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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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6th Sunday Ordinary Time February 13, 2022

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Luke 6: 20-21.

TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
 whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
 (Ps 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. (1 Cor 15:16-17)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

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*Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Thank you and Congratulations for your participation in the Synodal process of our parish. Hope it helps us to make a renewed journey of our Faith in the Church. Let us continue our efforts to remain close to the Church.

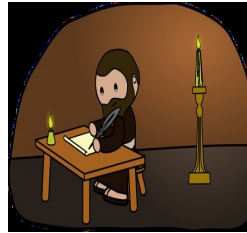
The Gospel this Sunday speaks of Jesus' teaching on blessedness poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. It is paradoxical to think these things as blessed. But Jesus invites his followers to recognize and cooperate with the providential design of God in our sufferings. Poverty helps us to recognize our dependence on God; hunger draws us to God's providence; in sorrow for our sins we find reconciliation with God; persecution gives us the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions.

The same blessedness becomes real in the life of others through us. Each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now. All of us, as we are called to be blessed for our sufferings, are also called to be blessing to others in their sufferings. Thus we will be able to live the Beatitudes in this world.

☺ Always
☺ Keep
☺ Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN



A Christian Can Never Be Sad

--Pope Francis

A Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst; it is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them! And in this moment, the enemy, the devil, comes, often disguised as an angel, and slyly speaks his word to us. Do not listen to him! Let us follow Jesus!

What obstacles are you facing right now? Look for Jesus' presence and listen for his voice in these situations. Ask him to lead you.

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

.Laugh of the Week: A guy wins a ticket to the Super Bowl and so he's very excited. However, he's not so excited when he gets there and realizes his seat is in the back of the stadium. So he looks around for a better seat and to his surprise he finds an empty seat right next to the field. He approaches the older guy who is sitting in the seat next to the empty one and asks if the seat is taken. "No" replies the man. The young guy is very surprised to hear this and asks, "How could someone pass up a seat like this?" The older guy replies, "It's my wife's seat. We've been to every Super Bowl together since we've been married but she passed away." "Oh, how sad, the guy says taken aback. "I'm sorry to hear that, but couldn't you find a friend or relative to come with you?" "No," the man replies, "They're all at the funeral."

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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Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.. Through our words and action, may others encounter Your mercy.

Mass Intentions .

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, Gina Kirby (Connie Clary's daughter)
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 and Shirley Schmidt at Hermitage. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

Inseparable

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated.

Nonsense

A little nonsense is relished, now and then, by the wisest among us.

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



February 6--\$1,150
Weekly Budget--\$962
MTD Collection--\$1,150
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YTD Collection--\$36,577
YTD Budget--\$30,784

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

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Each year, National Marriage Week USA and World Marriage Day provide an opportunity for the Catholic Church to focus on and celebrate the vocation to marriage and family life. The theme for this year's celebration of Marriage Week is "Called to the Joy of Love," and was chosen to highlight the many ways that married couples and families are accompanied by the Church to live out the call of love.

A wedding today often costs over \$30,000. I heard an interesting take on that several years ago. Instead of putting that money into a marriage that often only lasts a few years, it would make more sense to have a simple wedding and have a big celebration when the couple reaches 25 years.

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.

Lectors	
February 13:	Wayne Stephens Sarah Malone
February 20:	Jacques Williams Kathi Skidd
February 27:	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
Eucharistic Minister	
February 13:	Misty Sanford
February 20:	Priests
February 27	Rita Moorman

It’s a Matter of Trust

An internet search for a definition of the word “trust” resulted in the following: “firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.” Synonyms included *confidence, belief, and faith*. So we know the definition of trust, but also what it feels like, as well as what a lack of trust feels like. Today’s first reading likens one who trusts in the Lord to a tree with deep roots. When we deepen our trust through prayer, reading Scripture, and receiving the Sacraments, our roots will help us weather the storms and trials of life. Trusting in God is essential to living as disciples—as good stewards of our many gifts—and to being open to hearing His call to share those gifts. We can trust that God uses what we offer to help build His Kingdom on Earth, even if we cannot see the immediate effects.

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That’s why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it’s closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it’s the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don’t have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn’t you know it, it’s in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It’s not because He hates to see us smile. It’s because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let’s pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend’s new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription “Rest in Peace.” He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain . “It could be worse,” the florist said, “Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription ‘Congratulations on Your New Location!’”

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-5/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-7/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-6/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

Observances for the week of Feb. 13

- Sunday: Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
- Monday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine’s Day
- Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Prayer for a Husband and Wife

O God, we want to live our life together with you and always to continue it with you. Help us never to hurt and never to grieve each other. Help us to share all our works, all our hopes, all our dreams, all our successes, all our failures, all our joys, and all our sorrows. Help us to have no secrets from each other so that we may be truly one. Keep us always true to each other, and grant that all the years ahead my draw us ever closer to each other. Grant that nothing may ever come between us and nothing may ever make us ever drift apart. And as we live with each other, help us to live with you, so that our love may grow perfect in your love, for you are the God whose name is love. This we ask for your love’s sake. Amen.

Blessed

When we think of the word “Beatitude”, we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit...”) Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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