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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

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

Pastor: Father John Thomas

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

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Oct. 10, '21 28th Sunday--Ordinary Time

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
 (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
 (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective
 (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30).



*May the gracious care
of the Lord our God be ours.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Month of October is special for us the Church and particularly for our Diocese. This month is specially dedicated to the holy Rosary. Praying Holy Rosary has been a great weapon of the Christians against evil. Let us increase our interest and effort to pray holy Rosary in order to live this life with Christ, of whom we reflect when we pray. In October we also have the World Mission Sunday (October 24th). Let us join our Pope in praying for the missions and for our vocation as missionary disciples. And connected to that, this week we heard from the bishop about our annual Disciples' Response Fund for the Diocese. We know we are also beneficiaries of this Fund. Let us do our best to participate in this for the love of Christ.

The Gospel this Sunday speaks of the necessity of giving priority to God over possessions of this world. We see a rich man encounter Jesus, and Jesus reminds him of the Commandments that deal with our relationships with other people, challenging him to sell what he has and give the money to the poor. Jesus' challenge exposes two missing pieces in the rich man's life: compassion and sharing. Thus Jesus declares that true religion consists in sharing one's blessings with others rather than hoarding them and inordinately attached to them.

This Monday, Oct 11 is the memorial of St. John XIII, after whom our Pastor is named. Let us in a special way remember to pray for our Pastor Fr. John Thomas and wish him all the blessings and prayers of this day. Let's not forget to do all that we can to make the Oktoberfest celebrations a success.

😊 Always
😊 Keep
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

Treasure From Our Traditions

They say that it is not so much that Columbus discovered America, but rather that after he arrived, the new world “stayed discovered.” The sponsorship of Ferdinand and Isabella assured that the news would flash around Europe with an air of authority that other “discoverers” lacked. One of the oft-mentioned early visitors is Saint Brendan the Navigator, a sixth-century Irish monk who had trouble staying at home. He is said to have sailed to “the Isle of the Blessed” in a leather-bound boat, and to have been away from his monastery for seven years. Upon his return, the stories of adventures to a new land attracted pilgrims to his monastery in the Blasket Islands, off the west coast of Ireland. Columbus is said to have referred to *The Voyage of Saint Brendan*, a very popular adventure in those days. Only after his American journey is Brendan said to have gone to tamer lands to the east, England and Scotland.

In 1976, Tim Severin set out on a two-year voyage to America from Ireland in a leather-bound boat, traveling in summer and hopscotching from the Faroes to Iceland to Newfoundland, and encountering along the way exactly what Saint Brendan describes: icebergs, whales, and porpoises. Scholars warn not to dismiss this too quickly: just as the ancient Egyptian monks sought to live in the desert, for the Celtic monks exile in a boat was the Irish equivalent. Five centuries after Brendan, other Irish monks may have visited here as a refuge from Viking terror.

Oktoberfest

Blessed Sacrament tent

October 16 12-6 pm

Downtown 2nd Street, Owensboro

- ⇒ **Desserts**
- ⇒ **Games**
- ⇒ **Basket Raffle**



Sports Basket: Includes: UK Vest (L), sweat-shirt (L), throw, rug, Academy Sports gift card (\$40), St. Louis Cardinals: back pack, hat, seat pad, hat, bag, ornament.



Christmas Basket: Includes: Queen-size quilt and shams, ceramic lighthouse, mug, dish towels, glass.

Drawing Nov. 28

October Birthdays

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



THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.

Laugh of the Week

Father O’Malley was driving down to Boston when he got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest’s breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He said, “Father , have you been drinking?” “Only water,” replied Father O’Malley. The policeman asked, “Then how come I smell wine?” Father O’Malley looked at the bottle and said, “Good Lord!” He’s done it again.

Afghan Refugees Need

Some of the Afghan people will be arriving in Owensboro soon. A plea has gone out for boys’ and men’s clothing. Bring to Church and we will take it to the drop-off place.

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. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Oct. 10 Jacques Williams III’s First Communion
- Oct. 16 Oktoberfest tent (Downtown) 12 p.m.--6 p.m.
- October 17--Anointing of the Sick 10 am Mass
- October 24--Trunk or Treat at St. Stephen Cathedral



- Oct. 3--\$510
- Weekly Budget--\$962
- MTD collections--\$510
- MTD budget--\$962
- YTD collection--\$15,027. Candles--\$3
- YTD budget---\$13,468

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



Giving Thanks is in Season Year Round.

The leaves are beginning to change and we’re feeling a transformation to autumn or, as some folks like to say, “It’s fall, y’all!” It’s a season that traditionally focuses on giving thanks; the secular reminders are all around us in stores, on television, and on social media. But as disciples—as Christian stewards—we are called to give thanks year-round. We are called to return to God, with grateful hearts, a generous portion of the many blessings we receive.

In early November, as is our parish tradition, we will be asked to pray to discern our offerings of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. *Why does our parish ask for an annual renewal?* Renewals are an opportunity to examine our blessings and make prayerful decisions about our annual commitments of financial support and service in parish ministry. **Praying:** Consider the role of prayer in your life. *Do I give thanks each day for my blessings? Do I believe in the power of prayer? Am I willing to make prayer a daily priority? Am I too busy to pray?* **Giving:** A decision about annual (Sunday) giving to our parish should be made prayerfully and according to our means. Financial offerings should be sacrificial (*does it pinch a little?*), proportionate (*does it adequately reflect a measure of our financial blessings?*), planned (*does it involve making advance decisions?*), free (*are our gifts unconditional?*), and a prayer (*is it an expression of our gratitude to God?*). **Serving:** Using our talents and skills wisely glorifies God, the Giver of all gifts. Our gifts differ from those of others, but we are all given gifts and talents to share. To discern how to best offer your talents ministry, you might consider: *What do I do well? What do I enjoy? What do friends and family tell me that I do well? How can I best offer my time and God-given talents?*

Lector

October 10 Aubrey Ottofy
Jacques Williams

October 17: Alexis Hatchett
Kathi Skidd

October 24: Sarah Malone
Layson Brooks

Eucharistic Minister

October 10: Rita Moorman

October 17: (2 priests)

October 24: Misty Sanford

Camel Through the Eye of Needle????

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

Congratulations

To:

Jamie and Brett Bisel

On the Blessing of their marriage.



Pope Francis on Praying the Rosary:

In the Rosary while we repeat the Hail Mary, we mediate on the mysteries, on the events of Christ's life, so as to know and love him ever better. The Rosary is an effective means for opening ourselves to God, for it helps us to overcome egotism and to bring peace to hearts, in the family, in society, and in the world.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3-4 / Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2--5 / Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 /Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1--6 / Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/ Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13,16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Observances for the Week of Oct. 3

Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope;
Columbus Day
Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin
Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St.
Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin;



...are we to have Father John as our pastor and Father Paul (Sinoj) as parochial vicar. Thank you for all you do for us and all the support that you give us. We appreciate your message each Sunday. Our prayers are with you.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us.

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.

