

JUNE 30, 2013

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” (Galatians 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Robertson, *Pastor*
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Deacon Leonard Sisul
Deacon Glenn Politte, *Parish Office*
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PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office:
Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 3:30pm
Rectory Phone: (314) 352-3544
Rectory Fax: (314) 832-6916
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Affton Christian Food Pantry: 352-3544 ext. 5

MASSES

Sundays: Anticipated on Saturdays at 4:00pm
Sunday mornings: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am

Holy Days: As Announced

Weekdays: 6:00am Monday, Wednesday and 1st Friday
8:00am Monday thru Saturday
9:00am Thursday, July 4
NO 8am Mass Thursday

Communion Services Weekdays: 6:00am Tuesday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday; 3:00-3:45pm

HANDICAPPED SEATING

The front pews - Holy Communion will be distributed at the pew. Contact priest before Mass. *Wheelchair is available.*

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Articles need to be at the rectory by noon on Monday to be considered. All requests are subject to available space. Bulletin articles may be sent by e-mail to glenpolitte@sbcglobal.net

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena after 8:00am Mass

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 30, 2013

7:00am Parishioners
 9:00am Craig Martin
 11:00am Chris Rehor

Monday, July 1, 2013

6:00am Purgatorial Society
 8:00am Julie Isaak (healing)

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am John Lynn

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

6:00am Josephine Goelzhauser
 8:00am Schwartz/Robinson fam, liv & dec

Thursday, July 4, 2013

9:00am Vernon Foerstel

Friday, July 5, 2013

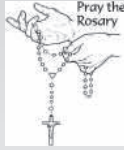
6:00am Lillian Birsinger
 8:00am Deacon Roy Schulze

Saturday, July 6, 2013

8:00am Richard T. Schuler
 4:00pm Joseph Wheatley

Sunday, July 7, 2013

7:00am Vernon Foerstel
 9:00am Parishioners
 11:00am Special Intention (G.N.)



Pray for Vocations!

Next Sunday's Readings

July 7, 2013

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Isaiah 66:10-14c

God's power is known to God's servants in abundance and prosperity.

Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

You want to see something tremendous? Keep your eyes fixed on the works of God.

Galatians 6:14-18

The new covenant has new rules that result in a renewed creation.

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

We're all invited to share in the responsibility of bringing the gospel to the world.



Ministers of the Liturgy - July 6 & 7

Saturday, July 6, 2013 - 4:00pm

Servers: Meagan Barbeau & Brendan Wozniak

Greeters: Lois & Steve Crafton

Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 7:00am

Servers: Steve Willey

Greeters:

Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 9:00am

Servers: Aidan Finn & Billy Street

Greeters: Don & Joan Harbaugh

Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 11:00am

Servers: Ashlyn Finn & Ronnie Hart

Greeters: Jean Mace & Cathy Haberberger

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

Bible Study 8:30am, Priest house

Food Pantry 4-6:30pm

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

St. Vincent de Paul mtg

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Food Pantry Closed

Parish Office Closed

NO Grief Pray & Share

Friday, July 5, 2013

Church cleaning after 8 am Mass

NO 50+ Club mtg

Saturday, July 6, 2013

Food Pantry 9:30am-12pm (noon)

Sunday, July 7, 2013

Coffee and Donuts after 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Masses in Parish Center

Stewardship

Contributions shown are for 6/23/13

Envelopes.....\$3066.19

Loose.....\$935.60

Maintenance.....\$15.00

Envelopes used.....125



The Adoration Chapel of St. George needs more committed adorers. There are currently 7 open hours that must be filled, Sunday, 1 am & 10 am, Monday, 1am & 2am, Tuesday, 7am & 3pm, Thursday, 1am, and Saturday 12am & 10am. Call Kay Brillhart at 631.3679 or Olga Leonard at 351.3853 if you can commit to these or any other hour.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scriptures

One who sets hand to the plow. When Jesus used a plow as a metaphor for pursuing the kingdom of God, he had in mind exactly what Elisha was doing in the first reading: Driving a team of oxen before a plow. Plows in the ancient Near East, though, were light-weight affairs that needed constant attention. Looking back too often created the likelihood of fouling up the work ahead. In a way it's ironic: Jesus said to put a hand to the plow and not look back while Elijah wanted Elisha to leave the plow and not look back! Both, however, are calling for the same thing: a complete change of life to follow the way of God with total dedication.

