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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:

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. (Gn 14:18)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

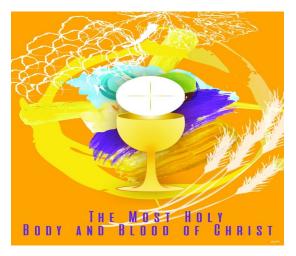
Gospel:

They all ate and were satisfied. (Lk 9:17)

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June 19, 2022 Corpus Christi As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes 1Cor.11:26



My Dear Parishioners: For devout Jews the world over, the place of greatest attraction in Jerusalem is not of course any Christian shrine but rather the Western Wall (or as some non-Jews prefer to call it, the Wailing Wall.) Its importance is that it is the only surviving portion of the great Temple which once stood in that place and which was central to Jewish worship of God. Since the final burning of the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD, it has been the custom of devout Jews to publicly express their grief here, over the destruction of this sacred place, which was a cherished sign of God's presence in their midst. While the Temple stood it was traditional for everyone in the land to go up there at least once a year. This was not done grudgingly, but with joy, as we see from the Psalms: "I rejoiced when I heard them say, Let us go to God's house, and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem." Even during their exile in Babylon, when the Temple lay in ruins for close on 70 years, their thoughts kept going back to it. "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept, when we remembered Zion," Zion being the hill on which Solomon erected the first Temple.

When it was first consecrated the glory of the Lord enveloped the Temple. The most sacred area was the *Holy of Holies*, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. We might say that the destruction of the Temple made way for a more spiritual, uninterrupted presence of God in this world.

Central to this new form of worship is, not a building, but a person, the person of Jesus Christ, the focus of today's feast. At his Last Supper, Jesus left a legacy, both for his immediate followers and for all of us as well. By instituting the Eucharist, he gave the Church a memorial of his saving presence, a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, so that those taking part in it would be filled with grace and rest secure in the pledge of future life with God.

St Peter in his discourse to the household of Cornelius said, "they killed Jesus by hanging him on a tree. Three days later God raised him up, and let him be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as God had chosen beforehand — we who ate and drank with him after his resurrection from the dead" (Acts 10:40f). In other words, they could witness to Jesus' resurrection because they shared in the Eucharistic meal with him, after God had raised him up. And every time we celebrate Mass together we too are telling the world about the risen Jesus. But there is another reason why we join in this celebration, and Our Lord stated it clearly, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you will not have life in you" (Jn 6:53).

Whoever receives Christ in the Eucharist receives a promise of eternal life. The first reading spoke of the *manna* by which God fed the chosen people in the barren desert wastes. No matter how efficient the securities with which we surround our earthly existence, a life without Christ would be meaningless. Whereas for the person with faith and trust in the loving providence of God, this *bread from heaven* becomes the guarantee of life everlasting.

Blessings, Fr. John

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century.. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

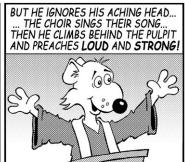
Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread throughout Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the Eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an "anchoress", a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of he Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrow with dignity and meaning.

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Church Mice

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OPPORTUNITIES

July 1-4 National Conference of Burmese American Catholics

This year the conference is held in Owensboro. We have several volunteer opportunities.

• Sarah Malone is looking for people to serve meals on July 3: 2 shifts 11:30-2:30 and 5:30-8:30.

June Birthdays

- 2--Antonia Hagan
- 4--Larry Leachman
- 15--Lea Ann Johnson
- 16--Sister Jeannette
- 23--Michelle Jones, Pam McCarter
- 30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett



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Blessed Sacrament Chapel applied to be part of the Lilly Endowment Grant which Brescia University is utilizing to help area places during a Mission Week: Eucharistic Life. A team will be here June 20-23 to paint the hall and do other work in the hall and on the outside. All materials are paid for through the grant. Please say a prayer of thanks for the team that is giving of their time and talents to help us and the Lilly Endowment.

Mass Intentions

June 5--Peter Almendarez

June 12--Herbert Millay

June 19--Louie Moorman

June 26--Stephen Hall

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, Kitty Board, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby (Connie Clary's daughter) Tom and June Johnson, 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: 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. We usually have a Scripture Sharing group on Thursdays, praying over the Sunday readings and praying for you. Next one is June 23 at 5:30. Put it on your calendar.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

June 6-17 Sr. Jeannette--retreat

June 19---Farewell Potluck meal to honor Father Paul (11 AM)

June 20-23 Mission Group from Brescia working at BSC

June 24--Sunday Mass at 9 AM



June 5---N/A

Weekly Budget--\$962

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GOD OUR FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR FATHERS YOUNG AND OLD.

WE PRAY FOR YOUNG FATHERS, NEW-LY EMBRACING THEIR VOCATION; MAY THEY FIND COURAGE AND PERSEVER-ANCE TO BALANCE WORK, FAMILY AND FAITH IN JOY AND SACRIFICE.

WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN FATHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHOSE CHIL-DREN ARE LOST OR SUFFERING; MAY THEY KNOW THAT THE GOD OF COMPASSION WALKS WITH THEM IN THEIR SORROW.

WE PRAY FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT FA-THERS BUT STILL MENTOR AND GUIDE US WITH FATHERLY LOVE AND ADVICE.

WE REMEMBER FATHERS, GRANDFA-THER, AND GREAT GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT WHO LIVE FOREVER IN OUR MEMORY AND NOURISH US WITH THEIR LOVE. AMEN"



Happy Father's Day

"The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams, and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family."~ Reed Markham



Our Lord gave the Church the great gift of the Holy Eucharist to feed us spiritually and give us the strength we need to follow Him faithfully. The bread and wine become His Body and Blood. It is not just a symbol of Christ but, in a profound and holy transformation, the elements actually become the Lord's Body and Blood. As Catholics we have a tremendous treasure in our ability to physically receive Jesus Christ. We must respond with faith and reverence to this gift that Jesus has given us.

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: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18/

Ps 60:3-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36/

Ps 48:2-3-4, 10-11/

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps

119:37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-

15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66,

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6 /

Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:

1-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51

Observances for the Week of June 19

Tuesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Wednesday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the

Baptist

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of

Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

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, Presale Bar-b-q meat and a 50-50 raffle. Please plan to support this in the best way that you can.

Fatherhood

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

--Clarence B. Kelland

THE SACRED MEAL

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals, the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. The Mot Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work.

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THE EUCHARIST

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is involved is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, after we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection.

--St. Irenaeus

2022 Barbecue Schedule

6/25 St. Mary Magdalene 4:00 PM

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

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