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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

**Rector:** Fr. Jerry Riney, [jerry.riney@pastoral.org](mailto:jerry.riney@pastoral.org)

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

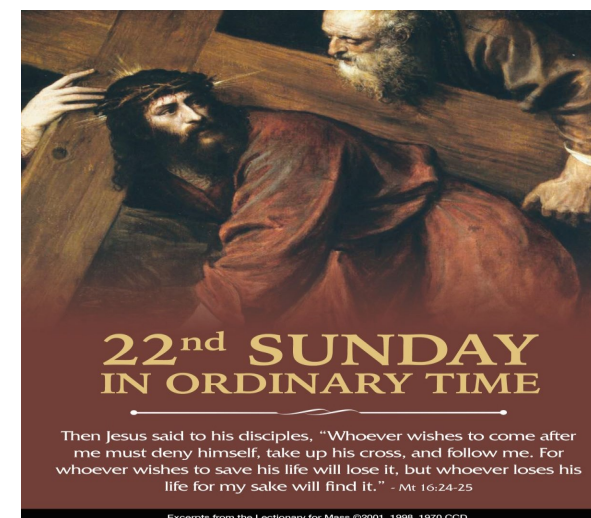
**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).



## 22nd Sun. in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.



## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

October 17--Oktoberfest

**The 2019-2020 Financial  
Accountability Report is  
posted on the BSC Website.**



August 23--\$1093

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$4,574

MTD budget--\$3,808

YTD collection--\$8,903

YTD budget--\$7,616



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.

### The Other Ear:

On Sunday morning a man showed up at Church with both ears terribly blistered, so his pastor asked, "WHAT happened to YOU?" "I was lying on the couch watching a ball game on TV while my wife was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she went out, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone rang and keeping my eyes on the TV, I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear." "How dreadful," gasped the pastor. "But how did the other ear get burned?" "Well, you see, I'd no sooner hung up and the guy called back!"

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5  
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation  
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary



**Pray for all resuming  
classes and for all involved  
in decision making for the  
educational setting.**

### THE CROSS OF JESUS

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

### TRAITS OF A TEACHER

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

## IMP—Kroger

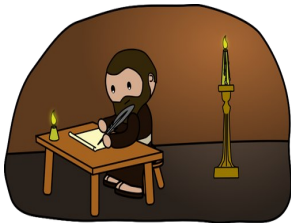
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# My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I hope these words find you in peace and confidence in Christ! Let us continue to seek God’s Will and design in all things that are happening around us that are not in our control. We shall continue to be mindful of all the people who are suffering around the world.

Today’s Gospel passage reminds us that Christian discipleship demands self-control, the willingness to suffer, the readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God. Jesus apparently surprises His disciples when He foretells His suffering, death and resurrection. Peter, as always, takes the lead in protesting and is being rebuked by Jesus with strong words. That creates an opportunity for Jesus to announce the three conditions of Christian discipleship: “deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.”

Self-denial calls for evicting selfish thoughts, desires and tendencies from our hearts and lives and letting God fill our hearts with Himself. Carrying the cross with Jesus always entails pain and suffering that can bring reparation for sins and sanctification of souls. Following Jesus means that, as disciples of Christ, we shall live our lives according to the Word of God by obeying Jesus’ commandment of Love.

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

## August Birthdays

24--Celena Hagan  
30--Hank Pardon

## September Birthdays

1--Norwetta Taylor  
2-- Emma Latta  
3--Venice Higgs  
6--Shelby Webster  
7--Aubrey Ottofy  
8--Mary Hagan  
20--Mary Katherine Gough



**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for Lea Ann Johnson’s dad who died this past week.

## 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 30---Mary Ann Calhoun  
September 6--Kenny Clouse Family  
September 13--Ann Denise Ward  
September 20: Jonathan Clark  
September 27: Grace Medley Ebelhar

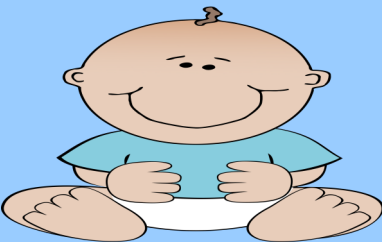
*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Lius Aju, Nancy Bumm, Stephen Hall, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Karen Leachman, 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.

**PRESENCE: Wherever you see another, there I am.**

***Congratulations to Britney and Chelis Carmona on the birth of their baby boy  
Kyler.  
Can’t wait to meet him!!***



### Lectors

August 30: Jacques Williams

Audrey Mezur

September 6: Layson Brooks

Sarah Malone

*"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."* Jesus' message in today's Gospel is about discerning whether our thinking is God-centered or self-centered. Living as disciples of Christ is not always easy; it is human nature to want things our way rather than deny ourselves and be willing to take up crosses! Instead of living for our own desires, we can pray to know and follow God's will. Can we identify the gifts God has given us? We can pray and listen for how is God calling us to share those gifts. When we carry a cross to serve others, we're sure to meet Jesus along the way.

**Discipleship Reflections:** Do I believe that I am God-centered, or am I self-centered? Each morning, we can ask the Lord, "what is your will for me today?"

## The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

### THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

## SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (540-604) September 3

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, Gregorian chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the church's material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph.

## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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We welcome Jarrod and Sarah Malone to Blessed Sacrament Chapel. They with their children--Jaxson, Cameron, Parker, John Carson and Lilly have recently joined. They are looking forward to meeting everyone.

