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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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17 Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25 '21

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).



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Bear with one another in love.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

We have welcomed our new Pastor Fr. John Thomas. Thank you all for opening your hearts for him. Let us continue to pray for him and ourselves that we make progress in our cooperation with the Will of God in our Parish community. I encourage you all to grab opportunities to know and experience him personally.

This Sunday, the Seventeenth in the Ordinary Time, we begin the reflection on Eucharist. The Gospel passage presents the miracle of the multiplication of bread. This is to be understood as a sign that Jesus is the Bread of Life. Just like Moses was instrumental for the people to be fed with Manna in the desert, so, Jesus is the real Bread of life from heaven that God has given to us. As Christians we are called to manifest Jesus. In every challenging situation we are called to work with God, according to our Faith, and make the impossible possible. When we are ready to surrender ourselves to be broken and shared by the hands of God, miracles will happen even today.

Happy Grandparents Day! This Sunday is also the World Day for Grandparents. It is in connection with the Memorial (July 26) of Sts. Joachim and Ann, the grandparents of Jesus. It will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July. Pope Francis establishing this worldwide celebration said “The elderly remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life.”

Our picnic day is approaching; let us promote our 50/50 raffle and the delicious food. And appreciate all of you who are part of the preparations. As always, let us make it a remarkable event cherishing our communion and love. Best wishes.

(“.””) Always
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 (“.””),.” Smiling!

God Loves you!!!
Father Sinoj, HGN

July Birthdays

- 18--Lori Carman
- 20--Tina Gough
- 22--Marcia Wilhite
- 24--Lori Robinson
- 27--Robert Hagan
- 29--Hugh Joseph Moorman
- 30--Yvonne Mundy
- 31--Gloria Adams

August Birthdays

- 21--Kyler Carmona
- 24--Celena Hagan
- 30--Hank Pardon



Picnic

We will sell bar-b-q ribs, chicken, and pulled pork through pre-sales and drive-through starting at 11 am. Pre-sale orders have started. We will have a drive-through chicken dinner. We also will have a 50-50 raffle drawing. Tickets are on sale now. Please turn in as soon as you sell. AND SELL MORE!!!

Monday is the feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Pray to them for your grandparents and all who act in the role of grandparents.

Mass Intentions

- July 18--Ann Denise Ward
- July 25--Grace Medley Elbehar
- August 1--Herbert Millay
- August 8--Lucian Moorman

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: Stephen Hall, Doris Smith, 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, 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.

IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament’s # is WX799 Thank you. It does not affect your fuel point or any other rewards. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Thanks to the 37 households that have registered for Blessed Sacrament, we will receive \$152.89;

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

July 25--Sell raffle tickets at St. Stephen

August 2--Meat pre-sales due

August 7--Picnic (Drive-through)

50-50 raffle ends



August 8--10 am Mass



July 18--\$1014

Weekly budget--\$962

MTD collections---\$3529

MTD budget--\$2886

YTD collection--\$3529

YTD budget--\$2886

Candles \$1



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



First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#) (July 26, 2013)

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogues, especially within the context of the family."

Do something special today for an elder in your life!



We are blessed to see more young people at Mass. With that blessing comes a responsibility. We want to work along side the parents to assist the young people with getting to know God and form them into disciples. We are in need of an additional teacher for religious education. We have been meeting for about 30 minutes after Sunday Mass twice a month. Two people could share the ministry. You do not have to have a teaching background, but have a desire to share your faith and love of God. Teaching materials are provided and help will be provided. We are all called to be evangelists; this is a special opportunity to share your faith, and help form the next generation of Catholics. Pray about this great opportunity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23 /Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-13 /Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9 /Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6 and 8, 11 /Jn 11:19-27
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37/Ps 81:3--6, 10-11/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 /Mt 14:1-12

Observances for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Martha
Friday:	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Ignatius of Loyola,

Today is the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. Prayer is a specific mission of the elderly.

Even though some physical strength may be diminished "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world and help it more incisively than the toil of so many. Your prayer is a most precious resource: it is a lung of which the Church and the world cannot be deprived." (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

When have you asked someone to pray with and for you?

