

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Robertson, *Pastor*

Deacon Robert S. Penberthy

Deacon Leonard Sisul

Deacon Glenn Politte, *Parish Office*

Mrs. Karen Lebb, *Parish Bookkeeper*

Monica Johnson, *Parish School of Religion, 352-3544 ext 97*

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office:

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

Rectory Phone: (314) 352-3544

Rectory Fax: (314) 832-6916

Website: www.saintgeorgeaffton.com

St. Vincent de Paul Help Line: 352-3544 ext. 6

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: 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, September 8, 2013

7:00am Charles Peters
 9:00am Mike Wiethop (thanksgiving for Flowers)

11:00am Parishioners

Monday, September 9, 2013

6:00am George Wilds
 8:00am Lillian Birsinger

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

6:00am Josephine Goelzhauser
 8:00am Louis Merlotti

Thursday, September 12, 2013

6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Joan Pfeifer

Friday, September 13, 2013

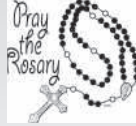
6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Stella Kamadulski

Saturday, September 14, 2013

8:00am Monsignor John T. Ronquest
 4:00pm Kuturovac & Ziegler fam liv & dec

Sunday, September 15, 2013

7:00am Charles Peters
 9:00am Parishioners
 11:00am Chris Rehor



Pray for Vocations!

Next Sunday's Readings

September 15, 2013

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C



Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

To turn away from God means turning toward destruction and death.

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Sin causes offense, but a contrite spirit prepares the way for a clean heart

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Even the foremost sinner receives the mercy of God and salvation from sin.

Luke 15:1-32

God seeks to rescue both the children lost to sin and those lost to self-righteousness.

Ministers of the Liturgy - September 14 & 15

Saturday, September 14, 2013 - 4:00pm

Lectors: Sandy Brady
Greeters: Dawn Govreau

Sunday, September 15, 2013 - 7:00am

Servers: Steve Willey
Lectors: Mary Schuette
Greeters: Nance Acheson

Sunday, September 15, 2013 - 9:00am

Lectors: Kathy Hasenfratz
Greeters: Kathi Meyer

Sunday, September 15, 2013 - 11:00am

Lectors: Jim Kistner
Greeters: Janice Willey & John Hefti

Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Parish School of Religion 9:30-10:45

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

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

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Food Pantry Open 6-8pm
 Scripture Study 7pm Parish Center
 Grief Pray & Share 12:15 Parish Center

Friday, September 13, 2013

Church cleaning after 8 am Mass

Saturday, September 14, 2013

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

Stewardship

Contributions shown are for 9/1/13

Envelopes.....\$5965.00
 Loose.....\$974.85
 Maintenance.....\$698.00
 Envelopes used.....145



The Adoration Chapel of St. George needs more committed adorers. There are currently 10 open hours that must be filled, Sunday, 1am, Monday, 1am, 2am, & 6am, Wednesday, 2am, Thursday, 1am, Friday, 11am, Saturday 12am, 6am, & 7am. Call Kay Brillhart at 631.3679 or Olga Leonard at 351.3853 if you can commit to these or any other hour.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scriptures

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

Do you have what it takes to be a disciple? Don't panic: You don't have to "hate" your family. Though Jesus' words sound as strong then as they do now, see them in terms of the rest of what he says in the gospel passage, the big message of which is: Measure your resources before starting on something, like a king contemplating giving battle or a builder sizing up whether he can afford to complete a structure. That means *being ready* to renounce your possessions and to put your faith ahead of all else—including your family if it came to that, though it probably never will. More certain is the possibility that following Jesus will involve taking up the cross at some point. Are we prepared to make the necessary sacrifices?

You don't have to hate your family

Today is Grandparents Day, an observance signed into existence by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. It took almost a decade of lobbying by several people convinced of the significance of elders in their own lives to get Grandparents Day on the calendar. The official flower of the day is, aptly, the forget-me-not. On the first Sunday after Labor Day each year, we have this lovely opportunity to send that long-overdue email or tweet—or heck, even a phone call—in the direction of those special senior citizens in our lives.

Which makes it a little awkward to be proclaiming a gospel passage this weekend about hating your family. Frankly, it's awkward no matter when we read this teaching. I mean, how many of us really hate our families? Sure, certain family members get on our nerves once in a while. We have falling-outs from time to time for all sorts of reasons both significant and stupid: political or religious differences, lifestyle choices, insensitive remarks made in the heat of argument, as well as real injuries suffered at the hands of those who can hurt us the deepest because we love them the dearest and trusted them the most.

But even when a spouse, parent, child, or other relative disappoints us terribly, the majority of the time we still don't find it in our hearts to hate them. Something in us still yearns to be reconciled and reconnected. There is no peace until the mending of bridges starts and the healing has a chance to begin. Even if it isn't possible to receive that person back into our lives again, we know we need the balm of divine forgiveness to close the wound that remains between them and us. Because, at the end of the day, no matter what that other person did or failed to do, we're still family, and that is the most unassailable bond in the world.

The bottom line is, I don't hate my family. I don't think it's even possible or desirable to hate them, not even the weird or disruptive members who cause the most anguish. And it would be hard for most of us to believe that Jesus, who preaches *love-love-love* all the time—love for strangers and even for enemies!—would suddenly do an about-face and urge us to estrange ourselves from the
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people genetically closest to us. So let's see it from his perspective. Jesus is up against tribe-and-clan mentality, people who put blood ties ahead of any and every concern. Love and avenge your people and regard warily everyone else. Brothers and sisters in Christ will not have the luxury of defining their loyalties so narrowly. So, of course, love your family. But also consider it your starting point for all the love to follow.

—Alice Camille-www.preparetheword.com

Questions Catholics ask

WHERE IS GOD LEADING YOU?

EVERYONE WANTS to know where God is leading them, but, in the words of the Book of Wisdom, "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?"

The first way to know is an *attitude of openness*—open to examining a variety of possibilities. Openness is not a matter of not caring, but rather of welcoming your choices.

Trust is another attitude necessary for discernment. Trust yourself and your own personal wisdom; trust others who assist you in the process; trust the Spirit at work in your life; trust that God loves you more than you can ever imagine; and, equally important, trust that God wants the absolute best for you. Be open to this mystery and surrender to it.

Work toward an *expectant attitude*, which enhances the discernment process. This attitude is one of inner freedom. An awareness of God's love in your life may bring you freedom. Can you give God a blank check? Freedom can be frightening. Saying yes to one direction automatically closes the door to other options. Yet, in letting go of your agenda, your securities, and, yes, even of control, and placing your trust in the One who calls, so much more can be gained.

—Sister Marcia Ziska, O.S.B.

Adapted from vocationnetwork.org/articles/show/26

Sign & sacrament

First things first

Do we recognize the Jesus who says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, he cannot be my disciple"? The words seem harsh in comparison to the soothing invitation of the Good Shepherd. Not to worry—Jesus is not insisting, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Jesus is not insisting we abandon family or become homeless in order to follow him. But Jesus is saying, without doubt, that nothing—no thing and no one—can become so central in life that it interferes with doing God's will to love God and love your neighbor as yourself by being just, showing mercy, and walking with God. Jesus' call is "do as I do. Love as I love, hold nothing back. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

Silver & Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass



All are invited to attend the Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass, sponsored by the Office of Laity & Family Life, on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica.

This year, Bishop Edward Rice will be our celebrant. Couples married 25, 50, or 50-plus years during 2013 will have their names and wedding date printed in the program and receive a certificate of congratulations.

Registration deadline to have your name included in the program and receive a certificate is September 13.

Online Registration is available. If you need more information or would prefer to register by phone, please call 314-792-7170.

The Affton Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy will be here on **Sunday, October 6th** from **7:30 - 10:30 am** to provide flu shots. Each shot equals a \$3 donation to the Church! Help our Parish and yourself. Here are some reasons to your flu shot at St. George on this date:



1. Saves you a trip to the doctor, and possibly a co-pay.
2. Keeps you from having to stand in line somewhere.
3. Donates \$3 to St. George for every flu shot given.
4. Gives you the opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and some refreshments.

Signup sheet is located in the breezeway.

GRIEF PRAY AND SHARE

The Grief Pray and Share will be held on the 2nd Thursday from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., starting in September. The first gathering is September 12. Also, there is some interest in starting an evening group. This could help people who work during the day. If anyone is interested in coming to a 6 - 7 p.m. Thursday group, please call Mary Ann at 353-4909.

Calling all St. George Bakers

Respect Life will be having a bake sale September 21 and 22, in the breezeway before and after all Masses. Please bring your donated baked items before the Masses. This is our main fundraiser for the year. If you have any questions, please call Kay 631 3679.

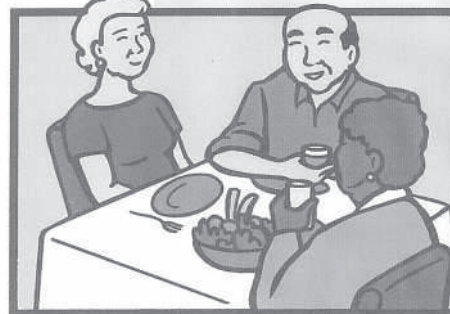
You are invited to attend a 7 week Life in the Spirit Seminar being held at the Cardinal Rigali Center starting Monday September 9, 2013 at 7 pm. For more information call: 314-427-7786 or email catholicrenewal@archstl.org

Please Pray For...



