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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 — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 6, 2020

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

October 17--Oktoberfest

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



August 30--\$863

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$5,437

MTD budget--\$4,706

YTD collection--\$9766

YTD budget--\$8568



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:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mt 5:1-4, Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 /Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24, Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12, Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18, Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4 9-10, Rom 14:7-9Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday:	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Tuesday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Peter Claver, Priest
Friday:	Patriot Day
Saturday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Next Sunday:	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Lord, grant that I may always bear in mind the very great dignity of the life you have called me to. Never let me dishonor it by being cold, or unkind, or impatient.
Mother St. Teresa

LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

Laugh of the Week

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth grader, Noah to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes in."

IMP—Kroger

Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799 Thank you for designating Blessed Sacrament as your community reward recipient. Please designate Blessed Sacrament Chapel as your community reward partner. Thank you.

Owe nothing to anyone, Except to love one another.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! This Sunday's liturgy has a theme of God's command concerning our spiritual responsibility and individual accountability for others in our families, parishes and community. This accountability arises from our identity as God's children.

The Gospel deals with the relationship of members of the Church to each other and highlights one of the most painful responsibilities that we have towards others, namely fraternal correction. We are given a procedure for disciplining ourselves. We are to seek to reconcile not revile, to begin in private and move to public domain, to imitate being Jesus to the world. The mark of a great Church community shall not be seen in the size, and activities of it, rather in the way we handle conflicts as Jesus would expect us to handle.

September 8th is the Feast of the Birthday of our Heavenly Mother. Let us celebrate this day with joy and gratitude for the gift of our Mother. There is a tradition of eight days fasting and prayer connected with this Feast in the Eastern Churches. This tradition is said to have begun at a time when the Church was facing severe persecutions and evils. Let us in a special way place the present situation of sufferings and evils in our world to the powerful intercession of our Heavenly Mother.

(^^) Always
(^^) Keep
(^^) Smiling!

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



Rest in Peace: Please pray for Lea Ann Johnson's dad Charles Thompson who died last week.
May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

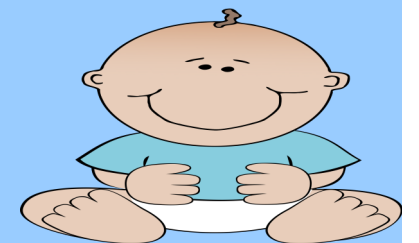
September 6--Kenny Clouse Family
September 13--Ann Denise Ward
September 20: Jonathan Clark
September 27: Grace Medley Ebelhar

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: 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.

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



Lectors

September 6: Layson Brooks

Sarah Malone

September 13: Jacques Williams

Barbara Bisel

September: 20: Audrey Mezur

Kathi Skidd

Gospel Reflection

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

Prayer for a New School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask your special blessings on parents and caretakers who are struggling with the virtual learning. May this be a positive time and truly be a time of learning and growth for all involved. Bless the administrators who are entrusted with making difficult decisions. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, who is the first teacher of all of us.



We are all connected and traveling through this life together. That might seem difficult to accept at times, particularly when we experience conflict with someone or see so many examples of discord and unrest in our world, nation, and community—perhaps even in our families. Today’s Gospel passage begins by giving us some rather blunt instruction about resolving conflicts, yet finishes with encouragement about the power of prayer and the Lord’s presence; *“if two or more of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”* What reassurance for us! In these difficult times in which we are living we can, through prayer, seek Christ’s peace and healing for our world, country, communities, families, and our own hearts.

Discipleship Reflections: Is there someone with whom I need to seek peace and reconciliation?

SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654) September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream,” and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures” (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness.

Church Mice

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Loving Father, on this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember the valuable contribution we make to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting give you praise until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your kingdom as you live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,

