

AUGUST 4, 2013

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



4980 Heege Road · Affton, Missouri 63123



"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office:

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 3:30pm

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Website: www.saintgeorgeaffton.com

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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 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, August 4, 2013

7:00am Parishioners
 9:00am Conway Blessing
 11:00am Mildred Tichacek



Monday, August 5, 2013

6:00am Purgatorial Society
 8:00am Robert L. Szymanski

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Julie Isaak (healing)

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

6:00am August A. Busch, Jr.
 8:00am Schwartz/Robinson fam liv & dec

Thursday, August 8, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Vernon Foerstel

Friday, August 9, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Stella Kamadulski

Saturday, August 10, 2013

8:00am Edward Slavik
 4:00pm Special Intention (Julie K.)

Sunday, August 11, 2013

7:00am Frank Auer
 9:00am Parishioners
 11:00am Special Intention

Pray for Vocations!

Next Sunday's Readings

August 11, 2013

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C



Wisdom 18:6-9

Anticipating the saving action of God, the holy children of the good await deliverance.

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

God's kindness is shown to those who trust in it and expect it.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Abraham lives in tents all his life while putting his faith in the land of promise.

Luke 12:32-48

You have to live as you believe in order to achieve what your faith promises.

Ministers of the Liturgy - August 10 & 11

Saturday, August 10, 2013 - 4:00pm

Servers: Paul Vogt & Brendan Wozniak

Lectors: Steve Crafton

Greeters: Mary Ann Speno

Sunday, August 11, 2013 - 7:00am

Servers: Steve Willey

Lectors: Ken Gebken

Greeters: Carol Blessing

Sunday, August 11, 2013 - 9:00am

Servers: Raphael Tomas & Ben Arrendell

Lectors: Jan Arbutti

Greeters: Kathi Meyer & Tom Mendel

Sunday, August 11, 2013 - 11:00am

Servers: Michael Johnson & Chandler Young

Lectors: Donna Payne

Greeters: Cathy Haberberger & Shirleen Coughlin

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 4, 2013

Coffee and Donuts after 7, 9 and 11am Masses

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Bible Study 8:30am, Priest house

Food Pantry 4-6:30pm

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

St. Vincent de Paul mtg 7 pm

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Food Pantry Open 6-8pm

Scripture Study 7pm Parish Center

Friday, August 9, 2013

Church cleaning after 8 am Mass

Saturday, August 10, 2013

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

Stewardship

Contributions shown are for 7/28/13

Envelopes.....\$4715.00

Loose.....\$1133.10

Maintenance.....\$605.00

Envelopes used.....136



The Adoration Chapel of St. George needs more committed adorers. There are currently 10 open hours that must be filled, Sunday, 1 am & 10 am, Monday, 1am, 2am, 6am & 7pm, Thursday, 1am & 12pm, 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.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scriptures

The readings raise an issue we might not expect to encounter in scripture—*inheritance*—but nonetheless there it is. Qoholeth talks about doing the work and worrying while someone else ends up with the property. A person calls Jesus in to arbitrate an estate squabble between brothers, and Christ responds by telling a parable in which God asks the rich man, “The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”

The real question, however, is not who gets what but *what is it all worth?* Those who worry about what becomes of “the profit [which] comes . . . from . . . toil” and the fruits of a “bountiful harvest” fall into what the Letter to the Colossians would call earthly greed. Those who work for treasure in heaven, however, “seek what is above.”

—Joel Schorn-www.preparetheword.com

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

The Hebrew word the reading from Ecclesiastes uses for *vanity* literally means “breath” or “vapor”: something fleeting and lacking substance. If everything eventually disappears into thin air, then, what is the value—if any—of what you do with your life? In the gospel Jesus has the answer: Work for what is truly lasting, “what matters to God.” How can you fill your days with what is truly important?

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Hidden in Christ, appearing in glory

What do people see when they look at you? The color of your hair and eyes and skin. Your gender and perhaps your generation. Whether you seem pleasant and at peace—or formidable and perhaps dangerous to approach. They might be able to guess your weight and height; your age. They can even take stabs at how much you're worth based on the way you dress, what you drive, or the street you live on.

