

READINGS

September 6, 2015

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7A

Second Reading: James 2: 1-5

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection August 30th.....\$1,996
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.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- September 8th
Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head. In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar- the Birth of Jesus, the Birth of John the Baptist and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without

sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary. Since Sept. 8th marks the end of summer and beginning of fall, this day has many thanksgiving celebrations and customs attached to it. In the Old Roman Ritual there is a blessing of the summer harvest and fall planting seeds for this day. The winegrowers in France called this feast "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest". The best grapes are brought to the local church to be blessed and then some bunches are attached to hands of the statue of Mary. In the Alps section of Austria this day is "Drive-Down Day" during which the cattle and sheep are led from their summer pastures in the slopes and brought to their winter quarters in the valleys.

Suggestion to celebrate: Learn prayers to Mary, such as the Angelus, Litany of Loreto, Memorare, Hail Mary, and Hail Holy Queen.

Excerpted from The Holyday Book by Fr. Francis Weiser, SJ

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all those who work to create a society that provides just and ethical treatment to all who labor ...

AUGUST MASS AVERAGES
10AM 279; 5PM 99; 7:30PM 146

PLEASE WELCOME Benedict Bowman who is applying to be an Eagle Scout this year and his project will be our parking lot and area around the front of our building.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Scriptures today speak clearly of God's mercy extended to those who face physical, emotional or spiritual challenges. Are we willing to trust ourselves to God's mercy and care? Are we instruments of God's mercy and assistants to all in need?

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

NIGHT PRAYER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings after Adoration.

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

BOBCATS FOR LIFE Wednesdays 6:15pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.txstatecatholic.org

BORROMEIO HOUSE DISCERNMENT DINNER
Single, Catholic men ages 18 & up on the second Wed. of the month the next dinner is Wed., Sept. 9th at 7pm at 905B Duncan Lane in Austin. For more information, visit www.austinvocations.com.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY starting Fri. Sept. 18th after the 12:30pm Mass. They will be focusing on the Gospel of Luke.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK FOR THE POOR

Everyone is invited to participate in the local Walk for the Poor in San Marcos on Sat., Sept. 26th Beginning with Mass at 8am at St. John Catholic Church, located at 624 E. Hopkins St. Registration will begin at 9am in Claretian Hall. The walk will be a two-mile walk through the San Marcos River trails.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER (ESL) for adults. Teacher assistants needed. No experience necessary & training provided. Classes begin Sept. 28th at St. John's in Claretian Hall. Mon & Thurs. 7- 9pm. Contact Jean Baggett 210.508.8631 13baggett@outlook.com

AUSTIN FERTILITY CARE CENTER (AFCC) offering an introductory session to the Creighton FertilityCare™ method on Sat., Sept. 12th at 10am rm 6 at St. Anthony's in Kyle. Contact AFCC at- info@austinfcc.org to register, questions 512-474-2757. \$35/couple or woman.

BAKE SALE next Sunday after our 10am Mass to support Bobcat Awakening #45. These funds will support students who could not otherwise afford to be part of this wonderful retreat. Thank you for your continued support!

OFFICE CLOSED
Monday Sept. 7th for Labor Day. The office will resume regular hours Tuesday Sept. 8th. Daily Mass on Monday Sept. 7th will still be at 12:30pm with confessions at noon.

LECTOR, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for those interested in serving in liturgy will be held next Sunday, September 13th. Please sign up outside the chapel doors if you are unable to attend Sunday but still interested in training. For questions please contact Mauro Reyes at mrr63@txstate.edu

PARKING POLICY
Started 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.