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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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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2020

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD,
 for he has rescued the life of the poor.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

Do not be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.
 Matthew 10:31

 June 21, 2020 • Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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.



June 14--\$1168

Weekly budget: \$933

MTD collection--\$1933

MTD budget--\$1866

YTD collection--\$46,963

YTD budget--\$46,650



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 glorious and blessed Virgin.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-35, Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
- Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
- Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary

FATHERHOOD

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

—William Shakespeare

ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Retelling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

WHAT WE LOVE

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

IMP—Kroger

Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799

We just received notice that our quarterly check is \$130.44. Thank you for designating Blessed Sacrament as your community reward recipient.

The Lord has rescued the life of the poor from the wicked.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



.Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Happy Fathers’ Day! I would like to appreciate the sacrifices and mentoring of fathers to the rest of us especially to the young generation. Remembering all of you in prayers, with gratitude to God that you be strengthened by perseverance and responsibility to fulfil your vocation. Happy Birthday to Sister Jeannette Fennwald SSND, the Pastoral Associate of our Parish. Hope you all got a chance to wish her one.

As the financial year is ending I would like to thank the Finance Council of BSC (Gloria Adams, Vivian Higgs, Rita Moorman, Jeff Sanford and of course Sr. Jeannette) for your ministry for the Parish. We acknowledge your participation in the administration of the Parish. Hearty congratulations and thanks to Rita Moorman for accepting to be the new chairperson of the Finance Council. Let us also welcome and thank the new members in the council, Barbara Bisel and Jacques Williams. We are also indebted to Eddy McFarland, the Business Manager for all his service.

This weekend the Gospel passage gives the account of Jesus’ instructions to us His followers to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution Jesus encourages to stand firm and bold. Because He wants us to know that our life is in the hands of a loving God. That shall be an encouraging assurance for us when we face challenges in our physical and spiritual life. Amidst all the chaos let us hold on to our Trust in God.

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(“.”) Always
“.”(“.”) Keep

God Loves You!!

June Birthdays

- 2--Antonia Hagan
- 13--Charles Brown III (Buddy)
- 15--LeaAnn Johnson
- 16--Sister Jeannette
- 22--Tonia Brown
- 23--Pamela McCarter, Michelle Jones
- 25--Father Jamie
- 30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatch-



Thanks to Jim Glenn (state representative) who donated two gallons of hand sanitizer to Blessed Sacrament.

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. Amen

Mass Intentions

- June 7--Ann Denise Ward
- June 14--Louie Moorman
- June 21--Kenneth Higgs
- June 28--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: Rachel Moorman Mattingly, Nancy Bumm, Brian Fennwald, Stephen Hall, Ruth Coble, Frank and Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Mary Hagan, Larry Allen, 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.



Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Lectors

June 21 Layson Brooks

Audrey Mezur

June 28: Jacques Williams

Barbara Bisel

The Army of the Lord

A man was coming out of church one Easter morning, and the pastor was standing at the door as always to shake hands. He grabbed the man by the hand and pulled him aside.

The pastor said to him, “Son, we need you to join the Army of the Lord!” The man replied, “I’m already in the Army of the Lord, Father.”

“Then how come I don’t see you except at Christmas and Easter?” the pastor questioned. He whispered back, “I’m in the secret service.”

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.. **Crisis Line: 1-800-433-7291. Available 24 Hours Day.**

In today’s Gospel we are reminded three times that we should not be afraid. Though we may at times feel small or insignificant, God’s reassurance is offered to all of us. After all, He cares for the tiniest of sparrows! We know, however, that in life we will inevitably face difficulties such as illness, loss of loved ones, financial hardship, or disappointments. Certainly this has been evident so far in 2020, as we continue to experience many stressful effects of COVID-19 as well as civil unrest. We are not promised lives without challenges, yet it can be ‘easier said than done’ to avoid feelings of fear. Prayer and the Holy Scriptures can help us have faith in God’s reassurance and navigate life’s storms; we are not left to face our fears alone.

Discipleship Reflection: Can you think of times when prayer helped calm your fears during difficult situations? Consider offering your prayers for someone who is feeling fearful or overwhelmed. Offer God your own fears and struggles and ask for strength and courage

Congratulations to Alizabeth Hatchett on her Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit continue to be alive in her life and all of ours.



and magnificent news to behold.

SSND Statement on Racial Justice

Dear Colleagues, *“Urged by the love of Christ and of our sisters and brothers, we work actively toward enhancing just structures that foster fullness of life and toward changing unjust structures that inhibit it.”* - SSND Shalom International Document.

“I can’t breathe.” George Floyd’s unanswered cry for help sickens and maddens us all. We cannot unhear those words. We cannot unsee the senseless killing of an unarmed black man by the Minneapolis police. The School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province grieve this callous disregard for human life and dignity. We pray for his family and all who are hurting and echo their urgent cry for justice. The death of Mr. Floyd is a specific tragedy in a specific place, but the circumstances are all too familiar to people in Milwaukee, St. Louis, Dallas, and everywhere similar acts of violence and the callous disregard for people of color have been perpetrated. As School Sisters of Notre Dame, we believe all people are made in the image and likeness of God. We believe local policies and practices that promote or perpetuate racial bias must be challenged and changed. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.” Until we truly embrace the belief that we are all united, we will not have justice, we will not have true peace. True peace is not about an absence of conflict; it requires right relationships. It requires a recognition that all are equal. It requires a system that supports and reinforces that recognition. Decades of segregation, discrimination and racial injustice, manifesting in poverty, police brutality, poor education and economic opportunities, poor health care and unsafe streets, must be addressed and painstakingly dismantled. Until there is justice, our communities will never know a true peace. We can and must do better. The School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province pledge to pray, speak out, educate, advocate, and take decisive action in collaboration with others to establish justice. This reflects God’s abundant love and desire that all may have life. May the tragic death of George Floyd and all who have died from the violence of injustice energize our collective resolve to collaborate with others in dismantling racism locally and throughout our world.



Thanks to seminarian Christopher and two helpers Brian and Rick from St. Benedict’s for beautifying our landscape with flowers and mulch.

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