—Joel Schorn-www.preparetheword.com

The inner word: *What's in your heart?*

It's shocking to hear what Jesus and Elijah demand of those who wish to be a disciple: leave your work and entire way of life. Don't even say good-bye to your family. Don't even bury the dead! Ancient ears more used to exaggeration in language, however, heard these harsh words less literally and more symbolically of the complete reorientation of one's priorities in order to be part of God's kingdom. The psalm describes the challenge perfectly: to "set the Lord ever before me."

› How do you make your relationship with God the one out of which all your other relationships grow?

It's time to go

It's said that the refined person always knows when it's time to go. Most of us have many more friends afflicted with what psychologists call "termination issues": They can't seem to hang up the phone, say goodbye at the door, or leave an email unresponded to. They can't stop talking or even make room in a conversation for the person who's forced to endure the onslaught of their words. The want of a proper sense of boundaries is epidemic in the land of Facebook, Tweets, and text messaging. For too many of us, it's not breaking up that's hard to do. It's signing off.

We share the pain of young Elisha, who's minding his own business on the family farm when along comes Elijah, casting his cloak over the boy and claiming him for divine designs. Elisha didn't ask for this assignment. He wasn't nipping at the heels of the formidable prophet like a lovesick puppy. Elisha was just doing his filial duty at home when all heaven broke loose on his unsuspecting and perhaps unambitious head.

The poor fellow is forced into scripture scholar Rudolf Bultmann's moment of decision without time to think straight. He blurts out his need to kiss Mom and Dad goodbye—an admirable and perfectly understandable expression of love and loyalty. There's nothing out of proportion about his request. The famously solitary prophet, though, snorts his disdain at anything less than total desertion of domestic allegiances in favor of the celestial summons that's just been sounded. If this farm boy can't distinguish between his earthly parents and God Almighty, he's

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got some learning to do!

We who experience termination issues in every doorway can't help but feel how harsh that is. Can't Elisha still rent a room from his parents and prophesy from home? Why does he have to leave right this minute? And is it strictly necessary to off the oxen and surrender all ties to his past endeavors? Needless to say, by the time we get to the gospel story, we're primed for resistance. Once more Jesus accepts no excuses or delays when he issues his invitation: "Follow me." It's more of a command than a suggestion. At the same time, the recipient can refuse to comply, and most do.

They all express reasonable objections. One offers to follow but withdraws after hearing about the crude accommodations ahead. Another wants to stay home till his parents die—which could take awhile considering they may not even be sick. A final invitee asks only for what Elisha wanted: the chance to part from his family in a less hasty fashion. Even this modest request is rejected. The message is clear: The kingdom won't wait. A disciple, too, must know when it's time to go.

—Alice Camille-www.preparetheword.com

Questions Catholics ask

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

WHEN JESUS set forth the conditions to follow him and be "fit for the kingdom of God," he was describing what it meant to be his disciple. *Discipleship* means "student," from the Latin *discipulus*, and originally it described how the Lord was Israel's ultimate teacher through the instructive power of the Law.

The sages of the later biblical Wisdom tradition conceived of a domestic school: fathers teaching sons and mothers daughters. The Wisdom Woman, a personification of divine wisdom in Proverbs and the Book of Wisdom, called disciples to herself as well.

In the ancient world, disciples lived with their teachers until they were ready to become rabbis or prophets themselves. So it was startling when Jesus came along and made permanent disciples of his followers. "You have only one teacher and father in heaven," he told them. That harked back to the early design of God being the nation's sole instructor.