People may formulate a whole story about who you are based on purely exterior evidence. But the truth is, they don't know you at all. Even if you're the sort of person who wears your heart on your sleeve—or your net worth on your wrist—there's another you: It's the inner you which is always thinking and feeling your way through the day. Hoping and praying. Or fearing and dreading. Or judging and condemning. Or enjoying and appreciating every minute, every person. This internal you is the person you really are, and his or her life is the one you're really living.

Because it doesn't matter where you live or what you drive or wear or say. You actually aren't what you eat either. You are, for the most part, what you think and believe and feel about everything that's going on around you. That's where the center of your personhood lies; that's your experience of the world through the years. Maybe it's a wonderful life or a dreadful one. Maybe you're mostly angry or mostly grateful. Maybe you're always learning and growing and making adjustments to your thinking. Or maybe your experience is a closed door of opinions, ideas, and

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expectations about who people are and what's possible.

Even though we live in the freest society on the planet, a lot of us aren't very free at all. Internally we may be all in knots much of the time, feeling that our circumstances have preordained our level of happiness, the amount of the good life we get to have. How much input do we really have on whether or not we can “rest, eat, drink, and be merry,” like the man in the parable, or have to work and be miserable all the time? So long as we think of what's on earth rather than what's above, as the Letter to the Colossians says, we're locked into exterior realities so that the person you are right now is a prisoner of circumstances—and at the same time the jailer of the person we might become.

Do we want to be free? Do we want to experience the joy and hope and liberation of the Christian adventure into fullness of life? Then Christ must be permitted to be all in all. Rooted in Christ, that hidden fullness of life shapes what we think and feel and believe about everything, and the world takes on a radiance we never imagined.

—Alice Camille-www.preparetheword.com

Questions Catholics ask

WHAT IS A HOLY LIFE?

BEING RICH in what matters to God, Jesus says in the gospel reading, is one of the keys to a holy life. Holiness is nothing less than the essence of God. The prophet Isaiah is the first to encounter God as the “Holy One,” which enables him to recognize his own unworthiness in God's presence. The call “to be holy, as God is holy” issued in the Book of Leviticus means drawing even closer than Isaiah did, to unite with God utterly—to be as God is.

Jesus provides his followers with a more compact instruction: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. Love will teach us everything we need to know about being like God, for as Saint John says, “God is love.” Saint Paul also gives us a helpful rearview mirror in which to check our attempts at loving by telling us what love looks like in 1 Corinthians: “Love is patient, love is kind.”

Many of us don't see ourselves donning a halo anytime soon. Even the canonized saints didn't start out holy-card ready. But we don't have to worry about that. The way to holiness is the work of love.

—Alice L. Camille

Adapted from <http://tinyurl.com/kq2tc5>

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

WHILE VISITING castle ruins on a trip to Ireland, I was awestruck: Did the people who had built the crumbling walls all around me know that their toil, craftsmanship, and dreams would decay into nothingness? When the builders planned the placement of each stone and timber, did they picture how it would all pass into disuse?

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A similar feeling used to overtake me when I rode my beloved bike around town as a child. There was an abandoned warehouse at the end of a neglected street, once owned by a wealthy, powerful family. They had been the talk of the town. Now they were a sketchy memory. Scandal, death, and time wore away almost every trace of their existence.

That still haunts me because it immediately calls to mind my own pointless quest to accumulate a “me” museum. Every purchase, significant or trite, compiled room by room, is destined for ashes and neglect. This dark thought brings fear. Then the light comes on. God speaks to my heart, reminding me that a healthy dose of reality-checking now can save me from a life lived in things. I am pulled back to authentic living in Christ.

—Evelyn Mautner-www.preparetheword.com

Sign & sacrament

You're free to choose good

What does it mean to be free? For some it's a matter of not being trapped in oppressive circumstances, like an unsatisfying job, a difficult relationship, or an illness. For others it's the ability to find ways to live creatively within those situations. Some say freedom is about having choices. And there are those who think it's simply being able to do whatever they want. Christians believe Christ has freed them to discern what is truly important: to be generous rather than selfish, caring and kind instead of indifferent and cruel, truthful, not false. Use your freedom to choose what is good.

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 and Donuts this Sunday, August 4, 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 Mass.

