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The Jubilee Prayer

**Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.**

**To you God blessed in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever and ever.**



Blessed Sacrament

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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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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

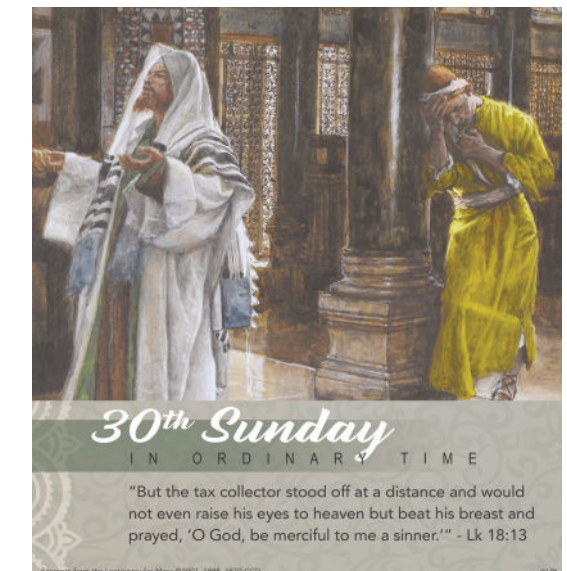
Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14)

October 26, 2025 30th Sunday Ordinary Time



My Dear Parishioners:

As we look to the month of November, the Church asks us in a special way to remember the dead. Culturally, this idea is sort of taboo. We avoid looking at death. As a nation we spend billions of dollars each year to ‘make ourselves look younger’ (cosmetics, hair dye, surgeries, lying about our age). At the same time, we are willing to live in a culture of death (abortion, death penalty, euthanasia) and feel justified in killing someone for various reasons. St. Benedict encourages, even admonishes us, to keep death always before us. Not keep death before us in some morose way, but in a realistic and honest way. When we live knowing we will one day perish, we live differently. When we live realizing our days are numbered, we appreciate, we enjoy, we recognize kindness, and we find meaning in what we choose to do and not do.

During the month of November, you will notice a ‘Book of Life’ near the altar. I encourage you to inscribe the names of your family members and friends who have died. They will be remembered at each Mass during the month. The month of November begins with the celebration of All Saints on November 1. This is a holy day of obligation (which means we should attend Mass). We recognize the many that lived a life of faith and now live eternally with Christ. Many of these saints we name throughout the year on the calendar. There are countless others, however, who go unnamed (many from our own parish family). These individuals lived simple lives of dedication, sacrifice, and love of God. On November 2, we then recognize The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls). Very clearly here, we remember ALL the faithful departed.

It is customary on this day to visit a cemetery or to remember specifically members of our own family who have died. It is also customary to offer a Mass Intention for someone who has died. Remember during one of my first weekends here I referred to the fact that when we gather around the Altar for Mass heaven and earth are joined.

In this column, today I am writing about the dead, but one can also offer a Mass for the living members of our family. Here we specifically remember members of our own parish that have died this past year. However, there will be opportunity to remember others who have died. The Church calls us to remember the dead and pray for them. Our attention is focused during the month of November. I strongly encourage you to take part. Offer a Mass. Visit a cemetery. Send a note to someone who has recently lost a loved one.

Fr. Abbot Lambert Riley, O.S.B., once said, “Each year we walk across the date of our death and don’t even realize it.” I do believe death is the only thing in this life from which none of us is exempt. *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

Blessings, Fr. John



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

November Birthdays

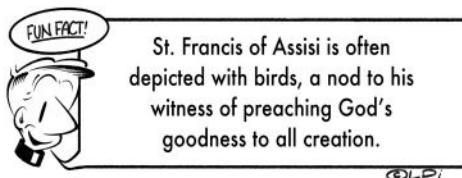
1— Father John Thomas
 5— Jamie Bisel
 7—Lennox Williams,
 Hank Fain,
 Quinn Fain
 11—Jeff Sanford



"What did the birds say to St. Francis on Halloween?"



