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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

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1st Sunday of Lent/March 1, 2020

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some and ate it. (Gn 3:1-6a)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. (Mt 4:1)



Renew within me a steadfast spirit.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I would like to congratulate all of you who worked for the success of the Italian Dinner. We are in the holy Season of Lent. I believe you all had a good beginning of the Season. Lent is a time for us to renew our lives as Christians for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. It is also the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering and overcoming our temptations, and weaknesses using the different spiritual means available in the Church.

The Gospel this weekend speaks of Jesus being tempted by the devil. We can see how the “desert experience” of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. We are also reminded that we can be always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests for easy wealth and position of authority, power and glory.

Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering and overcoming temptations by strengthening Himself through prayer, penance and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer, especially by participating in the Holy Mass, with penance in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and with meditative reading of the Bible. Fruitful Lent!

(“”) Always
(“”) Keep
(“”) Smiling!

God Loves you!!!
Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

February Birthdays

23--Larry Allen
24--Yasmeen Williams
27--Sondra Hibbs

March Birthdays

2--Marsha Allen
6--Alizabeth Hatchett
7--Britney Carmona
18--Jean Higgs
19--Dennis Mayfield



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Mass Intentions

March 1--Ann Denise Ward
March 8--Kenneth Higgs
March 15--Mary Ann Calhoun
March 22--Grace Medley Ebelhar
March 29--Mary Henry

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: Stephen Hall, Ruth Coble, Charlene Meadows, Frank and Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Kathy Gebhard, 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

The story of the Garden of Eden reveals that humanity’s first sin against God was that of disobedience. In what areas of your life do you struggle to obey God?

Second Reading

Paul saw Jesus’ obedience not only as reversing the disobedience of Adam, but also bestowing upon believers righteous and eternal life. What do you find most interesting about this revelation from Paul?

Gospel Reading

Jesus resisted the devil’s temptations by remaining focused on his fidelity to the Father. What temptations are you willing to confront during the season of Lent?

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel
March 8--Parish Meeting (Italian Dinner follow-up, fish fry plans)
April 3--Fish Fry 5-7 pm

Diocesan Community Happenings
March 20--St. Stephen Fish Fry
April 4--Corey Brun’s ordination as a temporary deacon
April 7--Chrism Mass 6:30 pm



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YTD budget \$31,722
Candles--\$7



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



Lenten Observance
Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Prayer

- ◆ Attend Mass
- ◆ Pray Rosary, Stations
- ◆ Read Scripture
- ◆ Reflect: Little book, Lenten symbols

Fasting

- ◆ Gossip, negativity
- ◆ Favorite food
- ◆ Social media (Facebook, Instagram...)

Giving

- ◆ Local pantry
- ◆ Clean out closets--clothes/items to SVDP
- ◆ Rice Bowl
- ◆ Increase parish donation
- ◆ Time--visit lonely neighbor, call someone

April 3 5-7 PM



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

The most important things in life aren’t things.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins

TEMPTATION

Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God’s creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, what can be found on the internet is their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place.

<u>Liturgical Ministers</u>	
Lectors	
<u>March 8:</u>	Austin Gough Marsha Allen
<u>March 15:</u>	Yvonne Hatchett Connie Clary
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>March 8:</u>	Misty Sanford Lori Robinson Barbara Bisel
<u>March 15:</u>	Cindy Clark Tina Gough Vivian Higgs
Ushers/Offertory	
<u>March 8:</u>	Pam McCarter Britney Carmona
<u>March 15:</u>	Ethan Gough Wonet Taylor
Thank you for your ministry!	



March 14 and 15.
There will be a truck at St. Stephen to take gently used clothes, shoes, furniture, housewares, books. No large appliances or mattresses.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don’t, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

PRAAYER

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

—William McGill

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We desperately need the season of Lent. Have you ever found yourself running in all directions, tired, frustrated, and frazzled and yearning for the moment when you can stop, find some time for reflection and prayer, and get your head straight? Life pulls us in all directions. On top of that, the presence of sin in our lives gives us blurry vision and makes us forget who we really are. We can easily lose touch with God. Lent gives us the opportunity to return to simpler times and clear away some of life’s clutter. We can change up our routines a bit and realize that Jesus is the one who can set us right with God and restore what was originally meant to be. Our task is to avoid the temptations that can weigh us down, distract us, and distort our vision. Are you aware of what things in your life do this to you? Over the next few weeks, you have an opportunity to avoid them.

St. Katharine Drexel After being left a sizeable inheritance from her father, Katharine began her own charitable works. Two missionaries approached her about the need for financial assistance to Catholic missions to the Indians. Katharine had always been interested in bringing Christ to the Native Americans, and she was moved by the dire poverty that the missionaries described. She began giving large amounts to support the building of Catholic missions and schools for them and made several visits out West to ensure that the money was being spent wisely. Bishop O’Connor suggested that Katharine establish a new order for “the Indians and colored people.” In May 1889, Katharine entered the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh for formation. When Katharine recited her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, she added a fourth: “to be the mother and servant of the Indians and colored people.” The rule being drafted for the new community permitted daily Communion, something uncommon at that time, but a grace Katharine had deeply desired. In 1894, after extensive formation in prayer, humility, and service, nine sisters were sent to staff a school Katharine had funded as a laywoman: St. Catherine’s in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Thus began the work that Mother Katharine would oversee for the next forty years. She crisscrossed the country numerous times—often under grueling conditions—to direct the building of missions and schools and to encourage her sisters to draw ever closer to Jesus. In her mind, Catholic education served a twofold purpose: It equipped minority children with the necessary skills to lift themselves out of poverty, and it formed their faith, bringing them Christ through the Eucharist. From the missions in the West, Mother Katharine went south to help educate black children who were barred from attending school with white children. From the South, the congregation eventually moved north to establish schools in the urban ghettos of cities such as New York and Chicago.. She died peacefully on March 3, 1955, leaving a congregation, **Blessed Sacrament Sisters, with ministries all over the country serving Native and African Americans.**