

## Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 17, 2011

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#### The Gift of Lenience

Changing ourselves is hard. Sometimes we do not even see what should be changed. But we can usually see what others should change. Their foibles are all too evident.

Given the power, what would you change about the world around you? The way people act, the policies of institutions, the evil thoughts that darken the minds of criminals—these and more may annoy us and add misery to our lives. If we had the power, surely we would change other people.

So, why doesn't God do this? God has the power to change other people. Doesn't God see injustice? Doesn't it annoy the divine presence?

The Book of Wisdom wrestled with these questions long before we did. It says that God could establish justice merely by the use of unparalleled might. Instead, God is lenient. The God who has power over all things is lenient with evildoers.

When we think of the sins of others, such leniency seems foolish. But when we think of our own sins, such leniency is gift. According to the Book of Wisdom, God's tolerance of the wicked does not show indifference. Rather, it gives hope to those who would repent.

#### Readings For Next Sunday July 23 & 24

1st Reading...1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
2nd Reading...Rom. 8:28-30  
Gospel...Mt. 13:44-52

#### ALTAR SERVERS (Week of July 18)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Saturday	4:00pm	+J. Bowen, J. Grieve, N. Mattingly, P. Ashlock
Sunday	8:30am	+K. Haas, R. Gumbel, J. Wessling, C. Buchart
	10:30am	+A. Miles, A. Gibson, W. Wells, S. Buck

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#### MASS INTENTIONS (Week of July 18)

Monday	Noon	John and Peggy Hancock
Tuesday	Noon	Bettie F. Russell
Wednesday	Noon	Dan Creed
Thursday	Noon	Nancy Suehrstedt
Friday	Noon	Jane Raque
Saturday	4:00pm	John W. Tino
Sunday	8:30am	St. Raphael Community
	10:30am	Pat Connor

#### HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (July, 2011)

4:00pm...David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Ray Krebs, Pat Brown, **Need 2**  
8:30am...Mike Heeb (cpt), Linda Melton, Judy Bland, Jan & Patrick Heeb, Barbara Peters  
10:30am...Steve Haag, Jr. (cpt), Terry Haag, Steve Haag, Sr., Tim Haag, Mike Henry, Ken Kaelin

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (July 23 & 24)

4:00pm...**Team B**...Jim Gates, Corrie Orthober, Bob Massey, Cele Sauter, Elizabeth Auffrey, Haley Auffrey, Patrick Auffrey  
8:30am...**Team B**...Jeff Spoelker, Pat Lally, Elaine Fernandez, Dennis Cowhig, Tony Creed, John Werkman  
10:30am...**Team A**...Charlie Roth, Joe Brashear, Judi Brashear, Kevin Powers, Susan Meyer, Bob Meyer

#### LECTORS (July 23 & 24)

4:00pm...Rebecca Marcum and Rachel Marcum  
8:30am...John Werkman and Michael Tedder  
10:30am...Charles Shacklette and Angela Dutton

#### GIFT BEARERS (July 23 & 24)

4:00pm...Beth Fox  
8:30am...Bud and Dolores Lally  
10:30am...Jolynn and William Farmer

## Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for July 10...\$12,924

You should never be discouraged by a seeming lack of resources. Your smallest gifts and acts of kindness when joined with God can have a great impact.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Holiday World:** Junior High and High School youth will be making a trip to Holiday World on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. The cost of the trip is \$40, which includes ticket and transportation. For more information contact Nick Cummins at 458-2500 or go to [saintraphaelchurch.org/youth-ministry](http://saintraphaelchurch.org/youth-ministry).

**National Catholic Youth Conference:** National Catholic Youth Conference will be held **November 17-19, 2011** in Indianapolis, IN. The conference is open to students currently in grades 8-11. The parish still has a few spots available for youth interested in attending. Please contact Nick Cummins at 458-2500 ext. 141 for more information.

For more info on the above-mentioned event, please contact: Nick Cummins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 458-2500 or [nkcummins@bellsouth.net](mailto:nkcummins@bellsouth.net)



**Vacation Bible School**  
July 25-29  
9:00am—11:45am

Adult and Youth volunteers are still needed for VBS. You can go to the church website for volunteer forms.

### **Dear St. Raphael Habitat Volunteers,**

Thanks for all your help in making our new home. It's been a blessing getting to know all of you.

Thanks for lending us a helping hand! -Dontay & Maya

Thank you to each and every one of you. Your enthusiasm and generosity are inspiring. -Susan Meyer, St. Raphael Habitat Coordinator

Highland Community Ministries and Sister Visitor Center both serve low-income individuals and families in our area. Currently they are in need of the following items: pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, folders (2-pocket), paper-wide ruled notebook, graph, college ruled, notebooks-3 subject, assignment, composition, & steno notebooks, tablets-Grades 2 and 3, pocket Dictionaries and Thesaurus. And new or gently used uniform items.

In addition to school items the Sister Visitor Center is always in need of personal hygiene supplies (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, etc.) Any over the counter medicines are also needed (Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, Allergy Medicine, Baby Aspirin, etc.)

Please place items in the Narthex. If you would like to help with this, or any other Helping Hands Collection, please call Debbie Tross at 807-3466.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **The Finishing Touch.**

### **Honor Thy Children Safe Environment Training Program**

The Archdiocese of Louisville is committed to ensuring that children and youth who worship, study or participate in church-sponsored activities can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. In an effort to fulfill this commitment, all employees or volunteers who have regular contact with children or youth are required to participate in one of the Safe Environment Training Workshops. For more information go to [www.archlou.org](http://www.archlou.org). Please contact your parish organization or committee chair for details on providing proper documentation before volunteering to work with children or youth.

### **2011 SCHEDULE of WORKSHOPS**

Date	Time	Location	
8/12	2:15pm	Assumption High School	Theatre
8/29	6:30pm	St. Michael	Griner Center
9/12	6:30pm	St. Thomas More	Cafeteria
9/19	6:30pm	Holy Trinity	Cafeteria

### **Summer Hours for the Parish Office**

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm  
Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

*The St. Raphael Report will return in the Fall*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The next training session for those interested in becoming Ministers is Aug 10 & 17 at Holy Spirit Church. Ministers are required to attend both sessions. Time is 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. Those interested in attending and becoming ministers, please contact John Raque at 459-0841 or [johnraque@officemax.com](mailto:johnraque@officemax.com). We are in need of additional ministers and welcome your participation.

The 9th Annual "Senior Day" presented by Catholic Charities Senior Services, will be held Wednesday, August 3 at St. Barnabas. Speakers are Deacon Lucio Caruso and Ken Schulz. Doors open at 9 AM, program is from 9:30-12 PM, followed by lunch. To register, send your name, phone number and check payable to Catholic Charities for \$8 by July 29 to: Senior Service  
2235 West Market St.  
Lou, KY 40212

For more information call Jackie Gahlinger at 873-2566, ext 107.

### **Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:**

Mary Lee Anderson, Dorothy Baker, Sue Anna Barrett, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Debbie Best, Cynthia Burkhead, James Caudill, David Charmoli, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Catherine Fogarty, Allison Frye, George Gates, Frances Gibson, Jay Gibson, Jeanne Gravatte, Sue Harris, Anita Hertelendy, Dolores Heuser, Jennifer Hood, Scott Jacob, Rosemary Johnson, Jaunita Jonczy, Karl Kalbfleisch, Damion Kline, Henry Krebs, David Lawalin, Maureen Lawless, A.C. Leonhardt, Tina Lomax, Charles Lucas, Cathy Marcum, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Juanita Moore, Malinda O'Daniel, Nell Oldiges, John J. Orthober, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Griffin Rose, Jim Schneider, Elfriede Smith, Mary Anne Storch, Dorothy Thomas, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Joe Welch, Sarah Westfield, Dorothy Wimsatt

**(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)**