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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

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First Reading:

"You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying." (2 Mc 7:9)

Psalm:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full. (Ps 17)

Second Reading:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. (2 Thes 2:16-17)

Gospel:

"And he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." (Lk 20:38)
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Nov. 6, 2022 32nd Sunday--Ordinary Time

My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you and you will answer me,



Adversity, Challenges, Difficulties, and Problems will always be a part of our lives. Some of the challenges we face are simply from the fact that we have bodies. Slam your hand against a brick wall and it will hurt. Stub your toe and you'll hop around for a while. People with bodies get sick. Some of the problems or adversity we face do not come by accident but rather are the product of sin. We are hurt or challenged by our poor choices, our own sinful choices - Or the poor choices of others. Yes ... We will be disappointed. We will be hurt. Jesus was hurt, was saddened and was disappointed. It is foolish to ever allow oneself to think that we will not have to endure challenges or face adversity. They are part and parcel of our human existence. Welcome to the human race. Perfect is not on earth. Perfect is in heaven. The different ways that people face challenges and adversity are astounding. When adversity or sickness or disappointments come their way some people just get stuck; they get paralyzed. Their problems are always before their eyes. They can't get them out of their head. I am sick. I am sick. Many times older people who carry the cross of sickness seem to have this need to give you their medical history. They repeat their illnesses over and over again. Younger people also brood on broken relationships. He hurt me. She hurt me. I hurt. Why do I have to hurt? Why me? Why is it always me? I never did anything to anyone and I always have to suffer. People like these just give adversity so much power over their lives. They are incapable of seeing beyond the present moment. Somehow they convince themselves that this is all that there is. I will suffer this for eternity. . . The struggle or the problem has all of their attention. It consumes them. They can't look forward. Often people who suffer feel alone. They feel unloved. They convince themselves that no one cares. There are those who handle adversity in a different way.

Let me share a real life example. Once I knew a woman who had cancer. It had progressed too far before it was discovered. There was little medical hope. She cared for herself as long as she could. She did not complain. She simply made changes in her life as they became necessary. Slowly but surely as the cancer took its toll her she had fewer choices to make. When she became a little weaker she had to give up her first communion class which she had taught for over 20 years. When her immune system was compromised she had to give up going to Mass on Sunday for fear of catching something. When she tired easily visits with family and friends had to be shorter. And yet she did not grow angry. She did not become sulky. When you spoke to her there was just a quiet peace. Even when her breathing was labored somehow she held on to hope. She accepted her new circumstances lived through them she was not panicked or afraid. Instead of Mass on Sunday her daughter would take her to Church on other days and she would sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Most often the words on her lips were - - thank you - - thank you Jesus - - thank you. There are lots of differences between people who get paralyzed by adversity and people who somehow are able to face it - - live through it and move on. People who face challenges understand that adversity will be always with us but how we face it is up to us. You see they understand that suffering is a choice we make. Faith is an incredible and often a key component in the lives of people who face adversity well. People with faith can face so much more without fear. People with faith understand that this life and their challenges are not all there is. People of faith like the young men in the first reading are able to face suffering because they know that it is temporary. They understand that the adversities, the pains, the challenges and the disappointments they face are just but a moment when compared to eternity. The greatest source of consolation comes from our belief in the Resurrection. Life eternal awaits those who believe in God. The Sadducees in the Gospel did not believe in the resurrection. Jesus engaged them because believing in the resurrection is so essential to understanding the meaning of this life and our relationship with God. With the eyes of faith suffering can become redemptive. It can change us. It can make us less self-centered. It can help us focus on the needs of others. Faith helps us accept our crosses. It can keep our eyes fixed on the cross of Christ. It can remind us that we are not alone and that God loves us. Brothers and Sisters the readings today challenge us to ask ourselves. How do I face the difficulties of life? Will we allow them to consume us and make us grow bitter angry and hurt? Or will we allow them to transform us? Adversity challenges - - problems - - disappointments will always be with us. Whether we allow them to make us suffer is indeed our choice. Remember - - With God all things are possible.

