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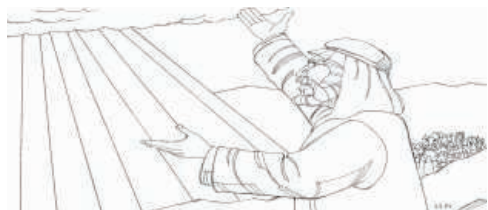
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“Everything I have is yours.” Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office:

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

Rectory Phone: (314) 352-3544

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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 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 15, 2013
 7:00am Charles Peters
 9:00am Parishioners
 11:00am Chris Rehor

Monday, September 16, 2013
 6:00am Stella Kamadulski
 8:00am Carol Schuchardt

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
 6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Julie Isaak (healing)

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
 6:00am Purgatorial Society
 8:00am Schwartz/Robinson fam liv & dec

Thursday, September 19, 2013
 6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Marcella Haessig

Friday, September 20, 2013
 6:00am Communion Service
 8:00am Vernon Foerstel

Saturday, September 21, 2013
 8:00am Edward Slavik
 4:00pm John Lynn

Sunday, September 22, 2013
 7:00am Deacon Roy Schulze
 9:00am Karen Feltmann Daggs
 11:00am Parishioners



Pray for Vocations!

Next Sunday's Readings

September 22, 2013

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Amos 8:4-7

The prophet rages against the greedy, the cheater, and those who lack compassion.

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

We may not keep the poor in mind, but God will not forget them.

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Secular leadership deserves our respect and support for the good of society.

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a bad steward who is nonetheless good at taking care of business.



Ministers of the Liturgy - September 21 & 22

Saturday, September 21, 2013 - 4:00pm
Servers: Paul Vogt & Aidan Finn
Lectors: Sr. Carolyn
Greeters: Joan Wickman

Sunday, September 22, 2013 - 7:00am
Servers: Steve Willey
Lectors: Mary Schuette
Greeters: Evelyn Lampe

Sunday, September 22, 2013 - 9:00am
Servers: Raphael Tomas & Ben Arrendell
Lectors: Jan Arbutti
Greeters: Tom Mendel

Sunday, September 22, 2013 - 11:00am
Servers: Rachel Schwartz & Billy Street
Lectors: Jeannette Mreen
Greeters: Allen & Kay Brillhart

Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 15, 2013
 Parish School of Religion 9:30-10:45

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
 Bible Study 8:30am, Priest house
 Food Pantry 4-6:30pm

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
 Caregivers 2pm Priest house
 St. Vincent de Paul 7pm

Thursday, September 19, 2013
 Food Pantry Open 6-8pm
 Scripture Study 7pm Parish Center
 K of C mtg 7pm room 1

Friday, September 20, 2013
 Church cleaning after 8 am Mass

Saturday, September 21, 2013
 Food Pantry 9:30am-12pm (noon)

Stewardship

Contributions shown are for 9/8/13

Envelopes.....	\$6057.00
Loose.....	\$1166.45
Maintenance.....	\$563.00
Envelopes used.....	142



The Adoration Chapel of St. George needs more committed adorers. There are currently 8 open hours that must be filled, **Sunday, 1am, Monday, 1am, & 2am, Wednesday, 2am, Friday, 12am, 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.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scriptures

God shows mercy, even to the “worst”: idolaters and the blasphemer. To human ears, though, that doesn't make sense. We're probably used to knowing the “correct” answers to Jesus' questions of “what man among you” and “what woman”: Find the lost sheep; search high and low for the lost coin, right? But those were challenges, not rhetorical questions, because they went against conventional wisdom. What sense would it make to leave the rest of the herd wandering and unprotected to find one lost member? Would it really be wise to turn an entire house inside out to find one coin when you still have nine?

That, however, is how God's mercy works: *God does not forget the one who has gone astray*, no matter how many are in the fold. The “unworthy” repentant son is worth a party for the simple reason that he came back. Don't put limits on mercy—God's or the mercy you show—the readings say to us this week, no matter how “prodigal” or “foolish” or nonsensical it may seem.

—Joel Schorn-www.preparetheword.com

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

Who “brought you out of the land of Egypt”: The reading from the Book of Exodus uses this phrase three times, and each differently. First God reminds Moses *he* is the leader of the people, and it's *his* job to tell them about God's wrath. Then God tells Moses what to say, reminding the Israelites of what the God they are betraying did for them. Finally Moses turns these words on God: “Don't forget that you who saved them made a promise, and that means you have an obligation not to destroy those to whom you made that promise.”

This story reminds us that it can be easy to let someone else do the dirty work, to shift blame, to hold others to standards you yourself are not maintaining. It's also easy to forget promises, especially when you're angry.

Who is really lost and found?

I can think of two good reasons to be happy this week: the fate of the prodigal son and the hope extended to his self-righteous brother. Because I've been both obvious sinner and self-proclaimed do-gooder at various times in my life, and I'm glad to know God is looking out for me whether I stray to the left or to the right.

It's easy for us to imagine that this best-known parable is about *one* lost son. Actually both sons have wandered far from their father's good heart. Though the distance the younger son has traveled might be measured in miles and moral behaviors, the distance the elder son has moved from his father's arms is equally troubling and perhaps more spiritually dangerous.

The younger son, after all, knows the wrong he's done and the harm he's caused. He can see it in the immediate result of his choices: destitution, isolation, and a generous helping of good old-fashioned shame; he, a Jew, is reduced to eating with the pigs,

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for heaven's sake. It doesn't take him very long to assess his situation, repent the bad choices, and seek an end to his suffering in his father's compassion. Even though this son shortchanges his father's love because of his own heart's limitations—thinking his father would at least permit him to serve in the big house!—his confidence in his father's pity is a very good sign. Even though he's been a bad son, he still trusts that his father remains a good father.

We focus on the prodigal because his story is splashier. We name the parable after him because it makes for good reading in the check-out line at the supermarket: “Poor Little Rich Boy Returns!” “Prodigal Profits from Papa's Pity!” Or simply: “He's Baaaaack!” But while the parable begins with the younger brother's choice, it ends suspended on the elder brother's untold decision. If the whole point of the story was simply to say that God loves the repentant sinner, the elder brother wouldn't feature in the story at all.

Yet here he is. The older brother shows up at the end, back from a hard day's work in the fields, hears music and dancing and wonders why. No one ever throws him appreciation parties, so something must have happened. The servant explains that Sonny Boy is home again, and this makes Elder Son so mad it's *his* turn to retreat from the family and his father's embrace. While the sins of the younger son made him all the more anxious to come home, the hidden sins of the older son makes him just as resolved to stay away. Will the father's great love for this son also prevail? Or will Elder Son's arrogance consign him to the outer darkness for good?

—Alice Camille-www.preparetheword.com

Questions Catholics ask

WHAT IS CONVERSION?

THE AUTHOR of the First Letter of Timothy describes a conversion: “I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated.” I used to think that “conversion experience” was a fluffy, way-out there term. Until it happened to me.

I had acquired my doctor of veterinary medicine degree in the Philippines and was completing a year of clinical rotations at Purdue University in Indiana. It was the eighth anniversary of my father's death. I was away from my family at the time, so I thought, what the heck, I'll go to Mass for Dad. I hadn't been in a church in 15 years.

Something happened. It was as if my eyes were opened for the first time. I knew that God existed, it was right to be in church, there was such a thing as heaven, and Dad was there. At first I thought this might have been a momentary stress and fatigue-induced lapse. But it was the weirdest experience. Just as with an infatuation—thinking about someone first thing in the morning, throughout the day, and the last thing at night—I thought about God. I felt a peace about life, and, strangest of strange, I started caring about people more.

