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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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**Sept. 12, 2021 24th Sunday Ordinary Time**

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

## TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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*The Lord God is my helper.*

*Who will prove me wrong?*

## From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! The Gospel this Sunday consists of two sections:

1. The confession of St. Peter acknowledging Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah; and 2. Jesus' prediction of the passion and death and Resurrection, and His teaching on the conditions of the Christian discipleship. Peter's profession was truly right and commendable, but did he know what kind of Messiah Jesus is? Peter finds it hard to understand and accept when it was revealed. Jesus rebukes Peter when he expresses it.

Through His rebuke to Peter, the Lord invites us to reflect on the true value of suffering, to endeavor to understand God's ways rightly, and to be ready to follow this 'hard way' of discipleship. Our Christian calling is not to run away from the suffering or crosses that come our way, but to accept them in whatever form they come, striving to unite them to those of the Lord so that they may become redemptive, and offer them for the salvation of souls.

On this Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is through suffering and sacrifices we are made shares in the glory of God. The Cross is the sign of victory; victory of love over sin and darkness. Let our veneration of the Holy Cross make us stronger to bear our crosses with more love!

😊 Always  
😊 Keep  
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

### September Birthdays

1--Norwetta Taylor  
2--Emma Latta  
3--Venice Higgs  
6--Shelby Webster  
7--Aubrey Ottofy  
8--Mary Hagan  
9--Luke Bisel  
20--Mary Katherine Gough



### 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

September 5--Rachel Fulkerson  
September 12--Ann Denise Ward  
September 19--Mary Ann Calhoun  
September 26--Herbert Millay

*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: 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, 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: Connie Clary, 22 Cleverdale Road, Rochester, NY 14616. Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage 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

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Lector	
<u>Sept. 12:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Aubrey Ottofy
<u>Sept. 19:</u>	Jacques Williams Kathi Skidd
<u>Sept. 26:</u>	Layson Brooks Sarah Malone
Eucharistic Minister	
<u>Sept. 12:</u>	Cindy Clark
<u>Sept. 19:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>Sept. 26:</u>	Barbara Bisel

**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.

**Safe Environment**

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities (800-422-4453); local law enforcement (800-752-6200); or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro’s sexual abuse policy is available at this parish (in the bookshelf in back of the church), in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>). To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to [ReportBishopAbuse.org](https://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or call 1-800-276-1562.

Grace is when God gives us the good things that we don’t deserve. Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve. Blessings re when He is generous with both. Truly we can never run out of reasons to thank Him. God is good all the time.

**I Didn’t Do It!!** A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, “Mommy, today in school I was punished for something I didn’t do.” The mother exclaimed, “But that’s terrible! I’m going to have a talk with your teacher about this... by the way, what was it you didn’t do, before I call her?” The little girl replied, “My homework!”

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In this country, we don’t name our churches “The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church,” but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn’t take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called “Adam and Eve” after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.


Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of “Midvalley City” comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

**Church Mice**

*A reference for the rest of us!*

**Theology FOR DUMMIES**

By Rev. Cheese




Karl Zorowski

**Chapter 32: Hope and Faith**

*Hope is when you go to church to pray for rain during a drought.*

*Faith is when you bring an umbrella.*



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**Complain to God.** *Lamenting to God is not a sin. A priest that I know once said to a woman who complained to God about her misfortunes: “Madam, that is a kind of prayer, go ahead. The Lord feels and hears our lamentations.” Job and Jeremiah also lamented by cursing, not the Lord, but the situation...There are many people who are in these situations of suffering... We must think about these people, whose suffering is so great, with our heart and with our flesh...they must be an anxiety for me. My suffering brother, my suffering sister.* **Pope Francis**

Coming Events  
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sept. 12--Diocesan collection for Haiti

The *Sophia Award* Mass held annually recognizes someone who is an example of seeing God as the true owner of everything in their lives. This recognition is awarded to someone 65 or older who not only has true wisdom (*Sophia*) but demonstrates and shares it. **Our nominee is Rita Moorman.** The Award ceremony in September is again cancelled, but as a parish we congratulate Rita!



August 29--\$740

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD collections--\$740

MTD budget--\$962

YTD collection--\$10,940

Debt

YTD budget--\$9620

Reduction \$40

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



Can You Walk the Walk?

I’ve met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn’t want anything to do with the Church, the term “accountability” would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn’t just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we’re the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that’s a different story, isn’t it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends “Satan” when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I’ll bet it’s not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, “You are the Christ.” And now, mere moments later, he’s saying: “Don’t say these things. Don’t say you’re going to suffer. Don’t say you’ll be killed.”

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It’s just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He’s asking you to be open to it. Maybe it’s not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don’t think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn’t get on its knees

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-10, 17 [ / Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6 / Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10 / Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:15 / Lk 8:4-15

Observances for the week of Sept.12, 2021

- Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: BVM

Seven Sorrows of Mary

- The Prophecy of Simeon.
- The Flight into Egypt.
- The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem.
- Mary's meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa
- The Crucifixion of Jesus
- Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross.
- The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today’s readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don’t always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God’s promptings will lead us in the right way.

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows.



O Virgin Mary, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration.