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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: 10:00AM**

**St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office:** 270-683-6525

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## First Reading:

But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing. (Wis 11:23-24)

## Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

## Second Reading:

We always pray for you, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thes 1:11-12)

## Gospel:

"Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." (Lk 19:9-10)  
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**Oct. 30, 2022 31st Sunday--Ordinary Time**

*The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Ps. 145:14*



.My Dear Parishioners:

He was wealthy and powerful. As long as he paid the Romans what they asked he could extort anything he wanted from those who came to pay their taxes. It was no wonder that people hated him. And he did all of this without fear because he was backed up by the Roman army, the most powerful force in the world.

It seemed to many that Zacchaeus was in the best of all positions, but obviously he didn't feel that way. Something was wrong, something was missing. Maybe the tears of the poor he extorted had softened his heart. If Zacchaeus had been satisfied with his life he wouldn't have cared that Jesus was passing through his town and he would not have gone to extraordinary lengths to encounter him. Zacchaeus was so desperate for a different life that he even humbled himself and climbed a tree just to get a glimpse of what that life might become. Can you imagine a rich powerful man being forced to climb a tree? Power, influence and especially wealth, Zacchaeus had all of these things but he was not happy.

The average American house has almost doubled in size since 1950s. Those of us who are older remember how it was to have one bathroom. No one would think of building a new house with one bathroom. In 1960 2% of households had three cars or more. In 2008 19% had three cars or more. And even though many are in a difficult place financially at the moment, we have more toys, and more gadgets, we have more bathrooms, we have more activities, we have more space to live in, we have granite kitchen tops, we have more vacations in more exotic places, we have more and more and more and more, and yet so many people struggle to be happy. I would venture to say that both as a country and as individuals many of us find ourselves in a situation just like Zacchaeus.

Many of us long for something different, maybe it is a peace filled life, or a more secure life. Maybe it is a life with more time especially with those we love. Maybe it is a holier life. What we have does not satisfy. Just watch the ads on TV it is so clear that we are not happy as a nation...

You know many in the world look to us with envy and they dream of coming here just like many envied Zacchaeus. The Gospel today dares us to dream of a better life. The Gospel today encourages us all to look for something more like Zacchaeus. He dared to hope for a better life and so must we. To find that better life and to find salvation Zacchaeus had to be willing to overcome many obstacles.

He couldn't get to the front of the crowd because everyone hated him and would not let him pass. He couldn't see Jesus because he was too short. He did not let these obstacles get in the way. He climbed the tree. If we want a different life, a more peace filled life, a more fulfilling life, a holier life, a happier life we have to be willing to overcome the obstacles which hold us back. Maybe we have placed too much trust in material things. Maybe we bought such a big house that it owns us rather than us owning it. Maybe we just work too much at the expense of our relationships. Maybe we hold on too tightly to our lives rather than being willing to give them to others. Isn't that what love is - - giving your life away. Maybe we are afraid to get off the road we are on even though we know it is taking us to a place we are no longer sure we want to go. Once Zacchaeus met Jesus - - he let go of his old life. Once Zacchaeus met Jesus - - he made amends. He repaid everyone he defrauded. Once Zacchaeus met Jesus - - he didn't look back. What do we have to let go of... The answer will be different for all of us. If we like Zacchaeus dare to dream of a different life - - we must find a way to meet Jesus Christ, and when he sees us trying to find him he will say, "come down from that tree I'm going to stay in your house today." Blessings, Fr. John

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Tuesday's Solemnity of All Saints and Wednesday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this move fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with *the pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the ones who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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ALL SAINTS DAY--November 1

All Souls Day--November 2

When we pray the Apostles' Creed, we say, "I believe in...the communion of saints." The communion of saints is made up of men and women who have placed their hope in Jesus Christ and through Baptism, are his adopted sons and daughters. The communion of saints includes the living and the deceased, whether they are with God in heaven or undergoing a process of purification. Before his death, Saint Dominic said, "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death, and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life." In a very special way, on the Solemnity of All Saints, not only can we pray to our favorite saints, but we can also call upon our departed brothers and sisters whom we believe are already with God.

All Saints and All Souls comprise the two-day celebration of the Communion of Saints – those who are with God in heaven and those who are on their way to heaven. On the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity. It is a day to venerate all the holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. A day later, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), the Church remembers and prays for the faithful departed: our brothers and sisters who have died marked with the sign of faith. Particularly, we pray for all the souls in purgatory.



November Birthdays

- 1--Father John Thomas, Austin Gough
- 5--Michael Bogdan, Jamie Bisel
- 7--Lennox Williams, Hank and Quinn Fain
- 11--Jeff Sanford
- 16--Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough
- 19--Barbara Bisel, Ron Moorman
- 22--Trey Hatchett
- 25--Payton Sanford



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Laugh of the Week

A photographer goes to a haunted castle determined to get a picture of a ghost on Halloween. The ghost he encounters turns out to be friendly and poses for a snapshot. The happy photographer later downloads his photos and finds that the photos are underexposed and completely blank. Moral of the story: The spirit is willing, but the flash is weak



Mass Intentions

- October 30--Joe Beard
- November 1--Herbert Millay
- November 6--Stephen Hall
- November 13--People affected by Communism
- November 20--Donald Moorman

*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 Leachman, Rachel Mattingly, Carol Hatchett, Sondra Hibbs, Sister Janice Fennewald, Charlie Brown Sr, Doris Smith, John Thompson, Kate Quinn, Teresa Woods, Larry Allen, Jordan Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Gina Kirby, 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, Camilla Greer, Philip 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.