—Sister Vivian Ramos, O.S.B.

Adapted from vocationnetwork.org/articles/show/271

Sign & sacrament

Rightness is not righteousness

The story of the Prodigal Son is one of Jesus' best, and one in which many can find themselves: the errant one who has come to his or her senses at last and is coming home, afraid it may be too late. Jesus seems, however, to point even beyond the father's breathtaking forgiveness for the son who has come home. There is that other son. That's the one we have to be worried about and be careful we do not become. The younger son, embarrassed and contrite (mostly), has accepted a love he may not even understand, but the righteousness (dare we say self-righteousness?) of the elder son (who has always done everything right) may be breaking away from his father in a far more destructive way.

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

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.

Calling all St. George Bakers

Respect Life will be having a bake sale on 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.

BULLETIN CORRECTION

I made a mistake in putting the wrong first name for the widower of Eleanora Pacanowski-Grba. His name is **Mike Grba**. He married Eleanora at St. George at a 6 a.m. Mass on August 21, 2004. I am sorry about the error. I take umbrage when people call me Fr. Robinson. Eleanora was buried from St. George on August 26, 2013. Her daughter is Mickey Terry.

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. George for **Ruth Willi**. Ruth died on September 4. The Mass will be on Saturday, October 5, at 11 a.m.. Fr Tim Bannes will preside. Ruth's daughter is Mary Lee Bannes. Ruth was a parishioner for over 50 years.

Please Pray For...



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Kathy Gallagher	Marie Ann Mayer	Melba White
Betty Garamella	Anne McGowan	Bradley Young
Caroline Garcia	Shirley Melber	Theresa Winkler

WEDDINGS

Two very nice weddings were celebrated at St. George last weekend. **Patrick Guffey** married **Abigail Zehner** on Friday, September 6, at a 5 p.m. ceremony.

Steven Soell married **Nichole Prewitt** on Saturday, September 7, at 1 p.m. Fr. Robertson was joined in the Nuptial Mass by Monsignor Ted Wojcicki and Monsignor Mark Rivituso. Nicole's mother, Kathleen, is pastoral associate at Immaculate Conception parish in Dardenne Prairie. Fr. Robertson was friends with Steve's grandfathers, the late John Soell and Ken Beyer, and is still friends with Steve's parents, Mark and Linda. This goes back to St. Pius V parish in the early 1970's.

Both couples have homes in the parish and are registered parishioners. That is good news. Congratulations to the newly married couples. Remember them in your prayers.

Please pray for the soul of **Harold Menze**, cousin of **Marge Martini** of St. George Parish. Harold died recently. May he rest in peace.

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

We are making progress with volunteers for the Octoberfest. This is good news. It looks like we can schedule the Octoberfest. I will send a letter to the parishioners around September 23. We still need volunteers. Call Mary Jane Deiters - 481-2316. We will have a 50/50 in connection with this event.

MASS SCHEDULE OF PRIESTS

Monday, September 16	6 a.m. Fr. Albers
	8 a.m. Fr. Gene Utrup
Tuesday, September 17	8 a.m. Fr. Albers
Wednesday, September 18	6 a.m. Fr. Albers
	8 a.m. Fr. Gene Utrup
Thursday 9/19/13, Friday 9/20/13, Saturday 9/21/13	
8 a.m. Fr. Albers	
Saturday, 9/21/13	4 p.m. Fr. Richard Tillman
(Fr. Tillman will also hear confessions on Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.)	
Sunday, September 22	
	7 a.m. Fr. Albers
	9 a.m. Fr. Tillman
	11 a.m. Fr. Tillman

Affton Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to the elderly and infirm in the Affton area. Most of our volunteers only drive one day a week. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 10:45 to 11:30. It takes about one and a half hours. Complete directions are provided and training is available. If you would like to help your neighbors in the Affton area, contact John Mallon for further information at 314-843-9722.

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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.svdpsusa.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.

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