

READINGS

September 7, 2014

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

STEWARDSHIP

August 31st Collection.....\$2,595
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 512-392-5925.

Our Lord outlines for us one of the most important disciplines that Catholics and all Christians should take to heart: fraternal correction. In a society where many people lack moral courage, the authentic practice of fraternal correction is more urgent than ever. Our society cringes at the thought of confrontation or contradiction for fear of "offending" another person or of seeming "judgmental." In other cases, so many people have lost a sense of sin that they become unable to clearly recognize evil. In other instances, there is simple indifference to sin itself. The Gospel mandate for fraternal correction expresses Jesus' desire for us to fight against the aforementioned tendencies. It should be noted, however, that Our Lord does not prescribe fraternal correction just so we can find a Gospel-endorsed reason to seek confrontations or to judge another person's state of soul or whether or not the person will be saved. Rather, Our Lord mandates that we owe each

other, as a matter of justice, the charitable act of correcting each other out of love for God and the salvation of the soul of the person who has committed a wrongdoing or shown a lack of good judgment. Jesus reminds us to approach the transgressor alone in a attempt to point out the sin, and with a desire to win the sinner over to Christ. In this way, the sinner cannot simply claim that the correcting party is trying to "single them out." In the end, action must be taken because all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing" (Edmund Burke).

*Adapted from:
Rev. Jerome A. Magat*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Besides Mass, do you participate in communal prayer? Today's Gospel tells us that whenever two or more are gathered in prayer, God is there. As an easy way to start, try making communal prayer a habit before and after meals.

**PLEASE CONDISER
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR THE
MONTH OF AUGUST**

That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights

AND

That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region...

**ALSO
BISHOP VÁSQUEZ'
PRAYER INTENTION FOR
TODAY:**

For all victims of violence ...

**AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS
ATTENDANCE
AUGUST**

10am, 263; 5pm, 115; 7:30pm, 74

**TEXAS STATE FAMILY
WEEKEND** is next weekend, Sept. 12th- 14th please welcome them to Our Lady of Wisdom and San Marcos!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament *Tuesdays* 5:45-9pm and *Mornings* Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel

FREE LUNCH every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the Lobby

BOBCATS FOR LIFE 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

BOBCAT AWAKENING #42 Sept.26th-28th. An energy filled weekend with great talks, small groups, prayer and Sacraments. Open to college students at Texas State. Fill out an Application online on our website under the Spiritual Growth tab, "Bobcat Awakening", or fill out a paper copy from the lobby. Cost is \$35.



HOME BLESSING pamphlets are available on the back table by the chapel doors. Please take only one bottle per home.

WALK FOR THE POOR

Everyone is invited to participate in the local Walk for the Poor in San Marcos on Sat., Sept. 27, 2014. We will begin with a mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church, located at 624 E. Hopkins St. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Claretian Hall, followed by an opening prayer to be led by Fr. Will Straten. The walk will be a two-mile walk through the San Marcos River trails. Lunch will be provided afterwards, along with DJ and door prizes!

OL WISDOM MEN'S

GROUP will be meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30am. Please contact Victor Felan at 210 240 7046 or noel.texas@gmail.com if you are interested.

WOW Our women's group meeting is Today, Sept. 7th in the library after the 10am Mass. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY for members of the permanent community on the book of Matthew will begin September 17th. Please sign up in the lobby outside the chapel doors.

FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., Sept. 9th.

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

Fr. Jonathan Raia will be here on Wednesday, September 10th to celebrate Mass at 12:30pm and to speak with any students interested in the priesthood or religious life.

BOBCATS FOR LIFE will be having their first official meeting this Thursday at 6:15pm in the Wisdom library. Please come and learn more about what Bobcats for Life will be doing this semester and how to get involved! We cannot wait to meet all of you!

ΛΩΑ INFO MEETINGS

Do you love The Lord? Do you love brotherhood? Lambda Omega Alpha Catholic service fraternity. Information meetings will take place here at Our Lady of Wisdom TODAY September 7th after the 5pm and 7:30pm Masses.

TACO SALE today after the 10am to support our fraternity Lambda Omega Alpha. Thank you for your continued support.

BAKE SALE next Sunday after our 10am Mass to support Bobcat Awakening #42.



These funds will support students who could not otherwise afford to be part of this wonderful retreat. Thank you for your continued support!