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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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July 31, 2022 18th Sunday--Ordinary Time

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. (Ps.90,12).

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Ecc 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

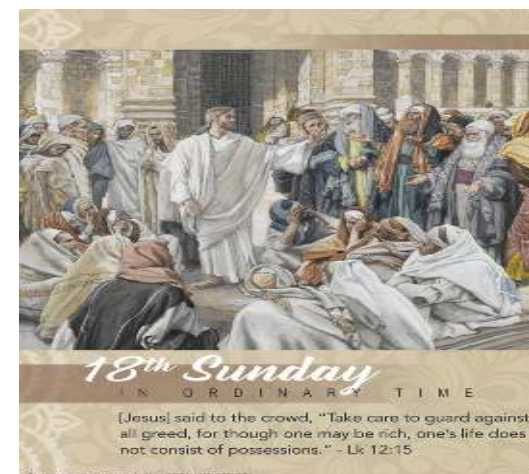
Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. (Col 3:1-2)

Gospel:

"God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Lk 12:20)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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A research company was anxious to do an extensive study of wolves in one of our national parks. Wolves, however, are rather clever, and have no desire to cooperate with scientific studies. So, with the backing of a major donor, the company placed a bounty of \$5000 on any wolf that could be safely captured for research. Two young college students, Tom and Dave, decided this would be a way to make their fortunes. They were familiar with the park because they had camped there frequently. For two weeks they scoured the park without much success. Then one night, exhausted, they retired to their sleeping bags under the stars, and fell asleep thinking of their potential wealth. In the middle of the night, Tom woke up and realized that he and Dave were surrounded by at least 50 wild wolves with glaring eyes and bared teeth. He nudged his companion. "Dave," he said, "Wake up! We're rich!"

Rich? Maybe. Doomed? For sure. Today's parable also relates riches and death. In the parable, a rich man is busy making plans to store his wealth for the future. He decides to build bigger barns to hold what he owns. But all of his industrious planning is cut short by his sudden death. The parable does not deny the need to plan for the future, but it asks us to look at wealth from the ultimate perspective. The man in the parable is called a fool, not because he is stupid, but because he does not appreciate the true purpose of his wealth. All his crops, all that he has is a gift from God. That gift, of course, is meant to be used for his benefit, but not in an unlimited way. Once his own needs are met, his excess wealth should not be hoarded away for the future, but used. And according to the gospel, it is to be used for the benefit of others.

This truth is not new to any of us. I think all of us are aware that God entrusts things to us to be used for the benefit of others. Yet I think many of us, much like the man in the parable, go about from day to day without reflecting on what the purpose is for the gifts we have received. When God places money, or time, or ability into our hand, we are delighted. We begin planning how we can use these things for our own benefit – and to a point, that is okay. But how often do we think of the responsibility we have to use our gifts for the sake of others? Now this blindness might result in part from our culture which is always pushing us to accumulate excess wealth: more money, more friends, more possessions. Our culture persuades us that bigger is better, that growth is always desirable. Watching TV just a few weeks ago I heard someone say, "Beautiful. Nothing succeeds like excess!" How often do we ask ourselves, "Do I really need this? Shouldn't some of this be given to someone else? What part of my excess wealth or talent or time should I give to someone who needs it?"

Clearly today's parable might not be intended for everyone. There could be people here this morning who have no excess wealth, no excess time, no excess talent. But the people with no excess of gifts are few. Most of us need to listen to this parable as it reminds us that the excess gifts that we keep for ourselves are not an advantage, but a liability. The scriptures even use the image of a storehouse in heaven, a storehouse in which we can invest. We can place things in our heavenly storehouse each time we give away some of our resources here on earth. And that image of the heavenly storehouse should be taken seriously, because at any time, just like in the parable, God could choose to call us home.

When John D. Rockefeller died at the age of 98 at the beginning of the twentieth century, he was the wealthiest man in the world. And a reporter who was assembling his obituary asked his chief aide, "Just how much did your boss leave behind?" The aide answered, "All of it."

The same is true for us.

