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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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30th Sunday Ordinary Time Oct 24, 2021

The LORD has done great things for us;
 we are glad indeed. Psalm 126:3

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jer. 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).



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What do you want me to do for you?

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today Catholic Church around the world observes World Mission Sunday. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

Today’s liturgy speaks of the overflowing mercy and kindness of a loving, healing and forgiving God for His children. The Gospel narrates the story of blind Bartimaeus who experienced Jesus’ compassion and mercy. Jesus in granting Bartimaeus his sight enables him to a new vision beyond mere sight, to the vision of the Kingdom of God. That is made visible as he leaves everything, including his precious cloak aside and follows Jesus along the WAY to Jerusalem.

On this Mission Sunday we are given an opportunity to test our vision. In our confession of Faith and efforts to live our Faith are we able to have that vision of the Kingdom of God? Let our celebrations of Faith not lose sight of Jesus. As we seek God’s blessings upon us let us have Faith like Bartimaeus to “cry out” in confidence and openness like him to be guided in the “vision” of Christ. Helen Keller said, “The greatest calamity that can befall people, is not that they should be born blind, but that they should have eyes, yet fail to see.”

😊😊😊 Always
😊😊😊 Keep
😊😊😊,😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!
Father Sinoj, HGN

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the first representative body of many Catholics who died for their faith between 1535 and 1679 to be beatified or canonized. Almost all of them died at Tyburn, a place of public execution near today’s Marble Arch in Hyde Park, London. The first to suffer were Carthusian monks who refused to swear an oath supporting Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England, and the last was Saint Oliver Plunkett, the Primate Archbishop of Ireland. The method of execution was particularly vile, since the condemned were hanged and their living bodies quartered to be displayed around London as a horrific warning.

Today, the tree-like gallows provides the design of a religious symbol, the canopy over the altar of the martyrs in Tyburn Convent. There, at the heart of the bustling city, a monastic community of women practices contemplative prayer and “spiritual hospitality” in the Benedictine tradition. Oddly, the community is French in origin; it was expelled from France a century ago when France outlawed contemplative monastic life. England, where the laws against Catholicism had been lifted, invited the community in. In gratitude to their new homeland, and in honor of those who gave their lives for the Catholic faith, the nuns came to Tyburn. In the public crypt, coats of arms stand for each of the 350 martyrs. A Web site visit is possible at www.tyburnconvent.org.uk.

Try to sell raffle tickets for the next month. They are \$2 each. Each basket’s value is estimated to be over \$200.



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, glasses.

Drawing Nov. 28

October Birthdays

28--Martha Kramer

November Birthdays

1--Father John Thomas, Austin Gough



Do everything in Love: The following are the words of Saint Mother Theresa which is printed on a sign and is hanging on the wall of one Mother Theresa's orphanages in Kolkata, India: People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. LOVE THEM ANYWAY. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. DO GOOD ANYWAY. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. SUCCEED ANYWAY. The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow' DO GOOD ANYWAY. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY. What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight. BUILD ANYWAY. People really need help but may attack you if you help them. HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY. Mother Teresa counseled her young charges that the challenges offered by this sign can be met only if human beings are motivated by a love and a respect for one another which looks beyond faults, differences, ulterior motives, success and failure. Mother Teresa once said of herself, "By blood and origin, I am all Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus."

Mass Intentions

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: Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Cathy Kramer, , Stephen Hall, Colton Braungardt, Connie Clary, Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, 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: Ruth Coble 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.. 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](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

October 24--Trunk or Treat at
St. Stephen Cathedral 2 PM

Nov. 7--Parish Meeting

Nov. 21--BSC Thanksgiving Dinner for
Community

Nov. 20-21 Padre Pio Relic Tour at
St. Anthony Church, Utica



Oct 17--\$850

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD collections--\$2483

MTD budget--\$2886

YTD collection--\$17,000

YTD budget---\$15,392

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



Take Courage: Jesus is Calling You

In today's Gospel, the disciples told Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Bartimaeus' faith gave him courage to respond to Jesus; he received his sight and then followed Jesus. In a world that can become cluttered with distractions and negativity, what can help strengthen our faith and give us courage to live as disciples? Making time for prayer, receiving sacraments, and reading scripture can deepen our relationship with God.

What can encourage us to respond to God's call to share our gifts? Take a few moments to observe the sense of pride, deep faith, and community that exist in our parish. Notice those who offer their time to help make our Masses a reverent worship experience— Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Hospitality Ministers, and those who lead us in sacred music. Volunteers make our ministries successful, even during a time of pandemic, by serving the less fortunate, sharing our faith with children, visiting the sick, caring for our parish campus, and countless other ways. Be aware of the compassion and dedication of Father John and Father Sinoj, who work tirelessly to guide and care for our parish family. The generosity of our parishioners who faithfully support our parish and greater community is truly amazing. Donations, whether large or small, make a difference and are greatly appreciated.

What would you like Christ to help you see? Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.

Lector

October 24: Sarah Malone
Layson Brooks

October 31: Aubrey Ottofy
Greg Gough

Nov. 7: Jacques Williams
Barbara Bisel

Eucharistic Minister

October 24: Misty Sanford

October 31: Barbara Bisel

November 7: Vivian Higgs

Afghan Refugee's Needs

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

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God. Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.



BLOKTOBERTFEST

Thanks to creative thinking and planning, Blessed Sacrament Chapel has become better known in the community. Many comments on the friendliness and energy of our group. **Thanks to each of you who helped with the planning, the preparations, set-up and take-down, and spending time near our tent.** All enjoyed the beautiful weather as we greeted many people who stopped by.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7 20-21 /Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1-6 /Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-6 /Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5 /Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-18 /Lk 14:1, 7-11

Observances for the Week of Oct. 17

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
Thursday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Saturday: BVM



October 24 Theme:

*We cannot but speak
about what we have seen
and heard. (Acts 4:20)*

A SAINTLY DEFINITION

The saint does everything that any other decent person does, only somewhat better and with a totally different motive.

THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.

St. Corona Prayer

.O Saint Corona, who fearlessly gave your life to bring comfort to the suffering, we beg your intercession during this time of pandemic. By your holy martyrdom you gave us an example to follow, that we may lay down our lives for one another. May you intercede for us all, that we may imitate your compassion and courage. May Almighty God, whom you so faithfully loved and served, grant us every grace and protection from the ravages of disease. May we not give in to anxiety or fear which would cause us to lose confidence in God's divine providence. Amen.