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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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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

**Psalms** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

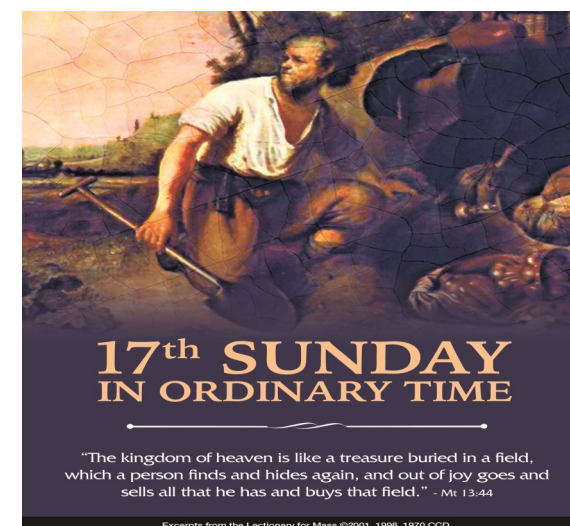
**Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom

(Matthew 13:44-52)



**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2020**

All things work for good for those who love God. --Romans 8:28



# Coming Events CALENDAR



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel

August 2--Picnic donations due  
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.



July 19--\$1330

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$3231

MTD budget--\$2856

YTD collection--\$3231

YTD budget--\$2856

Candles--\$3



*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.

## Laugh of the Week “

So far today, God, I’ve done alright. I haven’t gossiped, haven’t lost my temper, haven’t been selfish, grumpy, nasty, or overindulgent. I’m really glad about that. “But in a few minutes, God, I’m going to get out of bed, and from then on I’m probably going to need a lot more help. “Thank you in Jesus name. Amen..

## WISDOM

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday: St. Martha
- Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus
- Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

*Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* Galatians 6:9

## A SHARE IN GOD’S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today’s first reading: “Ask something of me and I will give it to you” (1 Kings 3:5). Today’s parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, “A share in your kingdom, O God!” Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God’s kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

## GO

Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

## IMP—Kroger

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# Give your servant an understanding heart.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! We continue our search to find the good out of these difficult circumstances. I do pray for you all that you find more and more reasons to be thankful to God and recognize His design even in the craziest things in life. Let us continue to love God through our lives and He will bring everything for good.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus, using three short parables, teaches us that God's Kingdom is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that, possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserve it. When we develop a searching mind and spirit, willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom, we will be able to experience the Kingdom even in our ordinariness. Let us continue to search for the Will of God and ways of Jesus and try to practice them. That will bring us to the Kingdom Peace and Joy.

July 31<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, an ardent defender of Faith and the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). This day is also the Anniversary of the Religious Profession of our Sister Jeannette Fennwald SSND. Let us all wish our Sister a Happy Anniversary and Hearty Congratulations. She is truly a blessing to us.

(^.^) Always  
(^.^) Keep  
(^.^), ^ Smiling!

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

## July Birthdays

15--Georgia Holland  
18--Lori Carman  
20--Tina Gough  
22--Marcia Wilhite  
24--Lori Robinson  
27--Robert Hagan  
28--Dylan Sanford  
29--Hugh Moorman  
30--Yvonne Mundy  
31--Gloria Adams

## August Birthdays

24--Celena Hagan  
30--Hank Pardon



## 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

July 19--Betty Clark  
July 26--Mary Ann Calhoun  
August 2--David Boarman  
August 9--Lucian Moorman

*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: Minola & Lius Aju, Nancy Bumm, Brian Fennwald, Stephen Hall, Ruth Coble, Frank & Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly 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 and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park . Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings.

A WEEKLY REMINDER Without God, our week would be Sindy, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday, Shatterday. Remember seven days WITHOUT GOD makes one WEAK.

**CHURCH PICNIC**

**Please remember your donation to the picnic fund. We are counting on you.**

### Lectors

July 26: Kathi Skidd

Jacques Williams

August 2: Barbara Bisel

Layson Brooks

### **Treasures and Pearls**

Jesus uses parables again today to illustrate the value of the kingdom of heaven; notice the phrase that is repeated in the first two parables: *“he goes and sells all he has.”* This illuminates the importance of the choices that were made, to give up everything to obtain the ‘treasure’ and the ‘pearl of great price.’ The parables help us understand the process of discernment, of making choices. The third parable is quite a bit more straightforward, noting the ‘fiery furnace’ and the ‘wailing and grinding of teeth.’ Those are words all of us can understand!

This Gospel poses questions to consider as we strive to become mature disciples. What are we searching for? What are the ‘treasures’ and ‘pearls’ in our lives? Are our choices influenced too heavily by society’s definition of wealth? Take time to reflect on your blessings. We can express our gratitude for the gifts we receive by giving back to the Lord a generous portion through time spent in prayer, offering our talents and skills in ministry service to our parish and greater community, and financial offerings that are proportionate and according to our means. Living as good stewards of God’s many gifts can help provide us with perspective to discern life’s true treasure.

### **Discipleship**

The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God’s kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

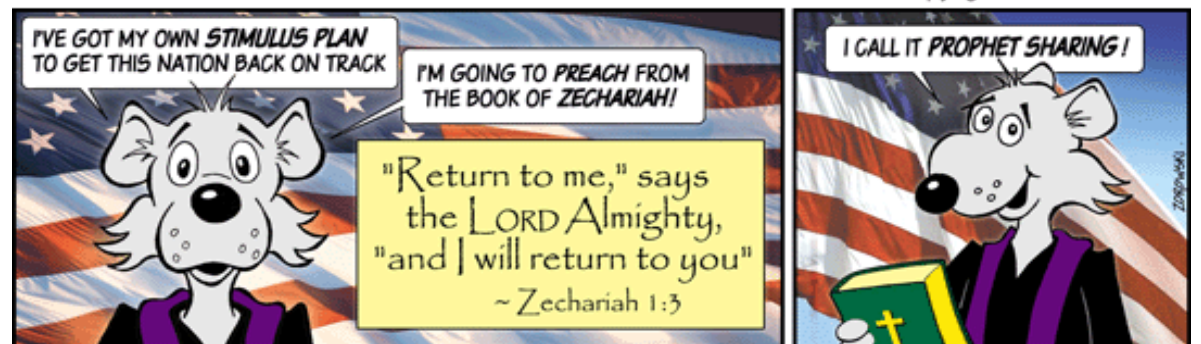
Live life beautifully. You have Jesus with you, and He loves you. If we could only remember that God loves us and we have an opportunity to love others as He love us. Not in big things, but in small things with great love, then your country will become as haven of peace and a burning light of love in the world.

--Mother Teresa

### **SAINT MARTHA (first century) July 29**

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

### **Church Mice**



Each year the diocese asks each parish to nominate someone for the **Sophia Award**. This person is someone who sees God as the true owner of everything in their lives. **Rita Moorman** is our choice for the award this year. Rita sees God as instrumental for all the good in her life and shares this belief by reaching out to others.. She helps with all the events at BSC and is a member of the Finance Committee. She is also a Eucharistic minister, usher, and has been welcoming people since our reopening of the church this summer. Due to the virus, the award ceremony at the Cathedral has been postponed for now. Congratulations!