Blessings, Fr. John

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite. Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderful diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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Memory pills to remember the prayers. Two elderly men were walking along the beach and their wives were walking behind them. One man says, "Eddie, did you know I've been taking these new memory pills to help me remember my prayers? They're tremendous." "I would like to improve my memory too," said the other man. "What are those pills called?" The first man scratches his head, embarrassed because he can't remember the name of the memory pills. "Wait!" he exclaims. "Let me ask my wife." He thinks a moment and then says, "My God! I forgot her name. It's the same name as a flower with red petals, long green stems and thorns." "The rose?" Eddie guesses. "Yes, that's her name!" The first man replies, smiling brightly, as he turns around to ask his wife. "Rose! What is the name of those memory pills I take?"

July Birthdays

8--Alexis Hatchett, Calvin McHenry
 10--Chelis Carmona
 12--Darlina Etienne
 13--Francine Epison
 15--Georgia Holland
 17--Wayne Stephens
 18--Lori Carmen
 20--Tina Gough
 22--Marcia Wilhite
 24--Lori Robinson
 27--Robert Hagan
 28--Dylan Sanford
 29--Hugh Joseph Moorman
 30--Yvonne Mundy
 31--Gloria Adams



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Once we take our eyes away from ourselves, from our interests, from our own rights, privileges, ambitions--then they will become clear to see Jesus around us. --Mother St. Teresa

Mass Intentions

July 31--Dan Harding
 August 7--Herbert Millay
 August 14--Mary Lou Miller
 August 21--Stephen Hall
 August 28--Paul Bender

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: John Thompson, Dorothy Fennewald, Burnell Hamilton, Robert Johnson, Larry Allen, Jordan Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Ka'Mya Morton, 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.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

July--Sunday Mass at 9 am
 August--Sunday at 9 am
 August 6--BSC Picnic 11:30-2
 (BBQ for sale, drive-through diners, 50-50 raffle)
 August 14--50-50 drawing 10 am



July 24--\$437
 Weekly Budget--\$1058
 MTD Collection--\$3915
 MTD Budget--\$4232
 YTD Collection--\$3915
 YTD Budget--\$4232

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What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot. But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ. As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	Lectors
<u>July 31:</u>	Misty Sanford Connie Clary
<u>August 7:</u>	Layson Brooks Sarah Malone
<u>August 14::</u>	Alexis Hatchett Kathi Skidd
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>July 31:</u>	Cindy Clark, Sarah Malone Kathi Skidd
<u>August 7:</u>	Janet Clark, Rita Moorman, Greg Gough
<u>August 14:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Misty San ford, Charlene Meadows
	Collection & Gifts
<u>July 31:</u>	Barbara Hammond, Sondra Hibbs
<u>August 7:</u>	Jacques, Whitney Williams
<u>August 14:</u>	Janet Clark, Michelle Jones

Picnic--2022

We need your support and participation at our picnic on August 6. There will be a drive-through dinner 11:30-2 pm, Pre-sale Bar-b-q meat and a 50-50 raffle. How can you help?

- Sell 50-50 raffle tickets. Last year we gave the winner \$2822. Let's top that
- Get pre-sales for bar-b-q. Orders due by August 1.
- Donate a pork butt, other items for dinner.
- Help on Friday afternoon to prepare meat
- Bar-b-q
- Saturday help--wrap pre-sold meat, serve lunch, **Clean-up**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE FRANCIS

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!
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.
Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently. copyright-LPI

12 *The number of hugs that are necessary each day for people to thrive. Have you given yours?*

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/ Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28-36

Observances for the Week of July 31

Monday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard,
Thursday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Friday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Saturday:	The Transfiguration



Shout Out

To our ticket sellers at the Cathedral this past weekend: Cindy Clark and Michelle Jones (chairs), Wonet Taylor, Layson Brooks, Mark Payne, Laurie Hicks, and Brenda Kelly.. All your efforts are greatly appreciated.

USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then, because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days; we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

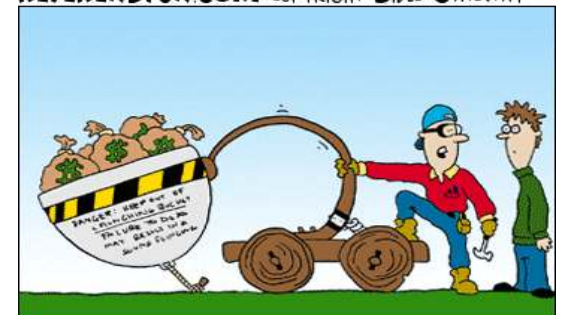
In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes remind us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

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2022 Barbecue Schedule

- 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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