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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. 19, 2021 25th Sunday Ordinary Time
The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

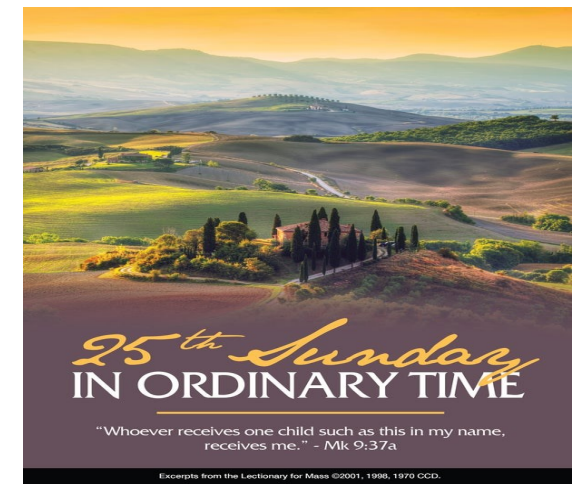
TODAY'S READING

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).



*If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the servant of all.*



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings! Today's Gospel presents Jesus as giving predictions about His coming suffering and death, which brings disappointment and confusion among the disciples. Their interest was to know and be the greatest among them. Jesus relates His suffering to the true greatness in the design of God, which is being childlike. To teach them the 'why' and 'how' of his suffering, he chooses the example of a child.

True greatness consists in serving one's fellow men and is never self-centered. It lies in the ability to see and respond to the needs of others, and it presupposes compassion and sympathy. The true conditions of true greatness are humility and service. This vocation to service belongs to the Church as a whole and to every member of the Church individually.

Jesus is speaking of His own life and death in the spirit of being a servant. He embraced crucifixion and death, as a faithful servant in order to bring salvation to humanity. This obedience revealed His Greatness in the Mystery of Salvation. This is the call we have received as Christians: to serve, whatever our position or role in the society or family or in the Church may be, because true greatness lies in being like Jesus, the servant or slave of all.

☺ Always
☺ Keep
☺ Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

September Birthdays

6--Shelby Webster
7--Aubrey Ottofy
8--Mary Hagan, Mamie Farish
9--Luke Bisel
20--Mary Katherine Gough

October Birthdays

6--Jarrod Malone
10--J3 Williams



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: Ondra Moorman, 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, 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

Sept. 19: Jacques Williams
Kathi Skidd

Sept. 26: Layson Brooks
Sarah Malone

October 3: Greg Gough
Veronica Wilhite

Eucharistic Minister

Sept. 19: Misty Sanford

Sept. 26: Barbara Bisel

October 3: Vivian Higgs

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.

First? Filled with Joy?

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful and joyful, life is good. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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I heard Pope John Paul II speak about peace, and one thing that he said was this: "No to violence and yes to peace." What is violence? In the first place, we think of weapons, knives, killings. We never think of connecting violence with our tongues. But the first weapon, the cruelest weapon, is the tongue. Examine what part your tongue has played in creating peace or violence. We can really wound a person, we can kill a person, with our tongue. -- St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Oct. 3 Rosary Pilgrimage to St. Meinrad 12:30--4
- Oct. 16--Oktoberfest tent (Downtown) 12 p.m.--6 p.m.
- October 17--Anointing of the Sick

Community Happenings

- October 14 Empty Bowls 6-8 p.m. KY Wesleyan College



Sept. 12--\$1024

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD collections--\$1899

MTD budget--\$1924

YTD collection--\$12,099

YTD budget---\$10,582

Offering



Candles--\$1

Haiti--\$148

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



Servant Leadership

In today's Gospel, the disciples were bickering about who among them was the greatest. They misunderstood Jesus' teaching and missed the opportunity to be grateful for the gift of being close to him. The Gospel doesn't say whether Jesus sighed loudly and rolled his eyes, but we can imagine he must have wanted to do so! Instead he sat down and talked to them, reminding them that true leaders are servants. *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* A servant leader is one who serves not to gain recognition, social status, or worldly wealth, but for the benefit of others. We have many servant leaders in our parish, volunteers who offer their time and skills in a variety of ministries, whether in Liturgy & Worship, Music, Education & Formation, Parish Administration (Finance committee), Fundraising. Our parish and community are blessed by the selfless service of our volunteers who demonstrate Jesus' commandment to love one another. While it's human nature to want to be the first, best, or greatest, we can strive to be grateful for our gifts and blessings and share them in service to the Lord and each other.

God gives everyone talents to share; those gifts differ from person to person, but everyone receives them! Do you know what your gifts are? How is God calling you to share them in service to others? God gives everyone talents to share; those gifts differ from person to person, but everyone receives them! Do you know what your gifts are? How is God calling you to share them in service to others?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/ Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8 / Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-6, 9/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-5/ Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15/Jer 31:10-12, 13 /Lk 9:43-45

Observances for the week of Sept. 19

- Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcin (Padre Pio) Priest
- Saturday: BVM

EXAMPLE

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock.

Laugh of the Week

A teenage girl had been talking on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up. "Wow!," said her father, "That was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?" "Wrong number," replied the girl.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they



Care of Creation

"Let us reflect on how the way we eat, consume, travel, or the way we use water, energy, plastics, and many other material goods is often harmful to the earth. Let us pray that we all will make courageous choices, the choices necessary for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle. We are called to be mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of creation."

Pope Francis message on Care of Creation Prayer Day