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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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January 9, 2022 Baptism of Jesus

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5

TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoke (40:5)

Psalm:

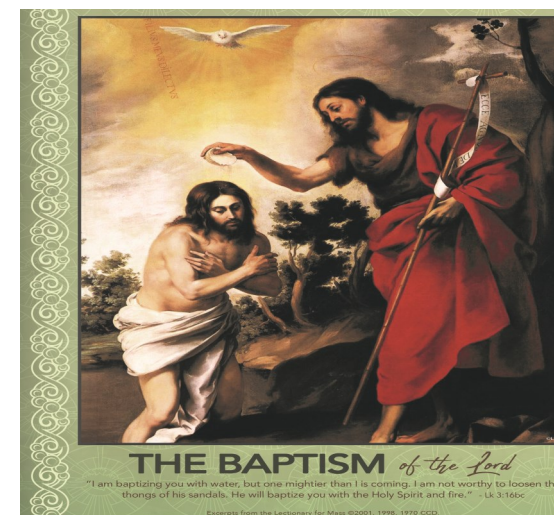
O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

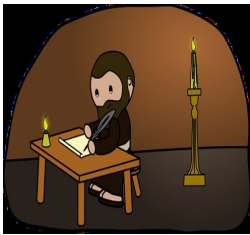
Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)



*The grace of God has appeared,
saving all.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Feast marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This Monday we begin the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year, calling us to celebrate the life, death, resurrection of Jesus, whose incarnation we celebrated in the Christmas Season.

The gospel today is the account of Jesus’ baptism. As a humble servant Jesus submits himself to the baptism of John whereby we learn that Jesus is the Emmanuel, “God with us,” the new way for humanity to connect with and to be in relationship with God. The immersion of Jesus in the Jordan is a symbol of God’s full immersion into our humanity in the person of Jesus. Thereby the truth of Incarnation is revealed.

“God with us” gives us a guiding light to justice and love that sets us free from our imprisonment to the darkness of hatred, violence, and all forms of evil in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Let us put our lives in ‘order’ to be the living revelations of “God with us.”

😊😊😊 Always
😊😊😊 Keep
😊😊😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share the cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had an Elvis sighting lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in His Baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.


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Church Mice

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A New Year is an opportunity to start all over again, greeting each new morning with these words -
“Thank You, Lord for the gift of another day, help me to make the best of it!”

MAY GOD GRANT US ALL 20/20 VISION TO SEE THE BEST HE HAS TO OFFER!



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DO YOU KNOW THE DATE OF YOUR BAPTISM?

Today pray for your godparents and the priest/deacon who baptized you. Celebrate the new life you were given.



December Birthdays

January Birthdays

3--Parker Malone
7-- Jacques Williams II
10--Whitney Williams
14--Burnell Hamilton
20--Janet Clark
22--Vaughn Williams
25--Louse Johnson
26--Frank Adams
27--Sarah Malone, Lilly Malone
30--Pam Wilson



I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God. --st. Teresa of Calcutta

Mass Intentions .

January 2--Dottie Monarch Clark

January 9--Charles E. Thompson

January 16--Herbert Millay

January 23--Betty and John Clark

January 30--Paul Bender

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, Stephen Hall, Colton Braungardt, Hank Pardon, Veronica Wilhite, 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 Copergate Ln., St. Louis, MO 63138 but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

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Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

January 9--Take down decorations

January 16--Synod Listening Session
#1 11 AM

February 13--Synod Listening Session
#2 11 AM



January 2--\$654

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD Collection--\$654

MTD Budget--\$962

YTD Collection--\$31,599

YTD Budget--\$25,974

Candles--\$2

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



Synod Listening Sessions

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be participating in a two-part listening session as part of the diocesan synodal process! Synodality means journeying together and gathering in assembly as the People of God. Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in the conversation. Each individual matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together. This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church. Please join us January 16 after Mass. The second listening session is scheduled for February 13.

Invite someone you know to join us. The Holy Father wants to hear from everyone, especially those on the margins-- maybe people who feel excluded or not heard.

We will try to get a count of who is attending on January 9th as we will have a light lunch after Mass before we begin the listening and sharing. Please try to arrange your time so we hear how you think the Church can be more alive in our lives and how we can reach out. You have a wealth of experience and ideas to make the Church more vibrant.

	Lector
<u>January 9:</u>	Jacques Williams Sarah Malone
<u>January 16:</u>	Aubrey Offofy Kathi Skidd
<u>January 23:</u>	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>January 9:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>January 16</u>	Vivian Higgs
<u>January 23:</u>	Cindy Clark

Discipleship: A Way of Life All Year Long.

By now most Christmas trees, Nativity displays, outdoor Christmas lights, and inflatable lawn decorations have been taken down. The hectic pace of gift-giving and celebrations has given way to a more normal routine (or, as ‘normal’ as possible, since pandemic conditions are still with us). It is wonderful to know that we open our hearts to support charities and outreach programs during Advent and Christmas; the giving and sharing at the holidays is important and makes a difference in the lives of many! But our efforts as disciples need to continue year round. Living as a Christian steward means sharing our treasure, offering our talents in service, and making time for the Lord in prayer all year through. When we recognize, gratefully receive, carefully tend, and generously share a portion of our God-given gifts, we deepen our relationship with the Lord and support our parish and greater community. We continue to reach out to the less fortunate, whose needs continue long after the Christmas season is over.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That’s exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

2022 Resolutions

- An important one that we can easily overlook is to jumpstart your prayer life. It’s easier than dieting, more convenient than exercise and you might find yourself shedding unwanted indifference and building up muscles of faith.**
- 1. Embrace an attitude of gratitude. Begin each day with “Thank you, God.”**
 - 2. Pray the basics: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. Feeling anxious, worried, try “Jesus, I trust in You!”**
 - 3. Pray for those around you. (Those you walk past, those you meet, strangers in your building or neighborhood.)**
 - 4. Read/listen to spiritual books. (Formed, Lives of Saints.)**

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/
Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/
Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2
and 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14
-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22/Ps 89:16-
17-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Ps
21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

Observances for the week of Jan. 9

- Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

May the Christ Child this year bring you:

- ◇ *Enough happiness to keep you sweet*
- ◇ *Enough trials to keep you strong*
- ◇ *Enough sorrow to keep you human*
- ◇ *Enough failure to keep you humble*
- ◇ *Enough success to keep you eager*
- ◇ *Enough friends to give you comfort*
- ◇ *Enough wealth to meet your needs*
- ◇ *Enough enthusiasm to look forward*
- ◇ *Enough faith to banish depression*
- ◇ *Enough love to exclude no one and to embrace everyone*
- ◇ *Enough generosity to become God’s gift to others.*

Called to Serve

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus. “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message., “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.
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