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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 28, 2022 22nd Sunday--Ordinary Time**

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. Heb. 12:22.

## First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 7:18)

## Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)

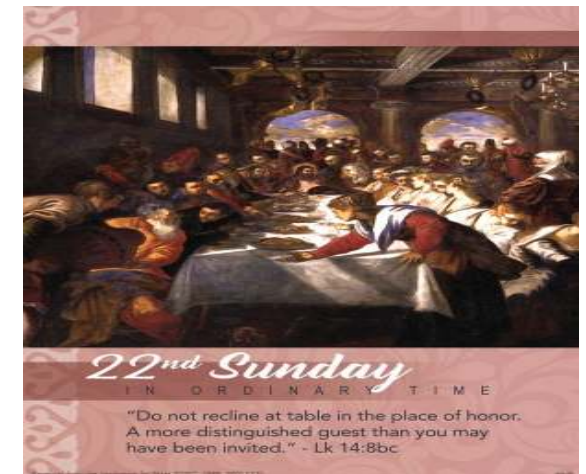
## Second Reading:

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. (Heb 12:22)

## Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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.My Dear Parishioners,

If you will allow me, I wish to address two points of great importance in the life of our parish. First, I wish to write about Eucharistic Adoration, and secondly, I wish to write about vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life.

Pope Benedict XVI issued, *The Sacrament of Charity* in 2007. Among the many observations the Pope makes about the Eucharist in the life of the Church and in the life of every disciple, he includes several paragraphs about adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic devotion.

He emphasizes in the letter the need for true reverence for the Blessed Sacrament since the Eucharist is Jesus present among us. He underlines the intrinsic relationship between Eucharistic celebration (*the Mass*) and Eucharistic adoration. He states that during the early phases of the liturgical reform following the Second Vatican Council, the inherent relationship between Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was not always perceived with sufficient clarity. The Holy Father writes: "For example, an objection that was widespread at the time argued that the Eucharistic bread was given to us not to be looked at, but to be eaten. In light of the Church's experience of prayer, however, this was seen to be a false dichotomy. . . . In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; Eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the Eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration."

The Holy Father heartily recommends to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, both individually and in community. At Saint Stephen Cathedral we are blessed to offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday. It is in and through this prayer that we particularly encourage prayers for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life for our Diocese. Adoration of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament has brought many blessings to our Church and to each of us. I always say prayer before the Blessed Sacrament softens our hearts and opens our hearts to God and his Son Jesus. It calls us to honesty. It calls us to truth.

As a parish we are strong in our belief in and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This is shown in our reverence, but is shown, too, in our behavior when we are not in prayer in the Church. It is shown in our humility, our hunger for justice, our generosity to our neighbor, and our simple kindness to those we know and those who are strangers. As a parish we are strong as well in our support and belief in vocations to the Church.

One of the greatest gifts that Christ gave his Church was the Eucharist in which He is present body and blood, soul and divinity. He comes to us to strengthen us and to make us one with Him. Our reverence and respect for this Sacrament reflect our belief in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus at the Mass and in the tabernacles in our churches.

In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to us; in Eucharistic adoration we go to meet the Son of God. It is through this prayer that more men and women will come to discover their call in life -- their call to serve the Church.

I invite you to consider an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Formally we offer this opportunity each Saturday morning from the conclusion of Mass till 11:00. However, anyone can pray before the Blessed Sacrament at any time, any day. Please join this parish, your parish, in recognition of the greatest gift we have and the opportunity to encourage our young to a life of service in the Church. Our prayer should be: "O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!"

