

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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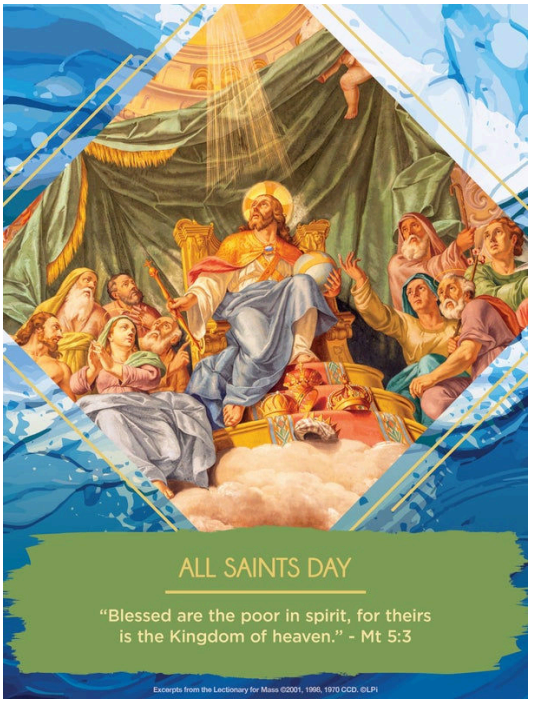
Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor, power, and might
be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (Rv 9:12)

Psalm:
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Mt 5:10)



My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate All Saints—a feast that reminds us holiness is not rare, distant, or reserved for a few heroic figures. It is the true calling of every human life.

When we hear “saints,” we might think of the great names: apostles, martyrs, founders. But this day is also for the hidden saints; the quiet grandmother who prayed faithfully, the neighbor who forgave when it was hard, the worker who lived with integrity, the believer who carried suffering with trust. Heaven is filled not only with the famous, but with the faithful!

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. Notice what He does: He doesn’t describe extraordinary achievements; He describes transformed hearts. “Blessed are the poor in spirit… the meek… the merciful… the clean of heart.” This is the path to sainthood, not perfection in the worldly sense, but a life shaped by grace, humility, and love.

The saints are not people who never struggled; they are people who kept turning back to God. They allowed Christ to live in them. And that is the invitation for us today: not to admire saints from a distance, but to imitate them up close.

All Saints Day also reminds us that we are not alone. We belong to a communion, a living family that spans heaven and earth. The saints intercede for us. They encourage us. They show us that holiness is possible in every time, every place, every vocation. Every time we gather for Mass it is at our Holy Altar that heaven and earth unite.We join all the saints in petition, praise, and supplication.

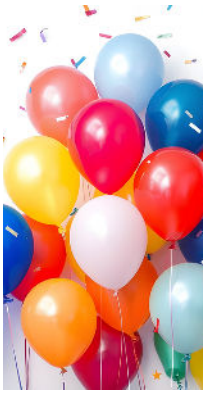
So, the question is simple and direct: what would it look like for you to be a saint, here and now? Not in someone else’s life, but in yours.

Today, ask for that grace. Not to be perfect overnight, but to take the next step: to forgive, to trust, to serve, to love more deeply.

Because the truth of this feast is both humbling and hopeful: the saints are not just those we celebrate today, they are also those we are called to become.

Blessings,

Fr. John



November Birthdays

1—Father John Thomas
5—Jamie Bisel
7—Lennox Williams
Hank and Quinn Fain
11—Jeff Sanford
16—Joyce Moorman
Greg Gough
19—Ron Moorman
Barbara Bisel
20 – Gary Wahl
22—Trey Hatchett

Mass Intentions

November 1 - James Curtiss 'JC' Greene

November 8 - Carl Millay

November 15 - Sam Thruston

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Rayma Hollis, Judy Aronold, Ginny Singleton, Mary Ann Terry, Nicole Melton, Mike Dunn, 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, 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.



Coming Events

November 1 - Parish Meeting after Mass

November 1 - Religious Ed

November 8 - Religious Ed

November 15 - Religious Ed

November 22- No Religious Ed

November 22 - Thanksgiving Meal - Noon



October 25--$2,062.128
Budget--$1,541.00
MTD Collection--$6,463.66
MTD Budget--$6,164.00
YTD Collection--$26,660.57
YTD Budget--$26,197.00

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

At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).** The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.

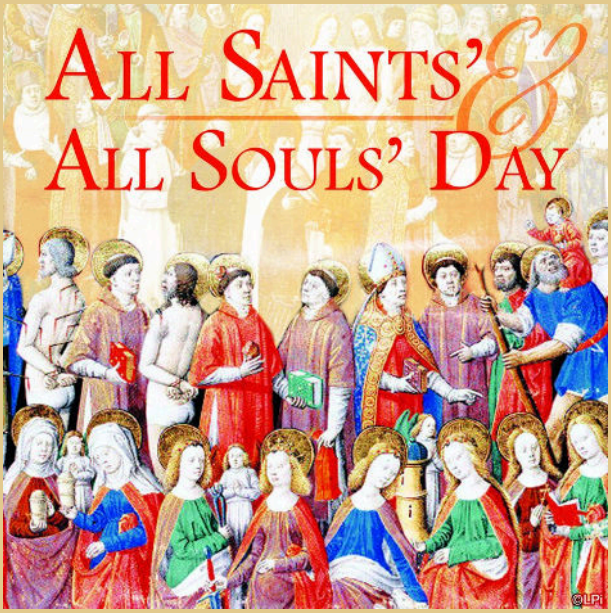
— Father John Muir

Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Observances for the Week

Monday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Tuesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Wednesday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop





We remember those who have died this past year:

James Curtiss 'JC' Greene

Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU

Frank Fulton

Robert "Bob" Wahl

Birdie Coleman

Wilbur Mays

Patricia Mays

Charles Brown, Sr.

Rachel Mattingly

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

John sees a vision of a new Israel consisting of every race and nation who has suffered for their faith in Jesus.

Would you say you have suffered for the Faith?

2nd Reading Question

John speaks of the "children of God" as those who have a deep abiding hope in one day being like Jesus.

What do you imagine "to be like Jesus" looks like?

Gospel Question

Jesus teaches the disciples that God uses the poor in spirit, the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, etc., to help him build the kingdom of heaven on earth.

How is God using you to build the kingdom of heaven?

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Got a broken heart? Rejoice! An empty bank account? Rejoice! Are you undervalued, overlooked? Rejoice! In the Beatitudes, Jesus offers more than just sweet sayings. He offers a challenge, one we can only meet if he is at our side: rejoice!

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Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Collection & Gifts
November 1	Katie Goins Sr. Monica Seaton	Barb Bisel Vivian Higgs Holly Hollis	Jamie, Beau, & Luke Bisel
November 8	Leland Herzog Wayne Stephens	Cindy Clark Michelle Jones Janet Clark	Kelly, Holly, & Sam Hollis

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL FREE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME

November 22nd
602 Sycamore St.
Serving will begin at 12 p.m.

Dine In



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

JOIN OTHER PARISHIONERS IN BUILDING COMMUNITY AND SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH OTHERS THROUGH HOSPITALITY!

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country, November 1-7, 2026. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."



God our Father,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.









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Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Thanks for your support.

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