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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 — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

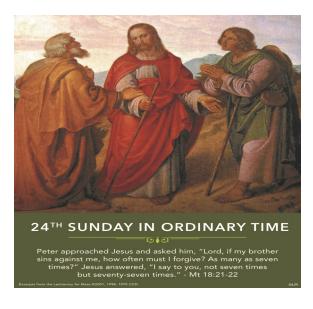
Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).



# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 13, 2020

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.



# Coming Events CALENDAR



# **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

October 17--Oktoberfest

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



September 6--\$1194

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$1194

MTD budget--.\$952

YTD collection--\$10,960

YTD budget--\$9520 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 Good Friday collection, of course, was not able to be taken up this year because of the pandemic. This collection goes toward the support of the Christians living in the Holy Land and for the care of the holy places of Christianity located there. Because it is such an important collection, Pope Francis has given permission for the collection to occur at Masses the weekend of **September** 12-13, 2020. This date was chosen because it is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross which is celebrated with particular solemnity in Jerusalem.

We can never love our neighbor too much.

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38;

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps

100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:

2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16-

17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-

8, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49;

Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: 24th Sund in Ordinary Time;

Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sun.

Monday: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Friday: Rosh Hashanah

Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin

Mary

#### **MERCY**

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.

—St. John Chrysostom

### **FORGIVENESS**

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

#### Civilizeit.org

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. Civilize It challenges Catholics to model love for neighbor through respect, civility, and compassion during the 2020 election cycle. Put your faith into action and make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree.

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# Whether we live or die, We are the Lord's

From the desk of Father Sinoj

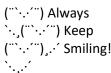


Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! The Gospel this Sunday continues to instruct us to be good Church members, teaching us to be forgiving brothers and sisters in order to be forgiven by God. Jesus wants us to forgive without a reckonable limit. He describes the dynamics behind the art of forgiveness through the parable of the unforgiving servant. This parable throws light on how God has been immensely gracious, full of compassion and love, and written off great debts that we owe due to our wrongdoings. Yet, we cling to petty differences and condemn others. We must try to bring healing in our lives and in the world by becoming agents of forgiveness and compassion.

On Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The heart of our Faith is the Resurrection of Jesus who brought New Life through the Cross. Cross symbolizes God's way of transforming suffering and death into New Life. Let us celebrate the Feast of the Sign of our Faith and the Mystery of this sign.

Happy Grandparents' Day to all the Grandparents! This day shall remind us of the great part our grandparents played in our formation and as a person. Let us be thankful to them and honor them. For grandparents it's an opportunity to reflect on the responsibility and opportunity to impart Faith, wisdom and goodness to their grandchildren.



God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

# **September Birthdays**

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



## September 8--October 7

Celebrate Our Lady's Birthday by beginning a Biblical Journey with her. On-line event: Join well-known speakers daily: Dr. Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and others. Register to receive an email each day <u>parousiamedia.com</u> or <u>rosarypilgrimage.com</u>

# **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

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: Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Lius Aju, Nancy Bumm, 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.

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#### Lectors

September 13: Jacques Williams
Barbara Bisel

Barbara Bisei

<u>September: 20:</u> Audrey Mezur Kathi Skidd

<u>September 27:</u> Sarah Malone Jacques Williams

Jesus reminds us in today's readings that how we live in relationship to others is very important. As Christians, we need be forgiving, because we have been forgiven! What does this have to do with discipleship? As followers of Jesus, we understand that we are not "islands" and cannot live for ourselves alone, though sometimes we may want to. We are connected, and we are called to accompany one another, which includes offering forgiveness.

We are living in challenging and stressful times of division, tension, and anger. It may seem that as individuals we can't do much to help, but we can do our part as Christians by treating those with whom we come in contact with respect and, when conflict arises, with mercy and forgiveness. It's definitely not always easy! In daily prayer, we can ask for the capacity to forgive, and pray for situations and relationships in which healing and mercy are needed. Reflect on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and consider how you might help extend mercy through your words and actions, and through sharing your time, talent, and treasure in service to others.

Smile of the Day A local pastor and a priest were fishing on the side of the road. They thoughtfully made a sign saying, "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it is too late!" and showed it to each passing car. One driver who drove by didn't appreciate the sign and shouted at them, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" All of a sudden they heard a big splash, looked at each other, and the priest said to the pastor... "Do you think we should have just said "Bridge Out!" instead?"

## **God Never Tires; Let Us Not Tire**

Let us not forget his word:; God never tires of forgiving us! "Well, Father, what I the problem?" Well, the problem is that we ourselves tire, we do not want to ask; we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness. Let us never tire; let us never tire! HE IS THE LOVING Father who always pardons, who has that heart of mercy for us all. And let us too learn to be merciful to everyone.
--Pope Francis

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# SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407) September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (*Chrysostom*) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (*Sacramentary*), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the *Liturgy of the Hours* not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!"

# Church Mice







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# OUR LADY OF

# **Seven Sorrows of Mary**

- **◊** Prophecy of Simeon
- **♦ Flight into Egypt**
- **♦** Loss of the Child Jesus
- ♦ Mary's Meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa
- Crucifixion of Jesus
- Piercing of the Side of Jesus
- Burial of Jesus

Lamenting to God is not a sin. Go ahead. That is a kind of prayer. The Lord feels and hears our lamentations. We must also think about people who have great sufferings. Pray for them and ask for the grace to hear and help the suffering of others.