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Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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 — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

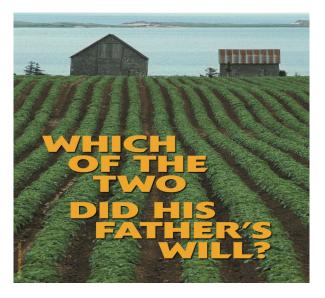
Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 27, 2020

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.



Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

September 27--Priesthood Sunday October--- 50/50 Raffle tickets on sale November 1--50/50 drawing 11 am

Please help get the 50-50 pot strong. Turn in tickets as soon as possible.



September 20--\$434

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$2634

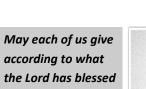
MTD budget--.\$2856

YTD collection--\$12,400

YTD budget--\$11,424

Candles--\$3

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.

Joy is very infectious. We will never know just how much good a simple smile can do. Be faithful in little things. Smile at the people who cross your path. You have a beautiful smile. Don't waste it. Live beautifully. Smile at life. Smile everywhere you go. Smile at everyone you meet.

Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta

IMPOSSIBLE

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-3, 6-7;

Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5;

Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10-15;

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9, 13-14;

Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:

1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps

119:66, 71, 75, 91, Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is. 25: 6-10, Matt. 22:1-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

<u>Sunday:</u> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

<u>Tuesday</u>: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday: St. Jerome Sukkot

<u>Thursday</u>: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

<u>Friday</u>: The Holy Guardian Angels, 1st Friday

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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.

Have the same attitude That is in Christ Jesus.

From the desk of Father Sinoj

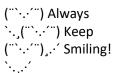


Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Happy Fall! Hope you all enjoy the best of the weather these days. It is Priesthood Sunday. Let us gratefully remember to pray for all our priests especially our Pastor. Priesthood is an answer to the cries of the people of God. Let our continuous cries to Heaven keep our Priests safe!

The Gospel Parable this Sunday speaks of two sons who were told by their father to go out to work in the vineyard. The first son says he won't go, but later regrets it and works. The second son says he will go but does not. In each case, it is the final attitude that is more important. So for us who have already said "yes" it is to persevere and strive to keep the word and act according to it till the end. If we have not yet reconciled with God, it is never too late for us to repent.

This week we have some significant feasts: St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Archangels, St. Jerome, St. Theresa of Child Jesus (Little Flower) and Guardian Angels. Let us try to reflect on the messages of these days and nurture our devotion and Faith.



God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

October Birthdays

10--Jacques Williams III (J3)

13--Vickie Leonard

20--Dorothea Melton

28--Martha Kramer



Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, is a day set aside to reflect upon the role of priests in the Church. It is also a day to pray for them in a special way and to express our thanks. Please remember all the priests who have touched your life, but especially Father Jerry and Father Paul (Sinoj).

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 20: Jonathan Clark

September 27: Charles E. Thompson

October 4--Chris Boarman

October 11--Sandra Brown

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: Emma Latta, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Lius Aju, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Ruth Coble, Nancy Bumm, 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.

GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.

Congratulations

Jamie, Brett, and Beau Bisel on the birth of Luke Jamison.



Lectors

September 27: Sarah Malone

Jacques William

October 4: Layson Brooks

Barbara Bisel

October 11: Kathi Skidd

Jacques Williams

"Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." This sounds like a tall order for us as imperfect human beings! Saint Paul not only challenges us in today's Second Reading but also offers us a blueprint to follow: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." Our journey to becoming mature disciples is ongoing and the path can be strewn with obstacles. As disciples and good stewards, we are called to give back a generous portion of our gifts to serve others; if we pray for guidance to live lives of humble service, we can reflect the attitude and generosity of Christ.

<u>Discipleship Reflections</u>: Am I open to God's will for me each day? Do I offer my gifts and talents in service to others? We can pray today's Psalm for guidance; for inspiration, we can reflect on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Jewish Man's Prayer: A bus strikes a man crossing a busy street. As he lies dying on the sidewalk, a crowd of spectators gathers. The man gasps, "Somebody get me a priest!" A policeman searches, but there's none to be found anywhere nearby. Finally an old Jewish man volunteers. "Look, Mr. Policeman, I'm not a priest; I'm not even Catholic, but for fifty years now I'm living behind the Catholic church over on First Avenue and every night I'm listening to the Catholic litany so maybe I can comfort this poor dying man." The policeman agreed and the old man kneels beside the injured man and says in his most solemn voice. "B-4, I-19, N-38, G-54, O-72...BINGO"

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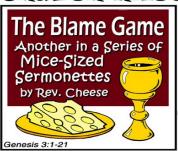
SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897)

October 1

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

Church Mice

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