Perhaps the most intriguing part of Jesus' invitation to discipleship was that it took place in ordinary life—a fisherman's workday—not in a religious setting like the Temple. It required an immediate response and then deepened "along the way" with Jesus toward a radically new life.

—Alice L. Camille

Adapted from vocationnetwork.org/blog/questions-catholics-ask/2008/12/what-does-the-bible-say-about-discipleship

Sign & sacrament

A good reason to give up

With today's economy many of us have become well acquainted with sacrifices. We've made small ones like canceling cable TV, and some of us have made significant ones like giving up houses or schooling just so we can make ends meet. While not easy, there is grace to be had by not only making but truly owning the decision to let go of something. It may be the grace of simplifying life, of focusing on what matters. Such grace doesn't mean God wants us to suffer hard times; rather it means that God knows it's tough and is right there beside us, walking with us and encouraging us in even the roughest of times. What grace do you experience in sacrifice?

For more "Sign & sacrament" material, search the Prepare the Word database by today's scripture reading, a particular theme, or a special occasion.

PLEASE NOTE

July 4th Mass

Mass on July 4 is celebrated at 9 a.m. Begin the holiday thanking God for our Nation's Blessings. The Rosary will be prayed for Religious Freedom after this Mass.

There will be no Grief Pray & Share in July because the 4th falls on the first Thursday. See you on August 8.

News from the 50+ Club: No meeting on July 5th. Our next meeting will be July 12th.

The Officers and members wish everyone a very safe and happy Fourth of July.



Coffee and Donuts next Sunday, July 7, after 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. The Knights of Columbus will serve milk, coffee, juice, donuts and bagels and six old fashion donuts, sometimes referred to as "old fashion" - that is without icing or additional sugar content. We hope you can attend after

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Kingshighway and Rhodes) is sponsoring a Book Fair. We have over 7000 books just waiting to be purchased and enjoyed. There are books to please everyone from pre-birth to their final days and beyond. These books can tell you how to catch your food, skin it, cook it - they'll even tell you how to eat it! There are books for kids, teens, sports buffs, the studios, the religious, easy-chair detectives, the romantic at heart - they just don't stop. We have puzzles, videos, tapes, records AND simply stupendous prices (hard-backs 75 cents and paperbacks 50 cents)!!! The Fair will be in the Parish Center (at the beginning of the schoolyard on Rhodes) from July 13 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), July 14 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), July 15 thru July 19 (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) and July 20 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Questions - call Linda at 752-4660.

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"In this Year of Faith, the Bishops of the United States are asking Catholics to pray the Rosary daily and to join in Eucharistic Holy Hours monthly. This is much like Our Lady's requests at Fatima. She asked in her Messages that we pray the Rosary every day, make sacrifices for sinners and offer prayers of Eucharistic Adoration. On the First Friday of each month the World Apostolate of Fatima sponsors a Eucharistic Prayer Vigil beginning at 7 PM at Cure' of Ars church, 670 S. Laclede Station Rd. Mass is offered at 8 PM, the Rosary is recited, there is a Eucharistic procession and other prayers. The vigil closes after midnight Mass. Make time each month to join in the vigil. In this way you will respond to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima and the US Bishops to pray for the conversion of sinners. For more information call 314-562-5927."

SAINT JOAN OF ARC ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Preview Friday, July 12th, 6pm to 9 pm

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Sunday, July 14th, 12pm - 4 pm

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YOUTH PROGRAM

During the past several months, representatives of several parishes in our area have been attending planning meetings for a possible youth program for the teens of our area. Becky Warren, a parishioner and student at DuBourg high school, has been very faithful in attending these planning meetings. A few adults, namely Fr. Robertson and Donna Payne, have attended at least one of these meetings. Steve Brady, a member of our Parish Council, has also expressed an interest. St. George is seriously considering becoming a part of this youth program. Here are some of the key points that have been considered at the recent meetings.