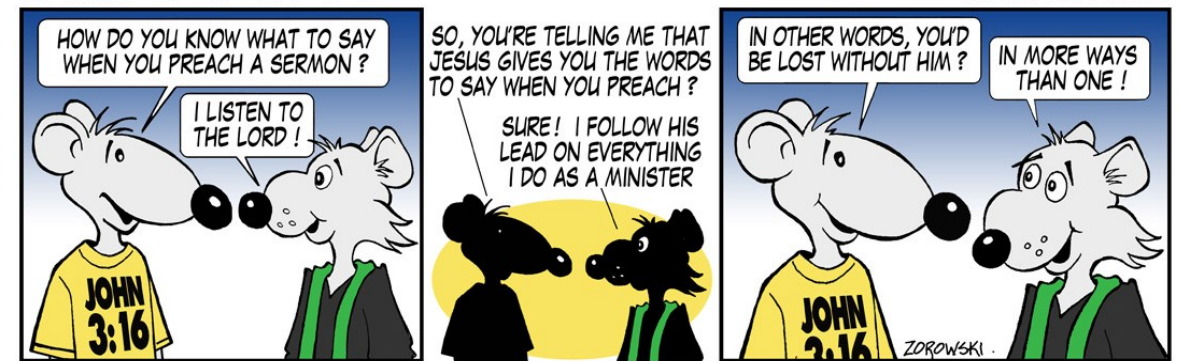
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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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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Laugh of the Week

A professor was giving a big test one day to his students. He handed out all the tests and went back to his desk to wait. Once the test was over the students all handed the test back in. The professor noticed that JT had attached a \$100 bill to his test with a smiley note saying "A dollar per point!!" The next class JT was feeling good when the professor was handing back the tests. When he received his, he was very surprised and disappointed to receive his paper with his grade and \$64 in change!!! .

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.

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.

Pope Francis

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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



Oct. 30--\$1,421.50

Weekly Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$6,140

MTD Budget--\$5,290

YTD Collection--\$21,765.99

YTD Budget--\$17,986

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The God of the Living

"Sic transit gloria mundi," is what they used to say at papal coronations. "So passes earthly glory." Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they've been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today's Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week's readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn't die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	Lectors
<u>Nov. 6:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Sarah Malone
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Barbara Bisel Greg Gough
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Layson Brooks Connie Clary
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>Nov. 6:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Greg Gough, Kathi Skidd
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Sarah Malone Janet Clark, Rita Moorman
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Cindy Clark, Misty Sanford
	Collection & Gifts
<u>Nov. 6:</u>	Yvonne Mundy, Rita Moorman
<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Wonet Taylor, Barbara Hammond
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Jacques, Whitney Williams and sons

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

Grace and Mercy

A story is told about Fiorello LaGuardia who was mayor of New York city during the Great Depression and World War II.

One bitterly cold night in January of 1935, the mayor turned up at a night court that served the poorest ward of the city and dismissed the judge for the evening and took over the bench. A tattered old woman was brought before him, charged with stealing a loaf of bread. She told LaGuardia that her daughter’s husband had deserted her, her daughter was sick and her two grandchildren were starving. But the shopkeeper, from whom the bread was stolen, refused to drop the charges. “It’s a bad neighborhood, Your Honor. She’s got to be punished to teach other people around here a lesson.”

LaGuardia sighed and turned to the woman. He told the woman that “The law makes no exceptions; I have to punish you--ten dollars or ten days in jail.” He was already reaching into his pocket and extracted a bill and said, “Here is the ten dollar fine which I now remit. Furthermore I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant.”

The following day the NYC newspapers reported that \$47.50 was turned over to a bewildered old lady who had stolen a loaf of bread to feed her starving grandchildren, fifty cents of that amount being contributed by the red-faced grocery store owner, while some seventy petty criminals, people with traffic violations, and NYC policemen, each of whom had just paid fifty cents for the privilege of doing so, gave the mayor a standing ovation.

(Brennan Manning, The Ragmuffin Gospel, Mulltnomah)

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/ Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-9/ 1Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 18:1-8
Observances for the Week of Nov. 6	
Tuesday:	Election Day
Wednesday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thursday:	St. Leo the Great, Pope
Friday:	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Saturday:	St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Next Sunday:	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Discover Catholic Schools Week;



CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today’s reading remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us--both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: “I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.” That same confidence appears in Saint Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians. “The Lord is faith,” he testifies; “he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.” In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God’s protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.

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PERSPECTIVE

We must often draw the comparison of time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

