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# Blessed Sacrament

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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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## TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44).

**32nd Sunday Ordinary Time-Nov. 7, 2021**

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.



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*She, from her poverty, has contributed  
all she had, her whole livelihood.*

**From the desk of Father Sinoj**



.Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! On this 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time we are challenged by the Word of God to surrender our lives to God with a humble and generous heart by serving others lovingly and sacrificially. The Gospel speaks of the poor widow who gave all what she had as an offering to God. The Passage depicts how Jesus contrasts the external signs of honor sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of the poor widow and declares that she has found true honor in God’s eyes.

God values our offering when we give wholeheartedly. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our purses. This poor widow challenges us to find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold. We shall do our best to stir up our stores of love, selflessness, sacrifice, and compassion and pour out our heart, our whole life for the glory of God.

This Sunday is Stewardship Sunday. A day for us to examine, enlighten and re-commit ourselves for God’s glory through our participation in the Faith life of the Parish. All of you should have received the stewardship forms by now, if not please get one from Sister. Jeannette. Please go through different opportunities available to minister God and His Church and respond wholeheartedly.  
God Bless You!

😊 Always  
😊 Keep  
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!  
  
Father Sinoj, HGN

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the “Great War”) on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier’s cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or “chapel,” the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as “Saint Martin’s Lent” or “Martinmas,” that later developed into the season of Advent.

**Try to sell 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



Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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 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

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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 31--\$1155
- Weekly Budget--\$962
- MTD collections--\$4751
- MTD budget--\$4810
- YTD collection--\$19,268
- YTD budget---\$17,316

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



A Message from Father John Thomas

Each November at Blessed Sacrament Chapel we are asked to prayerfully review our blessings and submit our pledge of *Time, Talent, and Treasure* for the coming year. Renewal packets have been mailed to registered parishioners; when you receive it, I ask that you please complete and return a pledge.

- **Praying.** Before you make decisions regarding financial support and ministry service, pray to recognize the blessings and gifts God has given you. Let us pray to receive His gifts gratefully and share them responsibly. And remember to make time for God in prayer each day!
- **Giving.** Pray to discern a level of annual financial support to our parish that is appropriate, proportionate, and according to your means; then complete the treasure portion of the pledge.
- **Serving.** Review the listed needs or add any special talent that you have. There’s something for almost everyone! Consider prayerfully how you and your family can offer your time and talents in ministry service, then complete the ministry portion of the pledge. Kindly return your pledge by **November 21**. You may place in the Offertory collection at Mass or send it by mail.

Whether you are a new parishioner, new to the pledging process, continuing your current involvement, or changing your selections, I am asking everyone to complete and return a pledge. Our parish needs the participation and support of all our members. If everyone does a little, together we can do a lot!

### Lector

Nov. 7: Jacques Williams  
Barbara Bisel

Nov. 14: Alexis Hatchett  
Kathi Skiidd

Nov. 21: Wayne Stephens  
Sarah Malone

### Eucharistic Minister

November 7: Vivian Higgs

November 14: Rita Moorman

November 21: Cindy Clark

### 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.

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DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING, WIDOW HARRIS PUT TERMITES IN THE COLLECTION PLATE

On December 10, 1979, Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, went home and told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they came into our house, and there was this little one, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children and many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

### Readings for the Week

.Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10 / Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-12/Ps 46:2-9 / 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 / Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22—8:1/Ps 119:89--91, 130, 135 /Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-43/Lk 18:1-8

### Observances for the Week of Nov. 7

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wednesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Friday: St. Josaphat, Martyr

Saturday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

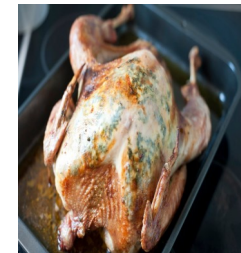
### A GOOD STORY

Christianity is the story of beggars who tell other beggars where to find bread.

### THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." (Heb 9:28)



Our annual Thanksgiving dinner is just 2 weeks away. Please plan on assisting in whatever way you can. Our way to give to community.

### Church Mice



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