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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. 26, 2021 26th Sunday Ordinary Time .

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. --Psalm 19:8

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass*
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Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink
will surely not lose his reward.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! In the Gospel today we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus Name, despite their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the apostles an advice by saying “anyone who is not against us is for us.” We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, to vulnerable members of the community and to beginners in the Faith.

Jesus is inviting us to find an identity in loving and in serving others – and to be able to share that love and service with others. His world includes everyone; no one is to feel left out in their encounter with Jesus. What ultimately characterizes a genuine faith and a big heart is not how pure our churches, doctrines, and morals might be, but how wide is the embrace of our hearts. By the startling words about self-mutilation, Jesus also means that we must cut out of our lives all practices that keep us away from God, and retain only those habits that draw us closer to God. The most important aspect of our life is our Faith and it is better to suffer any calamity rather than to lose this precious gift.

😊😊😊 Always
😊😊😊 Keep
😊😊😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!
Father Sinoj, HGN

October Birthdays

6--Jarrod Malone
10--J3 Williams
13--Vicki Leonard
20--Dorothea Melton
28--Martha Kramer



Smile of the Week

What does a runner drink when he is in last place?
Ketchup

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 26--Herbert Millay
October 3--Rachel Fulkerson
October 10--Ann Denise Ward
October 17--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: 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 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. 26: Layson Brooks
Sarah Malone

October 3: Greg Gough
Barbara Bisel

October 10 Aubrey Ottofy
Jacques Williams

Eucharistic Minister

Sept. 26: Barbara Bisel

October 3: Vivian Higgs

October 10: Rita Moorman

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.

Overcoming Obstacles

In today's Gospel, Jesus suggests that it would be better to live without a hand, or foot, or eye than to live with them if they cause us to sin. These metaphors make the point that we must work to remove the obstacles—the habits or choices that cause us to turn away from God—in order to become mature disciples.

Of course we are human and therefore imperfect, so we will always encounter roadblocks of temptation and sin along our faith journey. When we consider discipleship—or stewardship—we can ask ourselves whether we are sometimes tempted to waste the precious gift of time, spend our money unwisely, or squander our God-given gifts and talents.

What are the obstacles preventing me from having a better relationship with Jesus? What changes can I make to overcome those obstacles?

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.

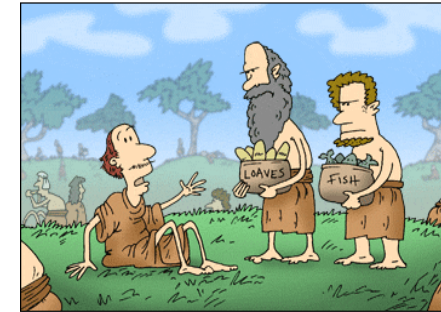
If you cannot be there, please consider a donation for gift cards and desserts.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)
I'M ON A NO-CARB, VEGETARIAN DIET

Prayer to St. Michael ***

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

*** This prayer was said after Mass from 1884 to 1965, first for the restoration of the Holy See authority and then for the conversion of Russia.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus died when she was 24, but in her short life, she attained great holiness by practicing the Little Way--a way that she saw as very straight and short. She knew as a Carmelite nun she would never be able to perform great deeds. " Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love." She took every chance to sacrifice, no matter how small it would seem. She smiled at the sisters she didn't like. She ate everything she was given without complaining. She didn't say anything when the sister next to her splashed her with dirty dish water. These little sacrifices cost her more than bigger ones, for these went unrecognized by others. These were the little ways that she went to the Lord. "Let the little children come to me."

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Oct. 10 Jacques William III's

First Communion

DRF Pledge
- Oct. 16--Oktoberfest tent (Downtown)

12 p.m.--6 p.m.
- October 17--Anointing of the Sick

10 am Mass



Sept. 19--\$1010

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD collections--\$2909

MTD budget--\$2886

YTD collection--\$13,109

YTD budget---\$11,544



Haiti--\$148

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



Cry of the Poor

St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16--23 / Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1,-3-7/ Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1--5 /Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday:

Neh 8:1--12/Ps 19:8-11/ Lk 10:1-12
- Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5, 8, 9/ Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Observances for the Week of Sept. 26

- Monday:

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Tuesday:

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Thursday:

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
- Saturday:

The Holy Guardian Angels

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side to light and guard me, to rule and guide. Amen

KNOW THE ANGELS

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you.

—St. Francis de Sales

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the “little ones,”: the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. “Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward” (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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.