

**READINGS**

July 24, 2016

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 17th.....\$1,672  
St. Vincent De Paul.....\$809  
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, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

The comparisons Jesus makes in Luke 11:11-12 are ridiculous. A parent, even an imperfect one (which we all are), is going to give the child the wholesome food the child needs. The analogy here is between imperfect human parents and a perfectly loving God. It is a "how much more" argument. But Jesus is also saying you need to ask. And keep asking. Ask for what you need. The assurance today is that if you ask, you will receive. That's not a blanket promise for any self-serving request a human being might have in mind. The British essayist and humorist Oscar Wilde once said, "When the gods wish to punish us, they simply answer our prayers." The particular request that will never be denied is for the Holy Spirit. When you ask for the Holy Spirit, it will be granted to you. Have you ever realized, too late, that help was available, if only you had known? This information is available, but ap-

parently we have to be paying attention. It would take a separate tome to cover all the references to the Spirit in the Old Testament. This notification of the availability of the Spirit for the asking comes at the end of Jesus' lesson on prayer we call "The Lord's Prayer." What if we took it to heart and re-wound the passage? Rewound our lives? How might it change the way we walk through each day of our lives which, while joyful in many ways, have difficult dimensions?

*Adapted from Alyce McKenzie, patheos.com*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Jesus invites us to be persistent in prayer and receptive to what God gives us. We are to ask, seek and knock. Prayer is relationship with God, and it is the kingdom becoming present in us. Does our prayer include time to discern what to ask for? Does our prayer include seeking the presence of God? Does our prayer allow time to knock and await the opening of God's kingdom in us?

**PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect ...

AND

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm ...

**BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER**

**INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

That in our prayer we would allow ourselves time to ask God's desire, to seek God's presence, and to knock that the gates of God's Kingdom may be open in our hearts, we pray...

**FR. DAVID TRAHAN**

officially began his assignment to Our Lady of Wisdom last Monday July 18th! Let's make him feel welcomed!

**WOMEN OF WISDOM**

(WOW) will meet after our 10am Mass in the library today. All women of the parish are welcomed!

**ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM)** Our Parish actively supports the *Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Policy* of the Austin Diocese. To that end, our Pastor expects the following groups to comply with the EIM requirements:

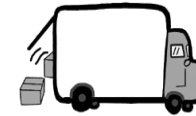
- EMs to the Homebound
- Religious Ed. Volunteers
- Missionaries
- Angels of Mercy Organization
- Youth Group Ministries
- Paid staff

Next convenient opportunity:  
Aug. 8, 2016,  
Monday, 7-9pm at  
St. Anthony's in Kyle

All **clergy** and **paid staff**, and all **volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults**, at **any parish or diocesan location**, are required to complete an on-line Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service, and attend an EIM workshop. **NEW Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) PROGRAM** begins August 2016. Updated material will be presented in a new 2-hour format, with a renewal required every 3 years. There is no longer a separate Basic & Refresher course. If you are currently compliant, you will attend the new program when the current compliance expires. Please register at the Diocesan website ahead of time so that adequate material may be available.

[austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org) >  
Quick Links  
Then > eAppsDB (for new applicants)  
Or > EIM Workshops (to register for a workshop)

**END-OF-SUMMER 4TH ANNUAL BAZAAR**  
Hosted by WOW is Saturday August 13th. Handmade craft items and homemade food and refreshments will be available. **Vendor Booths available:** Applications online or on the reception desk. \$30 nonrefundable fee/per vendor to OL Wisdom. Profits go to vendors.



**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK** will be at St. John's: Saturday, August 6th from 10am to 1pm. Accepting furniture, clothing, household items, etc. No appliances or computer equipment please. These items are sold in the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (Austin) and the proceeds used to assist the poor and needy to include those of San Marcos. Thanks for your support.

**CRY ROOM** The Pastoral Council has designated the Lounge as the "Cry Room" during the 10am Sun. Mass. Please keep it available for families with small children. **Welcome Young Families! We hope that you find Our Lady of Wisdom home.**

**No 5pm Sunday Mass until August 21st SUMMER MASSES SCHEDULE**

Daily Masses will continue through the summer but will be changed according to Fr. David's schedule. Please be sure to check our website and bulletin for up-to-date schedules. He will be in for Sunday Masses 10am and 7:30pm

**Sunday Summer Masses 10am and 7:30pm This week**

- July 25th—29th**  
Mon., 12:30pm— Mass  
Tues., 5:15pm— Comm. Svc.  
Wed., 12:30pm— Mass  
Thurs., 5:15pm— Mass  
Fri., 12:30pm— Mass

**GAME NIGHT**

Hosted by the Pastoral Council all are invited to come out for some fellowship and fun on Friday July 29th at 6pm! Please feel free to bring your favorite game and snack! All community members invited!



**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK**

July 24th– 30th Please take this time to educate you and your family on NFP. You can find more information at [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) or email [nfp@usccb.org](mailto:nfp@usccb.org).