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# Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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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**

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

**Rector:** Fr. Jerry Riney, [jerry.riney@pastoral.org](mailto:jerry.riney@pastoral.org)

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

**Psalm** — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

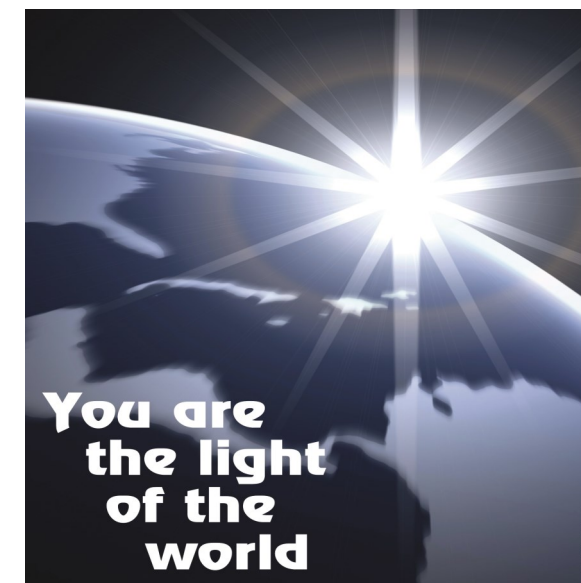
**Second Reading** — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Heb. 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 ).



## The Presentation of the Lord Feb. 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.



# The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

*From the desk of Father Jerry*



**I. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is rooted in every day life.** In faithful observance of the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple to consecrate him to the Lord. There they meet the faithful Simeon and the prophetess Anna, for whom “temple worship” was part of every day life. Simeon's song announcing that he has seen God's salvation in the child Jesus, and the actions of the prophetess, Anna, giving thanks to God and testifying about the child to those who awaited Jerusalem's redemption, form the heart of today's Gospel.

**II. Blessing of Candles** will take place at all the weekend Masses. The candle, an important sacramental in our Church tradition, signifies Jesus being The Light of the World, driving (cf Matthew 5:14-16, John 8:12, 1 John 1:5) out darkness, lightening up our way, pouring out/giving up his life for us.

**III. Blessings of Throats** will be offered after all the Masses at St. Stephen Cathedral on Monday, February 3, the Feast of Saint Blaise. As our throats are blessed, we pray that we be spared from all illnesses of the throat, as well as words that detract, diminish, deflate, tear down, divide, including calumny, detraction, and all gossip and cursing. May our voices be used to build up and glorify God!

**IV. [FORMED.org](https://ststephencathedral.org.formed.org)** is free and it's easy to register! WE RENEWED OUR SUBSCRIPTION for YOU! There's no code required to register now. You can access it by clicking on the “logo” on our home page on our website or type in <https://ststephencathedral.org.formed.org> to sign up for access. This is an inspiring, excellent Catholic resources including audio talks, e-books, movies, and video-based studies. Our parish has invested in FORMED to offer everyone in our parish free access to a plethora of varied resources. **Blessed Sacrament is part of this subscription; if you haven't had a chance to look at it, maybe try to find a little time. Lent is coming up.**

## February Birthdays

- 2--Nancy Bumm
- 3--Jacques Williams (Sr.)
- 6--Philip Moorman
- 8--Karen Terry
- 9--Beau Bisel
- 10--Father Jerry Riney
- 23--Larry Allen
- 24--Yasmeen Williams
- 27--Sondra Hibbs



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## Mass Intentions

- February 2--Ray McDaniel
- February 9--Beverly Chilton
- February 16--Clyde G. Coble
- February 23--Donald Moorman
- February 26--Grace Medley Ebelhar

*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: Charlene Meadows, Frank and Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Larry Allen, Camilla Greer, 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: 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.

**Josephine Bakhita** is one of our newest saint-canonized in 2000.

Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan's slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!” For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the door.



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Feb. 2--Parish Meeting after Mass  
Candle Blessing

Feb. 16--Ladies of Wisdom Tea

Feb. 29--Italian Dinner

Diocesan Community Happenings

Feb. 15--Catholic Men’s Conference.

Feb. 17-- Bishop Medley’s 10th anniversary  
celebration Vespers 6 PM at SSC



Jan. 26--\$1498

Weekly budget--\$933

MTD collection--\$4398.01

MTD budget--\$4732

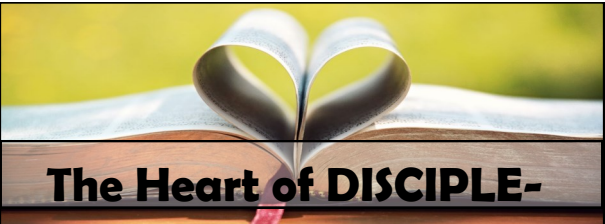
YTD collection--27,235.72

YTD budget \$27,990

Candles--\$7



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



The month of February has arrived, a month commonly thought of in connection with love, hearts, and Valentine’s Day. I read on the internet (where else?) that the word “heart” is mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible. So how do our hearts factor into discipleship? As disciples, we are called to share our God-given gifts. The importance does not lie in the number of hours we offer in ministry service or the dollar amount we contribute, but in the love and gratitude with which we acknowledge, receive, and share those gifts. You’ve likely heard the phrase, “their heart is in the right place” to describe someone who is gracious, grateful, or generous. When it comes to acknowledging our gifts and returning back to God a generous portion, are our hearts in the right place?



Tables for the Italian Dinner are going quickly. If you want a table or seat, please reserve one soon.

Readings of the Week	
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE	
Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sun.; Groundhog Day
Monday:	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday:	St. Agatha
Thursday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. To-day’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”

What does obeying God mean? The word “obey” means to listen, to hear others. Obeying God means to having an open heart to follow the path God points out to us. Obedience to God is listening to God and it sets us free. --Pope Francis

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.

<u>Feb. 9:</u>	Connie Clary
	Austin Gough
<u>Feb. 16:</u>	Kathi Skidd
	Jacques Williams
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<u>Feb. 9:</u>	Misty Sanford
	Lori Robertson
	Cindy Clark
<u>Feb. 16:</u>	Marsha Allen
	Tina Gough
	Barbara Bisel
	<b>Ushers/Offertory</b>
<u>Feb. 9:</u>	Herbert Millay
	Yvonne Mundy
<u>Feb. 16:</u>	Robert Hagan
	Lea Ann Johnson
<b>Thank you for your ministry!</b>	

A huge **thank you** to everyone who reached out at the time of Beverly Chilton’s death and funeral. I know the family was appreciative of all we did. --attending the wake or service, praying, bringing food, serving the meal, clean-up. **Corporal Work of Mercy: Bury the dead. You certainly lived that out.**

### Feb 2 is a Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family.

#### PRAYER

God of Mercy and Love we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is re-ected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us. ( *Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family to give thanks for our families and pray for justice, peace, and an end to racism. We will stand for the poor and oppressed.*

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

#### SAINT AGATHA (died 251) February 5

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

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**Wrong Email:** A man checked into a hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send a mail to his wife. He accidently typed the wrong email address, and without realizing he sent the mail to a widow who just returned from her husband’s funeral. The widow decided to check the mail, expecting condolence messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message she fainted. The son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor and saw the computer screen which read: “to my loving wife, I know you are surprised to hear from me, they have computers here and we are allowed to send mails to loved ones. I have just been checked in. How are you and the kids, the place is really nice but I am lonely here. I have made necessary arrangement for your arrival tomorrow. Expecting you darling. I can’t wait to see you.

### Church Mice

