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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

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3rd Sunday of Easter/April 26, 2020

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Today's Readings

First Reading:

"God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father." (Acts 2:32-33a)

Psalm:

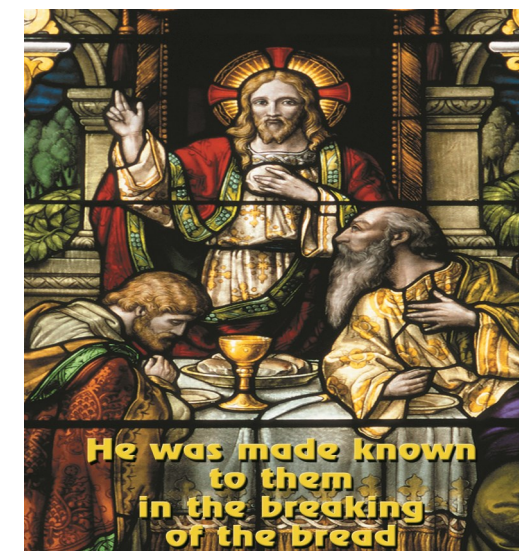
Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:

"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" (Lk 24:34)



You fill me with joy in your presence.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I do miss very much our communal gathering for the Eucharist. Hope all of you are making continuous effort to be spiritually fruitful during this confused times. I am always in communion with you in Spirit while I celebrate the Eucharist. Let us continue to seek the depth of all our spiritual and physical expressions of faith. Praying for you all!

The Third Sunday of Easter comes to us once again with the encouraging theme: The Risen Jesus is always with us. God is near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence, doing His will. The Gospel presents the Emmaus incident. As the disciples experienced disappointment and confusion, Jesus walks with them comforts them and makes them realize His immeasurable love for them. That gives them courage and strength to continue their discipleship.

We, the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with our Risen Lord through Prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible. Our belief in Jesus’ presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine should help us to understand better His presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community. Let us commune with Jesus in our personal and family prayers and family meals and thus renew our relationship of mutual support and service. Peace!

(^.^) Always
^.(^.^) Keep
(^.^),^ Smiling!
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God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HNG

April Birthdays

- 3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough, Bobby Hardin
- 6--Marshall Williams
- 21--Kathi Skidd
- 23--Misty Sanford
- 25--Charlene Meadows
- 26--Vivian Higgs
- 27--Ruth Coble
- 29--Jeff McCarter



Disciples Response Fund

We have received a check for \$674.32 from the DRF. This is 50% of what was paid over our target amount. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please continue to make your pledges.

Everything is Not Locked Down

Sunrise is not locked down Love is not locked down. Family is not locked down. Kindness is not locked down. Creativity is not locked down. Learning is not locked down. Conversations is not locked down. Imagining is not locked down. Reading is not locked down. Relationship is not locked down. Praying is not locked down-

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: Coronavirus patients, Nancy Bumm, Stephen Hall, Ruth Coble, Frank and Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Mary Hagan, Lori Robinson, Larry Allen, Kathy Gebhard, Camilla Greer, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr. Charlene Meadows
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 and Shirley Schmidt who are 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

In his first speech in Acts, Peter focuses on God’s work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. What do you think the resurrection of Jesus says about God?

Second Reading

Peter asserts that the resurrection of Jesus should give believers “faith and hope” in God. How do you remain focused on this objective in your spiritual journey?

Gospel Reading

Jesus’ resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most well-known and beloved resurrection stories. What do you think makes this resurrection account so appealing?

Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

August 1--Picnic
October 17--Oktoberfest

Diocesan Community Happenings

Pray for this space soon to be filled with Church activities. Remember in your prayers all who are affected through this pandemic--either with health issues or financial issues.



April 19--\$530

Weekly budget: \$933

MTD collection--\$2505

MTD budget--\$2799

YTD collection--\$36,194.12

YTD budget \$39,186



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



Pope Francis’s Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorius and blessed Virgin. glo-

Please remember in your prayers:

Perry Washington, brother of Joyce Moorman and Billy Johnson, brother of Robert Johnson. Both of them died during Holy Week.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7, 17 Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a /Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 / Jn 6:52-59
St. Joseph the Worker: Col 3:14-15, 17, /Ps 90:2-4, 12-13, Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 /Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis de Montfort, Priest
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope
Friday: St. Joseph the Worker First Friday
Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Spread the Good News

Christ is Risen

GOD’S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God’s plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don’t recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God’s plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord, along the road of resurrection! Explain for us, so slow to believe, the things that Scripture says of you. Break the bread of the Eucharist with us whenever we share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us each time night approaches and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
(1347-1380) April 29**

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: “Say what you mean and mean what you say.”

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

RiverValley Behavioral Health offers a Crisis Line which is fully operational 24 hours/7 days a week. Clinicians are available to provide needed and timely support. If you know someone who needs help at these difficult times, please share this number. Texting and TDD capacity are also available. **Crisis Line: 1-800-433-7291. Available 24 Hours a Day.**

LIVE THE LITURGY

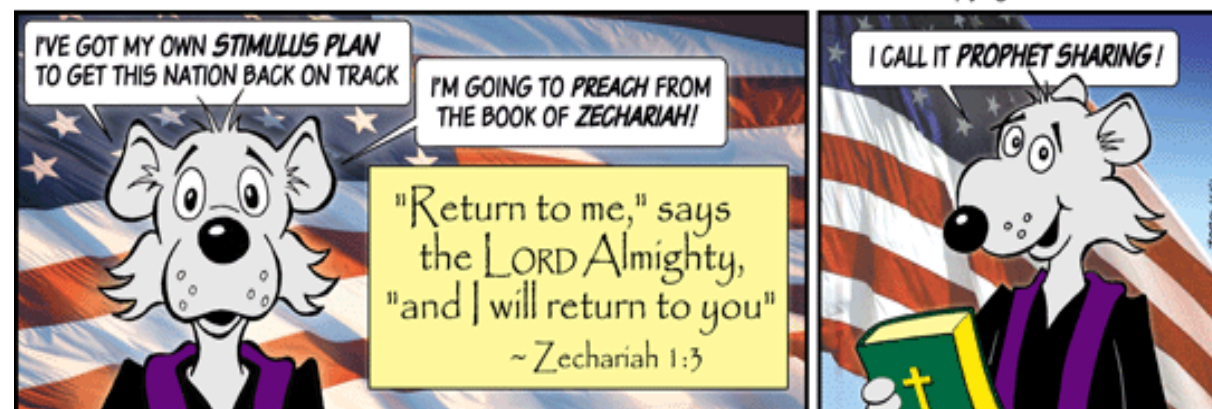
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.

Laugh of the Week

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, “Tommy, how do you expect to get into heaven someday?” The boy thought it over and explained, “Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the gate until St. Peter says, “For heaven's sake, Tommy, come in or stay out.

Church Mice



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