

READINGS

October 25, 2015

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday October 18th\$2,356

St. Vincent De Paul Collection.....\$912

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.

“WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?”

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Bartimaeus was desperate for healing, so he boldly called out for what he needed though he was rebuked for doing so. Bartimaeus’ neighbors probably found his display of desperation embarrassing and unsettling. Many times in our communities we allow ourselves and others to suffer in silence, but in this passage, God shows us that he is not unsettled by our cries, but will respond to them. Usually when we are stricken with disease, disability, financial hardship or grief instead of calling out to our neighbor or God we hold everything in, choosing silence over the possibility of being rebuked for our pain. Instead of rebuking Bartimaeus, Jesus responds to his cries by asking him what he wants and healing him. This short passage can teach us a great deal about

how to handle suffering in our own lives and the lives of those in our community. God never meant for us to suffer alone. Instead of silencing those in our communities who are crying out for comfort, healing or justice, we should encourage them to respond to the call of Jesus. Jesus does not automatically decide that healing from blindness was what he needed. Instead, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” By asking Bartimaeus what he wanted Jesus is giving him the agency to make a decision for himself about his healing. Too often in our society people who need assistance are not given this kind of agency. Jesus goes against the grain of what was expected. Bartimaeus shows all of us that we can exuberantly let our request be made known to God because he hears our cries and will respond to them.

Reflection adapted from: Wholeness4all.wordpress.com

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated ...

AND

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it ...

BISHOP VASQUEZ’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

May we confidently and constantly cry out to the Lord for assistance while we strive to assist others in their need, we pray...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” Bartimaeus is persistent in his call and springs up in response to Jesus’ call. How persistent am I in prayer? Prayer is essential to increase our relationship with God. Do I cry out for the Lord’s assistance? How eager am I to accept? How frequently do I allow myself to be God’s means of helping others?”

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



FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., October 27th. Please sign up in the Lobby for 30min. appointments.

SCHOLA CANTORUM

Our Lady of Wisdom is seeking men of prayer interested in learning to sing Gregorian chant in a male choral ensemble. Please contact Cutter González at (210) 883-8000 or cutterwgonzalez@txstate.edu for more information.

OCTOBER IS PRO-LIFE MONTH Pick up your Baby banks today. Half of our collection will be going toward our Pro-Life Program, Bobcats for Life. The other will go towards Diocesan wide Pro-Life efforts. Thank you for your support.

Last Sunday was **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!** Today’s special collection is for Missions in the most remote areas across the world. Please be generous.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Nov. 1st-7th to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Pope Francis states; “Responding to God’s call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness.”

Everyone is Invited!

OLOW

Halloween

Weekend

Thursday

Caramel apple making 3pm (OLOW kitchen)

Outdoor Movie at 7:30pm (TBD)

Friday

Pumpkin Carving 4pm (415 North St.)

Saturday

Haunted House 7:30pm
Costume Party 9pm (421 Lindsey St.)

Sunday

Pumpkin Smashing— 2:30pm (Sewell Park)

CENTENNIAL GALA

Saturday November 7th we will host a gala to close our centennial year! Please join us! **TICKETS \$75** per guest. Please see our website txstatecatholic.org or come by the office M-F 9am-6pm

WISDOM PRAISE

& WORSHIP night next Thurs. evening, Nov. 5th at 7pm in the Chapel.