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Blessed Sacrament

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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All Saints Day, Nov. 1, 2020

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).



ALL SAINTS

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

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This is the people that long to see your face.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Festal Blessings of All Saints Day! Let us remember those countless unknown and uncanonized saints who have no feast days. Today we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. November 2nd is All Souls Day; we remember and pray for all the souls of the departed before us. This month is dedicated to remember and pray for the dead. And on Nov. 3rd we remember St. Martin de Porres, the first saint of Afro-American origin. Let us pray for his intercession, that the humanity may progress in recognizing everyone beyond differences.

Today's Gospel offers us the Beatitudes for our reflection. This reminds us that all the saints whose feast we celebrate today walked the hard and narrow path of the Beatitudes to arrive at their Heavenly bliss. Beatitudes are God's commandments expressed in positive terms. They go far beyond what is required by the Ten Commandments and they are true and reliable instructions for sainthood.

We shall see the beatitudes not as prescription of what we must do *per se* to become blessed, but as a description of what a human being is like whom Jesus Christ is transforming into a saint! Jesus is telling us that when the transformative power of the cross brings about in us a greater meekness, kindness, peace, poverty of spirit, and so forth,

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

God Loves You!!

November Birthdays

1--Austin Gough
7--Lennox Williams
8--Audrey Mezur
11--Jeff Sanford
16--Joyce Moorman, Greg
Gough
19--Ron Moorman, Barbara
Bisel
22--Trey Hatchett
25--Payton Sanford



Election Day Prayer Vigil

On Tuesday, November 3rd, St. Stephen Cathedral will hold a prayer vigil for our country. It will begin at 8:30 and go until noon Mass. You can join others for an hour or simply 10 or 15 minutes. Rosary prayed at 10.

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

November 1--Betty Clark
November 8--Fathers Carl & Jerry Glahn
November 15--David Thornton Coble
November 22--Donald Moorman
November 29--Leon Boarman

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: Andy Evans Otha Holbrook, Jason Pierce, Ruth Coble, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Lius Aju, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Emma Latta, 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.

St. Stephen Cathedral New Mass Schedule

4:30 PM Vigil on Saturday

8:30 and 11:00 on Sunday

7:00 AM and 12:02 PM Mon-Fri.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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. As of October 25 the pot was \$2090



October 25--\$820

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$3949

MTD budget--\$3808

YTD collection--\$17,942

YTD budget-- \$16,184

Candles--\$4



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.

People gathered on the slopes to listen to a carpenter whose Life was a Reflection of his Words and a Testament that such Truth and Wisdom is from God. Patriarch Elias speaks Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. He says the Beatitudes were NOT Passive, but a Challenge by Jesus to the people who gathered, and to us, to "Get up and do something" to: Identify with the Poor; Mourn the Dead and Help their Survivors; Be Polite and Cooperative; Feed the Hungry; Be Merciful; Have a Pure Heart; Make Peace by Confronting Evil; and Endure Persecution for what Right. When we do all that we will truly be BLESSED.

SAINTS AND SINNERS

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 ; Mt 25:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday: All Souls' Day
Tuesday: St. Martin de Porres; Election Day
Wednesday: St. Charles Borromeo
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel. --Mark Twain

.OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

Pray for Upcoming Election

Lord God, as this election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word.

Lectors

November 1: Layson Brooks
Barbara Bisel

November 8: Sarah Malone
Kathi Skidd

November 15: Jacques Williams
Layson Brooks

Time Savers Employment Opportunities

If anyone is considering supplemental work, part time or full time, we would love to speak with them. Our clients' needs vary greatly, and may include light housekeeping, meal prep, laundry, transportation to doctor's appointments, stability assistance and personal care. We currently have openings for weekdays, evenings, and overnights. We have a diverse group of employees with various skills, but all with a heart to serve. We provide paid training, flexible scheduling, referral bonuses and very competitive pay. Anyone interested can call us at 270-702-7887 or apply online <https://mytimesaversky.com/join-us>

Thanks to those who help provide a meal for St. Benedict this week. (They said it was delicious.): Layson Brooks, Cindy Clark, Janet Clark, Connie Clary, Tina Gough, Laurie Hicks, Michelle Jones, Sarah Malone, Rita Moorman.

A Message from Father Jerry...

What does "stewardship" mean to you? Do you believe it's just about money? Sharing our treasure **is** one form of stewardship, but stewardship means much more. Spending time in prayer is a form of stewardship; using our skills and talents to serve our parish and one other is a form of stewardship—and yes, you do have talents, we are **all** given gifts to share! Stewardship is a way of life. As disciples, we are called to recognize, accept, and nurture the gifts and resources entrusted to our care, and to return to God a generous portion of those gifts.

What we might not realize about stewardship are the benefits to the **giver**...the deepening of faith and the joy that comes from serving and sharing. Living as good stewards benefits our parish and larger community, because without your support and participation, our parish cannot grow or thrive. Good stewards aren't perfect; we are human, after all. Good stewards strive to live with faith, hope, and perseverance, to serve with gratitude despite life's challenges.

Tried and True: An old couple was sitting by the fireside. He looked over at her, had a romantic thought, and said, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." The wife's hearing wasn't very good, so she said, "What?" He repeated, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." She replied, "After fifty years, I'm tired of you too."

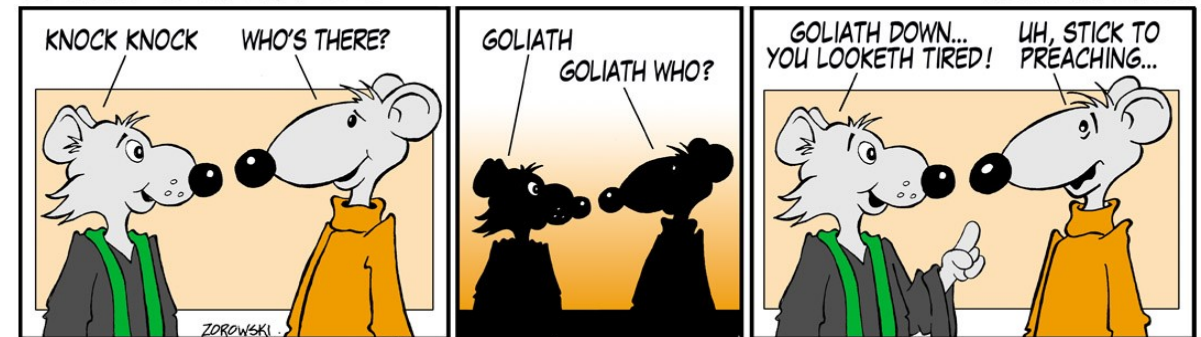
SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES (1579-1639)

November 3

An old illustration pictures Martin de Porres, finger to his lips—"Shhhh!"—as several mice peek out of sacristy vestment drawers, preparing to join a rodent "procession" following him out of church! Martin's rescue of these unwelcome guests, and statues depicting him, broom in hand, feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish symbolize his life and sanctity. Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of his mixed race (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin cherished society's marginalized. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this "poor mulatto" (his self-description), kind even to those whose racism demeaned him. Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima's poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him Martin the Charitable, a title even those of us who will never be called "saint" might still aspire to.

Church Mice

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Vote

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