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# Blessed Sacrament

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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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**August 14, 2022 20th Sunday--Ordinary Time**

Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2.

## First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

## Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

## Second Reading:

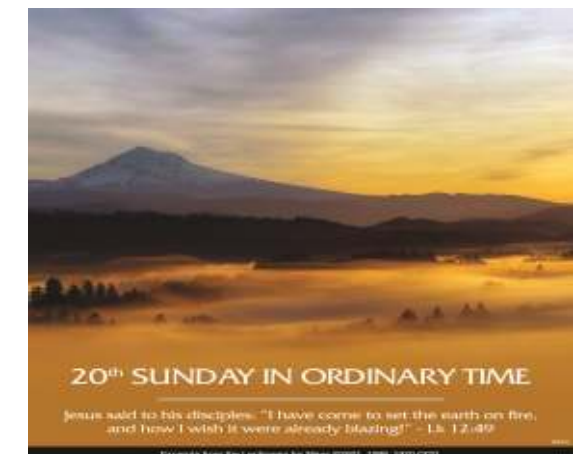
Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Heb 12:1-2)

## Gospel:

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division." (Lk 12:51)

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As Christians, we must bear the consequences and shoulder the responsibility of following Christ. The message and teachings of Christ are beautiful; they are all about love, the one and truest commandment. But, love is not about fancy words or sentimental feeling; love here is a decision.

Today's gospel calls on us to make the kind of decisions in our lives that are Christ-anchored, that come down on the side of the gospel. Some people, it appears, like to sit on the fence, to play the game of compromise, by giving into sin and the ways of the world while offering lip-service to the gospel. We all do this in one way or another. We cannot completely separate ourselves from the world (quite the contrary, the Church calls us to transform it . . . by being present).

Jesus tells us in today's gospel that now is the time of ripening, when the best decisions are called for and when the results can be seen. "I have come," He says, "to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze was ignited." The decision to follow Jesus is not an easy one. It can be an unpopular decision: the kind of choice that may "split...son against father, mother against daughter...daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." Jesus saw clearly what lay ahead of Him when He accepted God's will. He would be abandoned by his closest friends because they were afraid of the consequences of following Him. He sees clearly what lies ahead of us when we follow Him. The cost is often a separation that is not intended or willed, but implied. But, growing is like this. Death and Resurrection are like this. They leave their tracks everywhere.

Jesus does not wish to "light a fire on the earth" that will destroy and consume the environment. He wants to light a fire that purifies the soul that achieves the kind of cleansing that clear decisions bring about. Clear decisions to follow Jesus call for letting go and for taking up. When we embrace this way of life some will understand, some will not. Some will join us on this journey some will not. The first decision however lies within us with our own sin, our own struggles, and our own failures to live the Gospel. Only then can we be credible witnesses of Gospel love.

Today's gospel reminds us that now is decision-time; it is time to let go of our own sin and grab hold of eternal mercy. The responsibility and the consequence belong to us . . . but at the same time so does the beauty and realization that Christ's promise is true.

Blessings, Fr. John

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the feast of the Assumption of Mary, there is no shadow of death or gloom since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples. James Field@J.S. Paluch

Friday's crew in afternoon prep and evening barbecue; Many faces are missing from the Friday evening crew. My apology to our fantastic work crew Saturday. I failed to get pictures.



## August Birthdays

21--Kyler Carmona  
24--Celena Hagan  
30--Hank Pardon



## IMP—Kroger

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## Mass Intentions

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: Doris Smith, John Thompson, (Cindy Clark's brother) Dorothy Fennewald, Teresa Woods, 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, 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

August--Sunday Mass at 9 am  
August 14--50-50 drawing 10 am  
August 21--Parish meeting in hall (Food!)



August 7--\$1479.50

Weekly Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$1479.50

MTD Budget--\$1058

YTD Collection--\$6047.50

YTD Budget--\$6348

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## A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

<b>Lectors</b>	
<u>August 14:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Kathi Skidd
<u>August 21:</u>	Connie Clary Jacques Williams
<u>August 28:</u>	Greg Gough Barbara Bisel
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
<u>August 14:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Misty Sanford, Charlene Meadows
<u>August 21:</u>	Sarah Malone, Barbara Bisel, Kathi Skidd
<u>August 28:</u>	Cindy Clark, Janet Clark, Rita Moorman
<b>Collection &amp; Gifts</b>	
<u>August 14:</u>	Janet Clark, Michelle Jones
<u>August 21:</u>	Cathy Kramer, Wonet Taylor
<u>August 28:</u>	Leland Herzog, Jax Malone

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE

## 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.

### A PROFESSIONAL JUGGLER

Driving to his next performance, a professional juggler was stopped by the police. "What are you doing with these matches and lighter fluid in your car?", the police officer asked. "Actually, officer, I am a juggler. I juggle flaming torches in my act." "Oh. Yeah? Let me see you do it." The juggler gets out of the car and begins juggling the blazing torches masterfully. A couple driving by slows down to watch the performance. "Wow," the driver says to his wife. "I am glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they are giving now."

### OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place. St. Theresa of Lisieux

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,/Ps 45:1-12/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-19/Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:-14/Mt 23:1-12

### Observances for the Week of August 14

Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary  
 Friday: St. John Eudes, Priest  
 Saturday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

*The rest of your life is waiting for you. So, don't let your past rob you of your future. You are more than the worst thing that has ever happened to you. You are more than the worst thing you have ever done. God is never more than one choice away. It only takes one Holy Moment to shift the momentum of your life in the right direction.* Matthew Kelly

Please remember in your prayers the sister of Gloria Adams, Esther Marie Black, who recently died.

### LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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### 2022 Barbecue Schedule

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

