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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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## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2021

They that are planted in the house of the LORD  
 shall flourish in the courts of our God.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I have lifted high the  
 lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give  
 thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — Whether we are at  
 home or away, we aspire to please  
 the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

**Gospel** — It is the smallest of all  
 seeds, and becomes the largest of  
 plants (Mark 4:26-34)



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# It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

## June Birthdays

- 2--Anthonia Hagan
- 13--Charles Brown III (Buddy)
- 15--Lea Ann Johnson
- 16--Sister Jeannette
- 23--Pam McCarter, Michelle Jones
- 25--Father Jamie
- 30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett



### Laugh of the Week

Mrs. Smith and her young daughter Betty were outside church watching all the comings and goings of a wedding. After it was over, Betty asked her mother, “Why did the bride change her mind?” “What do you mean, ‘change her mind’?” asked Mrs. Smith. “Well,” said Betty, “she went into the church with one man and comes out with another.

*Our lives have to continuously feed on the Eucharist. If we were not able to see Christ under the appearance of bread, neither would it be possible for us to discover Him under the humble appearances of the bruised bodies of the poor.*

--Mother St. Teresa

## Mass Intentions

- June 6--Charles E. Thompson
- June 13--Louie Moorman
- June 20--Mary Ann Calhoun
- June 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: Father Jerry, Herbert Millay, Stephen Hall, Doris Smith, Margaret Wilkes, Maddie Forsyth, Robert Johnson, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone 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 Place. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. A card or phone call can cheer them up.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! On this eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time in the Gospel Jesus narrates two brief stories to explain the Kingdom of God – (1) the seed that grows by itself, (2) the small mustard seed which grows. These parables draw our attention to the humble beginning and slow mysterious growth of God’s Kingdom by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The farmer in the parable does many things and knows many things. But he does not know how the plant grows and produces fruit. There are stages and moments to its growth, which is silent, hidden and subtle. Through the parable of the mustard seed Jesus reveals that God’s kingdom starts small but will grow to be surprisingly large.

Both these parables teach us not to be discouraged, but to continue working and praying for the establishment and growth of God’s kingdom. We need to be faithful in doing what we ought to do and then trust that God will make the growth in His time. When the Kingdom looks small to us, we need to remember that God is doing something big in a silent, hidden and subtle way.

On this Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, our Sr. Jeannette is celebrating her birthday. Let us Thank God for the gift of Sister to us and wish her a long life of happiness and good health. We appreciate and thank Sister for all her ministry to our parish as the Parish Life Coordinator. Happy Birthday Sr. Jeannette!

☺☺☺) Always  
☺☺☺(☺☺☺) Keep  
(☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺) Smiling!

Father Sinoj, HGN



Coming Events  
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

July 13--Father John Thomas arrives

August 7--Picnic (Drive-through)  
50-50 raffle ends



June 6--\$1023

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$1023

MTD budget--\$952

YTD collection-- \$52,648

YTD budget--\$48,648

Maintenance---\$71



Candles--\$2

May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

We made \$1006.85. Thanks to all who participated. We plan on adding this money to our church upgrade fund.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9 /Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112: 1-4, 9 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:14, 7-8 /Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-7/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-13,/ Mt 6:24-34

Saints and Special Observance

Monday:	Flag Day
Saturday:	St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
Next Sunday:	World Refugee Day; Father's Day

How do you live the Eucharist?

Father Jason's homily gave us much to think about this past Sunday. Here is a reflection of Pope Francis. *The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion that brings us out of individualism so that we may follow him together, living out our faith in him. Therefore we should ask ourselves: How do I live the Eucharist? Do I live it anonymously or as a moment of true communion with the Lord, and also with all the brothers and sister who share this same banquet?*

THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.



We look forward to meeting our new pastor, Father John Thomas, who will arrive on July 13th. He is coming to us from Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green.

### Lectors

June 13: Jacques Williams  
Barbara Bisel

June 20: Aubrey Ottofy  
Kathi Skidd

June 27: Greg Gough  
Sarah Malone

### Eucharistic Minister

June 13: Rita Moorman  
June 20: Misty Sanford

### Discipleship

Small things may seem insignificant, but they can make a big difference. Kind words or actions, like the tiniest mustard seed, can be planted in the lives of others to grow and blossom. How can we reflect Christ's love in small ways that make a big difference? Take advantage of opportunities each day to turn ordinary moments into the extraordinary! Offer kind words that you might not normally say to someone you encounter—at a store, in the workplace—or how about at Mass? Share your God-given gifts with our parish and community; be assured that giving even small amounts of your time, talent, and treasure are important and make a difference. This week, plant some seeds of kindness, generosity, and service. The Lord will accept those seeds and make them grow. Although you may never know how, those seeds will take root and spring forth, helping to grow the Kingdom of God.

### Diocesan Liturgy Directives

This past week we received liturgy directives that take effect June 12th-13th.

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated. Those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill. These persons should observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life." "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church.

St. John Vianney rightly asserts, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." **The Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to the Church — the gift of Himself. There is no substitute for Mass celebrated in person.**

**You are welcomed back with great joy and eagerness!**

- Masks are not required.
- Physical distancing is not required.
- Sign of Peace is offered without physical touch.
- Communion in the hand is strongly recommended. No Precious Blood distributed.



**We continue to remember Father Jerry in our prayers. Transitions often aren't easy, especially when they are unanticipated. We were very blessed to have him as our shepherd for eight years. He certainly shared with us his love of the Eucharist and his concern and care for the poor.**

Dear Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Chapel,

It was such an honor to celebrate Mass with you on the feast of Most Holy Trinity. The mystery of the Trinity is not about philosophical theorems or theological formulae, though the mystery of the Trinity is a doctrine of our faith—three distinct persons in one God sharing the same divine nature. "The mystery of the Holy Trinity is a central mystery of our Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God. The inner life of God is wider and richer and deeper and more awesome than we could ever capture in words" (The Catechism of the Catholic Church). It is a profound mystery about the relationship between the Father (Creator) and the Son (Redeemer), giving birth to the Spirit (Sanctifier). The Trinity is our home. It is the gift of relationship. Therefore, the more we are in relationship with God, the more we will be in good relationship with our neighbor.

To be honest, the Mass on May 30 was bittersweet for me. I have always loved celebrating the Eucharist with you at Blessed Sacrament, but it is the last time I will preside and preach as your pastor. Three out of four Sundays of the month Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN, was your shepherd. I thank him for his spiritual care, concern, passion and friendship over the past three years.

Sister Jeannette Fennwald, SSND has shepherded this faith community of Blessed Sacrament well as our Parish Life Coordinator. I personally thank Sister Jeanette for her collaboration, insights, dependability, faith, and leadership during her tenure with us. You are a jewel!

Furthermore, I want to thank YOU, the community of Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Your hospitality is the best! Continue to make hospitality the hallmark of your faith community, and it is everyone's privilege and mission to be hospitable, that no one leaves feeling as lonely as when he/she came. Continue to make the banquet in November the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day happen—it says a lot about your being Church, especially for the poor and needy.

Finally, be proud of your faith. Be proactive in nurturing your faith. If your faith grows, you will want to be active! I appreciate your cards and words of affirmation, and I love the picture of Blessed Sacrament Chapel surrounded by your names! Thank you for these past eight years. I will miss you. Your active faith has strengthened mine!

How can I not ask you to pray for me as I transition toward my unexpected retirement. Health is such a gift, which I will never take for granted again. I love being a priest—that is all I have known! Grateful for God's call to minister to his people, I have truly been blessed! May I stay open to God's plan for me during this next season of my life.

Love and peace, Father Jerry Riney