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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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4th Sunday Ordinary Time January 30, 2022

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
 but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor.13:13)

TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
 before you were born I dedicated you,
 a prophet to the nations I appointed you.
 (Jer 1:4-5)

Psalm:

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)

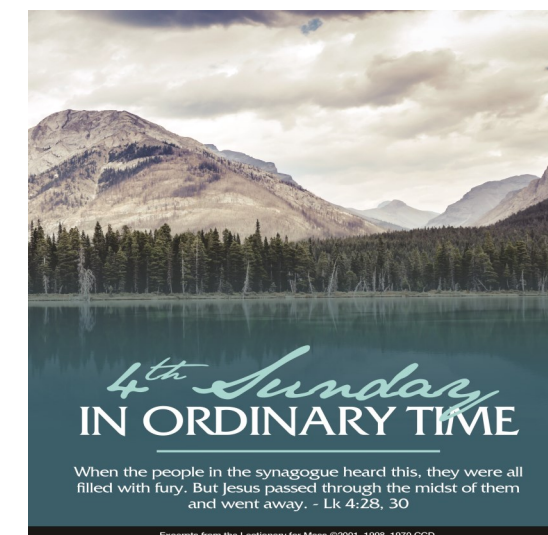
Second Reading:

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
 but the greatest of these is love.
 (1 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

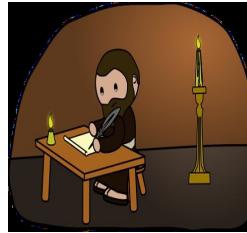
And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." (Lk 4:24)

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*For you are my hope, O Lord,
my trust, O God, from my youth.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! On this fourth Sunday in the Ordinary Time, the Gospel speaks of the reaction of Jesus' townspeople and his response. They were amazed that one of their fellow-villagers could speak with such grace and eloquence and with such authority. But their amazement turned into doubt and displeasure and even anger, when He testified to the prophecy as being fulfilled in Him.

Jesus responded to the people's skepticism by referring to the Biblical stories of how God blessed two gentiles - through the prophet Elijah, the widow of Zarephath and through prophet Elisha, Naaman the Syrian - while rejecting the many Jews in similar situations;. This conveys that God showers his mercy, love and compassion upon those who are open to His grace and ready to surrender completely to His providence. Jesus also invites us to have the courage of our Christian convictions in our Faith, even when we face hatred and rejection because of them.

February 2nd is the Feast of Presentation of the Lord, which is also observed as World Day of Consecrated Life. Please pray for inspiration in the minds of people and perseverance in the lives of the consecrated to continue Christ's Light shine in our world. On February 3rd, on the memorial day of St. Blaise we have a tradition of blessing throats. We shall have a blessing of throats after the Mass next Sunday.

☺☺☺) Always
☺☺☺☺☺) Keep
(☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺) Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

Treasures From Our Tradition

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory." and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

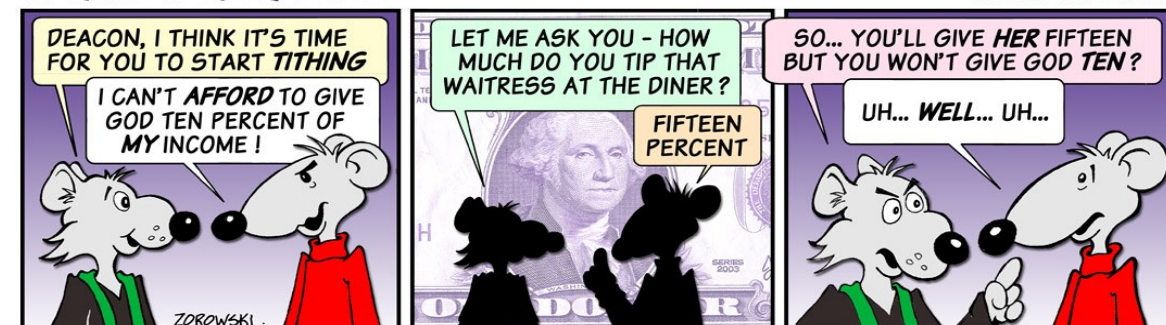
We are born to sing--just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir. Why not start practicing now? James Field Copyright J.S. Paluch Co.



