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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: 9:00AM

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TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him." (Lk 10:5-6)

July 3, 2022 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. --Gal. 6:14



When Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples, he said to them:

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’ If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.”

Jesus said in today’s Gospel that their first words on entering a house were to be “*Peace on this house.*” They were to be ambassadors of peace and goodwill.

Peace is the highest value for all people in the world. Everybody is talking about peace: politicians, writers, and heads of different organizations. Many times priests in their churches preach about peace during homilies. The word Peace is on the mouth of all people, who want well to our world, our families and communities. Peace implies openness, friendship, tolerance, goodwill, hospitality. It disposes us to reach out to others. It helps to break down barriers between one another. Without peace nothing is possible.

Shortly before Communion the priest says to us, “*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*”

What a wonderful gift is being offered to us – the peace of Christ, a peace which the world cannot give. Then he invites us to “*offer each other a sign of peace.*” Next we share Christ peace to others by shaking hands or a hug and sometimes even a kiss.

We come to Mass to receive a blessing from the Lord. If we took nothing else away with us but peace, our time would be still well spent. We must be prepared to give back something of what we have received.

The end of the Mass is not like the end of a football game or movie where we simply get up and leave. At the end of Mass we are sent out. The priest is sending us with Jesus’ peace. We hear: Go in the peace of Christ.... Go and give the peace of Christ to others, to your family, wife, children, maybe to your neighbors, people at your workplace. We are then sent out as ambassadors of that peace to others.

If we wish to be effective messengers of peace three things are necessary: First, we have to find peace within ourselves; Secondly, we have to be willing to share that peace with others; and thirdly, we must then be willing to receive the peace offered by those around us.

The harvest is great. There are many opportunities for sharing peace and for making peace. We may not always succeed, because it takes at least two to make peace. We have to accept that our peace will not always be accepted. It may come back to us like the echo of our own voice. But at least we ought to try. In a world torn apart by competition, anger and hatred, we have a challenging vocation – to be living signs of love that can bridge divisions and heal wounds.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It is high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are “among the missing.” Some find the summer’s call ore appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the “sabbatical” rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, “Then takes our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot life.” By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society’s life.

--James Field J.S. Paluch, Co

Church Mice

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True Meaning of Freedom

But what does freedom mean. It is certainly not doing whatever you want allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don’t like out the window. No, that is not freedom! Freedom is given to us so that we know how to make good decision in life!

--Pope Francis

Freedom isn’t freedom from something, but freedom for something.

June Birthdays

- 27--Leland Herzog
- 30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett

July Birthdays

- 3--Ray Higgs
- 8--Alexis Hatchett, Calvin McHenry
- 10--Chelis Carmona
- 12--Darlina Etienne
- 13--Francine Epison
- 15--Georgia Holland
- 17--Wayne Stephens

Mass Intentions

- July 3--Betty and John Clark
- July 10--Robert Prather
- July 17--Stephen Hall
- July 24--Herbert Millay
- July 31--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: **Burnell Hamilton, Robert Johnson, Larry Allen,** Kitty Board, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby (Connie Clary’s daughter) Colin Holahan, Doris Smith, 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: Robert Johnson at his home. 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.

As you might be aware we are looking at ways to Growing Forward in Christ. We are looking at renovations. Part of any moving forward has to be to invite people to join us and to pray. **Our Scripture sharing time will resume mid-September.**



IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament’s # is WX799. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Honoring Our Past and Growing Our Future

We continue to move forward with our Renovations. If you have not sent in your commitment form, please do so. It is important for you to pray about what Blessed Sacrament has meant to you and what you think our future holds.

Coming Events
CALENDAR



- Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- July--Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- July 3--50-50 raffle tickets pick-up
- August 6--BSC Picnic 12-2 (BBQ for sale, drive-through diners, 50-50 raffle)



- June 26--\$756
- Weekly Budget--\$962
- MTD Collection--\$4070
- MTD Budget--\$3848
- YTD Collection--\$60,745
- YTD Budget--\$50,000

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

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When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: “Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business.”

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said “I love you” expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. “Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven.”

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn’t always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	Lectors
<u>July 3:</u>	Layson Brooks Kathi Skidd
<u>July 10:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Connie Clary
<u>July 17:</u>	Aubrey Ottofy Greg Gough
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>July 3:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Janet Clark, Charlene Meadows
<u>July 10:</u>	Kathi Skidd, Rita Moorman, Barbara Bisel
<u>July 17:</u>	Cindy Clark, Karen Leachman, Misty Sanford
	Collection & Gifts
<u>July 3:</u>	Jacques & Yulanda Williams
<u>July 10:</u>	Jax Malone, Cathy Kramer
<u>July 17:</u>	Joyce & Ron Moorman

Prayer for Our Nation

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

--The Roman Missal

A PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE FRANCIS

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!
We have tried so many times and over so many years
to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.
How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced?
how much blood has been shed?
how many lives have been shattered?
how many hopes have been buried?
But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid!
Grant us peace, teach us peace;
guide our steps in the way of peace.
Open our eyes and our hearts,
and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost".
Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love,
you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.
Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace,
our trepidation into confident trust,
and our quarreling into forgiveness.
Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.
In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Hos 2:16-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-10//Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2, 5/ Mt 10:24-33

Observances for the Week of July 3

.Monday:	Independence Day
Tuesday:	St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Wednesday:	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr
:Saturday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, and Companions, Martyrs

Picnic--2022

At the parish meeting recently, decisions were made about the annual picnic which will be August 6th, There will be a drive-through dinner 12-2 pm, Pre-sale Bar-b-q meat and a 50-50 raffle. Please plan to support this in the best way that you can.

2022 Barbecue Schedule

7/9 St. Alphonsus	3:00 PM
8/2 St. Martin (Drive Thru)	4:00 PM
8/6 Blessed Sacrament	12:00-2:00 PM
9/17 Blessed Mother (Drive Thru)	4:00 PM
9/18 St. Lawrence/ St. William	11:00 AM
9/24 Immaculate	1:00-3:00 PM
9/25 St. Mary of the Woods	11:00 AM

God's Providence

Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heart-breaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us "as a mother comforts her child." The prophet describes us not as the usual "children of God," but as "babies." We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother.

Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can "make troubles" for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

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