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# Blessed Sacrament

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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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## TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

**Psalm** — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16).

**Oct. 3, 2021 27th Sunday--Ordinary Time**

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.



*Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God  
like a child will not enter it.*

# From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! The Gospel this Sunday is about the bond of love that marriage creates between a man and a woman, a bond that God intends to be permanent. Jesus explicitly teaches about marriage and divorce, the Divine origin of marriage, the sacredness of family life, and the indissolubility of marriage.

Jesus’ stand against divorce is very stern. He did not claim to introduce a new teaching, but reminded the Jews of the original intention of God. Quoting the book of Genesis, Jesus proved that God made us male and female and commanded that “the two shall become one flesh, then concluded, “they are no longer two, but one body” – partners with equal rights. Marriage demands that each should become the right person for the other. It means building a union based on love with mutual generosity and mutual good will.

Christian marriage involves both a sacred and legal contract between man and woman at the same time is rooted in a special Covenant with the Lord. That is why Jesus states that a valid marriage is permanent. Therefore the Catholic Church has always firmly taught that a Sacramental marriage between Christians in which there has been true matrimonial consent and consummation, is absolutely indissoluble, except by the death of one of the spouses.

😊 Always  
😊 Keep  
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!  
  
Father Sinoj, HGN

## October Birthdays

- 6--Jarrod Malone
- 10--Jacques Williams III
- 13--Vicki Leonard
- 20--Dorothea Melton
- 28--Martha Kramer



St. Francis understood that true joy and riches are to be found only from following Christ and serving others.

## St. Corona Prayer

Almighty God, you forgive the sins of our people and heal all their faults. You sent your beloved Son to bear our sickness. We stand humbly before You. We pray to You in this time of plague and need, remember our love and kindness that You have always shown to Your people in times of tribulation. Accept today our prayer and sacrifice and show us mercy. Keep the disease away from us, allow those affected to be healed, protect those who have been preserved from it so far by Your goodness, and do not let the plague spread any further. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Mass Intentions

- October 3--Rachel Fulkerson
- October 10--Ann Denise Ward
- October 17--Grace Medley Ebelhar
- October 24--Herbert Millay
- October 31--Joe Beard

*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:** Carol Hatchett, Amber Gebhard, Cathy Kramer, Connie Clary, Stephen Hall, Colton Braungardt, Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul , Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, 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: Connie Clary, 22 Cleverdale Road, Rochester, NY 14616. Ruth Coble at Heritage Place and Shirley Schmidt at One Park Place, Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis 1360 Coppergate Ln., St. Louis, MO 63138 but stays active in BSC happenings. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

## IMP—Kroger

The latest donation to BSC is \$156.51. 37 families are donating. 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.

### Lector

October 3: Greg Gough  
Barbara Bisel

October 10 Aubrey Ottofy  
Jacques Williams

October 17: Alexis Hatchett  
Kathi Skidd

### Eucharistic Minister

October 3: Vivian Higgs

October 10: Rita Moorman

October 17: Cindy Clark

### Diocesan Covid Guidelines

There is a growing concern in our medical communities that the Delta variant could begin to overwhelm local health care facilities, as it is in other parts of the state, country and world. Due to the strong recommendation of the healthcare community:

There is **an expectation that unvaccinated people be masked** at all indoor parish functions (e.g. parish meetings, religious education, parish social events, weddings, funerals, receptions, etc...) including the Celebration of the Mass. We would also **recommend and strongly encourage all vaccinated parishioners to mask**, because there is growing evidence that vaccinated transmissions can still take place. We are asking these things out of an abundance of caution and out of charity for our neighbor.

## Congratulations To Sophia Award recipient Rita Moorman



Rita--a lady whose life reflects service and wisdom. Sees God as true owner of everything..

Thank you,  
Rita, for  
sharing  
your life  
and talents  
with BSC.



## Oktoberfest

Blessed Sacrament tent

October 16 12-6 pm

Downtown 2nd Street, Owensboro

⇒ Desserts

⇒ Games

⇒ Basket Raffle

We will need help for set-up (10 am) and take-down (6 pm). Also for hostess/worker shifts 12-6.

If you cannot be there, please consider a donation for gift cards and desserts.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

### Therein lies the...rib

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking. When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Oct. 10 Jacques William III's  
First Communion

DRF Pledge Sunday

Oct. 16--Oktoberfest tent (Downtown)  
12 p.m.--6 p.m.

October 17--Anointing of the Sick  
10 am Mass



Sept. 26--\$1408

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD collections--\$4317

MTD budget--\$3848

YTD collection--\$14,517

YTD budget---\$12,506



Candles--\$2

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



Called to be Grateful Stewards.

As disciples, we are called to be stewards (caretakers) of the many blessings we receive. Being intentionally grateful each day helps us to respond to this call. In gratitude, we can give back to God a generous portion of our blessings through spending time in prayer, offering our talents in service to our parish and community, and sharing our treasure. ***Am I intentionally grateful each day?***

- Praying.** Prayer is the foundation for all forms of stewardship. Prayer helps us recognize our blessings, discern our priorities, and navigate the challenges and pressures of life. ***Do I make time for God in daily prayer?***
- Giving.** As Catholics, we sometimes separate the giving of money from what we consider the more “spiritual” aspects of our faith life. Yet giving of our treasure, a decision which should be made prayerfully and according to our means, is an important expression of what our faith means to us. Through giving back a portion of the blessing of treasure that God bestows upon us, we can express joy in receiving as well as being able to give. ***Am I giving an amount I believe is acceptable to God?***
- Serving.** Sharing our talents and skills glorifies God, the Giver of all gifts, and is vital to the many ministries in our parish. We are **all** blessed (albeit differently) with talents which we are called to share for the benefit of our parish and community. ***What talents has God given me? How am I sharing them with my parish and greater community?***

ALL WET

To repent and not to amend is like paying a debt by writing a check on water.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:5, 8/ Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1-4 7-8 / Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 / Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20/Ps 1:1-4 and 6 /Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 /Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Observances for the Week of Oct. 3

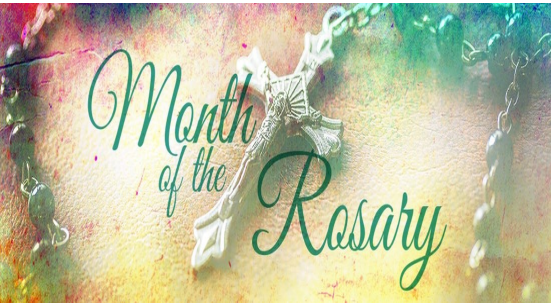
- Monday: St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos,
- Wednesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
- Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Saturday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Change of Job

A non-Catholic minister recently quit the ministry after more than 20 years of faithful, dedicated service and became a funeral director. When asked why he had changed vocations, he said: “I spent 10 years trying to straighten out John and he is still an alcoholic. I spent 3 1/2 years trying to straighten out Harold and Susan’s marriage problems, and they ended up getting a divorce. Later I tried for 2 years to help Bob kick his drug habit and he is still an addict. Now at the funeral home, when I straighten them out, they stay straight.

HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God’s love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ’s love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.



Rosary Pilgrimage

On October 3rd there is a Rosary Pilgrimage to Monte Casino Chapel at St. Meinrad. There is thought of meeting at St. Stephen Cathedral at 12:30 and participate in the Pilgrimage (Rosary Sermon by Archabbot Lambert Riley, OSB, hymn, and blessing). We would arrive back shortly after 4. Please let me know if interested.