

 **AnITConsultant** LLC

Whaylon Coleman
Chief Technology Officer

Office : PO BOX 22998
Owensboro, KY 42304-2998
Phone : 270-883-1450
Email : it@anitconsultant.com

ChemDry

- Carpet Cleaning
- Upholstery Cleaning
- Ceramic/Grout Cleaning
- Auto Interiors
- Area Rugs Cleaned

715 Cumberland St.
Owensboro, KY 42303
Phone: 270-684-0969 (Owensboro)
Phone: 270-827-1130 (Henderson)
Emergency: 270-315-2294

Jacques Williams
Manager

Pipe, Valves, Fittings, Pneumatics, Actuation, & Steam

 **PVF**
Supply Company, Inc.
"Since 1978"

Greg Gough
(Cell) 270-993-7120
greg@pvfsupplyco.com
270-685-4919
800-787-6803 (Fax) 270-685-2559
PO Box 1796, 1611 West 7th St., Owensboro, KY 42302

 **GREENWELL CHISHOLM**

Printing
Signs and Banners
Promotions
Design
Mailing and Fulfillment

gc1919.com • 270.684.3267
420 East Parrish Avenue
Owensboro, KY 42303



Blessed Sacrament

602 Sycamore Street • Owensboro, KY 42301 • 270-926-4741

www.blessedsacramentchapel.org or email at pa@blessedsacramentchapel.org

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
jthomas@sscobo.org

Parochial Vicar: Father Shibu Cheriankunnel
moc_scheriyankunnel@sscobo.org

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

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

Psalm:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away. (Jas 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mk 9:39-40)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Sept. 29, 2024 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Cleanse me from my unknown faults. Ps. 19



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

GLP

.My Dear Parishioners:

More than once I have had the experience of walking along and then suddenly falling forward, having stubbed my foot against a slightly raised paving slab. Sometimes the very paving that is meant to help us walk safely can prove to be a stumbling-stone because they are out of alignment with what surrounds them. Part of our baptismal calling is to support each other in our response to the Lord’s call. We need each other’s example, encouragement and, sometimes, challenge, if we are to walk in the way of the Lord. Many of us will be able to think of people who are a support to us in the living of our baptismal calling. The saints have traditionally played that role in the history of the church. We look to them to show what it means to be the Lord’s disciples; they can continue to speak to us across the centuries. People who are much closer to us in time and place may have done the same for us. They show us the Lord’s way by living that way themselves. Yet, we are also aware that some people can lead us astray, inviting us to take paths that are not in keeping with our baptismal calling. They can become obstacles to us, tripping us up as we struggle to follow in the way of Christ.

In today’s gospel, Jesus shows a strong awareness of these two possibilities. He speaks of the one who gives a cup of cold water to one of his followers and the one who is an obstacle to bring down one of his followers; the one who supports and the one who blocks. Jesus himself had experienced Peter, the leader of the twelve, as an obstacle. When Peter sought to dissuade Jesus from taking the path that God was asking him to take, because it would involve the cross, Jesus rebuked him with the words, ‘You are a stumbling block to me’ (Mt 16:23). The gospels suggest that Jesus’ disciples proved to be stumbling blocks to others on more than one occasion. Mark tells us that when parents were trying to bring their children to Jesus that he might bless them, the disciples spoke sternly to the parents and tried to block the children from reaching Jesus. In today’s gospel, we find Jesus’ disciples trying to block someone from doing the Lord’s work, just because he was not one of them. In response, Jesus rebukes them, ‘Do not stop him...Anyone who is not against us is for us.’

Peter and the disciples meant well in all these cases. Even well-meaning people, it seems, can become obstacles to the Lord’s work. We can all find ourselves in the role of the stumbling block without realizing it. Thinking that our way is the Lord’s way, we can then proceed to try and impose that way on others. The disciples in today’s gospel had to learn that their way was, in fact, a much narrower way than the Lord’s way, and that their narrow perspective was an obstacle to the Lord’s way. In contrast to his disciples, Jesus was able to recognize and encourage goodness wherever he found it. He was alert to the signs of the Spirit’s presence wherever he came across them. In the same way, Moses in the first reading recognized and rejoiced in the movement of the Spirit in the lives of Eldad and Medad, even though Joshua wanted Moses to stop them prophesying.

We all have a role to play in recognizing and supporting the working of the Spirit in each other. Towards the end of his first letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul says, ‘Do not quench the Spirit.’ To quench the Holy Spirit in others is to become a stumbling block, an obstacle, to God’s working in their lives. We can quench the Spirit in others and hinder the good work that God is doing through them for a whole variety of very human reasons. We can be motivated by jealousy, as Moses suggests Joshua was in today’s first reading. Like the disciples, we can refuse to acknowledge God’s good work in the lives of others because they are not ‘one of us’, because they belong to a different church or religion or ethnic group. We can be dismissive of the good someone else is doing simply because it is not the way we would have done it, forgetting that the Holy Spirit works in many diverse ways in people’s lives. Living as we do in a culture that is awash with obstacles, we who seek to be the Lord’s followers need to ensure that we do not become stumbling stones for one another. The Lord looks to us to give the cup of cold water, to nurture what is good in each other, and to rejoice in the working of the Spirit in others. Blessings, Fr. John

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Accountability Report
2023-2024

