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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

Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2018

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).



Remember that each day is God’s gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift to God.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Hope you had a memorable Halloween celebration. The month of November is in a special way dedicated to souls in purgatory. We had special commemoration of them on the 1st along with the All Saints’ Day. Prayers for the souls in purgatory is an important part of our Catholic Faith and let us try to join the Church in praying for them and thereby growing in our holiness. This week there is a Tri-Parish Mission organized by the collaboration of Blessed Mother, St. Joseph & Paul and St. Stephen Cathedral parishes on 5th, 6th and 7th respectively. This year we have a significant theme “What does it mean to be Catholic” directed by Fr. Tom McCarthy OSA. I recommend all you to participate in it and get strengthened. It will start at 6:30 each evening.

The Gospel this weekend is about the greatest Commandment, Commandment of Love. A scribe who was expected to be well versed with the Law questioned Jesus about the greatest commandment. Religion to Jesus was loving God and loving men. He would have said that the only way in which a man can prove that he loves God is by showing that he loves men. The scribe willingly accepted this, and went on to say that such a love was better than all sacrifices. In that he was in line with the highest thought of his people. Long, long ago Samuel had said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” (1Samuel 15:22.) Hosea had heard God say, “I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice.” (Hosea 6:6.) But it is always easy to let ritual take the place of love. It is always easy to let worship become a matter of the Church building instead of a matter of the whole life. The priest and the Levite could pass by the wounded traveler because they were eager to get on with the ritual of the temple. This scribe had risen beyond his contemporaries and that is why he found himself in sympathy with Jesus.

(☺☺☺) Always
(☺☺☺) Keep
(☺☺☺),☺ Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath,

November Birthdays

- 1—Austin Gough
- 7—Lennox Williams
- 8—Audrey Mezur
- 11—Jeff Sanford
- 16—Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough
- 19—Ron Moorman, Barbara Bisel
- 22—Trey Hatchett
- 25—Payton Sanford



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Mass Intentions:

- November 1—Bernice Williams
- November 4—Barbara Horsley
- November 11—Jerry Mezur
- November 18—Kenneth Higgs
- November 25—Donald Moorman

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: SICK Martha Kramer, Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Larry Clark, Greta Beal, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Dorothy Fulton and Beverly Chilton are in their homes but can no longer join us for Sunday Mass and activities. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

VETERANS: Please join us for a day of prayer in tribute to you on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 10 AM. to 1 PM. at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center . Veterans gave up so much for us; now we hope to give to you. The retreat director is Rev. Pat Dolan, chaplain and veteran of Louisville. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. Please call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Nov. 8 McDonald’s Fundraiser 4-7 PM
Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2 PM
Dec. 16 Christmas Soulful Concert 2 PM

Diocesan Happenings
Nov. 5-7 Tri-parish Mission
(See side bar and Father Sinoj’s reflection)
Nov. 9-10 Diocesan Youth Conference at
Owensboro Convention Center



Thank you for your contributions.
Oct. 28—\$689
Weekly Budget —\$875
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Year to date—\$14,487
YTD budget—\$15,750
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Thank you for your contributions to the DRF.



Tri-parish Mission
November 5-7

Father Tom McCarthy from the Archdiocese of Chicago will lead a mission November 5-7. His presentation is titled “What Does it Mean to be Catholic..”

Each presentation begins at 6:30 pm.
Monday: Blessed Mother Church
Saints
Tuesday: Sts. Joseph and Paul
Prayer
Wednesday: St. Stephen Cathedral
Family of Faith Mass

All are welcome on one or more nights.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday: Election Day

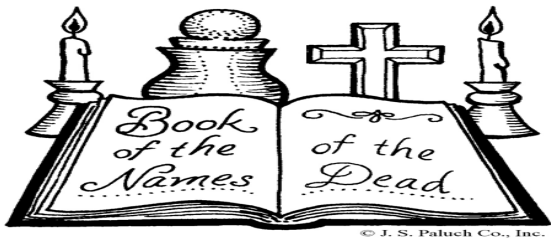
VOTE

Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Saturday: St. Leo the Great

GOD’S LAWS

God’s laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God’s laws out of fear of what might happen if we don’t, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God.

