



SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
- 2) Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
- 3) Luke 12:13-21

FOCUS: Let us seek to store up treasure not in worldly goods, but in what matters most to God.

The time we have on this earth is precious and short. It can be all too easy to fall into the trap of wasting precious time pursuing happiness in the things of the world, which will not endure. Let us seek to grow rich in the things that matter most in God's eyes and bring us to share in eternal life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading from Ecclesiastes reminds us that everything good comes from God. The second reading from Colossians exhorts us to *put to death the parts of you that are earthly*, and focus on what is of God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that we are to take care to guard against greed, for our life does not consist of possessions.

Readings for the following Sunday:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Wisdom 18:6-9
- 2) Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
- 3) Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF
JULY 16-17

Sunday Collection.....	\$4, 016.50
Loose Collection.....	\$ 736.85
On-line giving.....	\$ 470.00
Total.....	\$5,223.35

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Emily Janak	573-1874
Altar Society	Stella Silva	550-0387
Baptism Prep.	Diana Starnes	550-9533
Bereavement Group	Geraldine Jurica	573-3949
Vacation Bible School	Marie Immenhauser	572-3863
Disciples on the Journey	Pam Fanelli	578-1145
Festival Committee Chairs	Kevin & Joan Pfister	576-9638
Funeral Meals	Adele Donalson	573-4455
Liturgical Ministers	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Marriage Prep Focuss	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Music Ministry	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Natural Family Planning	Annie & David Coffey	579-8464
Adoration Chapel	Germaine Wearden	235-1812
Quilters	Jo Ann Bone	578-7629
RCIA	Sr. Frances Cabrini	573-5304
Religious Education	Diana Starnes	550-9533
Rentals	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
St. Vincent De Paul Society	Faye Culak	649-0614
Wedding Coordinator	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Weekly Rosary & Divine Mercy Cenacle	Tina Rabalais	541-9295

CCD NEWS: Registration for 2016-17 is now open. Please fill out a Registration Form and Medical Release form for each child. June 2nd - July 30th fees are \$30. per student. After this fees are \$40 per student, ONLY if there is space available. NO registration will be taken on the first day of CCD. Sacrament Candidates register by appointment only, contact Diana Starnes at 361-550-9533.

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin again at the end of the summer. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or completing one's Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), please contact the parish office. 573-4328.



2017 Festival

This is to invite you to our **First 2017 Festival Planning Meeting**. It will be on Monday August 8, 2016 at 7:00pm in the AV Room in the Activity Center. We welcome all parishioners as we prepare to have our **BEST Festival** yet. If you have questions, please call Kevin or Joan Pfister at 361-576-9638.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE - Aug 5-6 - Time is getting short!! Have you cleaned out the cupboards, garage, attic, closets, patio? We need your **GOOD, USABLE ITEMS** for our once a year sale. St. Mary's parishioners provide the service and the proceeds go

directly into our parish operations budget. **WE NEED YOUR GREAT ITEMS.** Call 573-4328 for any additional information. God bless you for sharing from your surplus. Please bring your items in by Wed. Aug 3 at noon. All parishioners men and women are encouraged to help the week starting on Sunday July 31 at 1:00 p.m. and Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to setup for the Rummage Sale. Help is also needed on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the sale. Any amount of time you can donate is appreciated. This is a good source of fund to help support the church.



Our St. Vincent DePaul pantry is experiencing an increase every week of new families needing assistance with food and utilities with the hot summer months upon us. We greatly appreciate all your generous donations and pray for your continued support. The month of June we received well over 160 calls, assisted 77 families, 274 individuals with 83 food assists, 10 utility assists and two lodging assists. Your continued help is very much appreciated, since we operate only on donations from you. We are always looking for volunteers, if you would like to assist us in anyway, please call Faye Culak at 649-0614 for more information. **"Make us worthy, Lord to serve people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. Amen."** Mother Teresa.



Has Your Marriage Been Damaged by Your Husband's Affairs or Pornography Addiction? There Is Hope!