Income	
Contributions & Bequests	
Contributions	71,275.14
Fundraiser	17,106.50
Subsidy Income from SSC	10,000.08
Capital Campaign	49,096.61
*Grant, Investment and Other Income	10,213.38
Total Income	157,691.71

Expense	
Diocesan Assessments	3,449.59
Employee Benefits	2,058.70
*Grants, Sub, & other Direct Aid	9,784.16
Property & Liability Ins.	4,370.75
*Religious, Supplies, Other Expense	8,468.34
Fundraising Expense	5,152.48
Repairs & Maintenance	10,253.45
Salaries & Wages	28,262.28
Building, Furnishings & Equipment Exp.	53,173.04
Telephone & Utilities	6,996.53
Total Expense	131,969.32

Balance Income vs Expense	25,722.39
----------------------------------	------------------

*Other & Misc contain items not specific to any listed category

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 19--Luke Bisel
- 18--Samuel Hollis, Lila Clark
- 20--Mary Katherine Gough

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6--Holly Hollis
- 10--Jacques Williams III
- 13--Vicki Leonard
- 17--Kelly Hollis



WHY I GO TO CHURCH

A friend questioned why I go to church “I have gone to church for more than 30 years and in that time have heard something like 3000 sermons but can’t remember a single one of them. I think I am wasting my time.” My reply: “I’m 65 years old now. In that time, I have consumed thousands of meals. I’ve eaten meals at family and friends’ homes and dined at many restaurants. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my daily work. If I had not had those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today. The Church is designed to nourish the imperfect, the struggling and the exhausted. I wonder sometimes if this country’s problems are because many people are spiritually malnourished. “Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and received the impossible. Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourish-

Mass Intentions

- September 22--David “Smokey” Millay
- September 29--Harry Baumgarten
- October 6--Harris Family
- October 13--David Millay

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: Pam Wilson, Emma Latta, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Joe Washington, Judy Stinnett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Larry Allen, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman. If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

.SAVE THE DATE

There will be a hotdog/chili supper/ fundraiser on Saturday October 19th. A couple things that we have planned. We are asking parishioners to make chili; there will be a prize for the most tasty chili. We want to have a silent auction so if you have a donation or can get donations, please let us know. There will be music, beer and wine as part of the evening entry. Should be a fun evening. Please invite friends to join you for the evening. Entry is \$15 per person and will include food and drink and a fun evening. More details to follow.

Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Happenings

- October 6 and 13--No religious ed class (fall break)
- October 11--Scripture Sharing 10 am
- October 19--Hot dog/chili Night 6:15



- Sept 22-\$1540.12
- Budget--\$1300
- MTD Collection--\$5,285.08
- MTD Budget--\$5,200
- YTD Collection--\$15,427.08
- YTD Budget--\$15,600
- .

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

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn’t ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, “where the worm does not die.” If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It’s not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the “little ones,” as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We’d never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Lectors	
<u>September 29:</u>	Jacques Williams, Kathi Skidd
<u>October 6:</u>	Layson Brooks, Wayne Stephens
<u>October 13:</u>	Alexis Hatchett, Kathi Skidd
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>September 29:</u>	Greg & Denise Richardson, Misty Sanford
<u>October 6::</u>	Kathi Skidd, Rita Moorman, Barbara Bisel
<u>October 13:</u>	Cindy Clark, Janet Clark, Greg Gough
Collection & Gifts	
<u>September 29:</u>	Jamie Bisel and sons
<u>October 6:</u>	Michelle Jones, Dee Brasher
<u>October 13:</u>	Steve Coble, Wayne Stephens

MADE PRESENT HERE AND NOW

Pope Francis reminds us that, when we come to Mass, we are not just remembering what Jesus did at the Last Supper. Rather we are also taking part in his death and resurrection and following his call to take up his life in all that we do. It is his true Body and Blood that we consume--his everlasting gift of himself. It is not given to us as merely something to adore. Eucharist calls us to action, to do whatever we can to make Jesus’ message heard by all those who need his blessing and grace.

Do I know someone who needs to hear God’s message? Am I strong enough to share it?

The Angel in the Marble

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you’ll be let inside. I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn’t want all of you, exactly as you are? “Be yourself,” we tell our kids. “If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don’t want to be that person’s friend.”

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we’ll see that we *have* been changed by them. We aren’t the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket. This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn’t helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

“I saw the angel in the marble,” Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, “and I carved until I set him free.”

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

“Cleanse me from my unknown faults!” — Psalm 19:13
©LPi Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7 /Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, Ps.119:66 -75, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Observances for the week of September 29, 2024	
Monday:	St. Jerome, Doctor of Church
Tuesday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin
Wednesday:	Holy Guardian Angels
Friday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday:	Saint Faustina Kowalska,



NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him,, Jesus corrects his disciples’ misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the “little ones,”: the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. “Anyone who gives you a cup of water...because you belong to Christ...will surely not lose his reward” (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however mall and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor. Copyright J.S. Paluch Co

LAUGH OF THE DAY

Things To Ponder

Why do you have to ‘put your two cents in’... but it’s only ‘a penny for your thoughts?’

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why is it that people say they ‘slept like a baby’ when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you “IN” a movie, but you’re “ON” TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground

KNOW THE ANGELS

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you.

--St. Francis de Sales