Hatchett, Sondra Hibbs, Joyce Springer, 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 early October***

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

September and October--Sunday
Mass at 9 am

September 24--Diocesan
Response Fund Sunday



Sept. 18--\$1978.50

Weekly Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$3,622.50

MTD Budget--\$3,174

YTD Collection--\$13,543.49

YTD Budget--\$12,6696

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

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Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	Lectors
<u>Sept. 25:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Jacques Williams
<u>Oct. 2:</u>	Greg Gough Misty Sanford
<u>Oct. 9:</u>	Layson Brooks Sarah Malone
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>Sept. 25:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Misty Sanford, Lori Robinson
<u>Oct. 2</u>	Janet Clark, Kathi Skidd,, Barbara Bisel
<u>Oct. 9:</u>	Greg Gough,, Cindy Clark, Charlene Meadows
	Collection & Gifts
<u>Sept. 25:</u>	Alvin Leachman, Leland Herzog
<u>Oct. 2:</u>	Fain Family
<u>Oct. 9:</u>	Aubrey and Lad Ottoff

10 Word to Remember

- The most selfish one letter word--"I"--avoid it.*
- The most satisfying two letter word "We"--use it.*
- The most poisonous three letter word--"Ego"--overcome it.*
- The most used four-letter word--"Love"--value it.*
- The most pleasing five letter word--"Smile"--keep it.*
- The fastest spreading six letter word--"Rumors"--ignore it.*
- The hardest working seven letter word--"Success"--achieve it.*
- The most enviable eight letter word--"Jealousy"--distance it.*
- The most powerful nine letter word--"Knowledge"--acquire it.*
- The most valued ten letter word "Friendship"--maintain. it*

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.

- 2022 Barbecue Schedule**
- 9/24 Immaculate 1:00-3:00 PM
 - 9/25 St. Mary of the Woods 11:00 AM

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/ Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/ Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 13:9:1-3, 7-10/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71,75, 91/Lk 10:17-24

Observances for the Week of Sept. 25

Monday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Thursday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Friday:	St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church
Sunday:	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday;

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BUT I HAD THE MOST TOYS! DIDN'T I WIN?

HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's--justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, freedom for captives, sight to the blind, raising of those who are bowed down, loving the just, protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked.

Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experiences life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

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