Beginning the Journey is a 10 week Scripture-based support group for women; a safe and confidential place where women can remove their masks and share their hearts; where they can struggle through difficult emotions, while being accepted and loved by their sisters in Christ. For more information, call (979) 578-1247. Meetings will start in July, so please call soon. Sponsored by **The Emmaus Center: Counseling in the Catholic Tradition. The Emmaus Center: Counseling in the Catholic Tradition: Communications Office / The Catholic Lighthouse**

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEXUAL ADDICTIONS

The incidence of sexual addiction is increasing at an alarming rate across the nation. Men are disconnecting from reality to pursue the illusion of love, acceptance and affirmation they find through pornography (in all of its forms), fantasy, anonymous encounters, and affairs. To help men overcome this addiction, *The Emmaus Center* is offering a structured group experience called *WALKING FREE*. The goals of *WALKING FREE* include eradicating life-dominating sin patterns, establishing guiding foundations of truth, and encouraging life-changing relationships of love and trust in the lives of group members. The group meets once a week and utilizes both large and small group settings for ministry. Meetings are confidential; meeting times and locations are not publicized. Meetings will begin in July, so call soon for more information or to register, contact Lee at (361) 746-8383.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LECTORS

Saturday, August 6
5:00 p.m. Richard Evans
Sunday, August 7
8:00 a.m. Shane Morris
10:30 a.m. Cynthia Brewer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, August 6
5:00 p.m. Karen Evans, Judy Jabbour, Henry Schramek
Sunday, August 7
8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Howard Pagel, Diana Pagel
10:30 a.m. Iris Leos, Kevin & Joan Pfister

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, August 6
5:00 p.m. Tanner Coleman
Sunday, August 7
8:00 a.m. Mariah, Alexa & Ginna Morris
10:30 a.m. Andrew & Matthew Barton

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, August 6
5:00 p.m. Bobby & Barbara Baca, Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka
Sunday, August 7
8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Leslie Smolik, Stella Silva, Robert Koenig
10:30 a.m. Dennis & Linda Lala, Greg Brewer, Laszlo Nemes

PARISH CHOIR: regular practice after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church.

QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER will meet on Thursday, Aug 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.
Altar Care for August will be - Al & Dorothy Bomba

Retrouvaille

Signup for Retrouvaille - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For more information about the Victoria August 12-14, 2016 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

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Saturday, July 30
7:00 †Evelyn Kolle
5:00 †George Sartor

Sunday, July 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 †Ann Buckert
10:30 People of the Parish

Monday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus
6:30 †Lillian Obsta
12:05 †Irene Luna (ANNIV)

Tuesday, August 2
6:30 †Roland Boedeker
12:05 †Melba Johnston

Wednesday, August 3
6:30 †Romanus Stuekerjuergen
12:05 †Kandis Vickery ANNIV)

Thursday, August 4, Saint John Vianney
6:30 †Timothy Tyng
12:05 †Emmett Boedeker

Friday, August 5
6:30 †Carmille Pfister
12:05 †Margarita Pardo

Saturday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord
7:00 †Carolee Brown
5:00 †Irene Vahalik (ANNIV)

Sunday, August 7, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Special Intention - Fr. Kelly Nemeck

Adult Confirmation

Adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend a five week Adult Confirmation course being offered at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory beginning August 16th and continuing for five Tuesdays, ending on September 13th. The Confirmation Mass will be held at the 5:30 PM Mass on Friday, September 9th at the Cathedral. Please contact Jenny Vincent at 575-4741 for information on how you can complete your sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church that was begun at your Baptism and to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Registration forms are available at the OLV parish office, or by email to Jenny Vincent at jvincent@olvcathedral.org.

KJZT #101 will have a Mass for living & deceased members on Sun. August 14 at Our Lady of Victory at the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Followed by a catered breakfast in the cafeteria. Members and their families are invited. RSVP to Irene 573-2669



St. Anthony's Annual Shrimporee, Palacios, on Sun. Aug. 7 at the Recreation Center and Grounds, 2401 Perryman, serving Shrimp or BBQ Beef or Chicken at 10:30 a.m.

\$9.00 per plate dine in or take out.