

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 21, 2026



BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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.

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

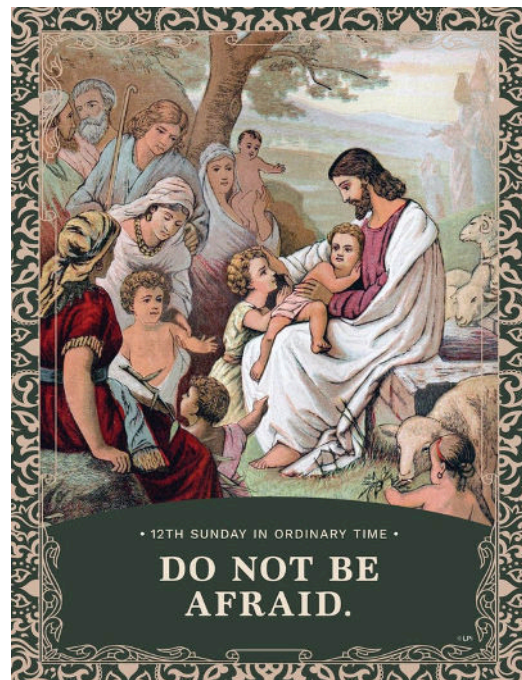
Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." (Mt 10:27)



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**DO NOT BE
AFRAID.**

My Dear Parishioners:

Wherever you go, I shall go/ Wherever you live, there shall I live/ Your people will be my people/ And your God will be my God, too. This promise of fidelity from the book of Ruth reminds us that Christ will live and go with us, wherever we live and wherever we go. But it also invites us to care for people because they are his people, too. Christ asks each disciple to be his partner in the work that God the Father sent him to do in this world. And he promises to be our partner, whatever our work, whatever kind of life we live, wherever we go. We follow him, trusting that he is with us, not just for a moment, but for the whole of our lives. Wherever we go, however we live, “the Lord is at my side.” His commitment to us is lifelong despite our own inability to think of him always, or even despite our occasional thoughtless rejection of him. The mystery of God’s call to us and of our response to him is that he is always there for us. “I am at your side; you are my friends,” said Jesus, even to disciples who sometimes lose the way.

“Wherever you go, I shall go.” If we take those words to heart we can accept the risk of going out to others in his name. In saying “yes” to our life as Christian disciples, we can, like Jeremiah, go forward in a zigzag fashion, going somewhere, but not always directly or in a predictable manner. “Do not be afraid,” Christ said and still says. Christ is not for the fearless but for those who must control their fears. Neither is he for the perfect but for those who need his word of forgiveness. If this ideal of going the journey of life with Christ seems beyond our reach, remember how once said to his friends, “With men it is impossible but not with God; for all things are possible with God.” I follow Christ best when I realize that the gospel ideal is beyond the reach of my own strength. It is then that I can lean on him and build on the strength of the Lord who is always at my side.

Blessings,

Fr. John



Diocesan Priest Convocation June 22-25, 2026
Please pray for our priests



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light.” We all hear God’s voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune.

June Birthdays

23—Pamela McCarter
Michelle Jones

27—Leland Herzog
Lucie Fuchs

30—Trent Hatchet

July Birthdays

1—Fr. Christopher Grief

3—Ray Higgs

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Mary Ann Terry, Nicole Melton, Mike Dunn, Phaedra Fuchs, Renee Perkins, Rita Moorman, Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebbert, 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, 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.

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.

Mass Intentions

June 21 - April Brown

June 28 - Kenneth Higgs

July 5 - Charlene Armendarez

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Coming Events



June 21-Father's Day

June 21-First day of summer



July 4-Independence Day

August 1-Picnic Drive-Thru

11am-1pm



June 14--\$1,441.50

Budget--\$1,300.00

MTD Collection--\$2,698.59

MTD Budget--\$2,600.00

YTD Collection--\$95,208.06

YTD Budget--\$66,000.00

*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

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: **“Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.”** (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Observances for the Week

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More

Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Affability, Explained!

There was a certain sister in the Carmelite convent who particularly tried the patience of St. Therese of Lisieux.

But instead of avoiding this person, St. Therese instead made a point of smiling at her whenever the two met.

“Charity must not consist in feelings, but in works,” wrote St. Therese. “I set myself to doing for this Sister what I would do for the person I loved the most.” In doing so, she learned to see “Jesus hidden in the depths” of this woman’s soul.

St. Therese was growing in the virtue of affability when she did this. Affability is attached to justice, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, and demands “that we behave pleasantly to those among whom we dwell.” (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2)

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. “How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one,” writes King David in Psalm 133.

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



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Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.

When we fail and fall short of your expectations,
you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world
as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.

Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Collection & Gifts
June 21	Barb Bisel Misty Sanford	Cindy Clark Michelle Jones Vivian Higgs	Dee and Brennah Brashear
June 28	Greg Gough Sister Monica Seaton	Greg & Denise Richardson Misty Sanford	Barbara Hammond Wonet Taylor

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

Jeremiah trusts in the Lord despite his fear of being attacked and persecuted.

Can you think of a time when you had to totally trust in God?

2nd Reading

Paul compares and contrasts the impact of Adam and Christ on our lives.

Who would you say has made the biggest impact on your life so far?

Gospel Reading

Jesus warns his disciples against spiritual forces that seek to destroy both the body and the soul.

Where do you see malevolent spiritual forces at work in our world?

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

50/50 Raffle Tickets on sale now
Buy from a parishioner or message on
Facebook. 1 Ticket for \$5

BBQ ribs, chicken, and pulled pork
Whole Chickens- \$12
Pound of Pulled Pork- \$12
Ribs Full Rack- \$25 Half Rack \$13

Drive-thru Pick Up
11:00am-1:00pm

50/50 Raffle

Tickets to sell will be distributed at church or mailed to parishioners.

Last year the total half pot sales were \$5,085. Let's try to make this year the biggest one yet!

To turn in sold tickets or if you need more tickets please contact Cindy Clark, Michelle Jones, or Sister Monica



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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