"Twick-or-Tweet!"



Mass Intentions

October 26--Larry Allen
 November 2--Patricia Lett
 November 9--Jean Murphy

Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died. 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: Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**



Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Happenings

October 26 -- Religious Ed

November 2 -- Parish Meeting

November 23 -- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



October 19--\$1,859.50

Budget--\$1,300

MTD Collection--\$10,088.00

MTD Budget--\$3,900

YTD Collection--\$32,299.59

YTD Budget--\$20,800

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

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
	Lectors
<u>October 26:</u>	Wayne Stephens, Layson Brooks
<u>November 2:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough
<u>November 9:</u>	Jacques Williams, Misty Sanford
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>October 26:</u>	Rita Moorman., Greg Gough, Barbara Bisel
<u>November 2:</u>	Cindy Clark, Misty Sanford, Janet Clark
<u>November 9:</u>	Sr. Monica Seaton, Michelle Jones, Holly Hollis
	Collection & Gifts
<u>October 26:</u>	Laverne Thames, Burnell Hamilton
<u>November 2:</u>	Dee and Brennah Brasher
<u>November 9:</u>	Barbara Hammond, Wonet Taylor

Prayer of Praise

Dear God,

As we look to the week ahead, help us to remember that You will accompany us at every moment — You who greet us with mercy anew every morning, and grace in abundance each night.

Amen.

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Training for the Race

If you were going to run a race, wouldn't you need to train? My wife is not a runner, but a few years back, she wanted to participate in a race with my youngest son. She embarked on a journey which included a healthy diet, exercise, and a lot of running. After several months, she was ready. The race came and went but what remained was a sense of accomplishment. She would have never made it through that event if not for her training. When the time came, she was ready.

Our life in Christ is a race of sorts. It is not a race that starts and stops again and again but one that continues from our baptism until eternal life with him (hopefully). Even though we never stop the race, we do have moments where we need to hydrate, take nourishment, and gain strength. That's what we do at the Mass and in our parish community. It is in our parish where we find what we need to keep running that race.

The problem is that too many assume we only are running the race when we are involved with the parish. Living out our discipleship in stewardship is not only to be done in the Church. In fact, what we do in the Church is to prepare us for what we are called to do during all the times we are not at Church. We encounter Christ in his Church so that we may bring him into a world that needs him. In community, we train and take nourishment so that we have any chance of running the race every day. Don't let your stewardship stop at the church doors. Outside those doors, the race is on!

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

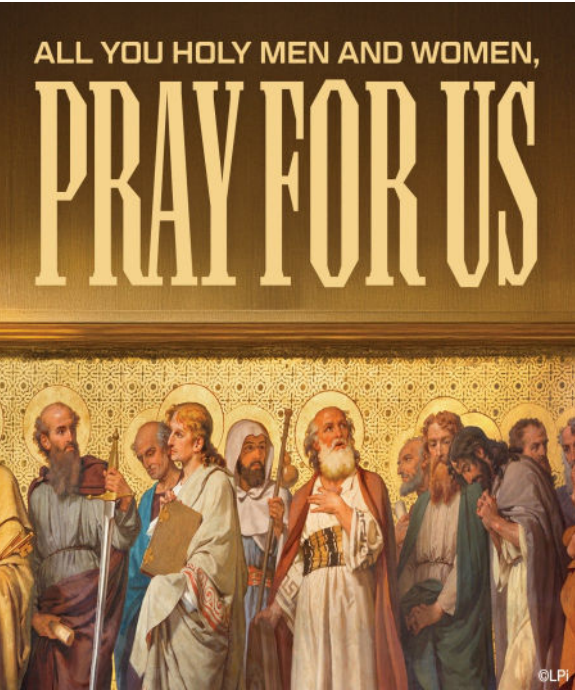
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Observances for the week of October 26

Tuesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday: All Saints



New parishioner
Jean Seaton

