

READINGS

July 31, 2016

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

STEWARDSHIP

July 24th.....\$1,308

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 the their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

Money Represents Value

Now let's make clear immediately that money in itself is simply pieces of metal and pieces of paper. And the reason they are of any concern to us at all is that in our culture we have established that these pieces of metal and paper will function as currency. They will represent value. So money is significant for us simply because we exchange it for what we value. What you do with your money shows what you value with your heart.

We value life and taste, so we give money for food. We value education, and so we give money for books and tuition.

We value entertainment (probably too highly), and so we give money for Netflix and ballgames and concerts. We value the ministries of the church and the spread of the gospel, and so we give money to the church and other ministries. Jesus said here in Luke 12:34, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The movement of your money signifies the movement of your heart. Where your money goes, your heart is going. You exchange money for what you value, what you treasure. So when I say that money is hazardous and helpful, what I mean is that the pieces of metal and paper that you have in your pocket or purse have the capacity to show that you value things more than God (which is hazardous), or that you value God more than things (which is helpful). The paper is nothing, but its expression of the treasures of your heart is everything.

Adapted from: www.desiringgod.org

thank you!

To our Pastoral Council for hosting Game Night this past Friday!

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:

May our local farmers and ranchers reap a bountiful harvest ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Consumerism often leads us to have more earthly treasures than we need. In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us against storing up too many earthly treasures because one's life "does not consist of possessions." Instead, he tells us to focus on being "rich in what matters to God." What can we do daily to enrich our spiritual lives?

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:

- Eucharistic Ministers (Ems)
- 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 >

Quick Links

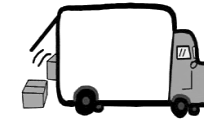
Then > eAppsDB (for new applicants)

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.

A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS



after the 10 a.m. Mass is located in our lobby by the chapel doors. Please choose a date that is convenient for you and help with this important ministry. Be a volunteer!

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

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This week

August 1st—5th

- Mon., 12:30pm— Mass
- Tues., 5:15pm— Comm. Svc.
- Wed., 12:30pm— Mass
- Thurs., 5:15pm— Mass
- Fri., 12:30pm— Mass

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN

Next Sunday August 7th Fr. Miguel Durate from St. Anthony in Kyle will be here to celebrate our 10am and 7:30pm Masses. He will share in his mission work with the Diocese of Malaga Soata and we will have a special collection for them.

FULLNESS OF TRUTH

is hosting a weekend retreat on August 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa in San Antonio, TX call 877-21-TRUTH or visit www.fullnessoftruth.org for registration or questions.