

AUGUST 11, 2013

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

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:

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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 Day of obligation: Thursday, August 15 -

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

4:00pm Wednesday (anticipated)

6:00am, 8:00am and 7:00 pm Thursday

Weekdays: 6:00am Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00am Monday thru Saturday

Communion Services Weekdays: 6:00am Tuesday,
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 11, 2013

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



Monday, August 12, 2013

6:00am Lillian Birsinger
 8:00am Mary Ann & Shelly Inserra

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

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

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

6:00am Purgatorial Society
 8:00am Joseph F. Seper
 4:00pm Vernon Foerstel

Thursday, August 15, 2013 - Assumption of Mary

6:00am Dorothy Bohac
 8:00am Parishioners
 7:00pm Special Intention

Friday, August 16, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Virginia Groth

Saturday, August 17, 2013

8:00am Harry Nieman
 4:00pm Ed Brady

Sunday, August 18, 2013

7:00am Parishioners
 9:00am Special Intention
 11:00am Chris Rehor

Ministers of the Liturgy - August 17 & 18

Saturday, August 17, 2013 - 4:00pm

Servers: Ronnie Hart & Natalie Pistone
Lectors: Sandy Brady
Greeters: Dawn Govreau

Sunday, August 18, 2013 - 7:00am

Servers: Steve Willey
Lectors:

Greeters: Nance Acheson

Sunday, August 18, 2013 - 9:00am

Servers: Aidan Finn & Billy Street
Lectors: Brian Sweeney

Greeters: Cathy Byer

Sunday, August 18, 2013 - 11:00am

Servers: Ashley Finn & Rachel Schwartz
Lectors: John Coleman
Greeters: Allen & Kay Brillhart

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

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

Thursday, August 15, 2013

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

Friday, August 16, 2013

Church cleaning after 8 am Mass

Saturday, August 17, 2013

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

Next Sunday's Readings

August 18, 2013

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C



Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah stays loyal to God over country, or at least that's how his enemies see it.

Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

If we wait on God's rescue faithfully, God will give us reason to sing a new song.

Hebrews 12:1-4

Jesus demonstrates what faith in God really means when he accepts the cross.

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus does not come to establish mere earthly harmony but a blazing fire of truth.

Stewardship

Contributions shown are for 8/4/13

Envelopes.....	\$6026.10
Loose.....	\$949.55
Maintenance.....	\$1172.00
Envelopes used.....	137



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.



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scriptures

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." *The world is more than what you see*; a spiritual reality underlies it. Faith is staking your life on the promise of that reality, as Abraham knew, and on hope and trust in the promise that you are headed to "a better place," "a heavenly one," a city God has prepared for you. *But you have to be ready to go*—just as the Israelites were at the first Passover, and for the Master's return, at whatever time that may be.

—Joel Schorn-www.preparetheword.com

ARE YOU READY?

GROWING UP in California "earthquake country," there was a certain level of preparedness I came to know as a child. We stored jugs of water and canned food in earthquake kits that were to be kept away from the house in case the foundation was damaged. The occasional earthquake drill at school helped our classroom feel as if we were prepared.

You never knew when the ground would start shaking and items would come tumbling from your shelves. Preparedness became a way of life just in case today would be the day the big one hit. It certainly took effort and time to stockpile items and put them in a special place, but it was worth it because earthquakes are unpredictable and you can't go to the grocery store the night before a large one!

Faith requires that same persistence and attention. While you cannot expect to go from an empty to a full faith instantly, you can, like the vigilant servant in the gospel story, live with the intentionality that faith demands, grow in faith, and be ready for what life sends your way, even if it's unexpected.

—Clarissa V. Aljentera-www.preparetheword.com

Lean into the Kingdom

There's a great wonder in the story of Abraham that's more astonishing every time you read it. Before he encountered the God who was most certainly not the God of his fathers, Abraham was an old man faithful to one woman all his life and together they bore no children. His own father Terah had migrated from the land of Ur and took his whole tribe along for the ride: his children and their spouses and children, too. Terah was trying to escape some old misery, perhaps. He'd lost a son to death, and maybe a fresh start sounded like a good thing to his grieving heart.

Abraham and Sarah were part of the baggage Terah carried away from Ur. If one of Terah's sons caused him anguish by dying, Abraham caused him to suffer because of his childlessness. So imagine what it was like to be Abraham, the disappointing son who lived in his father's tents like a young man even after he got old. Until he had children, Abraham could hardly be a patriarch in his own right and establish a household.

Then Abraham meets God one starry starry night and God makes
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him an offer he can't refuse. God promises Abraham land and descendants. God promises that Sarah and Abraham will become not simply a family, which is their fondest hope, but a *nation*. All Abraham has to do is put his confidence in God and the journey God will take him on. Abraham grabs his wife, his flocks, and his staff and heads out into the unknown.

For decades more, however, there are no children. How does Abraham hold fast to the promise of land when for the rest of his life, in fact, he will never own one square inch of land except for the plot where he buries Sarah and, eventually, is buried himself? God promised him a nation. All Abraham saw was the birth of two sons, one of whom he felt obliged to send away along with the mother. Abraham continued to live the rest of his life in tents, pitching them down and folding them up here, there, and everywhere between Egypt and Canaan.

