

READINGS

August 23, 2015

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2A, 15-17, 18B

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection August 16th.....\$2,717
St. Vincent De Paul Collection.....\$774
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 their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.



Thank you Mr. Victor Felan for welcoming back all students, faculty and staff to a new fall semester!



CAMPUS WALK
Our Lady of Wisdom is celebrating 100 years of

Campus Ministry at Texas State and we invite you to come and celebrate with us at the Centennial Walk on Saturday August 29th! We will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 8am and then join together for a walk thru campus. All are invited!

AUSTIN FERTILITY CARE CENTER (AFCC) is offering an introductory session to the Creighton FertilityCare™ method on Sat., Sept. 12th at 10am rm 6 at St. Anthony's in Kyle. For couples who wish to monitor, maintain or evaluate their fertility naturally, or for single women who want to monitor their cycles. Contact AFCC at info@austinfcc.org to register, questions 512-474-2757. \$35/couple or woman.

CALL FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
Requirements: Baptized Catholic, Officially registered in the parish, commitment to the parish community and Monthly Sunday morning meetings.
The purpose of the council is to advise the Pastor and administrative staff. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby if you are interested in joining!

RCIA & SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASS for adults who have not received one or more of the sacraments (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation) will be offered beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:30pm, upstairs. You can register on our website, under the "Spiritual Growth/ Religious Education" tab.

BOBCAT AWAKENING #45 retreatant applications are now available at the reception counter or online. Go to txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app.

FREE LUNCH
Every Tuesday
11am-1pm
starting on
August 25th!

STUDENT REGISTRATION
Turn in a registration card or go online to www.txstatecatholic.org/registration

All registered students receive Bobcat Catholic Updates and important messages weekly! Also if you register before August 31st your name will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift card! If you know any incoming Catholic freshmen or transfer students please be sure to tell them about Our Lady of Wisdom and invite them to visit!

PARKING POLICY
Starting Monday August 24th our parking will be reserved for permit parking only. We would like to invite those coming to daily Mass to park along our back fence line or to find street parking. Please be considerate.

SCHEDULE CHANGE
Tues., Aug. 25th
Reconciliation and Mass 4:45pm/5:15pm
Thurs., Aug. 27th
Communion Service ONLY

ST. JOHN'S 67th ANNUAL FIESTA is Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5th & 6th, 6-11:30pm. Music, games, food and great fun!

"Many of his disciples were listening to Jesus' teaching. They said, 'This teaching is difficult. How can anyone take it seriously'?"

(John 6.60)

Jesus' disciples face a choice. Will they stay with him or drift off with the crowds? The long reflection on Jesus as the bread of life becomes increasingly challenging to believe, especially the way John's gospel pushes the literalness of the image. "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life." This is part of last Sunday's gospel. This is the difficult teaching. Their reaction invites us into the dizzying experience of realizing that like them, we have taken Jesus' words too literally rather than sacramentally. In John's gospel Jesus often makes statements that hearers misunderstand and that call us to reflect on his teaching. The bread and wine the priest consecrates at Mass signifies Jesus'

gift of his life and love on the cross.

How do you understand the mystery of the Eucharist?
Keepingthefaith.com

MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
During July 2015, our San Marcos conference assisted 93 families (with 255 family members) with their utility bills, rent, prescriptions, and other essentials in the amount of \$15,926. Of these families, 18 were flood victims who were provided assistance in the amount of \$4,139. At the end of July, a total of \$12,714 (74 families with 252 family members) was provided to flood victims. Our support for flood victims continues – the needs are very great. One of the biggest needs is helping to get families into new homes. We thank you for your continuing support in helping us care for the poor and needy – to include the flood victims -- of the San Marcos area.

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy ...

AND

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society ...

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

That Christ's faithful will constantly seek the goodness of the Lord and humble themselves to follow the path of sacrifice and service, especially to the poor, the hungry, the immigrant, and the broken hearted ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In our lives, each of us is called to make important decisions. In today's Gospel, some of those who witness the signs of Jesus decide to withdraw from him. Ask yourself, "Will I follow the Lord?"