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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.*

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Feast of Christ the King, November 21, 2021

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
 the firstborn of the dead  
 and ruler of the kings of the earth.

## TODAY'S READING

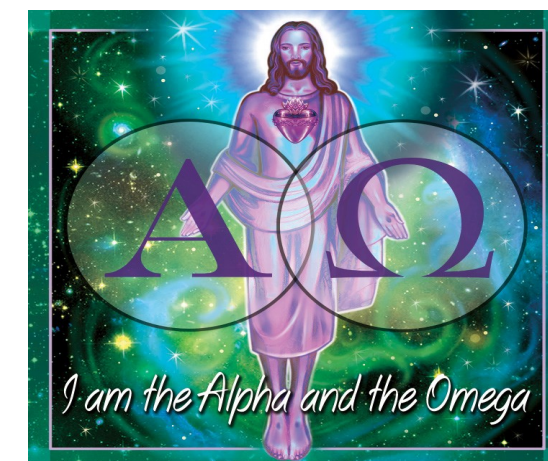
**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37)

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# From the desk of Father Sinoj



*Everyone who belongs to the truth  
listens to my voice.*

Dear Friends in Christ,  
I wish all of you Peace and Blessings of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Today we conclude our liturgical year with this Feast, proclaiming in a striking and effective manner Christ’s royalty over everything in/of the Universe and reminding ourselves of the fidelity and loyalty we owe to Christ. The earthly kingdoms have boundaries and they are limited by space and time. But Christ’s kingship is far superior; it is beyond space and time. His incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross has made us both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.  
In the gospel today Jesus clarifies to Pilate about His Kingship that He is the King and His Kingdom “does not belong to this world.” He rules as King by serving others rather than by dominating them; His authority is rooted in Truth, not in physical force, and His Kingdom, the reign of God, is based on the Beatitudes. Let us constantly work on to prove our citizenship in the Kingdom of God by our allegiance and surrender to Christ the King. I would like to appreciate all of you who are doing your part to make our Thanksgiving dinner a success. Let us make our gratefulness to God shine in many ways, especially by celebrating the Eucharist. Happy Thanksgiving!

😊 Always  
😊 Keep  
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!  
Father Sinoj, HGN

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We’ve already seen how on Saint Martin’s Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of “Saint Martin’s Wine,” the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin’s Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!

**Please turn in raffle tickets. 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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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



.GRATITUDE

What is gladness without grati-  
tude, and where is gratitude without a  
God?

—Coventry Patmore

ORIGINALITY

Remember that God prefers the  
poverty of our hearts to the most sublime  
thoughts borrowed from others.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

PROPER ROLE

Money is a terrible master but  
an excellent servant.

Mass Intentions

- 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 at  
One Park Place and Shirley Schmidt at Hermitage.  
Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis 1360 Cop-  
pergate Ln., St. Louis, MO 63138 but stays active  
in BSC.. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

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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](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register.

Coming Events  
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- 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



- Nov. 14--\$1603
- Weekly Budget--\$962
- MTD collections--\$2708
- MTD budget--\$1924
- YTD collection--\$21,976
- YTD budget---\$2736

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



Gratitude Turns What We Have  
Into Enough

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has submit-  
ted a *Time, Talent, and Treasure* pledge. If  
you have not yet done so, please pray about  
your offering of ministry service and financial  
support to our parish for the coming year, then  
return a pledge this week. Be assured, the gifts  
you share *matter* and *make a difference!*

Whether you are a longtime parishioner,  
new to our parish family, or new to the pledg-  
ing process, I ask that you return a pledge.  
Drop it in the offertory collection, mail it to  
the Parish Office,. If you did not receive a  
packet, extras are available in the church or  
the Parish Office. Whatever your level of par-  
ticipation and support, join me in praying for a  
successful renewal for our parish.

In this season of giving thanks, know that I  
am thankful each day for your continued of-  
ferings of prayer, service in parish ministry,  
and financial support. May God’s blessings be  
with you and your loved ones! I remain

A Servant in the Lord, **Father John.**

Praying • Giving • Serving

- Write a thank-you note to someone who  
deserves your gratitude.
- Keep a gratitude journal; each day, write  
down three things for which you are  
grateful.
- Be mindful of the present moment.
- Remember to count your blessings!

Lector	
<u>November 21:</u>	Wayne Stephens Sarah Malone
<u>November 28:</u>	Layson Brooks Aubrey Ottofy
<u>December 5:</u>	Greg Gough Barbara Bisel
Eucharistic Minister	
<u>November 21:</u>	Cindy Clark
<u>November 28:</u>	Barbara Bisel
<u>December 5:</u>	Misty Sanford

The Judgment Day: President John F. Kennedy was very fond of a particular story, which he often used to close his speeches during his 1960 presidential campaign. It is the story of Colonel Davenport, Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives back in the year 1789. One day, while the House was in session, the sky of Hartford suddenly grew dark and gloomy. Some of the Evangelical House representatives looked out the windows and thought this was a sign that the end of the world had come. Uproar ensued, with the representatives calling for immediate adjournment. But Davenport rose and said, “Gentlemen, the Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. Therefore, I wish that candles be brought.” Candles were brought and the session continued. .



**Liturgical Update**

As humans, all of our senses are part of who we are as a complete person. Our Catholic faith uses this belief as we worship. Incense, art work, statues, music all help us lift our minds to God.

Bells call us to worship. For centuries, the practice was to ring a bell at certain times of Mass, especially when the Holy Spirit is called down and at the words of consecration.

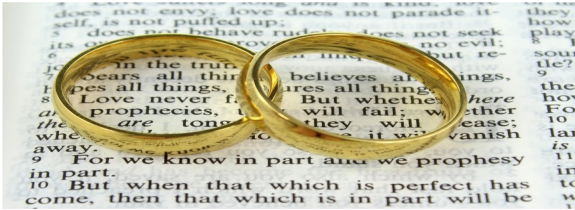
When the Mass was celebrated in Latin, fewer and fewer people understood the language and the priest had his back to the people. A bell was rung to assist the people. After Vatican II when Mass was again celebrated in the language of the people and many of the complex rituals of the Mass were simplified, the ringing of the bells became optional.

The current rubrics of the Mass allow for a small bell to be rung as a signal and at each elevation. Some people believe that the ringing of the bell is important because of a decline of faith in the holy Eucharist as truly being the Body and Blood of Christ. By ringing the bell, we receive a subtle reminder to “pay attention.. Jesus is here.”

Beginning with the new liturgical year, (Nov. 28) the bells will be rung during the Eucharistic prayer. We will also begin in-pew collection at Offertory time.

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56 / Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67 /Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74 / Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/ Lk 21:34-36

Observances for the week of Nov. 21, 2021	
.Monday:	St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, ; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	BVM



**CHRIST IS KING**

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It’s easy to understand today’s scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus’ words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he “has made us into a kingdom” (Revelation 1:6)—one people

**Congratulations to all of our parishioners who have wedding anniversaries this month--especially Joyce and Philip Moorman --64 yrs.**

**Church Mice**



Karl Zorowski