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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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 17, 2021

The kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent, and believe in the gospel.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).



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In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ:

In September 2019, Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in the Ordinary Time every year to be the Sunday of the Word of God. A day specially dedicated to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. This Sunday we celebrate that. Greetings of the Day to you all! This year as this day falls within the octave of Christian Unity, let us reflect on the bond we have with the humanity through the Word of God.

The Gospel this Sunday describes Jesus preaching repentance in Galilee and then calling his first disciples. Call to repentance is a call to bring change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life and setting new priorities. It also means hating sin itself rather than just being sorry for the consequences of sin.

The calling of the first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James, and John emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. Our call begins with our Baptism. We are nurtured and strengthened through other sacraments in order to fully manifest our call. Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the Church.

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

January Birthdays

20--Janet Clark
25--Louise Johnson
27--Sarah Malone, Lilly Malone
28--Frank Adams
30--Pam Wilson

February Birthdays

2--Nancy Bumm
3--Jacques Williams, Sr.
6--Philip Moorman



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

January 17--Kevin Fitzgerald
January 24--Betty Clark
January 31--Ann Denise Ward
February 7--Hugh Moorman
February 14--Kenneth Higgs

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: Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, 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.

Timothy was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul—often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded. The Letter to Titus addresses him as the administrator of the Christian community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses and appointing presbyter-bishops.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Feb. 17--Ash Wednesday Mass 6 PM

Feb. 19--Fish Fry (drive-through)
4:30--6:30 pm

March 26--Fish Fry (drive through)
5-7 pm



January 17--\$933

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$2451

MTD budget--\$2865

YTD collection--31,814.

YTD budget-- 38,608



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. Amen.

Gift

What I am is God's gift to me,
What I become is my gift to God.

Laugh of the Week

A rather stingy man died and went to Heaven. He was met at the front gate by St. Peter, who led him on a house tour down the golden streets. They passed mansion after beautiful mansion until they came to the end of the street and stopped in front of a tiny shack without gold paving in front. "And here is where you'll be living, sir," Peter announced. "Me live here?" the stingy man yelled. "How come?" Peter replied, "I did the best I could with the money you sent us."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30.

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24: 7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul

Tuesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Wednesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Inauguration Day Prayer

For our (new) President, to have before him at all times the charge to protect and defend the rights of all citizens, especially the weakest and most vulnerable among us, we pray to the Lord...

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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Drop the three L's--lack, loss, limitation--from your vocabulary.

---Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

January 24: Barbara Bisel
Kathi Skidd

January 31: Jacques Williams
Sarah Malone

February 7: Layson Brooks
Barbara Bisel

“Come after me, and I will make you *fishers of men*.” This is the call Jesus makes to Simon and his brother Andrew. There is a pointed statement about them in today’s Gospel: “*they were fishermen*.” They were not theologians or scholars but normal, everyday working people. Perhaps this illustrates that we are all called, not just a few, and not just those whom we perceive to be smarter, more accomplished, more talented, or more educated, or those who occupy a lofty status in the community. Perhaps, like the fishermen, Jesus does not call us for who we are but for what He can do through us.

“Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.” I always find this so admirable, that they left everything behind to follow Jesus right then! Jesus’ call marked the beginning of their decision, their journey, to become disciples. Our own journey to become mature disciples is lifelong, a path of continued discernment which may often be strewn with obstacles. Though we are not asked to “abandon our nets” in the same way, we can ask the Lord in prayer to help us identify and abandon anything that could block our path to discipleship such as selfishness, grudges, greed, indifference, ungratefulness, or despair.

After a lifetime of struggling to catch fish from the Sea of Galilee and building a business with Simon and Andrew, Zebedee surely hoped his sons, James and John, would take over and relieve him of the labor of casting nets into the Sea and the rigors of the life of a fisherman. Then a man comes along and calls his sons to become *fishers of men* and they drop his nets and leave him. James and John could not have known what awaited them. It is Zebedee, with the wisdom that sometimes comes with age, who understood the real implications and challenges of the invitation of Jesus to his sons to become *fishers of men*; to be men who by what they say and do challenge others to do good and avoid evil; who choose right rather than wrong; who imitate Jesus and accept the consequences. Zebedee must have been pleased with his sons. Are we prepared to be *fishers of men* to lead others to God by imitating Jesus?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Although initially reluctant to be one of God’s prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins.
When do you find yourself resisting God’s will?

Second Reading:

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ’s return was imminent and that, “time is running out.”
How can a sense of urgency aid one’s spiritual life?

Gospel:

In Mark’s account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus’ call to follow him.
How would you describe your response to Jesus’ call in your life?

Gospel Reflection

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn’t feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. “I came close to death,” John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don’t. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? “Come after me,” are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.



Pope Francis designated 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph
Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and *all those in authority*, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

~ 1 Timothy 2:1-2

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER WHEN THIS ELECTION IS FINALLY BEHIND US...