

**READINGS**

January 17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

**STEWARDSHIP**

January 10th Sunday Collection.....\$1,569  
Dallas Area Disaster Relief.....\$357

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.

**NOT FOR SELF-EXALTATION BUT FOR THE SAKE OF LOVE**

Gifts of healings and workings of miracles are not for self-exaltation but for the benefit of others. They could easily become the basis of pride just like teaching or preaching or mercy or hospitality or prophecy or any of the gifts. But they are meant to be expressions of love. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13:2, "Though I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." Gifts are not the main thing. Love is the main thing. Using gifts is one way to love. This is what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:7, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." It is a great danger to want signs and wonders because they sound neat or merely because you think they would make your faith stronger. That is almost a sure way to spiritual self-centeredness. What we should really want is that

Christ be honored through our self-sacrificing love for others. The greatest need we have is not for gifts of healings. The greatest need is to care that people are sick—sick with soul-destroying sin, sick with emotional disorders, sick with physical disease, and often a tangled mixture of all three. The greatest miracle is that our hearts begin to care more about the lostness and pain of others than about our own personal comforts and leisure plans. When that miracle happens, we might be in a position to experience the lesser gifts of healings. That's the first thing to say: the gifts are all for the sake of love. So let's let the love of Jesus for us break us down and build us up to love others.

*Adapted from Desiringgod.org by John Piper*

**MLK DAY**

The office will be closed Mon. January 18th. The building will be open and we will have 12:30pm Mass

**PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice ...

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That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions ...

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

For the faithful, inspired by the faith exhibited by Mary, that we would let go of our small expectations and believe in the immense mercy and love of God to transform every situation ...

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

How do we respond? Do we follow the example of Mary and bring our concerns to the Lord? Do our expectations limit our ability to see God's presence all around us? Do we listen to the Lord?

**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! [www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)

**2 KINGDOMS AT WAR** retreat hosted by St. Paul's Outreach on January 22-26. Sign up on our website, [www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org). Cost is \$55.

**FR. WILL OUT OF THE OFFICE**

*Until January 22nd*

In Chicago for a Spiritual Directors Program. While he is out please stay up to date on daily services by checking the website or calling the office. Please welcome our visiting priests



**TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY** Catholics from across the state will join to promote a Culture of Life on Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day Saturday, January 23rd. Events through the day include a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood at 201 E. Ben White Blvd. starting at 7am. Buses will be available from downtown at 8am at 1600 N. Congress (Where the March for Life begins at 1pm), which will take you to St. Vincent de Paul and back downtown for the March and Rally for Life. At St. Vincent De Paul there will be a Rosary for Life at 9:15 a.m. and a Mass at 10 a.m. Lunch for \$5 will be available at the Parish Activity Center. The March for Life, will start at 1pm at 1600 N. Congress The March will process to the Capitol for the Rally for Life, which begins at 2 p.m.

**MATTHEW KELLY PRESENTS "LIVING EVERYDAY WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE"** on Friday January 22, 2016 7pm at St. John Neumann in Austin. OL Wisdom parishioners can purchase \$20 discounted tickets on our website [www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Valentine's Day is coming soon! Need a special gift for your spouse? Why not take them away for a special weekend that will make a difference in your marriage - **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for February 19-21 at the Win-gate Hotel in Round Rock and April 15-17 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton. To apply online visit: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Or contact Steve & Linda Jaramillo: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com). Call early to ensure a space.

**EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM** 2nd annual class of the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) Participants will receive valuable leadership formation and learn from Catholic leaders in the business, government and non-profit sectors and be empowered to exercise their faith in positions of leadership in their parishes and communities. Professionals between the ages of 21&40 are invited to participate. [austindiocese.org/elp](http://austindiocese.org/elp).

**MATCHING GIFT** Thank you to all those who participated in our Matching Gift collection last month. We exceeded our \$10,000 goal and raised a total of \$21,641!