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of "liturgical detour." We have been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life." Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord's Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

Cathedral Preschool

Cathedral Preschool classes are quickly filling up for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Afternoon preschool-only classes : 2-day and 4-day options available.
- Wraparound care: limited availability.
- Morning preschool classes only: very limited availability
- A few spots available for 5-day half day pre-kindergarten class

Visit website: <http://cathedralpreschool.com>

July 25: Aubrey Ottofy
Sarah Malone

August 1: Greg Gough
Barbara Bisel

August 8: Veronica Wilhite
Alexis Hatchett

Eucharistic Minister

July 25: Rita Moorman

August 1: Cindy Clark

August 8: Vivian Higgs

PICNIC NOTES

Our picnic is less than two weeks away. You should have received your 50-50 tickets. Please sell your 50-50 tickets and return the ticket stub and money ASAP as we want to update our FB every few days. Money will go toward updates in church.

How can you be involved?

- ⇒ **Sell, Sell, Sell 50-50 raffle tickets and get more**
- ⇒ **Donate baked beans and potato salad**
- ⇒ **Make another donation since you will not be asked for donations of cakes, and drinks.**

Shared Gifts are Multiplied

We are familiar with today’s Gospel which tells us of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. More than a story about Jesus feeding 5,000 hungry people, the Gospel reminds us of the true bread that nourishes us each time we receive the Eucharist (*“Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them”*). The twelve baskets of left overs remind us that the Lord’s abundant love provides us with what we need (*Psalm 145:10-11,15-16,17-18*). While we don’t perform miracles in the way Jesus did, as disciples we are called to share our gifts of time, skills, and treasure to love and serve others. By doing so, our gifts are multiplied because they are shared. What is our motivation for sharing? Do we give because it’s what the church asks of us? Do we serve because we feel guilty or pressed into participating? With grateful hearts, we give back a generous portion of our God-given gifts because we are thankful for the blessings we receive. And we may never know when acts of kindness, service, or generosity will result in everyday miracles.

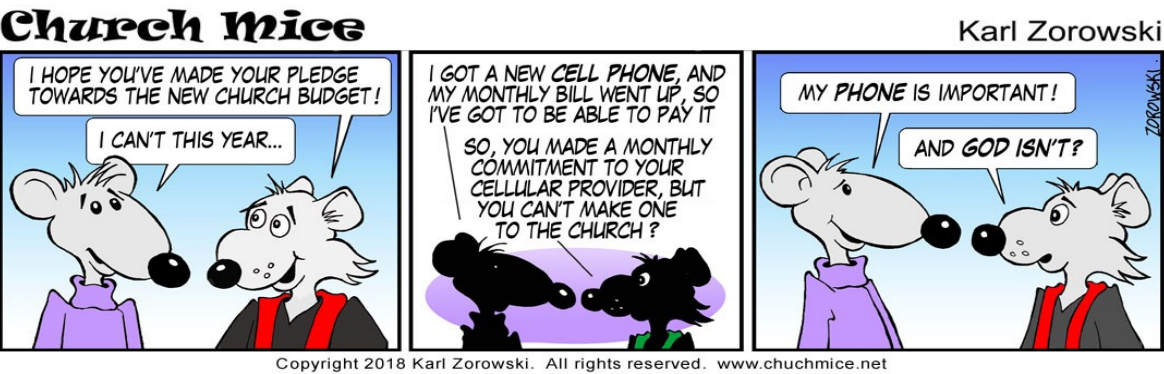
STAND FIRM

In time of desolation one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today the greatest pilgrimage in our tradition ends with the feast of Saint James at his shrine in Compostela, Spain. Every year, as many as a hundred thousand persons walk a portion of the medieval way of the pilgrim, earning the right to wear the scallop shell symbol of this journey of faith. In legend, this city on the northern coast of Spain is the final resting place of the apostle, and the full name of the cathedral is “Saint James of the Field of Stars.” There is a tradition that Saint James the Great preached there.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the pilgrimage, like any procession, is a symbol, life’s journey distilled, a powerful sign of our journey toward a certain goal. The perils of the road, the support of companions, the contemplative slower pace of life, have the potential to transform and renew the pilgrims in ways that last a lifetime. Along the way, the distinctions between rich and poor fall away, and everyone shares humble rustic food and stops for the night in hostels or under the stars. After a long walk, the experience of entering through the great doors into the vast cathedral filled with incense, light, and song is a foretaste of heaven. The pilgrims often say that their whole lives are redirected toward that moment of entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. The most memorable feature of the cathedral is called the *botofumeiro*, an incense burner on pulleys and chains that sweeps through the cathedral in immense circles, swirling clouds of sweet-smelling incense around the vast nave.



Laugh of the Week Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?" Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature." Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?" Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic?"