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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

Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug. 4, 2019

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— *Psalm 90:12*



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Christ is all in all.



From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I would like to congratulate all of you for your participation in our picnic. I believe everything went on well with God’s help and providence and your cooperation. I pray that God reward all of you for all the goodness that you are able to share with the Church and the community. Thanks to all who took up the leadership in different responsibilities. May God bless us all!

It is the gift of Faith we received from God and our ancestors that we are able to share what we have with our brothers and sisters. The Gospel this weekend exhorts this Good News of the” richness of giving.” Telling the parable of the foolish rich man, Jesus warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life’s focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in other people. Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. Besides, the rich man forgot the fact that his wealth had been lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus wants us to use our earthly possessions to become rich in the sight of God. We shall be thankful to God for all the blessings. Let us be aware of our stewardship duties. We are blessed with abundance of material and non-material gifts. Let us convince ourselves that they are all given to us as a loan to share with others. May we be encouraged to participate in more activities of our parish and share the gifts we have received from God with others as a thanksgiving to HIM!

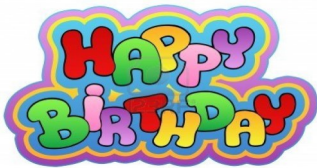
God loves you!!!!

(^__^) Always
 _(^__^) Keep
(^__^),.^ Smiling

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

August Birthdays

- 4--Ethan Kramer
- 24--Celena Hagan
- 30--Hank Pardon



We celebrate the feast of St. Lawrence this week. When asked to bring the gold of the church to the emperor, he gathered the poor of the city--the treasure of the church. For this act, he was burned alive on a griddle. He is said to have told his executioners. “ I am well done on this side. Turn me over.”

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Mass Intentions:

- August 3--Kenneth Higgs
- August 11--Dorothy Fulton
- August 15--Michael Carrico
- August 18--Sandra Brown
- August 25--Rose Chapman

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 souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: the sick: **Martha Kramer, Chelsey Brown, , Ray Higgs, Philip Moorman, Sr., Faye Fountain, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton,** Lori Robinson, Charlene Meadows, Larry Allen, David Carter, Frank Adams, Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr., **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Please remember our home-bound: Beverly Chilton, who is in her home and Ruth Coble who is at Heritage Park . Georgia Holland who has moved to St. Louis stays in touch with BSC. A phone call or a card can cheer them up.



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- August 4 No 10 AM Mass
- August 14 Deanery Meeting at BSC 12:30
6 PM Mass (Assumption)
- Diocesan Community Happenings
- August 6 St. Martin, Rome Bar-b-q
(drive through only)
- August 11 Rural Life Conference 5 PM
Convention Center



Thank you for your contributions.

- July 28--\$824
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May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Thank you, thank you for all you did to make the picnic a success. Many of you reach out and do whatever you can to help--not just one day but several days. One of the big parts of the success of the picnic is the way we greet our visitors and you do a super job with that. The picnic is also a means to build community among ourselves and get to know one another. A parishioner is one who attends Mass and participates. Thank you for filling that role.

Today’s readings challenge us to re-assess our priorities and our true wealth and security, and to take care to guard against greed. The Gospel is often referred to as “The Parable of the Rich Fool.” Yikes! Surely no one would want to be referred to in such a way. Jesus uses the parable of the rich man to illustrate the folly of hoarding all our gifts for our benefit alone. Rather than being fixated on pursuing more, we should strive to be rich in what matters to God. This can certainly be a challenge in today’s society, where we many feel their success is determined by money, possessions, or prestige. Good antidotes to greed are gratitude and generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17;
Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6,
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34
-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23;
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21;
Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9;
Jn 12:24-26
- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22;
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12];
Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major
- Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Wednesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan
- Thursday: St. Dominic
- Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Saturday: St. Lawrence

THE EFFECTS OF PRAYER

Whoever prays much by night, that person’s face is fair by day.

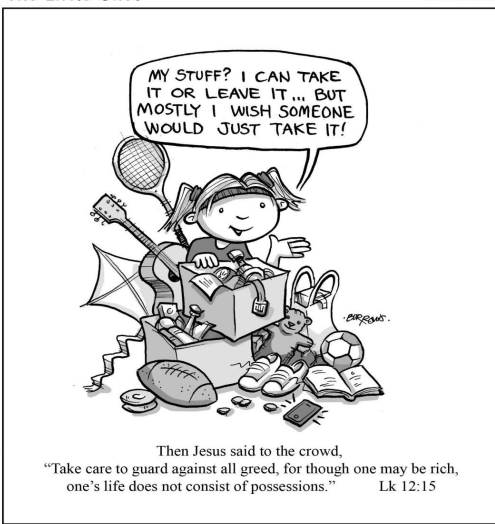
USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won’t waste a single one. We wouldn’t feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today’s readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Lectors	
<u>August 11:</u>	Layson Brooks Kathi Skidd
<u>August 15:</u>	Marsha Allen Sister Jeannette
<u>August 18:</u>	Jacques Williams Gloria Adams
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>August 11:</u>	Tina Gough Marsha Allen Gloria Adams
<u>August 15:</u>	Vivian Higgs Barbara Bisel Rita Moorman
<u>August 18:</u>	Misty Sanford Greg Gough Yvonne Hatchett
Ushers/Offertory	
<u>August 11:</u>	Herbert Millay Wonet Taylor
<u>August 18:</u>	Robert Johnson Cindy Clark

NO ONE’S ENEMY

May I be no one’s enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

Never Give Up:

I recently read the story of these two outstanding men.

Years ago, in Illinois, a young man with six months schooling and self-education competed in the state and national elections nine times and was defeated six times. First, he ran for an office in the legislature when he was 23 and was beaten. Next, he entered business with a partner but failed in that too and spent the next seventeen years paying the debts of his worthless partner. He fell in love with a charming lady and they became engaged, but she died. The next year he had a nervous breakdown. Relying on the power of prayer, he ran for the post of Speaker (at 29), of Elector (at 31) and for a seat in Congress (at 34). He was defeated each time. He then tried to obtain an appointment to the U.S. Land Office as commissioner but didn’t succeed. He became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and lost. Two years later he was defeated in an election to the Senate (at 46). He ran for office once more and was elected the sixteenth President of the United States in 1860 when he was 51. That man was Abraham Lincoln who put his trust in the power of persistent prayer coupled with never-fading Faith in God’s goodness. It took Winston Churchill three years to get through the eighth grade, because he couldn’t pass English! Ironically, he was asked many years later to give the commencement address at Oxford University. His famous speech consisted of only three words: **“Never give up!”**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn’t the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

We were blessed with teens and adults from St. Mark’s Catholic Church in **Michigan** giving service in the Owensboro area. They, with the help of **Mark** Heinz and Jeff Payne from St. Stephen and Father Sinoj and Seminarian Martin, spruced up the grounds outside and in the hall. Their assistance provided much needed help the week before our annual picnic to make our parish grounds inviting.

