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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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5th Sunday Ordinary Time February 6,, 2022

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"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said, "send me."

TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left all and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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*By the grace of God,
I am what I am.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Today's Gospel narrates the Lukan version of the first encounter of the first disciple of Jesus. It happens with a miraculous catch of fish at Jesus' command. Peter recognized the Divinity of Jesus and his unworthiness to be in His presence. Thus Peter became the first person in the Gospel to acknowledge his sinfulness.

Jesus seized this opportunity to proclaim His mission and invite them to be the missionaries. Peter was prompted to surrender his life fully to Jesus' service as a full-time disciple. He and his partners were given the privilege of sharing in Christ's work of gathering people to God.

The Good News today is that God can take a very human, fault-filled person and offer him/her forgiveness, give a mission and call to holiness. We need to pray that our encounters with the holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness. The recognition of our inadequacy and sin is necessary for us, if we are to be willing and able to receive transformation through God's grace. All of us need constant conversion. God wants us to realize His presence everywhere and in everyone, to repent of our sins, and to remain in readiness to speak and act for Him in every circumstance.

☺☺☺) Always
☺☺☺) Keep
☺☺☺) Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

Treasures From Our Tradition

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the symbols of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

WE (ALL) ARE CALLED

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus called humble, hardworking fishermen to be 'fishers of men.' What a great reminder that Jesus calls all of us to serve, not just those whom we assume to be smarter, more talented, or wealthier than we are, or those whom we think have more time or gifts to share. Do you believe that God is calling you?

A point for reflection is Simon Peter's response to Jesus' instruction to lower the nets again. "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." At times we might feel reluctant to respond to a call from the Lord. If we consider that it is a privilege to be called to serve, and pray for the persistence to try again, we (like the fishermen) can be "astonished" at the outcome!

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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February Birthdays

2--Nancy Bumm
3--Jacques Williams Sr.
6--Philip Moorman
8--Karen Terry
9--Beau Bisel
10--Father Jerry
23--Larry Allen
24--Yasmeen Williams
27--Sondra Hibbs



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Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers Katherine Grundy, Gloria Adam's sister, who died last week and her brother-in-law who died the previous week. We also remember anyone who has died and have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions .

January 30--Stephen Hall
February 6---Dorothy Fulton
February 13--Dorothy Fulton
February 20--Dorothy Fulton
February 27--Donald Moorman

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.

Choosing Sides

My great concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side. Abraham Lincoln.

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 30--\$1276
Weekly Budget--\$962
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May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

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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!

February--Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month this year is **"Black Health and Wellness"** with special emphasis on healthcare access and improving wellness. The origin of National Black History Week dates back to 1926. It is celebrated in February because that is when the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass are celebrated.

Lector	
<u>February 6:</u>	Aubrey Ottofy Greg Gough
<u>February 13:</u>	Wayne Stephens Sarah Malone
<u>February 20:</u>	Layson Brooks Kathi Skidd
Eucharistic Minister	
<u>February 6:</u>	Rita Moorman
<u>February 13:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>February 20:</u>	Priests



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.

The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn’t expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that’s when we need to remember that stewardship isn’t a job that we apply for. It’s a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, “Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful.”

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn’t trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, “Whom shall we send?” we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out “Send me, Lord!” And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

God Accompanies Us

Ask yourselves, “How much space do I give to the Lord? Do I stop to talk with him? Ever since we were children, our parents have taught us to start and end the day with a prayer, to teach us to feel that the friendship and the love of God accompanies us. Let us remember the Lord more in our daily life. --Pope Francis.

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7, 19-22/Mk 8:1-10

Observances for the week of Feb. 6	
Tuesday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Friday:	Our Lady of Lourdes



The story of **Lourdes** is well known. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in the small town located in the foothills of the Pyrenee Mts. of southern France. She had the minimal schooling of a poor girl of her time, compounded by missing lessons due to ill health and the fact that she was needed at home to help care for siblings. It was the young Bernadette’s lack of schooling which made her testimony regarding the apparitions all the more believable. The quote “I am the Immaculate Conception” coming from the lips of a young, rural girl possessing minimal schooling had an indisputable veracity. The spring at Lourdes was uncovered by Bernadette at the command of Our Lady, who asked her to drink of the as-yet-unseen spring and wash in it. Since then, millions have bathed in the water of Lourdes; the water was found to be only pure and potable. Faith is the ‘secret’ ingredient. As Bernadette said, “One must have faith and pray; the water will have no virtue without faith.” **The Blessed Virgin, through Bernadette, had come to call sinners to a change of heart. Her message was a request for prayer and penance. February 11 is the World Day of the Sick. We will have Anointing of the Sick on February 20.**

God’s Summons

Confronted with God’s power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. “Woe is me. I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips,” he said aloud. Likewise with his empty fishing nests dramatically filled at Jesus’ instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

Next Peter got up. He docked his boats, then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah answered, “Here I am, send me.”

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the Gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won’t lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God messenger?