The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, “Hear, O Israel.” Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.



NEITHER DESPAIR NOR PRESUME

Two criminals were crucified with Christ.
One was saved; do not despair.
One was not; do not presume.

Pray for the souls in Purgatory. We are their gate to heaven.

- Nov. 11:

Gloria Adams

Kathi Skidd

Nov. 18:

Marsha Allen

Greg Gough

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov. 11:

Tina Gough

Rita Moorman

Cindy Clark

Nov. 18:

Charlene Meadows

Cathy Kramer

Karen Leachman

Offertory/ Ushers

Nov. 11:

Fulton Family

Nov. 18:

Yvonne Mundy

Pam Wilson

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them.

—St. John Chrysostom

Pray for the people in your life who have passed away, remembering with gratitude any good examples they set for you. —Pope Francis

National Black Catholic History month, celebrated in November, provides the opportunity to honor the holy men and women who inspire the faithful to this day.

That history traces far back to the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40), when St. Philip the Deacon converted an educated, high-level Ethiopian official in charge of the treasury for the Ethiopian queen. The baptism of the African treasurer was one of the first times an Apostle evangelized outside of Jerusalem, and is thus considered the sowing of the seeds of the universal church. Several saints of African descent have since influenced Christians. Those holy ones include; Saints Anthony of Egypt, Cyprian, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pistentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, Thecla and Zeno. Three sainted popes came from Africa. Additionally, Northern Africa is considered the cradle of Western monasticism.

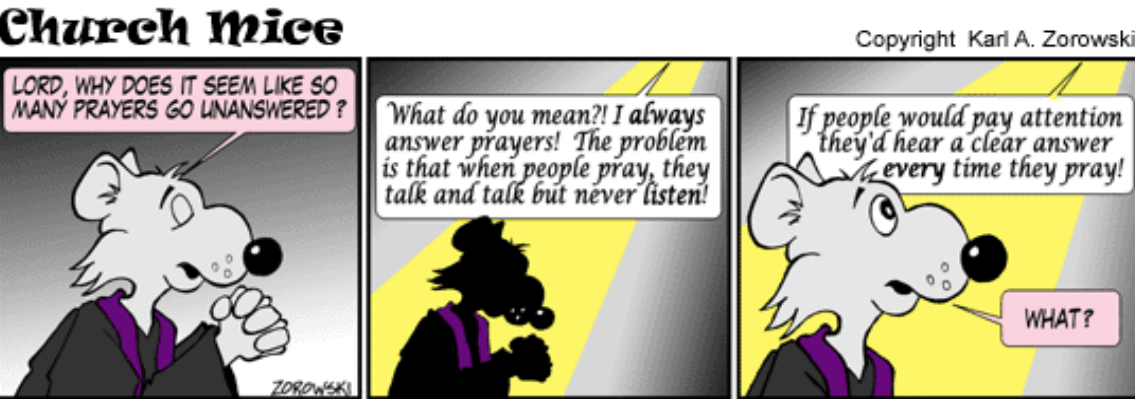
The Catholic Church does not yet have any African-American saints. There is focus on five African-Americans whom are considered worthy of the cause for sainthood: New Orleans’ Venerable Henriette Delille, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Buffalo’s Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a slave from Haiti who eventually gained his freedom in New York City and became a philanthropist to the poor of that city; Baltimore’s Servant of God Mother Mary Lange; Denver’s Servant of God Julia Greeley; and Chicago’s Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton. The Diocese of Jackson, Miss., is seeking a cause for canonization of a sixth — Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just two years ago, we engaged in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in “chapter” at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in “chapter” by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don’t have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

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Please join us in our fundraising effort at McDonald’s on Parrish Ave. on Nov. 8th from 4-7 PM. Wear your BSC shirt. Invite friends and family members.

