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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

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

Pastor: Father John Thomas

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Parish Life Coordinator: Sr Jeannette Fennewald, SSND pa@blessedsacramentchapel.org

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Ex 19:5-

Psalm:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading:

If, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, will we be saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

Gospel:

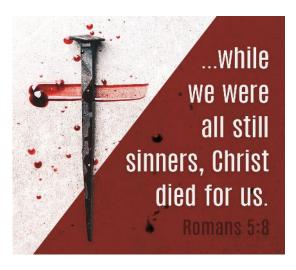
Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. (Mt 10:1)

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June 18, 2023 11th Sunday Ordinary Time

Without cost you have received. Without cost you are to give. Matt. 10:8



PICNIC August 5, 2023 12-2 pm

Information from the Parish Meeting which was held on June 4

Picnic

Grill night before

Prepare meats 1 pm Friday. Will split chickens in half this year.

We will need more workers on Friday afternoon

By not buying pre-split chickens, we save about .55 cents a lb.

Dinner—Drive-thru only

50-50 Raffle \$5 per ticket---sell, sell—start week of June 18

(Drawing Sunday morning—August 6 after Mass)

Meat:

Purchase ribs and whole chickens.

Hopefully we can get about 11 pork butts donated for pulled-pork sales, sandwiches.

Will order more chickens. Last year could have sold more through the drive-through and we will use for plate lunches.

Pre-sales—begin week of July 9

Ribs \$25/\$13

Chicken \$12/\$7

Pulled pork \$12

Dinner—drive through

Menu: 1/4 chicken, potato salad, baked beans, bread \$12

Sandwich: pulled pork (onion, pickle) \$6

50-50 raffle Start week of June 18 No one under age of 18 may purchase.

Church Mice





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. 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 hall, and 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



God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

June Birthdays

16--Sister Jeannette

23--Michelle Jones, Pam McCarter

27--Leland Herzog

28--Cassidy Campbell

30--Trent Hatchett, Father Sinjo

July Birthdays

3--Ray Higgs

8--Alexis Hatchett, Calvin McHenry



SMILE OF THE WEEK

The undertaker: There is an old story about a henpecked husband who went to a psychologist. He was tired of being dominated by his wife. The psychologist told him, "You do not have to accept your wife's bullying. You need to go home right now and let her know that you're your own boss." The husband decided to take the doctor's advice. He went home and slammed the door on the way in. He confronted his wife and said, "From now on you'll do what I say. Get my supper, then go upstairs and lay out my clothes. After I eat, I'm going out with the boys while you stay home. By the way, do you know who is going to tie my tie for me?" "I sure do," said his wife calmly, "the undertaker!"

Mass Intentions

June 4--Aaron Fennewald

June 11--Frances Johnson

June 18--Brian Bumm

June 25--Danny Stevens

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:
Ruth Coble, Steven Moorman, Rachel Mattingly Katya Winchell, Mike Lewis, Philip
Moorman, Jr., Danny Stevens, Wynter Keller,
Larry Clark, Gloria Savet, Shaun Winchell,
Jeeriah Cruite, Charlie Brown Sr, Carol
Hatchett, Teresa Woods, Larry Allen, Jordan
Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Debbie Moseley,
Donna Kaelin, Janice Taul, Pam Wilson, Frank
& Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Larry Conder, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, If you know of anyone who is in need
of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

IMP—Kroger

Thank you to everyone who has designated Blessed Sacrament as your community reward partner. We have 38 households that designate Blessed Sacrament as their community partner. Our last quarterly check is \$146.68. If you do not have a community reward partner, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

June 18--Raffle ticket sales

July 16--Raffle ticket sales at St.
Stephen Cathedral after
Masses: 4:30 Sat., 8:30 and 11 Sun.

August 5--Parish picnic



June 11--\$759.24

Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--.\$1867.20

MTD Budget--\$2116

YTD Collection--\$63,962.98

YTD Budget--\$51,470.02

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

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis.

An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— Father John Muir

MINISTRY SCHEDULE LECTORS Layson Brooks, Kathi Skidd June 18: June 25: Sarah Malone, Jacques Williams July 2: Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough **Eucharistic Ministers** June 18: Cindy Clark, Janet Clark, Misty Sanford Rita Moorman, Kathi Skidd, June 25: Denise Richardson Sarah Malone, Charlene July 2: Meadows, Lori Robinson **Collection & Gifts** Malone Family June 18: Kelly, Holly, Samuel Hollis, June 25: July 2: Lad and Aubrey Ottofy

.NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XIII

The National Black Catholic Congress will be held July 20-23 at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Maryland.

Key Participants include noted figures in U.S. Catholic history.

For more information or to register, contact Veronica Wilhite at veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org or the National Black Catholic Congress at nbcc@nbccongress.org

The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess *me*.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld. It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1-4

/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9/

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1-4, 9/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1-4, 7-8/

Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-7/

Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/

Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Observances for the Week of June 18

.Monday: St. Romuald, Abbot Tuesday: World Refugee Day Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and

Thomas More, Martyrs

Saturday: The Nativity of St. John the

Baptist

WALKING TOWARD GOD

If we walk one step toward God,
God will run ten steps toward us. --

Anonymous

Why do we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist?

We honor John the Baptist who was filled with the Holy Spirit in his Mother's womb, was chosen a herald of Jesus coming, lived a model life of holiness, and was martyred for his faith.

Laudato Si

We have just celebrated Laudato Si week which is inspired by Pope Francis' second encyclical **On Care for Our Common Home.** This encyclical explores our ecological crisis and its roots in overconsumption and current models of economic development.

Our Water: "Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right."

More and more people lack clean water for drinking, washing, and irrigating crops. Sometimes this is because there simply isn't enough water or because it is overused, wasted, or polluted. Water use has grown at more than twice the rate of population increase in the last century and more regions are reaching the point where there won't be enough water for people's future needs. Climate change is also causing shortages and droughts in some areas and flooding in others.

Water must be treated as a scarce and precious resource. We need to use less of it and use it more efficiently.

By 2025 two-thirds of the world's people could face water shortages.

Around 4 billion people suffer severe water scarcity for at least one month each year--especially in poorer countries and in rural areas. We can save resources by recycling rainwater and wastewater, and by protecting forests.

How can you be part of the solution this week?