

JULY 14, 2013

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“...go and do likewise.” Luke 10:37

This was Jesus’ simple command to all of us at the end of the Good Samaritan story. How do we do “likewise?” By sharing our skills. By reaching into our pockets when financial help is needed. By taking the time to help when we are needed, not when it’s convenient for us.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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MASSES

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

Holy Days: As Announced

Weekdays: 6:00am Monday and Wednesday
8:00am Monday thru Saturday

Communion Services Weekdays: 6:00am Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday

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, July 14, 2013

7:00am Frank Auer
 9:00am Parishioners
 11:00am Robert L. Szymanski

Monday, July 15, 2013

6:00am Edward Slavik
 8:00am Julie Isaak (healing)

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Donald J. Haynes

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

6:00am Dorothy Bohac
 8:00am Jack Mazar

Thursday, July 18, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Harvey & Mary Manhal

Friday, July 19, 2013

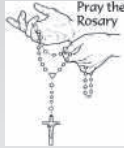
6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Marcella Haessig

Saturday, July 20, 2013

8:00am Fr. Robert Szydowski
 4:00pm John Lynn

Sunday, July 21, 2013

7:00am For John
 9:00am Justin Heine
 11:00am Parishioners



Pray for Vocations!

Next Sunday's Readings

July 21, 2013

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Genesis 18:1-10a

Abraham, veteran God-watcher, prepares a feast for his heavenly guests.

Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

Those who do the right thing will be at peace in God's presence.

Colossians 1:24-28

What was once the promise of Israel is now the hope of all the world.

Luke 10:38-42

Mary and Martha both respond to the presence of Jesus, but in different ways.



Ministers of the Liturgy - July 20 & 21

Saturday, July 20, 2013 - 4:00pm

Lectors: Sister Carolyn
Greeters: Evelyn Lampe

Sunday, July 21, 2013 - 7:00am

Servers: Steve Willey
Lectors: Ken Gebken
Greeters: Mary Ann Schuette

Sunday, July 21, 2013 - 9:00am

Lectors: Ray Heine
Greeters: Tom Mendel

Sunday, July 21, 2013 - 11:00am

Lectors: Tim Howard
Greeters: Allen & Kay Brillhart

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Bible Study 8:30am, Priest house
 Food Pantry 4-6:30pm

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

St. Vincent de Paul 7pm

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Food Pantry Open 6-8pm
 Scripture Study 7pm Parish Center
 K of C 7pm Room #1

Friday, July 19, 2013

Church cleaning after 8 am Mass

Saturday, July 20, 2013

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

Stewardship

Contributions shown are for 7/7/13

Envelopes.....	\$7417.00
Loose.....	\$763.31
Maintenance.....	\$960.00
Envelopes used.....	155



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, & 6am Tuesday, 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.



FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scriptures

The big questions on the table in this week's readings are: "What is God's law?" and, more specifically, "How can I keep that law?"—which, as we also learn, is another way of asking the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Moses would answer, "Keep God's commandments—which you already have been taught." Echoing Moses' exhortation to "return to the Lord, your God," the psalmist says: "Turn to the Lord . . . and you will live."

In the gospel, though, the situation gets a little more complicated. The priest and the Levite were following the law: They crossed the road to avoid the ritual impurity of contact with someone who appeared to be dead. But that kind of law-keeping, Jesus said, won't do. At the heart of the law is total commitment to loving God and neighbor and doing the acts of mercy that grow out of that love. "Do this," said Jesus, "and you will live."

—Joel Schorn-www.preparetheword.com

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

Nearing the end of his incredible life, Moses was passing out some big-time wisdom. You might expect him to say, "Follow the commandments!" and leave it at that. He had, though, some other, and surprising, things to say. One was that God's laws are not hard to know, so the people couldn't claim ignorance or say they couldn't understand them. The "voice of the Lord, your God," Moses said, is clear. Each and every member of the people of God can know what God expects of them directly. And there's something more: God has already put the ability to know the ways of God "in your hearts."

* Think about what God expects from you and what God wants for you. Then put it into action.