**If you don’t feel like praying, pray anyway. If you don’t feel like reaching out to a friend, do it anyway. If you feel like giving up, keep going. Don’t base your spiritual life on feelings. God can work through you in amazing ways, even if you don’t feel a thing. (Gary Zimak)**

Coming Events  
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- October 30--Parish Meeting
- October 30 --10 am Mass**
- Anointing of the Sick
- Nov. 1---Feast of All Saints
- 6 pm Mass



- Oct. 23--\$1258.50
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Do We Watch Jesus from a Distance?

It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree.

We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus’ teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close?

Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: “Get down. I am coming to your house today.”

I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I'm wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don’t want to deal with or tackle.

I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God’s desire to make us “worthy of His calling.” To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space.

I’ll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home.

May we all have that same courage.  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>Oct. 30:</u>	Misty Sanford Connie Clary
<u>Nov. 6:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Sarah Malone
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Barbara Bisel Greg Gough
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<u>Oct. 30:</u>	Priests
<u>Nov. 6:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Greg Gough, Kathi Skidd
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Sarah Malone Janet Clark, Rita Moorman
	<b>Collection &amp; Gifts</b>
<u>Oct. 30:</u>	Jacques and Yulanda Williams
<u>Nov. 6:</u>	Cathy Kramer, Yvonne Mundy
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Wonet Taylor, Barbara Hammond

# YES FOR LIFE

The Catholic conference of KY is calling upon all citizens to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider and vote “Yes for Life” this November by supporting Amendment #2. This proposed constitutional amendment is very simple and will prevent our state courts from ever issuing a decision like Roe v. Wade. It adds one sentence to the Kentucky Constitution: “To protect human life, nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.” Learn more by visiting: [yesforlifekyk.com](http://yesforlifekyk.com)

## St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579. Martin was the illegitimate son to a Spanish gentlemen and a freed slave from Panama, of African or descent. At a young age, Martin's father abandoned him, his mother and his younger sister, leaving Martin to grow up in deep poverty. After spending just two years in primary school, Martin was placed with a barber/surgeon where he would learn to cut hair and the medical arts. As Martin grew older, he experienced a great deal of ridicule for being of mixed-race. .Martin was praised for his unconditional care of all people, regardless of race or wealth. He took care of everyone from the Spanish nobles to the African slaves. Martin didn't care if the person was diseased or dirty, he would welcome them into his own home.

Martin's life reflected his great love for God and all of God's gifts. It is said he had many extraordinary abilities, including aerial flights, bilocation, instant cures, and an excellent relationship with animals. Martin also founded an orphanage for abandoned children and slaves and is known for raising dowry for young girls in short amounts of time. During an epidemic in Lima, many of the friars became very ill. Locked away in a distant section of the convent, they were kept away from the professed. However, on more than one occasion, Martin passed through the locked doors to care for the sick. However, he became disciplined, but after replying, "Forgive my error, and please instruct me, for I did not know that the precept of obedience took precedence over that of charity," he was given full liberty to follow his heart in mercy.

	<b>Readings for the Week</b>
Monday:	Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/ Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
Wednesday:	Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6-7, 17-18, 20/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105:2-7/ Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-5/ Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8 and 9/Lk 16:9-15
	<b>Observances for the Week of Oct. 30</b>
Monday:	All Hallow’s Eve
Tuesday:	All Saints
Wednesday:	All Souls’ Day
Thursday:	St. Martin de Porres,
Friday:	St. Charles Borromeo,
Next Sunday:	3 <sup>2nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

### St Stephen Fall Block Party

### October 30, 3 PM

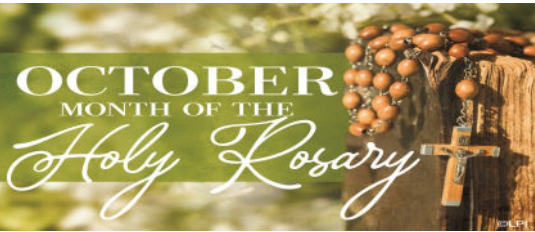
- **Music**
- **Hotdogs**
- **Trunk or Treat**
- **Lawn Games**
- **Inflatables**
- **Chili Cookoff**



## A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are, and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God’s glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to “the Lord of the whole universe.” Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God’s greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke’s Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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There are 4 sets of mysteries of the Rosary. Each one focuses on events in the life of Mary and Christ; we can meditate on these as we pray the Hail Marys. The Glorious Mysteries are usually prayed on Wednesday and Sunday.

- 1--The Resurrection
- 2--The Ascension
- 3--The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- 4--The Assumption
- 5--The Coronation of Mary