

READINGS

August 3, 2014

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

STEWARDSHIP

July 27th Collection.....\$1,280

Our Lady of Wisdom relies on Bobcat Catholics like you for more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to the their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Rosary every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge
- All other activities will resume in the fall*

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Until the Fall Semester, there will be **one Sunday Mass at 10:00am.**
- Daily Masses Mon - Fri. During the summer will vary according to Fr. Will's schedule. You may call the office for a specific Mass.
- Office closes at 5:00pm Mon – Thu, and at 3:00pm on Fridays.



We are a parent-taught co-op program that depends on the active participation of parents to be successful. If you plan to enroll your children for 2014-15, please consider volunteering as a teacher or substitute. All are welcome to be volunteer.

NOTE: Basic Ethics and Integrity (EIM) training is required.

Contact Kristen Arnold, Program Director 512-665-3113 or kristena78@yahoo.com

SANTA CRUZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently enrolling students in Pre-Kindergarten – 8th grade. We are located in Buda, Texas. We serve 200 students from preschool through the eighth grade. Our school is an incorporated school, within the Catholic Diocese of Austin that holds a close association to several area parishes. We are a school that works with parents to nurture the growth of the whole child – spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically. Our school is Catholic – promoting the teachings of the Church and inclusive of diverse cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. *If you are interested in applying for enrollment, please feel free to contact the school office at 512-312-2137. You may also visit our school website at www.sccstx.org.*



Rudy Villarreal will discuss prayer and liturgy at Theology on Tap on Aug. 7 at Casa Chapala (9041 Research Blvd.). Music begins at 6 p.m. and his presentation begins at 7 p.m. For more information, contact [Jennifer Kodysz](mailto:Jennifer.Kodysz@dioceseofaustin.org) at (512) 949-2467.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St. John's: **Saturday, August 16th from 10 am-2 pm.** Accepting furniture, clothing, household items, etc. No appliances or computer equipment please. These items are sold in the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (Austin) and the proceeds used to assist the poor and needy to include those of San Marcos. Thanks for your support.

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS CATHOLIC NIGHT Join Fr. Will and many other religious men and women and Catholics around the Diocese on Monday August 18th at 7:05pm as the Round Rock Express play the Rainiers. Tickets are \$10. For every ticket purchased money will be given back to support our parish. Please contact the office at 512-392-5925 to reserve a ticket before August 3rd.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a Holy Day of Obligation
Two services offered
Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14th 5:15pm
And Mass on Friday, August 15th 12:30pm



WE PRAY For those attending the School of New Evangelization (SNE) Retreat in St. Paul MN Aug. 2 – Aug.10.

ALSO BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For those who are hungry and that we respond to help them ...

FR. WILL will be out **August 4– August 8 Scheduled Services**

- 8/4 12:30 Communion Dcn Pat
- 8/5 5:15 Communion Dcn Pat
- 8/6 12:30 Communion Dcn Pat
- 8/7 5:15 Communion Dcn Pat
- 8/8 12:30 Mass Fr. Jason Bonifazi

AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE JULY 10am Mass 226

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 was a preview of the Eucharist to come. We learn later that Jesus is the Bread of Life. What activities could you add to your spiritual life to increase your spiritual nourishment?

We are familiar with the Gospel we will hear this Sunday. Jesus is in a deserted place and is concerned that people be fed. Jesus provides food for thousands of people and there is some left over. The people not only marvel at this but they seek Jesus out at a later time, looking for more. They come because they were fed with the fish and the bread. He wants them to understand that this was a sign. All the miracles of Jesus were signs. A sign is something that points beyond itself to something else. The meaning of the miracle goes beyond the moment. In this particular instance, I think this involves two things. First, the multiplication of the loaves and the fish symbolize the abun-

dance of God's love. Jesus explodes with love upon the earth. He is the Son of God; He is the Holy One of God; He is the Prince of Peace. When Jesus says the blessing and the bread and fish become abundant, He is inviting His audience to look beyond the bread to appreciate that they are in the presence of the Son of God, that God is literally visiting His people. The second sign that marks the multiplication of the loaves and the fish is the Eucharist. Jesus takes bread and says a blessing and the people are fed. This is a sign of the Eucharist. In the Eucharist Jesus is giving Himself to us out of love when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is precisely why the Eucharist is so important. This is precisely why I keep saying that the most important thing we do each week is celebrate Sunday Mass. And this is precisely why I hope you come each week.

May the Lord give you peace.
Rev James M. McNamara

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Wednesday, August 6th
Not a Holy Day of Obligation