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You live next door to everyone

Is it really so hard to figure God out? So many books have been written about scripture, ecclesiology, liturgy, and theology in general that we might almost despair of ever getting the God Quest right. If religious understanding is dependent on reading everything in the average parish library, we're sunk. Most of us feel optimistic if we survived a few years of parochial school or stayed awake 50 percent of the time in religious ed.

I remember teaching an R.C.I.A. class about the importance of Mary, the Mother of God. I used the word *theotokos* and a woman burst into tears, wailing: "I can never be Catholic. I'm not smart enough for this religion!" There are and always have been mystery religions that hid their secrets in esoteric phrases—using words like *esoteric* even. But Christianity isn't one of them. We're so plain toast in our fundamental goals, we baptize babies, for heaven's sake. How hard could it be?

When a scholar approaches Jesus with the big religious question, Jesus affirms his answer: delivered in 30 words or less, depending
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on your Greek. Here's the Cliff Notes on that lesson in under 10 words: Love God totally and your neighbor as humanly possible. The "Love God totally" part is crystal clear. "Love your neighbor" is only as clear as your definition of *neighbor*. As the scholar in front of Jesus understood, if God expects us to love our neighbors, then we hope to have as few of them as possible!

Put that hope away. Jesus makes the definition of neighbor so elastic that there's not a man in India, woman in Peru, or child in China who doesn't fit the description. Our humanity binds us to each other, like it or not—like them or not. If someone is in need, their very need screams "neighbor" at us and makes a claim on our resources. It's hard living next door to everybody in the world, but that's our address as long as we're on this earth. Perhaps that's clearer to us in the Twitter and Facebook age than it was when explorers still weren't sure if the world was a globe or a pancake and when whole continents were still invisible to one from another. Forget six degrees of separation. We're all a click away from each other now. And Jesus, who never touched a computer, appreciated that all the way back then.

The great lawgiver Moses himself said no one needs stone tablets engraved with laws to teach them right from wrong. That knowledge is buried in our hearts and we have only to turn within to learn the truth. He added that knowing is the easy part: We must also carry out what we know. You can get a degree in moral theology but that won't help you as much as the two-part task of reflection and action. Love God, and prove it by your neighbor.

—Alice Camille-www.preparetheword.com

Questions Catholics ask

WHAT ARE THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY?

WELL, THE GOOD SAMARITAN did one of them, caring for the sick, and three if you count "clothe the naked" and "shelter the homeless" among that person's acts of mercy on the road to Jericho that day. The other four are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. Where do these come from? Six derive from the Final Judgment teaching in the Gospel of Matthew: "What you do for the least of these, you do for me." The seventh work is grounded in the traditional Hebrew respect for the body.

Feeding the hungry goes beyond soup kitchens to the level of economic reform. Satisfying thirst includes the politics of water rights and the ecology of preserving seas and rivers. Clothing the naked involves respecting the dignity of the poor as well as surrendering your cast-off attire. Visiting the imprisoned recognizes many kinds of captivity: domestic violence, sexism, racism, educational impoverishment. Sheltering the homeless includes welcoming the marginalized and lobbying for affordable housing. Visiting the sick expands to creating access for the disabled and inviting the infirm elderly into the greater community. Burying the dead can include pardoning those who injured us long ago.

—Alice L. Camille

Adapted from <http://tinyurl.com/kl88k5e>

Sign & sacrament

First things first

What would happen if you and a whole bunch of other people really took to heart these words of scripture: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself"? What, in other words, would be the result if you and I and lots of others put God first in our lives? There would be mutual respect between people. The love of God would be lived out. Violence would disappear. No one would lack what they need. It sounds too good to be true, but with God all things are possible. Do your part and give it your all.

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

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COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY

Attendance was down a little at the recent Coffee/Donut Sunday (July 7). 14 people came after the 7 a.m. Mass, eating 2 1/2 dozen donuts. 30 people came after the 9 a.m. Mass, eating 5 dozen donuts. 47 people came after the 11 a.m. Mass, eating 7 dozen donuts. We had some donuts left over. Next gathering will be August 4.

