

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 7, 2011

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Acts of God

There is a legal term for a natural disaster. It is called an "act of God." It is a little unfair to libel God with deeds of destruction. Even so, when the forces of nature reveal their strength, people become aware of their own weaknesses and meditate on the power of God.

But when people go in search of God, they rarely go to the place of an earthquake, a fire, or tornado. They go to a quiet place. They watch the sunrise. They pick a wayside chapel. They sit by the ocean. They find God's majestic voice in whispers of peace.

When Elijah fled the grasp of the angry and murderous Jezebel, he eventually found himself in a cave on the mountain of God, Horeb. There he witnessed God passing by. Not in the strong wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire did Elijah behold God's presence, but in a tiny whispering sound.

Noise surrounds much of our day. The radio or television breaks the morning silence. Ambient music filters through elevators and grocery stores. Our cars cannot block out the cacophony of traffic.

It may not take an act of God for us to be able to find God. It may just take a quiet space.

Readings For Next Sunday August 13 & 14

1st Reading...Is 56:1, 6-7
2nd Reading...Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel...Mt 15:21-28 (118)

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of August 8)

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	+N. Winkler, A. Campisano, E. Vernon, C. Hoehler
Sunday	8:30am	+P. Ashlock, K. Gates, S. Buck, E. Archer
	10:30am	+N. Mattingly, R. Gates, M. Defler, P. Campelli

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of August 8)

Monday	Noon	Virginia Reverman
Tuesday	Noon	Mary Louis Lynch
Wednesday	Noon	Ronald Torstrick
Thursday	Noon	Patricia Hoeck
Friday	Noon	Martha Sullivan
Saturday	4:00pm	Elmer Bell
Sunday	8:30am	Isabel C. and Michael Clark
	10:30am	St. Raphael Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (August, 2011)

4:00pm...David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Angelo Rappa, Dan Murphy, Tom Murphy **Need 1**
8:30am...Pete Thomas (cpt), Craig Spencer, Jennifer Hauber, Keith Melcher, Carol Powers, Joe Powers
10:30am...Miguel Marti (cpt), Judy Marti, Marc Holley, Dan McFarland, Kathy McFarland, Kathy Whelan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (August 13 & 14)

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 D**...Bee McCormick, Tom McCormick, Kevin Raque, John Mudd, Willa Schaeffer, Horace Lynch, Gerry Cambron

LECTORS (August 13 & 14)

4:00pm...Dave Higgins and Tony Nall
8:30am...Michael Haas and Lisa Hartung
10:30am...Mary Henry and Mike Azzara

GIFT BEARERS (August 13 & 14)

4:00pm...Greive Family
8:30am...Linda Melton
10:30am...Stephen Haag, Jr.

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for July 31...\$12,893

The psychologist Carl Jung once said, "Busyness is not of the devil, busyness is the devil!" Stewardship is about establishing priorities in how we utilize our gifts. One of those priorities is personal prayer. How often do we take time out to be alone with God?

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Special Thanks: A special thanks to all the Middle School and High School students that came and worked this year's Son Surf Vacation Bible School. Over forty youth worked in every area of the program. Great job youth!

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

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. Please contact your parish organization or committee chair for details on providing proper documentation before volunteering to work with children or youth.

- 8/9 6:30 PM, St. Gabriel, 5503 Bardstown Road, 40291
Gym
- 8/12 6:30 PM, Assumption High School
Theatre
- 8/29 6:30 PM, St. Michael, 3705 Stone Lakes Drive, 40299
Griner Center
- 8/30 6:30 PM, St. Albert the Great, 1395 Girard Drive, 40222
Cafeteria
- 9/7 6:30 PM, St. Mary Academy, 11311 St. Mary Lane, 40059
Cafeteria
- 9/12 6:30 PM, St. Thomas More, 6105 S. Third Street, 40214
Cafeteria
- 9/15 6:30 PM, St. Agnes, 1800 Newburg Road, 40205
Parish Center
- 9/19 6:30 PM, Holy Trinity, 423 Cherrywood Road, 40207
Cafeteria

Summer Hours for the Parish Office

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

If you would like to have a mass read in memory of a deceased family member or friend, contact the Parish Office at 458-2500. There are daily noon masses and weekend dates available. The mass stipend is \$10.00.

Discipleship Program

The program is designed to help adult Catholics learn more about their faith while providing practical ways to live it out. Learning, prayer, skill's development, faith sharing, and personal reflection are all part of the process. Presenters are dynamic church leaders, educators, and experts in their field. Contact Sal Della Bella at 448-8581 ext. 1340 or email sdb@archlou.org for more information. Program starts September 9th.

St. Joseph Children's Home will be having their annual Orphans' Picnic on Saturday, August 13th from noon until midnight. They have a great need of volunteers for a variety of booths AND cakes for their cake booth. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debra Thompson at 893-0241, ext. 272.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Know Someone who is?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which a person becomes a member of the Catholic Church or simply learns more about being Catholic. Anyone who is interested in this process is welcome and encouraged to call the Parish Office at 458-2500 for more information.

Sunday Collections for the fiscal year ending June, 2011

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD +/-
Sunday Collections	\$754,225.31	\$773,000.00	- 18,774.69

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Eastview Auto Parts, Inc.**

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first." (Billy Sunday). A compliment carries more weight if it is specific and true. Make it a daily habit to look for a way to compliment your beloved. This works with kids too. **Archdiocese of Louisville, Family Ministries Office (Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net)

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. We are in need of additional ministers and welcome your participation.

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

Mary Lee Anderson, Ann Aboud, 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, Cecelia Sauter, Jim Schneider, Elfriede Smith, Mary Anne Storch, Dorothy Thomas, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Joe Welch, Sarah Westerfield and Dorothy Wimsatt

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