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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**

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).



## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just;  
 for my salvation is about to come,  
 my justice, about to be revealed.



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.



August 9--\$1286  
Weekly budget: \$952  
MTD collection--\$2243  
MTD budget--\$1904  
YTD collection--\$6572  
YTD budget--\$5712



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.



Prayer is an essential part of our lives. Did you **thank God** today for all the many ways he has graced you and your family?  
Have you prayed for your **prayer pal** that you received at the beginning of Lent?  
Have you lifted up those who feel isolated on account of the **pandemic**?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36; Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12  
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: St. John Eudes  
Thursday: St. Bernard  
Friday: St. Pius X  
Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Congratulations, Parker, on your First Communion

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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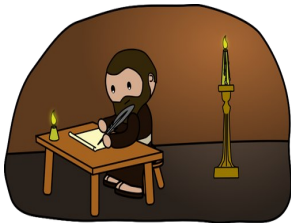
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# The nations on the earth you guide.

## May God bless us.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! My prayers are with you all as we are trying to navigate life through this different time. Let us all raise our hearts in prayer for the educational systems in our country as we begin the new academic year. Let us pray for all the students, teachers, parents and other officials who are going through more stress these days.

The Gospel this Sunday speaks of the expansive and universal nature of the “Kingdom of God.” In the Gospel story, by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman as a reward for her strong Faith, Jesus demonstrates that salvation was meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews. Thus Jesus shows that God’s mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in Faith and Trust.

The woman’s Faith consisted of her willingness to cross the barrier of racism, as the Canaanites were enemies to Jews. It also displayed her humility in admitting that she did not deserve the Master’s attention and time. We shall work on living these characteristics in our Faith: the desire to be in communion with Jesus in His Church and humility to persistently seek for His Mercy.

(“.””) Always  
“(.””) Keep  
“(.””), Smiling!

God Loves You!!

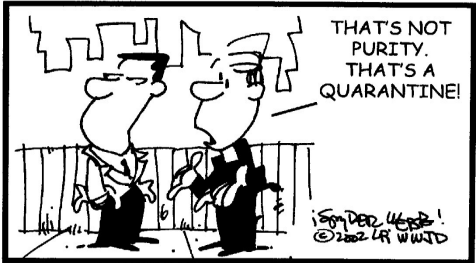
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### August Birthdays

24--Celena Hagan  
30--Hank Pardon



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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

August 2--David Boarman  
August 9--Lucian Moorman  
August 16--Betty Clark  
August 23--Kenneth Higgs  
August 30---Mary Ann Calhoun

*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: Frank & Gloria Adams, Minola & Lius Aju, Nancy Bumm, Stephen Hall, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, 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 and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who because they are vulnerable cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

### Mary Our Mother Queen

Jesus is walking around heaven one day and notices several people on the heavenly streets who shouldn't be there. He finds St. Peter at the gate and says to him, “Peter, you’ve been remiss in your duties. You’re letting in the wrong sort of people.” “Don’t blame me, Lord,” replies Peter. “I turn them away just like You said to. Then they go around to the back door and your mother lets them in.”

### Lectors

August 16: Layson Brooks

Jacques Williams

August 24: Kathi Skidd

Barbara Bisel

### **Persistence in Faith**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the Canaanite woman, *"O woman, great is your faith!"* The woman was persistent despite being refused twice by Jesus. How great is our own faith, particularly when we face challenges? The pandemic has certainly presented daunting challenges, in ways we could not have imagined. Do difficulties cause us to cling to our faith, or is it easier to drift away? Encountering Jesus in the celebration of the Mass (whether attending in person or participating via livestream), reading Scripture, spending time in daily prayer, praying on behalf of others, and sharing our gifts and blessings are excellent ways to deepen our faith. Anyone who has ever taken on a challenging task knows that determination and persistence are required to reach the desired outcome. Challenges in life will come and they will pass (even the pandemic, eventually), but our persistence in our journey to become mature disciples goes on.

### **.A True Kentucky Joke**

#### **Laugh of the Week**

The year is 2024 and the United States has just elected the first woman as President of the United States, and she is from Kentucky! A few days after the election, the president-elect calls her father in Kentucky and asks, "So, Dad, I assume you will be coming to my inauguration?" "I don't think so. It's a long drive; your mom isn't as young as she used to be, and my arthritis is acting up in my knee." "Don't worry about it, Dad, I'll send Air Force One to pick you up and take you home, and a limousine will pick you up at your door," she said. "I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy. What would your mother wear?" "Oh, Dad," she replied, "I'll make sure she has a wonderful gown custom-made by one of the best designers in N.Y." So her parents reluctantly agreed, and on Jan. 20, 2024 arrived to see their daughter sworn in as President of the United States. The parents of the new President are seated in the front row. The President's dad sees that a Senator is sitting next to him and leans over and whispers, "You see that woman up there with her hand on the Bible, becoming President of the United States?" The Senator whispered in reply, "Yes, sir, I sure do." Dad says proudly, "Her brother played basketball for The University of Kentucky

### **GRATITUDE**

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

**SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)**

**August 21**

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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*Mother, how can you remain so joyful surrounded by all this suffering and aware that so many are indifferent? The question always makes me smile. Jesus is the source of my joy, not anything in this world. I go to prayer, every day, so He can fill me with His joy When I am weary and discouraged, I go and sit with Jesus. He invited us to do that. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give your rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for our souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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