

**READINGS**

*November 16, 2014*

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

**STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection.....\$1,806

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, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

The Parable of the Talents is a well-known story. Proclaiming it as the liturgical year nears its close serves as a reminder that in the interim before the parousia comes and the final judgment occurs, we need to live faithfully, actively taking responsibility for the talents we have been given according to our abilities. In Jesus' time a talent was a high-value unit of currency. It could vary in its worth based on the metal and where it was made. In the English language, we use the word "talent" to refer to a gift or skill one has. Notice that after having spoken with the servants, the master leaves, and then "After a long time" he comes back to settle accounts with his servants. Biblical exegetes in the early Church understood the master as Christ, his leave-taking as Christ's Ascension, and the master's return as Christ's second coming at the parousia. How the servants acted in response to the talents they had been given provided an example of how believers are to live in the time

before the parousia. The first two servants were faithful to what they had been given. Their production of more talents led to the master giving them greater responsibilities and, perhaps more significantly, as this Gospel is proclaimed near the end of the liturgical year, to their participation in the kingdom of God – their master's joy. The third servant, the lazy servant, shows believers how not to live. Responsibility for living according to our faith cannot be put off. Idleness and apathy have consequences. The master's scolding of this servant leads to the most severe consequence: the servant is thrown into the darkness, presumably hell, for his irresponsibility.

*From Workbook For Lectors*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

A lesson in today's Gospel is the responsibility to develop the individual gifts (or talents) that God has given each of us. How have you used your God-given talents?

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

That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others ...

**AND**

That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors ...

**BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

For all teachers, coaches and mentors that they may help students develop their natural abilities in a way pleasing to God ...

**JOIN US!**

Annual student Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 6pm

Please sign up in the Lobby to serve or clean up after the meal, to bring a turkey, sides, dessert, etc.



**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

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

**BOBCATS FOR LIFE** 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6pm in the Library

**PRAYER MEETING** 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30pm upstairs

**BIBLE STUDIES** every day!

*CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION*



**A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR COFFEE & DONUTS** after the 10 a.m. Mass is located in our lobby. Please choose a date that is convenient for you and help with this important ministry.

**THANK YOU** to the Women of Wisdom for a wonderful and successful 2nd annual Bazaar

**TODAY** Sunday November 16th is our monthly collection for **St. Vincent De Paul**. Thanks for your continued support!

Next Sunday, November 23rd is the Diocesan collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

**THANKSGIVING BREAK** the office and building will be closed Wednesday, November 26th at 1pm through Friday November 28th at 6pm. There will be NO Masses on Thursday November 27th or Friday November 28th Normal business hours and Masses will resume Sunday



**LOCAL THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES**

St. John 9:30am- Bilingual  
St. Anthony, Kyle- 9:00am-Bilingual

**CHURCH BAZAAR** at St. John the Evangelist is this Saturday, November 22nd from 9am-3pm 631 E. Hopkins San Marcos, TX 78666

**WELCOME** Fr. Wade Russell from St. John's to our Thurs. 5:15pm Mass thank you for being here.

**THANK YOU** the ladies of Mu Epsilon Theta and their fathers for the wonderful work they did this Saturday to our outside area!



**CARE KIT DRIVE** The ladies of Mu Epsilon Theta are creating a care

kit for the Southside Community center in San Marcos. Please donate any laundry supplies, soap and shampoo travel sized deodorants, combs, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Any socks, underwear, coats gloves and hats. Also sleeping bags, tents, backpacks and duffle bags are welcomed. These kits will go to the homeless who stay at Southside Community center who house families that are in transition or have no place to stay. They have an average of 20-40 people per night. **Please bring any donations to the box in the lobby by the chapel doors before Friday, November 21st. Thank you!**

**"THE GIFT OF TRANSITION"** by Cheryl "Max" Maxwell, the director of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Austin and the Secretariat Director for Formation and Spirituality, will give retreat on Nov. 19 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Change is a natural part of life that can often be filled with uncertainty, anxiety and pain. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or e-mail cedarbrake@austindiocese.org