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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

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31st Sunday--Ordinary Times Oct. 31, '21

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deut. 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28-34).



I love you, O Lord, my strength.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just two years ago, we engaged in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in “chapter” at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in “chapter” by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don’t have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

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

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! We are at the end of the month of October, a month we specially dedicated to the holy rosary and missions. Hope these observances have helped us grow in our Faith and our relationship with God. Month of November is dedicated to remembering the departed souls. On the 2nd we observe the commemoration of all the Faithful departed known as All Souls’ Day. We begin the month with the celebration of All Saints’ Day. Let us, during this month, remember and pray for all the dead, especially our dear ones. I encourage you to join the solemn vespers that will be prayed at the Cathedral on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 6.00 pm.

Today’s Gospel speaks of the greatest and first Commandment. In answer to the question of a scribe about the most important commandment Jesus teaches about the love of God and love of fellow human beings. This teaching we understand better when we understand the teaching of seeing God in everyone. It is by showing genuine, active love for our neighbours that we can demonstrate that we really love God. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are actually giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbour as Jesus loves him and us.

Tomorrow, November 1st is the birthday of our Pastor, Fr. John Thomas. Happy Birthday to our Pastor! Let us wish him all the blessings and continue to pray for him.

😊😊😊 Always
😊😊😊 Keep
😊😊😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

November Birthdays

- 1--Father John Thomas, Austin Gough
- 5--Michael Bogdan, Jamie Bisel
- 7--Lennox Williams
- 8--Audrey Mezur
- 11-Jeff Sanford
- 16--Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough
- 19--Ron Moorman, Barbara Bisel
- 22--Trey Hatchett
- 25--Payton Sanford
- 28--Shirley Schmidt



A Day of Joy: Celebrating the Gifts of our Later Years

Nov. 5, 2021 9:30--2:30 at McRaith Pastoral Center.

Join in a day of inspiration, humor, music, prayer and fellowship as we consider God’s invitation to see aging as an adventure for our body, mind, and soul, Randy Lanham Band will play.

Register at owensborodicesec.org/day-of-joy or call 270-229-0200 or 270-683-1545. Cost \$10 includes lunch

Mass Intentions

- October 31--Joe Beard
- November 7--Herbert Millay
- November 14--Grace Medley Ebelhar
- November 21--Donald Moorman
- November 28--Patricia Lett

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, 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

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.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Nov. 7--Parish Meeting
- Nov. 21--BSC Thanksgiving Dinner for Community 12-2
- Nov. 20-21 Padre Pio Relic Tour at St. Anthony Church, Utica
- Nov. 28--1st Sunday of Advent
- Drawing for basket winners



- Oct 24--\$1113
- Weekly Budget--\$962
- MTD collections--\$3596
- MTD budget--\$3848
- YTD collection--\$18,113
- YTD budget---\$16,354

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



Living the Greatest Commandments

Today’s Gospel presents Jesus’ teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. Let’s consider these “greatest commandments” as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward’s daily life—the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. ■ The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord—our prayer life. It is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, shouldn’t I make time for God “first” on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him. ■ The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to “love my neighbor as myself.” At the same time, it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him. ■ The use of material gifts—or treasure—likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond.

When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today’s Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

Lector	
October 31:	Aubrey Ottofy Greg Gough
Nov. 7:	Jacques Williams Barbara Bisel
Nov. 14:	Alexis Hatchett Kathi Skiidd
Eucharistic Minister	
October 31:	Barbara Bisel
November 7:	Vivian Higgs
November 14:	Rita Moorman

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.

Pray for the Dead
Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them.
Neither Despair nor Presume
Two criminals were crucified with Christ.
One was saved ; do not despair.
One was not; do not presume.

Daily Examen of Stewardship
“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?
What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?
To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?
Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?*

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6 / 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6 / Rom 5:5-11 /Jn 6:37-4
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1-5, 9 / Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 /Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4]/ Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Observances for the Week of Oct. 31	
Monday:	All Saints
Tuesday:	All Souls’ Day;
Wednesday:	St. Martin de Porres,
Thursday:	St. Charles Borromeo,
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	32nd Sun-Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends



GOD’S LAWS
God’s laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God’s laws out of fear of what might happen if we don’t, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God.
The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, “Hear, O Israel.” Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.

St. Martin de Porres loved men because he honestly looked upon them as God’s children and as his own brothers and sisters. Such was his humility that he loved them more than himself and considered them to be better and more righteous than he was.
St. Martin was the son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave. He lived in poverty and received only limited education. At age 12, he became a barber’s apprentice. Most of his money he gave to the poor. Because he was black, he was barred from entering religious order but eventually was accepted. He saw value in every person, stood up for equal rights and justice.
He is patron saint of barbers, social justice, and interracial relations. He was the first black saint of the Americas.