

READINGS

September 20, 2015

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3: 16-436

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday September 6th.....\$3,319

Eagle Scout Project\$1,163

Sunday September 13th\$1,935

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

TO SERVE A CHILD

Children are the most precious people in the world. They encourage us when the world wears us down. They freshen us when our aching joints tell us our true age. They challenge us to the God-like virtues of patience, self-discipline, and charity. In spite of our mature "wisdom," children even help us to see the world in new and wonderful ways. Yet, isn't it so easy to sweep children, their concerns, their needs, even their very presence, out of view? Isn't it so easy to let our needs, agendas, and self-importance overshadow those of our small brothers and sisters in faith? As much as they brighten our world, isn't it so easy to ignore children? Jesus used a small child as a bench mark of leadership. For, whoever welcomed one like a child welcomed Christ himself. To serve someone as lowly as a child took an act of

extreme humility. Unlike our Western societies that honor and esteem children, ancient societies honored the elderly in one's clan. Children were the least important. Serving one such as a child really showed true leadership for they served the ignored and the helpless. But who was the "child" of which Jesus spoke? Who was the Christian to serve? In one respect, the Christian was to show hospitality those who had the social status of the child: the out-cast, the sinner, the sick and feeble. Jesus made one thing clear. Leadership meant serving all. It meant esteeming the least important. To serve one like children, to place all others on the same plane as oneself, is the road to Christ and the Father. This service is exemplified with Christ's death on the cross.

Adapted from word-Sunday.com

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people ...

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That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim ...

ALSO BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

May we strive to empty ourselves each day in order to become better servants to those who are powerless and voiceless in our society ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The idea of being childlike is not often popular. Who wants to be powerless or voiceless? When Jesus is handed over to the authorities, he empties himself of all control and power. He teaches us, as disciples, we are to do the same. Where do I need to relinquish power and control to be more childlike -- in order to be a better disciple?

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 INFORMTION

www.txstatecatholic.org

PARKING

Saturday and Sunday - We have a limited number of perimeter parking. All spots in the lot are open to the public. If there is a special event please be considerate. For alternate lots see our parking map link at txstatecatholic.org/documents/newparkingmap.

A THANK YOU FROM BENEDICT BAUGHMAN
Thank you all for your kind generosity on September 6 as we took up a collection to fund my Eagle Scout Project. Thanks to you we earned \$1,163.01, which is well over what was needed to complete the project. The parish and I truly appreciate all of your support as we try to beautify our parish for the greater glory of God.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AUGUST REPORT-
Our San Marcos conference assisted 99 families (with 296 family members) with their utility bills, rent, prescriptions, and other essentials in the amount of \$15,942. Our support for flood victims continues. We thank you for your continuing support in helping us care for the poor and needy and the flood victims of the San Marcos area.

LIVE SONOGRAM

Join Bobcats for Life on Wednesday Sept. 30th at 6:15pm in the library for a live sonogram presentation focused on fetal development. All are welcomed to attend!



U.S. PAPAL VISIT
Pope Francis' first trip to the United States in September, a six-day visit that will take the pontiff from the halls of power to the margins of society. Starting at Joint Base Andrews outside Washington on the afternoon of Sept. 22nd. While in the United States, Pope Francis will address both Congress and the United Nations, but also visit homeless people, immigrant families, and prison inmates. Time Warner Cable will promote coverage of the papal visit on a variety of channels.-from cruxnow.com



PRO-LIFE T-SHIRT CONTEST

Submit a design for Texas Catholic March for Life. Must include the following text: Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day, centraltexasprolife.org and Jan. 23, 2016. Submit by Tues. Dec.1st to Yvonne Saldaña at the Diocesan office of Pro-Life activities yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!

BOBCAT AWAKENING #45
Retreatant applications are available at the lobby counter & txstatecatholic.org