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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 — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

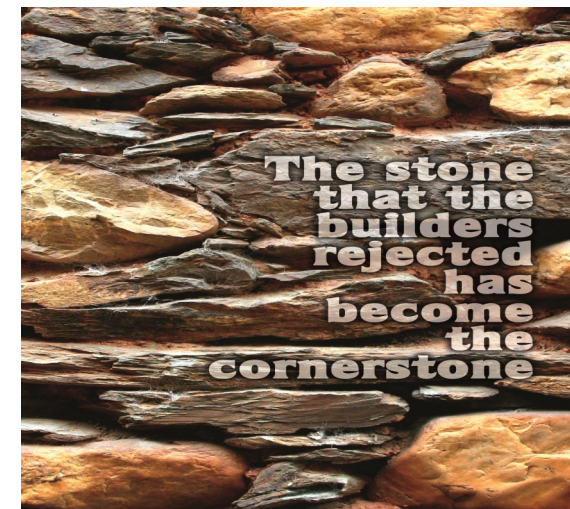
Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 4, 2020

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.



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 27--\$1593
Weekly budget: \$952
MTD collection--\$4227
MTD budget--\$3808
YTD collection--\$13,993
YTD budget--\$12,376



Candles--\$1

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.



Wed October 7, Feast of Our
Lady of the Rosary

In the Rosary, while we repeat the Hail Mary, we meditate on the mysteries, on the events of Christ’s life, so as to know and love Him even better. The Rosary is an effective means for opening ourselves to God, for it helps us to overcome egotism and to bring peace to hearts, in the family, in society, and in the world.

---Pope Francis

ASK FOR HELP

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

--Bl. Marie Rosa Durocher

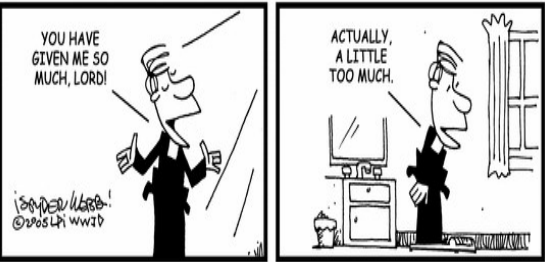
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
Tuesday: St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew’s Gospel today expands on Isaiah’s ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark’s Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: “This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders.”

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

“And this,” says Matthew’s Gospel, “is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel.” The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the

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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.

The peace of God will guard Your hearts and minds in Jesus.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! We have begun the month of October specially dedicated to the Holy Rosary. October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. This observance shall help us to increase our love for the devotion of the Holy Rosary and use it as a weapon against all evils. This offering of repeated prayers shall be like roses we offer to glorify God and may they comfort and strengthen us in our tumultuous journey of life.

The Gospel this Sunday speaks of the necessity of bearing fruit in our life. We reflect on the parable of the wicked tenants. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the chosen people of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice and mercy. While revealing the ingratitude of Israel through this parable, Jesus also reminds us Christians, who are blessed with everything necessary to be fruit bearers, that we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the Kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, giving Him all the glory.

October 4th is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, who is known as a hero of love for the Earth. Let us do our best to grow in our respect and care for our mother Earth which gives us everything necessary for our physical living. May we be thankful to earth for using the natural resources directly and indirectly in our lives!

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

October Birthdays

- 10--Jacques Williams III (J3)
- 13--Vickie Leonard
- 20--Dorothea Melton
- 28--Martha Kramer



Dear, God, You probably look down and think what has happened to this beautiful world that I created. Lord, please stop the hate, the indifference, the senseless acts, the separation. I pray for healing and peace to cover our land and to be given to every person who walks this earth. Please hear our cry and answer our prayers. Amen.

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

- October 4--Chris Boarman
- October 11--Sandra Brown
- October 18--Kenneth Higgs
- October 25--Patricia Lett

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

ASK FOR HELP

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

—Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Congratulations

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



Lectors

<u>October 4:</u>	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
<u>October 11:</u>	Kathi Skidd Jacques Williams
<u>October 18:</u>	Layson Brooks Sarah Malone

Gratitude vs. Anxiety

The tone of today's 2nd Reading is in contrast to the cautionary tone of the other readings. Yet there is contrast within this reading as well: gratitude vs. anxiety. *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* These are reassuring words, especially for those of us who tend to be worriers. Yet they are also a reminder to us to focus on gratitude and trust in God—valuable advice for the challenging times in which we are living. Gratitude for our blessings and trust in God help us weather life's storms and uncertainties and focus on what is good. Gratitude helps dispel anxiety! As laborers in God's vineyard, we are called to bear fruit for His kingdom. If we pray to recognize our gifts, then nurture and share those gifts, our labors will surely bear fruit, even if we cannot always see the yields of the harvest.

Laugh of the Week.

Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston when he got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He said, "Father, have you been drinking?" "Only water," replied Father O'Malley. The policeman asked, "Then how come I smell wine?" Father O'Malley looked at the bottle and said, "Good Lord!" He's done it again."

You and I are called to do very humble work.

There are many people who can do big thing, but there are very few people who will do the small things. --St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

October 4

When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it.

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