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Dolores Bazzetta	Pam Hardebeck	Eleanor O'Kelly
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Ruth Brown	Carol Hobbs	Joe Politte
Joan Buchmann	Betty Holjevic	Kathleen Politte
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Caroline Garcia	Shirley Melber	
Thomas George	Barbara Mena	

Affton Days Dinner



Adults \$8.00
 Fried chicken
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 Ice tea / coffee

Saturday

Date: 09-21-2013

Time: 4:00pm—7:00pm

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Church
 Feuerbacher Cafeteria
 7748 Mackenzie Road

Child \$6.00
 Child meal
 Chicken fingers with
 the above sides

R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Monday, October 7, at 7 p.m. in the priest house meeting room. Sessions are one hour, 7-8 p.m. We are beginning a little late this year because Fr. Robertson's co-worker, Sharon Schmidt, is recovering from cancer surgery and receiving treatments. However, the late start will not be a problem because Easter is late in 2014 - April 20, as compared to March 31 in 2013. The Sacraments of Initiation are given at the Easter Vigil. Fr. Robertson will teach on October 7 and 14. We will have sessions on October 21 and 28 if Sharon is recovered. Fr. Robertson will teach on November 4 and 11. We will have classes on November 18 and 25 if Sharon is available. Fr. Robertson has Finance Meeting (Nov. 18) and Parish Council (Nov. 25). Fr. Robertson will teach on December 2, 9, 16. We will break for Christmas and resume on January 6 and continue every Monday until Holy Week. We plan to have the Rite of Sending and Election on March 9, the first Sunday of Lent and Sacrament of Initiation on April 19, the Easter Vigil.

OCTOBERFEST

St. George would like to have a German style meal, along with some good German music and perhaps a little dancing after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 26. A little beer to wash down the food would certainly add to the evening. In order to organize this event, we need a few volunteers. Volunteers could chair a food committee, a drink committee, an entertainment committee, a cleanup committee, a decoration committee and a raffle committee. There may be volunteers for music and food committees. Volunteer your time and talent. Call Mary Jane Deiters - 481-2316.



Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run Fact Sheet



- Began in 2008 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), one of the oldest and most effective charitable organizations in the world.
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- All proceeds directly benefit people in the communities where the money is raised and there are no administrative fees associated with the event.
- Each community's walk is organized and run by its own SVdP Conference or Council.
- The 2012 Walk was held at more than 220 locations around the country, attracted more than 19,000 participants, and raised more than \$1.8 million.
- Walkers are encouraged to make a personal monetary donation and collect pledges from supporters.
- The website (www.fopwalk.org) offers a map to show the locations where the walks are being held, registration and donation forms.

SVdP Conference/Council: St. George Parish Conference

Date: 9/28/2013

Time: 9 am registration (not necessary) with a 10am walk start.

Walk Location: St. Louis University HS

Contact:

Name: Kean McCurren

Phone: 314-832-9093

E-mail: mccurren@att.net

How to get involved?

Donate online to a St. George walker.

- Go here: <http://www.svdpusa.net/fop/index.php> and search for a walker or St. George's own John Coleman.

Donate cash or check to a St. George Vincentian.

- Please contact Marie Labus (314-544-0184) or Gene Haessig (314-962-8764).

Become a St. George walker (active or virtual) and solicit for donations.

- Go here: <http://www.svdpusa.net/fop/index.php> and follow the directions to become a walker. Use St. George ID# 2455 in Step One and SLUH for the walk event in Step Two.

St. Patrick Center is building permanent, positive change for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We are in need of the following items for our upcoming Give Thanks Thanksgiving distribution program: frozen turkeys, turkey pans, canned meat, coats (all sizes, adult and child) and Schnucks gift cards. We accept donations Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm at our receiving dock on Hadley St. in back of our building. For more info, contact Katie Joseph at 314-802-1976 or kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org.

GARY GILLIAM

SPEAKING ON THE HOWS AND WHYS OF RECYCLING

Have you ever wondered what you can and cannot recycle? Why do you have to rinse out your trash? What happens with items sent to recycling? Bring your questions to Gary Gilliam on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 4092 Blow St. Gary has over 35 years experience in the industry.

This a FREE opportunity to learn the ins and outs of recycling and caring for our planet. Consider bringing family or friends with you. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers!! If needed, contact Debbie at 481-9385 for more information.

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