

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— *July 18, 2010*

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Biblical Fast Food

Our idea of fast food is that you drive your car to a local chain, you pull up to the giant menu board with the scratchy speaker system, you yell out your order, you drive to the window, and you pay your money. Within minutes, you have your food and you speed away. It is fast.

In the Book of Genesis, there is a different account of fast food service. Some mysterious visitors came to see Abraham and Sarah. Abraham realized that there was something divine about their presence. He immediately offered hospitality: a bath, a rest, and a meal. They agreed. But Sarah had to come up with some food, fast.

She baked rolls from fine flour. A servant slaughtered and prepared a juicy steer. The curds and milk were easier, but the basic ingredients of a hamburger, bread and meat, had to be prepared from scratch on the spot. By our standards, not fast food—but pretty impressive for its day.

As a result of his hospitality, Abraham received from God the gift he had waited for all his life: a son, Isaac, whom he would love.

When strangers or friends drop by, we have the opportunity to offer hospitality. Sometimes we are so busy that our primary hope is they will leave as soon as possible. But there is another solution. We can offer hospitality. The blessing we receive may be the one we have desired all life long.

Readings For Next Sunday July 24 & 25

1st Reading...Gn 18:20-32
2nd Reading...Col 2:12-14
Gospel...Lk 11:1-13

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of July 19)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+A. Hood, S. Tedder, J. Vining
Sunday	10:00am	+A. O'Shea, L. Sturgill, A. Clemons

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of July 19)

Monday	Noon	William Goetz
Tuesday	Noon	Dan Creed
Wednesday	Noon	Mary Louis Lynch
Thursday	Noon	Special Intentions
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Dec. Mem. of the Raque Family

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (July, 2010)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Chuck Armes, Ray Krebs, Pat Brown, **Need 1**
10:00am...Steve Haag Jr., (cpt), Tim Haag, Steven Haag Sr., Terry Haag, Brian Bientz, Mark Kaminski, Brian Hickey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (July 24 & 25)

4:30pm...**Team A...George Gates, Cpt.**, Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Marty Purcell
10:00am...**Team E...Bee McCormick, Cpt.**, Tom McCormick, Jeff Spoelker, Gerry Cambron, Ann Spencer, Jack Sullivan

LECTORS (July 24 & 25)

4:30pm...Cele Sauter & Rachel Marcum
10:00am....Angela Dutton & Bob Massey

GIFT BEARERS (July 24 & 25)

4:30pm...Rick & Karen Daniels
10:00am...Mary Cowley

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for July 11.....\$13,073

Few stories in Scripture better portray the fact that stewardship is an attitude, not an activity. Martha was busy, but Mary had the right attitude.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th & 8th Grade:

Junior High Youth Group: It's not too late to sign up to work Vacation Bible School and earn house points. Please contact Nick Cummins at 458-2500 ext. 141 to help.

High School:

Special Thanks: A special thanks to all the High School students and their parents that helped deliver summer 'care bags' to people who are sick at home or in care facilities. Great job youth!



Vacation Bible School July 26-30

This summer, bring your kids to SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School (VBS)—an experience of discovery they'll never forget! Best of all, SonQuest Rainforest will take your kids beyond what they can explore with their senses to discover a living spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. In order to make VBS a wonderful experience for the Children of St. Raphael, we need adult volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Nick Cummins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 458-2500 ext. 141. Registration forms are available at the doors of church or online at www.saintraphaelchurch.org.

Chris Hertelendy representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

New Beginnings, a support group for the widowed, separated and divorced, meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at Church of the Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Rd.

The Archdiocese of Louisville/Cursillo is sponsoring a "What is it?", Sunday, July 18, 3:30 pm at St. Gabriel Church (loft), 5505 Bardstown Rd. Come and see what Cursillo has to offer. You won't be disappointed. Call Dianne Manias 267-5011 for more information.

HELPING HANDS COLLECTION—School Supplies—July 24 & 25... 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: pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons and 2-pocket folders. Paper: wide-ruled notebooks, graph, college ruled, Notebooks—3 subject assignment, composition and steno notebooks. Tablets: Grades 2 and 3, pocket dictionaries and thesaurus, any new or gently used uniform items. In addition, the Sister Visitor Center is always in need of personal hygiene supplies. Any over the counter medicines are also needed. If you would like to help with this, or any other Helping Hands Collection, please call Debbie Tross at 807-3466.

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To All New Incoming Eucharistic Ministers: For those who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, the Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Worship requires all new ministers to attend 2 training sessions (2 hours each). The next scheduled session is Saturday, July 31 & Aug 7, 2010 @ St. Margaret Mary. The training is 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM for both days. Please contact John Rague @ 459-0841 for registration and additional information. We are now in need of new ministers and welcome those interested in this ministry. Thank you.

CALLING ALL ADULT VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS!! Leagues now forming. Get your team of six together, novice or advanced. Age requirement for playing, 21 years or older, no one under 21 may be in attendance. Call Samantha Wood, 649-4815 or 413-5963 for additional information.

Food is Elementary Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, August 7 at 6:30pm

Foxhollow Farm Center

\$50 adults, \$25 children under 12

Benefits program at St. Raphael and other area schools.

For more information email jmackin@olivergroup.com.

Catholic Charities' Migration & Refugee Services, 2911 S. 4th Street, a special resettlement service program for refugees through the Archdiocese of Louisville is having a "Back to School Drive" for the month of July and August. Particular school supply items that are needed for refugee children include back packs, rulers, erasers, glue, scissors, pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, folders, notebooks, wide rule paper, and school uniform attire (navy blue and khaki pants, white and blue colored dress or polo shirts). In addition, gently used furniture is always needed along with numerous household goods such as towels, washcloths, pillows, clock radios, lamps, twin/full bed sheet sets, cleaning supplies and various kitchen utensils. Volunteers are also needed. Call Chris Clements, 636-0296, ext. 125.

Summer Hours for the Parish Office

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

Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

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

Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Anita Hertelendy, Dolores Heuser, Scott Jacob, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Ann Kelton, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, A.C. Leonhardt, Tina Lomax, Charles Lucas, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel, John J. Orthober, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Carolyn Sweeney, Dorothy Thomas, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Joe Welch, Lillian Werkman, Sarah Westerfield, Dorothy Wimsatt

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