1. The program would meet on Thursday Nights at DuBourg high school. We feel DuBourg is an excellent location because it is a neutral location and it is a location that most teens know well because either they attend school there or have attended an extra-curricular activity there.
2. High school teens will be encouraged to not only attend Sunday Mass at their parish but also to take an active part in the liturgies as ushers/greeters, altar servers, lectors, choir members, etc.
3. The program would most likely use the Life Teen format of Life Nights to educate the young people in the faith. Life Teen has developed their curriculum over the last few years to meet the USCCB high school curriculum.
4. An advisory board will be formed with each parish being asked to provide a member. Communication with parishes will be of the highest priority.
5. The program will follow all guidelines from the Archdiocese from the Office of Youth Ministry, Office of Risk Management, Office of Child Protection, etc.
6. As a sign of commitment to the program each parish is being asked to contribute a \$1,000 to the program and will be asked to support a few, yet to be decided, fundraisers.
7. We will be hiring one youth minister for the program and his or her office will be at DuBourg High School. As part of their job description the youth minister will travel from parish to parish on Sunday to help recruit and spread word about this awesome ministry.

Archbishop Carlson has given us a grant of \$40,000 for a youth minister. This grant is through the Annual Catholic Appeal. This is good news. The grant will be renewable next year if certain conditions are met.

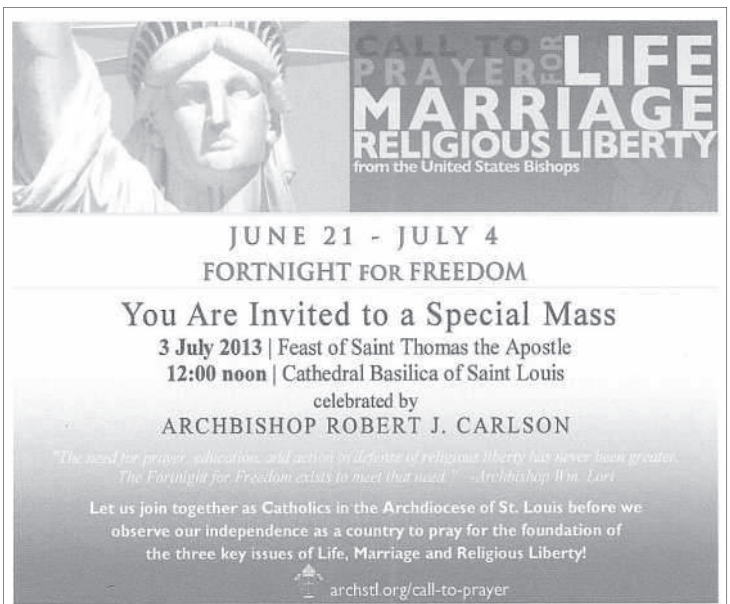
If any other adults are interested in helping with the Youth Program, please call Fr. Robertson - 352-3544, ext. 1.

MISSIONARY PLAN OF COOPERATION

Immaculate Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries

Next weekend of July 6/7, Sr. Eileen will speak at all our Masses to tell us about the missionary work of the Immaculate Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries in the Philippines. Sr. Eileen is based in Northridge, California. She will stay at the home of Mary Jane Higgins. Sr. Eileen and Mary Jane are from the same town in the Philippines. Envelopes for the Missionary collection are in the pews this weekend. There will be a second collection next weekend.

Respect Life!



CALL TO PRAYER FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
from the United States Bishops

JUNE 21 - JULY 4
FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

You Are Invited to a Special Mass
3 July 2013 | Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle
12:00 noon | Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
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"The need for prayer, education, and action in defense of religious liberty has never been greater. The Fortnight for Freedom exists to meet that need." - Archbishop Wm. Lori

Let us join together as Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis before we observe our independence as a country to pray for the foundation of the three key issues of Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty!

archstl.org/call-to-prayer

June 30, 2013 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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