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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 for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.  
(Mal 3:20)

## Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.  
(Ps 98)

## Second Reading:

We instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. (2 Thes 3:10)

## Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 12:17-19)

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**Nov. 13 2022 33rd Sunday--Ordinary Time**  
**Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. Ps. 98:5 ..**



.My Dear Parishioners:

Liturgical time began with the proclamation of The Word. The proclamation of the Word shaped the faith of the church concerning what God had done and was now doing in Christ.

Both Jewish and Christian worship include constantly retelling the memories from God’s faithfulness in the past (story) and ritually enacting those memories (liturgical practice) in order to kindle hope in God’s promised future and, thereby, be enabled to live freely in the present. Telling the story of God-with-us, and naming that presence in daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal, and annual cycles (ordered time) always have been and still are crucial to both Jewish and Christian worship.

The Gospel story proclaimed over a period of time spawned the church’s liturgical practices. That period of time, permeated by the proclamation of the Word and by people’s response to the Word, has come to be known as the liturgical calendar. What we hear in the Gospel stories of God-with-us is the redeeming work of Christ: incarnation-crucifixion-resurrection-outpouring of Spirit:

Christ was born.  
Christ taught.  
Christ was crucified.  
Christ was raised up.

And the Spirit was poured out on us. The saving work of Christ is the story behind the story of Jesus’ life.

The liturgical calendar, therefore, commemorates not the historical life of Jesus but the redeeming work of Christ. Liturgy may be dramatic but it does not reproduce history. We are called not to reenact what Christ said and did, but to proclaim what Christ said and did.

In order to understand the shape of the liturgical calendar, we begin with the fact that from earliest times, Christians have gathered for worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, The Lord’s Day because it was the day of Jesus’ resurrection.

To honor God’s work in raising Jesus from the dead, Christians gathered on this day to recollect Jesus’ words and deeds, and celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among them in the bread and cup of The Lord’s Supper. Story and meal formed the heart of worship each Sunday. Sunday was and is a festival in its own right.

While the whole gospel is celebrated on each Lord’s Day, it is not surprising that early Christians found meaning in celebrating particular days that centered on a major event or aspect of the saving story. Gradually an annual calendar emerged. By the fourth century, its major features were in place. That basic shape remains today. Whenever it has focused on the saving events of Christ, it has played a major role in forming the faith of the people.

What we can faintly discern of God’s time in our present calendar may be portrayed as two recurring cycles of extraordinary time undergirded by periods of ordinary time. Each cycle of extraordinary time commences with a period of preparation and anticipation, and culminates in a season of celebration. One cycle spirals around incarnation (Christmas), and the other around resurrection (Easter). Together they lead us through God’s time.

On the backside of my ‘pastor’s corner’ this weekend is a basic outline of the liturgical year as it progresses.  
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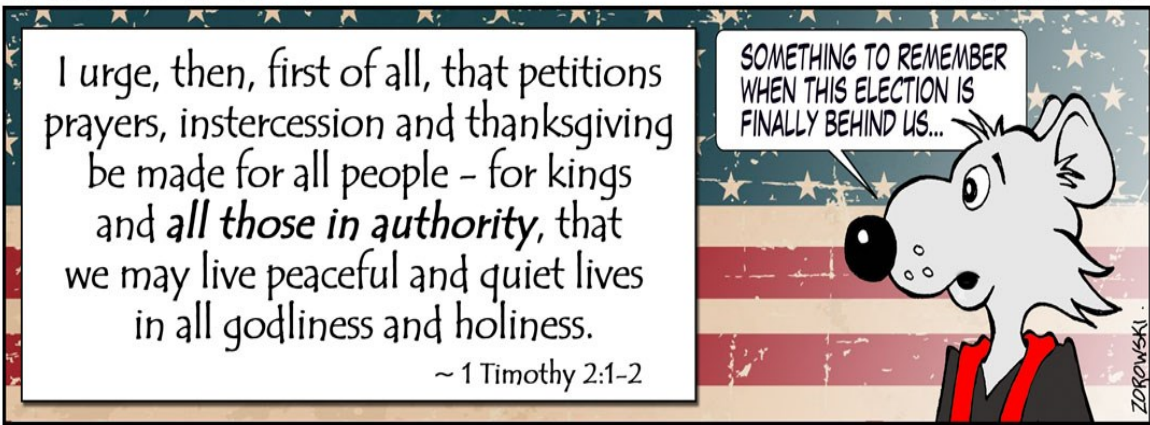
## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focus on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rater than dreading the future, today’s liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life’s inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcomes of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world’s end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

“Nothing lasts forever” is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today;;s liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us to throw in the towel; today’s liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world . --James Field copyright©J.S.Paluch Co.

## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

**NOVEMBER 20 12-2 PM**

**Please plan on helping to provide the meal and be present the day of the dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church or please call the office and let us know what you can provide. On the 20th, we will need help to set up the cafeteria, see that the food is ready for our guests, serve, clean-up, and be hospitality ministers. We need all of you to participate. Invite guests. The free meal is our outreach to the community.**



### 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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*Meredith and Steven Fain and their sons Hank and Quinn enjoying the Trunk or Treat Party at Saint Steven Cathedral recently.*

### Mass Intentions

November 1--Herbert Millay  
November 6--Stephen Hall  
November 13--People affected by Communism  
November 20--Donald Moorman  
November 27--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:**  
**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.

### PEACE

First bring the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others. --Thomas Kempis

## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

November--10 AM Mass resumes  
November 20--Community Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2  
November 27--1st Sunday of Advent



Nov. 6--\$1,816

Weekly Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$1,816

MTD Budget--\$1058

YTD Collection--\$22,160.49

YTD Budget--\$117,986

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### Eyes On Your Own Paper

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place." Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old "keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

Work quietly and eat your own food.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>Nov. 13</u>	Barbara Bisel Greg Gough
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Layson Brooks Connie Clary
<u>Nov. 27:</u>	Jacques Williams Misty Sanford
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Sarah Malone Janet Clark, Rita Moorman
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Cindy Clark, Misty Sanford
<u>Nov. 27:</u>	Charlene Meadows, Kathi Skidd, Lori Robinson
	<b>Collection &amp; Gifts</b>
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Wonet Taylor, Barbara Hammond
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Jacques, Whitney Williams and sons
<u>Nov. 27:</u>	Leland Herzog, Steven Coble

**Question and Answer**  
**How does a person become a canonized saint?**  
The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process. After a holy person’s death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title “Servant of God.” The first phase involves collecting information about the person’s life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase “devil’s advocate!” When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life,, they are declared “Venerable.” If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared “Blessed.” If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them “Saint.”

THE CHRISTMAS (INCARNATION) CYCLE
Four weeks of Advent Twelve days of Christmas The Epiphany of the Lord
ORDINARY TIME (January 7 through Tuesday before Ash Wednesday)
THE EASTER (RESURRECTION) CYCLE
“Forty days” of Lent Fifty days of Easter The Day of Pentecost
ORDINARY TIME (Monday after the Day of Pentecost thru Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent) Particular days in and out of season offer a special focus on which to begin or conclude a cycle:
The Baptism of the Lord (begins our marking of Ordinary Time) The Transfiguration of the Lord (concludes our marking of Ordinary Time) Ash Wednesday (begins Lent) Palm Sunday-- Passion of the Lord Thursday of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday) (concludes Lent) Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Saturday of Holy Week The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night The Ascension of the Lord The Most Holy Trinity (opens our marking of Ordinary Time) All Saints’ Day Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe (ends our marking of Ordinary Time) As we prepare to end our liturgical year next weekend with the Solemnity of Christ the King we recognize the power of Christ in the Sacraments. We draw near to him at the altar of service and find strength in gathering in his name. Time marches forward to him who created us all.

	<b>Readings for the Week</b>
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5 /Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6 and 9 / Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/ Lk 20:27-40
	<b>Observances for the Week of Nov. 13</b>
Tuesday:	St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, .
Friday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne,

**Fight like a man:**  
A Church Elder came by to visit the new pastor one Sunday afternoon. He had been a highly respected member of this congregation for over 25 years. While they were sitting on the back porch of the parsonage, the man said, “Pastor, I’ve got something to tell you. I’ve never told this to a soul, ... it’s extremely difficult to tell you this now, ... my wife and I ... have argued ... or had a fight almost every day ... for the past 30 years ... of our marriage.” The pastor was taken back. He nervously took a sip of his coffee. He wasn’t sure what to say. After a brief pause, the young Pastor said, “Every day?” “Yes, ... just about ... every day.” “Did you fight today, before you came to church?” “Yes.” .... “Well, how did it end up?” “She came crawling to me on her hands and knees.” “My Goodness! What did she say?” “Come out from under that bed you coward, and fight like a man!”

**LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR**

Today’s readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy but never become s busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in “toil and drudgery” as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God’s saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun’s “healing rays,” and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life’s inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ, may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what are needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway. Copy. LPI