God enters the temple not as a powerful ruler but as a little child in his Mother's arms. The King of glory comes not with a show of human force and power, not with a great fanfare and noise, not causing fright and destruction. He comes into the temple as he came into the world, as an infant in silence, in poverty, and in the company of the poor and the wise." – Pope John Paul II

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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January Birthdays

20--Janet Clark
22--Vaughn Williams
25--Louise Johnson
26--Frank Adams
27--Sarah Malone, Lilly Malone
30--Pam Wilson

February Birthdays

2--Nancy Bumm
3--Jacques Williams Sr.
6--Philip Moorman
8--Karen Terry
9--Beau Bisel
10--Father Jerry



IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799. We recently received a check for \$154.81. This represents the support of 38 households. Thank you. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Stephen Hall has ended his earthly journey. Pray for him and all the people who have recently died that they are soon in the loving arms of the Lord

Mass Intentions .

.January 16--Herbert Millay
January 23--Betty and John Clark
January 30--Stephen Hall
February 6--Dorothy Fulton
February 13--Dorothy Fulton

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: Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Colton Braungardt, Hank Pardon, Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, 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 Coppergate Ln., St. Louis, MO 63138 but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.
If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.
If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

February 13--Synod Listening Session
#2 11 AM
February 20--Anointing of the Sick
March 2--Ash Wednesday-6 PM Mass
March 11--1st Fish Fry 5-7 PM



January 23--\$962
Weekly Budget--\$962
MTD Collection--\$3206
MTD Budget--\$3848
YTD Collection--\$34,151
YTD Budget--\$28,860

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Faithful Departed

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

Laugh of the Week

Hank: "God, I was wondering, how long is a million years to you?"

God: "Son, a million years is like a second to me."

Hank: "God, how much is a million dollars to you?"

God: "Son, a million dollars to me is like one penny to you."

Hank: "God, can I have one of your pennies?"

God: "Just a second son."

Fair is Fair

Lector	
<u>January 30</u>	Alexis Hatchett Wayne Stephens
<u>February 6:</u>	Greg Gough Jacques Williams
<u>February 13:</u>	Aubrey Ottofy Sarah Malone
Eucharistic Minister	
<u>January 30:</u>	Barbara Bisel
<u>February 6:</u>	Rita Moorman
<u>February 13:</u>	Misty Sanford



February 8 is the feast day of Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita. Saint Josephine was born in 1869 in Sudan, died in 1947, was beatified in 1992 and canonized in 2000. St. Josephine was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery. After being bought and sold numerous times, once freed, she became a Canossian nun. She is the patron saint of Sudan.

A diocesan Mass will be held on her feast day, Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 PM at St. Stephen Cathedral, which is also the world day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking. All are welcome to attend to this Mass or view it via St. Stephen’s livestream on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). This Mass is being sponsored by the **Bakhita Empowerment Initiative**, which is a Catholic Charities of Louisville program to combat human trafficking.

But the Greatest of These is Love.

Today’s Second Reading from 1 Corinthians is beautiful and encouraging, but it is also a reality check. We hear that we can do it all—move mountains, comprehend all mysteries and knowledge, give away everything we own, but (you knew there was a BUT coming, right?) if we have or do these things without love, we have nothing. That’s powerful. Reflecting on this Scripture passage helps us consider **how** we love. We are reminded that love never fails; we need look no further than a crucifix to help us understand what love really is. *“So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13:13)*

What does love have to do with discipleship? As disciples, we are not asked to do it all, but we **are** called to share our God-given gifts and talents justly and with love. It’s not about the amount of treasure or service we give, but about the love with which we gratefully receive our gifts and share them. There are many quotes about love attributed to Saint Teresa of Calcutta. One of my favorites is *“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”*

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION #1

At the first listening session we had 23 people join together in listening to one another and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us as a parish, diocese, and universal Church. The group was alive as they talked about what they treasure in the Church and what their dreams are for the Church. Where is the Spirit leading us in the 21st century?

Hopefully some who weren’t able to join us will be able to be part of the next one on February 13. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/
Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-
19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/
Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr
29:10, 11-12,/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and
50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/
Mk 6:30-34

Observances for the week of Jan. 30

Sunday: Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday: The Presentation of the
Lord; World Day for
Consecrated Life

Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and
Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

An Ongoing Mission

In this hometown synagogue, Jesus’ neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter’s son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha, the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God’s people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today’s readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus’ mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

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St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.