Third Annual Bishop Hermann Golf Tournament “Par for Priests”

The 3rd Annual Bishop Hermann Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2013 at Lake Forest Country Club in Lake St. Louis! Included in the \$100 per golfer fee are 18 holes of golf, green fee, driving range, cart, lunch, dinner and gifts. This year features a commemorative journal to include family photos, greetings, or advertisements. If you would like to play, be a sponsor or part of the journal, call 314-744-9322 or visit ath-stl.org for online registration.

Rest in Peace

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. George Church on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 for **Arthur Lutz** who died Saturday, July 27, 2013. Arthur was the husband of June Lutz and a long time parishioner. Please pray for his soul and for his family.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. George Church on Thursday, August 1, 2013 for **Robert Phillips**, who died on Friday, July 26, 2013. Robert was the grandfather of parishioner Candace Todt. Please pray for his soul and for his family.

Please pray for the soul and family of **Fausta Suday**, mother of parishioner Carmelita Suday Handrahan, who passed way recently at her home in the Philippines.

Respect Life!


St. George Parish School of Religion invites you to be a part of our program, for volunteer opportunities please call **Monica Johnson** 314-695-4687.

Remember to purchase your memorial bricks for the memorial plaza. Memorial bricks are two sizes 4x8" and 8x8". 4X8" bricks are \$150 with three lines of text 15 characters and spaces per line and choice of artwork 8x8" bricks are \$250 with six lines of text, 15 characters per line and choice of artwork. The 8x8 bricks are limited so if you are interested in an 8X8 brick please place your order early. Bricks will be for sell after Mass in the lobby or Parish Center. Bricks may be paid for with three payments over three months by cash, check or money order. For more information you may call Donna Payne at 314-729-0788 or by email at donnapaynephd@charter.net (email communication is preferred).

**3rd Annual
Trivia Night**

**** Bring 2 low-sodium or low-sugar
canned goods to donate to the pantry
for two free mulligans! ****

Silent Auction
Dessert Dash



Saturday, August 24, 2013

Seven Holy Founders Parish Hall
6741 Rock Hill Rd, Affton

Doors Open: 6:30pm
Trivia Starts 7:00 pm

\$20 per person/ tables of 8

Soda and light snacks provided...BYOB.

Reservations: Bonnie (314) 443-4039 or bonnieyoung11@gmail.com
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LATIN AMERICA APOSTOLATE

Today is the collection for the Latin America Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. This collection is the main source of funding for our 3 priests and Bishop Casey who presently serve in Bolivia. Other than Haiti, Bolivia is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Our Priest Missionaries depend on us so that their missionary work may continue. Please support Bishop Casey, Father Hayden and Father Michler and Father Noelker along with the people of Bolivia who they serve, thanks to our donations. May God reward you for your sacrificial gift and prayers!

Auditions for The Young Catholic Musicians

The 70-member orchestra and choir of The Young Catholic Musicians will hold auditions during August. Singers and instrumentalists (age 10-17) are welcome to audition. The YCM learns liturgical music and leads the singing of congregations during Mass at a different parish each month. For additional information, email Fr. Bruce Forman at revycm@charter.net or call 314-231-7464.

Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life at Assumption-Mattese

Designed to deepen your relationship with God and help you grow in following the values of Jesus in your daily life.
Information Session: Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 pm
Assumption School
4709 Mattis Rd
St. Louis, MO 63128

For further information call Sister Florence at 314-842-1672

Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

All are invited to attend the Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica on Lindell Blvd. This year, Bishop Edward Rice will be our celebrant. Couples celebrating 25, 50, or 50-plus years during 2013, who register by September 13, will have their names and wedding date printed in the program and receive a certificate of congratulations. **Online Registration** is available by visiting www.archstl.org/laityandfamilylife and clicking on Golden/Silver Jubilee from the menu. If you prefer to register by phone, please call the Office of Laity & Family Life at 314-792-7170.

The Journey Home is one of many programs of conversion, inspiration and hope that can be heard on AM 1080 WRYT, Catholic radio. You will also hear shows such as Catholic Answers Live, Life on the Rock, and Catholic Connection. Plus, the daily Holy Mass, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and/or a free CD, please call toll-free (877) 305-1234.

August 4, 2013 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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