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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

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

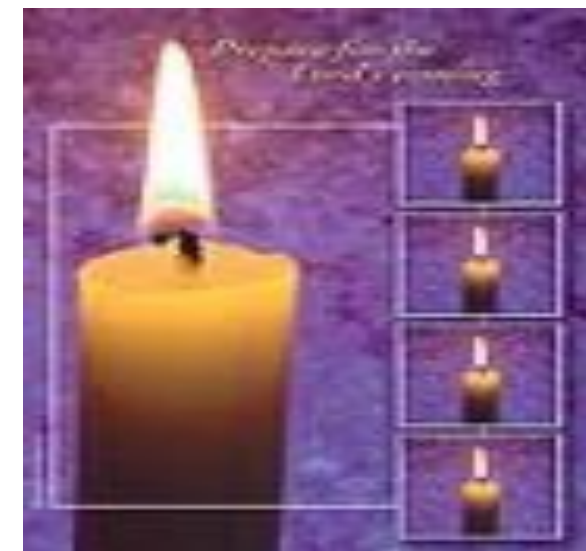
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."



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Put on the Lord Jesus Christ

From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Once again, a word of appreciation for all your efforts for the success of our Thanksgiving meal! It was a joy to see some new faces in our community. Let us continue to grow in our spirit of welcome and hospitality. I hope all of you had nice Thanksgiving days. We are into the new liturgical year. We begin the season of Advent on this “Sunday of Hope” with a reminder that Christmas happened after a long waiting. Let this season of Advent help us to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus. We have several ways to make this preparation done. The traditional signs of purple vestments and hangings, plain green plants, advent wreath etc., remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us. We also have some books made available for you at the Church. Please take them read and reflect. Try to spend a little more time than usual in prayer and attend a weekday Holy Mass. Remember to make use of the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in any of the parishes in town.

The Gospel this weekend warns consistently that we should be prepared for the coming of Christ. Preparedness also indicates waiting. In our routine life, it might be easy to forget the “coming of the Son of Man.” During our celebrations of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year we might emphasize more the normal cares of life. But we need to be more spiritually wakeful to prepare for our eternal life. Let us make this Advent season the time of such preparation.

(“.””) Always

God loves you!!!!

“.””) Keep

(“.””) Smiling!

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

November Birthdays

25--Payton Sanford

28--Shirley Schmidt

December Birthdays

5--Hunter Gough

14--Linda McDonald

16--Yulanda Williams

18--Robert Johnson

20--Cathy Kramer

24--Susan Mutter



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Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

December 1--Kenneth Higgs

December 8--School Sisters of Notre Dame

December 15--Grace Medley Ebelhar

December 22--Betty Clark

December 24--Donald Moorman

December 29--Alicia Ottofy

December 31--Carol Jean Thornton

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those 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: Sister Janice Fennewald, Austin Muenks, Frank and Gloria Adams, Ray Higgs, Philip Moorman, Sr., Joyce Moorman, Faye Fountain, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Martha Kramer, Dan Kramer, Ruth Coble, Larry Allen, Kathi Skidd, 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.

Congratulations to Steve Coble who won the Thanksgiving raffle basket . Thanks to Cathy Kramer for the donation and display of the items in the basket. We took in \$250 . Thanks to each



of you who purchased tickets.

Coming Events

CALENDAR

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Dec. 3--Share Night at McDonald's
Dec. 24--Christmas Vigil Mass 7 PM

Diocesan Community Happenings
Dec. 9 Mass for Immaculate Conception
Feast 7 and 12 at SSC

Advent Reconciliation schedule elsewhere
in bulletin



Nov. 24--\$815
Weekly budget--\$933
MTD collection--\$2053
MTD budget--\$1866
YTD collection--\$15,234.22
YTD Budget--\$17,727
Debt reduction \$20
Candles--\$10 Military--\$20



May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Just a couple pictures from our dinner. A huge thank you to everyone. It would not be possible without many contributors and helpers--several from people who attend but are not members.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK;

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday: St. John Damascene
Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

Gratitude is in season year round! What are some ways we can cultivate an attitude of gratitude?

- Write a thank-you note to someone who deserves your gratitude.
- ◆ Keep a gratitude journal; each day, write down some thing for which you are grateful.
- ◆ Be mindful of the present moment.
- ◆ Make good use of technology! Send or post positive messages of encouragement or thanks.

| Lectors | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| <u>Dec. 8:</u> | Kathi Skidd |
| | Barbara Bisel |
| <u>Dec. 15:</u> | Greg Gough |
| | Connie Clary |
| Eucharistic Ministers | |
| <u>Dec. 8:</u> | Cindy Clark |
| | Misty Sanford |
| | Tina Gough |
| <u>Dec. 15:</u> | Charlene Meadows |
| | Cathy Kramer |
| | Barbara Bisel |
| Ushers/Offertory | |
| <u>Dec. 8:</u> | Vicki Leonard |
| | Frank Fulton |
| <u>Dec. 15:</u> | Robert Hagan |
| | Lea Ann Johnson |

ADVENT

Let’s approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

No matter how you feel, one thing is certain. You can grow closer to God this Advent. Whether or not you are able to give gifts or celebrate with family, God has gifts of hope, renewal, and joy to give you.

| Advent Reconciliation Opportunities | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ◆ Dec. 9 | Immaculate and Lourdes 6 PM |
| ◆ Dec. 10 | Sts. Joseph and Paul 6:30 PM |
| ◆ Dec. 15 | Blessed Mother 2PM |
| | St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho 4 PM |
| | St. Martin, Rome 6:45 PM |
| ◆ Dec. 19 | Precious Blood and St. Pius X 6 PM |
| ◆ Dec. 22 | Sts. Stephen Cathedral 2 PM |

In today’s secular society, the seasons feel far too rushed. Some stores stocked Christmas decorations next to the Halloween costumes! Thanksgiving can be almost overlooked, lost somewhere between Christmas music that had been playing on the radio for weeks and the commercials pushing us to buy gifts. But the Church gives us the beautiful season of Advent, when we are called us to make quiet time for prayer and reflection, to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord. During prayer, we can consider:

- For what, and whom, am I grateful?
- ◆ Do I make time for the Lord in prayer each day?
- ◆ Do I participate at Mass, or do I just attend?
- ◆ What are my God-given gifts? Am I sharing them in service to our parish and community?
- ◆ How can I improve my prayer life in the coming year?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John’s message for the church’s spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This “incarnational theology,” the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today’s pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as “windows into heaven”—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

A Coming Christ at Advent Presented by Fr. Anthony Shonis

- I. How to Read the Infancy Narratives: Monday, Dec. 2
- II. The Annunciation to Mary: Monday, Dec. 9
- III. The Annunciation to Joseph: Monday, Dec. 16

Each presentation will be in the Precious Blood Parish Hall from 6-7:30 p.m. Each session begins with the lighting of the Advent wreath and song. Light refreshments will be served. . It is not necessary to come to all the sessions; you may attend when your schedule allows. We encourage you to bring your Bible. This is the ideal way to prepare for Christmas by studying the scriptures that you will be hearing at Mass during Advent



Join us (and encourage others to join us) for a Share Night at McDonald’s on Tuesday, December 3rd between 4 to 7 PM. Every purchase (in restaurant or drive-through) counts. Thanks.