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R.I.P.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. George Church on July 9, 2013 for **Donald E. Stumpf** who died July 3, 2013. Donald was the husband of parishioner **Gretchen Stumpf**. Please pray for him and for his family.

Gift for Worship

We thank **Ken Gebken** for the gift of a new Lectionary for listening to the Word of God. The Lectionary is the book from which we hear the Word of God. This Lectionary is for the Sunday and Holy Day Masses. Thank you Ken!

Please Pray For...



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Juanita Fernandez	Ron Macke	Melba White
Kathy Gallagher	Rose Macher	Theresa Wilfinger
Mitch Ganim	Marie Ann Mayer	Theresa Winkeler
Betty Garamella	Anne McGowan	Bradley Young
Caroline Garcia	Shirley Melber	

A Baby Shower for Hillsboro Birthright will be held for the month of July. All new and gently used items for expectant mothers and their newborn infants up to two years of age can be placed in the play pen in the back of church. Thanks for your support to giving LIFE to the unborn.

Respect Life!

Taizé Prayer offered by School Sisters of Notre Dame

A "One World, Taizé Prayer" gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21, 2013, at the Theresa Center chapel on the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus, 320 E. Ripa Ave., in south St. Louis County. The prayer gathering is open to the public and will include song, symbol, ritual and quiet. For more information, contact Sister Joyelle Proot at 314-633-7015 or jproot@ssndcp.org.

OFFICE OF LAITY & FAMILY LIFE

The Power of the Precious Blood: Spiritual Life Source for Families

by *Hilary Finley, Family Life Coordinator*

Since July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, it seems fitting to reflect on the Blood of Jesus and its connection to families. While Jesus was on the cross, the centurion Longinus pierced with a spear the side of Jesus, whence Blood and Water poured out (Jn. 19:34), indicating that the holy sacrifice of Calvary was complete. In the Divine Mercy image which Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina, the red and white rays which emanate from the Heart of Jesus reflect the sacrifice of Calvary, reminding humanity that God offers true hope and mercy in purity and sacrifice.

In the Old Testament while the Israelites were in captivity, the Lord asked each "family" to put the blood of a lamb on their doorpost (Ex. 12:3) to protect their families from the tenth plague, the punishment of striking down every first-born son of families who did not have the blood on their lintel. In this, the blood of the sacrificial lamb is a protection of the continuity of the natural family. The Israelites recalled with thanksgiving the protection of their families each year when they celebrated Passover, during which celebration they drank wine symbolizing the blood of the lamb to honor God's protection of their families. The Passover celebration symbolically foreshadows the Holy Mass, in which the people of God's new covenant recall the death and resurrection of Jesus in the Eucharist, including the profound and miraculous transformation of water and wine into the Blood of the Christ.

It is worth reflecting that the events of Passover which foreshadow the holy sacrifice of the Mass originally indicated God's protection of the natural family. The Angel of Death passed over the faithful homes which had the blood of the lamb on their lintel, and those families remained unharmed. Similarly, families who honor the sacrifice of the Mass by participating in the Holy Eucharist have God's eternal protection: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (Jn. 6:54). The Mass is an invaluable spiritual resource for families. A wise priest once said, "The family who prays together stays together." What more valuable prayer can a family offer together than to be present together at the Eucharist, through which God protects and strengthens our own families with His Precious Body and Blood. During the month of July, let us meditate on a few words from the consecration: "This is the chalice, the new testament in my blood, which shall be shed for you..." Deo gratias!

Lynette Milles, our organist, is leaving St. George Parish to pursue other adventures. We wish to thank her for her many years of faithful service. Mary Hendel, a long time parishioner, who also helped with our music for many years, is also taking her leave. We'd like to thank her as well for sharing her time and talent. A search committee was formed to find a replacement organist. This committee has put in a great deal of time and effort and has three candidates for consideration. Each of these candidates has agreed to play at a Mass for our congregation to hear and evaluate. Those dates will be Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, July 21, 2013 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please try and attend any or all three of these Masses and give your input on the informational sheet that will be in the pews. We welcome all input so that our music at St. George Parish is a testament of "Make a Joyful Noise..."

Psalm 95:1

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

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