The story of Abraham is a marvel because, even without seeing the promise, Abraham never stopped believing in it. Abraham leaned into it, expected it, and lived as if it were true, even though the nation that would come from him would remain a dream in his lifetime. Abraham is the model of faith forever because he didn't have to possess what God pledged in order to live as though it were real. God's word was enough for him. When Jesus says God is pleased to give us the Kingdom, is that good enough for us? Or will we cling to our belongings, refuse to give alms, and hang on to our treasure, burying our hearts along with it?

—Alice Camille-www.preparetheword.com

Sign & sacrament

'Tis a gift

With so much emphasis on work and consumption in American culture, it is easy to fall into the trap of believing that "you are what you earn." This attitude creates a lot of anxiety, leaving us constantly worried about our financial worth and feeling devalued if our "earning power" drops or if we are not part of the wage economy. Jesus offers a different vision when he assures us that God is pleased to give us the kingdom. There is nothing to earn here, nothing to be gained, nothing to be lost. Our self-worth is a freely given gift of our Creator. Bank on it!

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

August 15 - Holyday of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Questions Catholics ask



WHAT IS MARY'S ASSUMPTION?

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WHILE THE NEW TESTAMENT does not offer chapter-and-verse proof-texts for the Assumption of Mary into Heaven (celebrated August 15), possibly as early as the third century tradition recounted her bodily reception into heaven. Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and even some Anglicans hold some version of the Assumption in their traditions.

The theological argument for the Assumption is one of "fittingness." Mary is the Ark of God's new covenant in Christ. She was preserved from sin for this end (in her Immaculate Conception), and her body, given over to God's purposes in the divine plan of salvation, should not undergo the corruption of death (see Romans 6:23).

A compelling argument arose in the wake of the 20th century's two brutal world wars. Pope Pius XII, who formally declared the dogma of the Assumption in 1950, surveyed the ghastly indignities suffered by the human body in recent memory and saw an opportunity to teach emphatically that God cares what happens to our mortal flesh. Mary's exalted destiny may bring "clearly to the notice of all persons" the destiny of our bodies and souls. You and I are also vessels of divine life too precious to God to forget.

-Alice L. Camille-www.preparetheword.com

Adapted from <http://tinyurl.com/lk7jncq>

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 14 - 4 p.m.

Thursday, August 15 - 6 a.m. - 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY REPORT

103 people attended

15 dozen donuts were consumed

This is our biggest gathering since we revived this custom.

Breakdown by Masses

After 7 a.m. 21 people

After 9 a.m. 38 people

After 11 a.m. 44 people

The "brick" sale helped bring people to these gatherings.

PLEASE NOTE!

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY WE ARE DISCONTINUING THE PAPER RE-CYCLING . PAPER BINS WILL BE REMOVED.

Please Pray For...



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Thomas George	Barbara Mena	

Pro Life News

Thanks to all who donated to the Hillsboro Birthright Baby Shower last month. There was a nice variety of gifts for the precious little babies. May the Lord bless all of you for your generous support for LIFE.

On Tuesday mornings from 9:30 AM until around 11:00 AM the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed in front of Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic on Forest Park Boulevard. If anyone would like to join us to pray, please call Kay at 631-3679. You can make a difference to those who are in a crisis pregnancy.

R.I.P. "

Please pray for the soul and family of Cecilia Adam, mother of parishioner, Linda Ritter. A funeral Mass was held at St. Stephen's Church near Monroe City, MO. on Friday, August 2. Mrs. Adam died on Monday, July 29, 2013 at the age of 94."

Please pray for the soul and family of Sharon Kramer, sister of parishioner, Shirley Melber. Sharon died Thursday, August 1, 2013.



Dear Father Robertson,

Thank you for your support of this year's Glennon Sunday appeal, "Where Faith and Healing Unite!" We received your parish collection of \$1,456.00 on July 02, 2013. We are grateful to you for allowing volunteers to set up the yard signs, place the envelopes in the pews, speak at Mass and collect the offerings. Your kindness helped us evangelize our vital mission at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center:

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Thank you once again for your continued support of Glennon Sunday!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis
Chairman of the Board of Governors
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Dan Buck
Executive Director
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PAUL VI CLASSES

Fall registration for Paul Vi Institute will open within the next 2 weeks. Go to archstl.org/paul6 to register and view courses offered.

How to register for Paul VI Courses online:

- * Type archstl.org/paul6 into your browser.
- on your left click on Course Registration Fall 2013.
- Fill the form out and choose up to 2 classes. Be aware the first section of classes are class room courses and the second set are online courses.
- After choosing your courses you will be given a billing option. Choose bill to my parish.

Accessing course descriptions:

- Click the courses tab on left
- Click course schedules
- Click current schedule

The Fall registration is not yet posted on the website but will be in the next two weeks. Check the website often for Fall registration to be posted.



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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 sale in the church lobby after Mass. 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 donnapaynephhd@charter.net (email communication is preferred).

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