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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:

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victor through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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8th Sunday Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. Luke 6:44



*A good person out of the goodness in his heart,
produces good.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ

Greetings! Today, on the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel continues to present the sermon of on the plain by St. Luke. Today's passage draws our attention to our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behavior, feelings, motives, or actions of others. Jesus condemns this attitude as it damages the good reputation of others and causes them irreparable damage.

Jesus calls us to identify the faults within ourselves before we blame others. That is a requirement in order to make a clear and integral correction of mistakes. Without correcting our perspectives and perceptions, we blame the reality outside. Hence we are called to allow the Spirit of God cleanse us from within so that we may draw goodness from inner springs of holiness.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We begin the Season of Lent, in observance of penance and preparation for the Great Solemnity of Easter. This Season gives us an opportunity to reflect more on the mystery of our Salvation for which Jesus Christ our Savior suffered and died on the Cross. Let us pray for God's grace to make this Season more Spiritual and Sincere.

😊 Always
😊 Keep
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek our ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, may Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement. Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to god, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are the days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deed in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29 and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

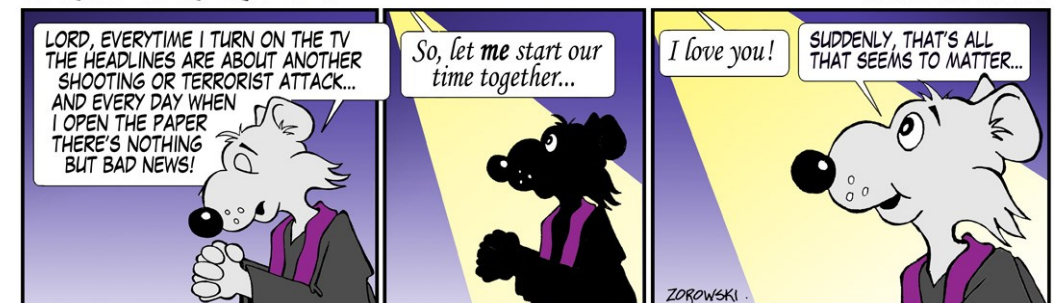
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Lent is coming soon. March 2nd. What are you planning to help make your Lent meaningful? Prayer, penance, almsgiving!!

**Lent is a time to draw closer to Jesus. How are we doing that?
Hopefully we can slow down so we can see God working in our
lives, experiencing His love and mercy and sharing with others.**

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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February Birthdays

9--Beau Bisel
10--Father Jerry
23--Larry Allen
24--Yasmeen Williams
27--Sondra Hibbs

March Birthdays

2--Marsha Allen
6--Alizabeth Hatchett, Jax Malone
7--Britney Carmona



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Mass Intentions .

February 27--Donald Moorman
March 2--Herbert Millay
March 6--Betty and John Clark
March 13--Dan Harding

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, Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby (Connie Clary's daughter) **Paul Groner, Larry Clark, Colin Holahan,** Colton Braungardt, Hank Pardon, Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, 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. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him.

He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March 2--Ash Wednesday-6 PM Mass
Day of Fast and Abstinence
March 11--1st Fish Fry 5-7 PM
March 25--SSC Fish Fry 5-7:30 PM
April 8--2nd Fish Fry 5-7 PM



February 20--\$413
Weekly Budget--\$962
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MTD Budget--\$2,886
YTD Collection--\$38,009
YTD Budget--\$32,708

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

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LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ash Wednesday:

Mass at Cathedral 7 AM and Noon At BSC 6 PM

Reconciliation:

At Cathedral:

Saturdays 9:30-11 AM

Online Devotionals

Best Lent Ever

www.dynamiccatholic/bestlentever

Living Faith Daily

www.livingfaith.com

February--Black History Month

There are 6 African Americans on the road to Sainthood:

Venerable (one step away from Beatification) Pierre Toussaint, Sr. Henriette Delille, Fr. Augustus Tolton.

Servant of God (Life and works investigated for possible sainthood) Mother Mary Lange, Julia Greeley, Sr. Thea Bowman.

Lectors	
<u>February 27:</u>	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
<u>March 2</u>	
<u>March 6:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Aubrey Offofy
Eucharistic Minister	
<u>February 27</u>	Rita Moorman
<u>March 2:</u>	Priests
<u>March 6:</u>	Vivian Higgs
<u>March 13:</u>	Barbara Bisel

What Kind of Fruit Do You Produce?

Today’s Gospel, like many Scripture passages, uses agricultural references to teach and challenge us. *“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.”* Christ seeks to bear good fruit in each one of us.

Lent begins this week! This season of spiritual preparation offers opportunities for us, as disciples, to devote ourselves to the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In prayer, we can ask the Lord to help us focus outwardly (i.e., be “other centered,” rather than “self-centered”) and to make any changes needed in order to bear good fruit. A question for reflection: What kind of fruit do I produce? *“For every tree is known by its own fruit.” (Luke 6:44)*

Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can’t deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week’s shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren’t ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we’re all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone’s doorstep — but if we’re Christians who live our faith publicly, we’re stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let’s make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn’t know how to garden, when in reality, it’s us who don’t always know how to grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

We lose our souls not only by the evil we do, but also by the good we leave undone.

—Fulton J. Sheen

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/ Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3--6, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1- 4 and 6/ Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/ Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/ Lk 5:27-32

Observances for the week of Feb. 27	
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday
Thursday:	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Friday:	St. Casimir

St. Katharine Drexel | March 3

With a family like hers, it’s no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father’s death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. . She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

The Inside Show

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul’s expression-- words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows too how willingly we seem to ferret out others’ smallest speck-like flaws.

And this too is for our general consumption: solid old goodness and solid old baldness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus’ images, is true “What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh..” By and by, the inside will show through.

It’s time to register your preschooler for the 2022-2023 school year! **Cathedral Preschool** is a ministry of St. Stephen Cathedral, and offers a faith-based preschool curriculum as well as After School Childcare for children ages 3,4, and 5. To register or to learn more about what we can offer your child, please visit our website: <http://www.cathedralpreschool.com>