Blessings, Fr. John

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet this also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many other things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

James Field@J.S. Paluch



**Question:** I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

**Answer:** Everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance. There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

### August Birthdays

24--Celena Hagan  
30--Hank Pardon

### September Birthdays

1--Norwetta Taylor  
2--Emma Latta  
3--Venice Higgs  
6--Shelby Webster  
7--Aubrey Ottofy



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### Mass Intentions

August 21--Stephen Hall  
August 28--Paul Bender  
September 4--Stephen Hall  
September 11--Sandy Dyer

*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: Sister Paulette, SSND, Charlie Brown Sr, Doris Smith, John Thompson, Dorothy Fennewald, Teresa Woods, 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: 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- and September--Sunday  
Mass at 9 am

September 11--Sophia Award  
(Rita Moorman) 2 pm



August 21--\$1362.94

Weekly Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$4520.44

MTD Budget--\$3,174

YTD Collection--\$9088.44

YTD Budget--\$8,464

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### Humility and Stewardship

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiques dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

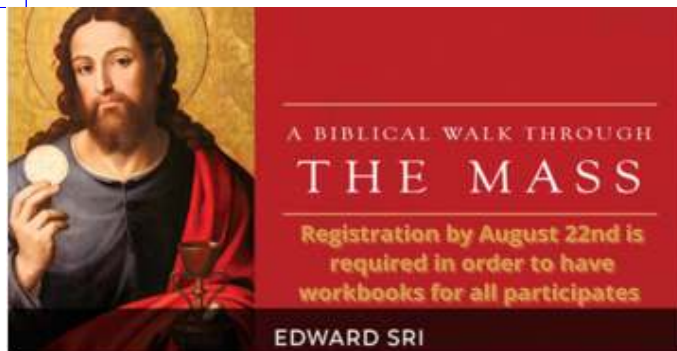
What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

<b>Lectors</b>	
<u>August 28:</u>	Connie Clary Barbara Bisel
<u>Sept. 4:</u>	Layson Brooks Aubrey Ottofy
<u>Sept. 11:</u>	Misty Sanford Sarah Malone
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
<u>August 28:</u>	Cindy Clark, Janet Clark, Rita Moorman
<u>Sept. 4:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Lori Robinson, Kathi Skidd
<u>Sept. 11:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough, Charlene Meadows
<b>Collection &amp; Gifts</b>	
<u>August 28:</u>	Leland Herzog, Jax Malone
<u>Sept. 4:</u>	Steven and Meredith Fain and sons
<u>Sept. 11:</u>	Cindy Clark, Kathi Skidd

## 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.

***Sometimes people are hungry for more than bread. Are we sure that our family, friends, people we encounter do not feel alone, abandoned, neglected, or in need of some affection? --Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta***



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**This 5 week study begins Thursday Sept. 1st from 6:30-8:00 pm and continues every Thursday in Sept. in the Community Center. For more information or to register, call / text Rick Rhodes at 270-313-8370 or email: rick.rhodes@pastoral.org.**

## Laugh of the Week

“So far today, God, I’ve done all right. I haven’t gossiped, haven’t lost my temper, haven’t been selfish, grumpy, nasty, or overindulgent.

I’m really glad about that. “But in a few minutes, God, I’m going to get out of bed, and from then on I’m probably going to need a lot more help.”

Thank you. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:102/ Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10-16/Ps 145:8-14/ Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/ Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3--6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6-15/Ps 145:21/ Lk 6:1-5

## Observances for the Week of August 28

Monday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

*.This week we celebrate the feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. He preached the truth even putting his life in danger. We have to face doing what is right and good even when we face unpopularity.*

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SOMEONE TOLD JOE THAT MASS WAS AT 9:30, SOMEONE ELSE TOLD ME TO SHOW UP AT 8:50, TOM THINKS IT'S ON FRIDAY ... I TELL YA, THIS IS MASS CONFUSION

## HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken: (God) leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

**The proud hate pride--in others.**

Benjamin Franklin

## 2022 Barbecue Schedule

- 9/17 Blessed Mother (Drive through) 4 pm
- 9/24 Immaculate 1:00-3:00 PM
- 9/25 St. Mary of the Woods 11:00 AM

## NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures. --Francois Fenelon