

**READINGS**

September 18, 2016

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 8: 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

**STEWARDSHIP**

September 11th.....\$1,727

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.

Possessions. Investments. Financial security. I find the whole issue painful to face in the Gospels. By the standards of living in most quarters of the earth, we live in uncommon security and abundance. For many Christians who wish to follow Christ and yet find themselves rich in material things, Gospel teachings concerning money are troubling. Luke provides two guidelines to help us figure out our relationship to money. The whole of chapter 16 exemplifies the first guideline: Money is for persons, and the only proper use of it is in sharing, and those who make special claim on our sharing are the poor. Luke's second guideline is the moral drawn from the story of the Unjust Steward: "No servant can serve two masters." The more we allow ourselves to be mastered by money, the more we are likely to despise those who remind us of another dominion. Our attitudes about the poor and about security are the best indications of our discipleship. This summer I was taken aback by the feelings of con-

tempt I have for beggars. While waiting to meet my brother and his wife in Oxford, I was aloof and abrupt whenever I spotted a hand held out by someone who looked lazy, dirty, or irresponsible, or appeared to be in a drug haze. When Tom and Maureen came along and quietly gave a few coins to the very people who rankled me, I saw a glimpse of the truth I had repressed. They were not solving poverty in the world; they were not even solving the immediate problem of one person along the sidewalk. They were just reaching out to another human, surely broken and less blessed, and sharing something of what they had. My brother and his wife were reminding me of something far more significant than the transitory shame I felt. It was once again the call of the Gospels, nudging me not to give up on the poor or the ways, however small and passing, I might give to them.

*from Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ*

**PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:**

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center ...

**AND**

That by participating in the sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize ...

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

A steward is called to manage the master's possessions wisely and well even while the master is away. How do I use the gifts God has given to me? Do I share my talents with others freely? Do I use my resources to assist others in need? How enterprising am I in using my talents and resources for building up God's Kingdom?

# Thank You

**TO THE WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW)** for our new green Ordinary Time banners, now in the Chapel!

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING @ OLOW**

Oct. 4th, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6th each class is on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in our Library. Contact: Randy and Grace-Marie Kolb phone: (512) 891-5341 email: rkolb@austin.rr.com

**BISHOP VÁSQUEZ'**

**INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

For the people of God, that we would use our time, talent and treasure generously for building up God's Kingdom...

**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 Tues., 11am-1pm in the Lobby

**BIBLE STUDIES** every day!  
[www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)

**CALLING ALL MEN! BOBCAT AWAKENING #48** A 3DAY retreat hosted by college students for college students is now accepting retreat applications! Available at the reception counter or online. Go to [txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app](http://txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app).

**Retreat dates are Friday-Sunday Sept. 23rd- 25th.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE FRANCISCAN TRANSITUS**

on Monday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. in St. Helen Catholic Church, 2700 E. University Avenue in Georgetown. By the St. Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. It is a beautiful liturgical celebration of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi from earthly life to eternal life and a tradition of all the Franciscans throughout the world. All are invited to join in the celebration and in a reception at the St. Rita Center following the service.

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

We will soon be in need of a volunteer to care for the altar cloths, purificators, corporals, and lavabos, because Dorothy will be moving. Please call the office if you're interested in this essential ministry.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: This Sunday, Sept. 18th** At the request of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops all parishes in the Diocese of Austin are asked to take up a special collection to aid the victims of the 2016 Louisiana floods. The money collected will be used to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to the dioceses with flood damage.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** monthly second collection has been moved to next Sunday September 25th because of the Diocesan collection for the Louisiana flood relief. Thank you for your continued generosity for our community.



**RIVERWALK FOR THE POOR: Benefiting St. Vincent De**

Paul Society in San Marcos Join the SVDP Society on Saturday October 1st for their annual fundraiser. Activities begin at 7:30am with a Rosary followed by Mass at 8am. At 9am registration for participants will begin. After the walk snacks and refreshments will be served. Participant packets can be found at [txstatecatholic.org](http://txstatecatholic.org).