

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

An Uncompromised Choice

Sooner or later you have to decide. Faced with a difficult decision, you have to decide what to do.

Our choices reveal what we really prize. Before making a choice, then, it helps to review our values. Which choice gives the strongest affirmation to the principles we hold dear? If we take a different choice, we doom ourselves to living with compromised values. We are not who we thought we were. We hold other things precious.

When Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, he told the people they had to make a choice. God brought them up out of the land of Egypt, performed miracles before their very eyes, and protected them along their entire journey. This God wanted to be their only God. They should no longer serve other gods. They had to decide.

Joshua said, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

The people answered the same.

Before you make a difficult choice, think about how God has brought you to this day. God brought you and your family to safety, performed miracles before your very eyes, and protected you thus far. Remember, then make your choice.

"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Readings For Next Sunday
August 29 & 30

1st Reading...Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
2nd Reading...Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel...Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ALTAR SERVERS
(Week of August 24)

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+C. Hoehler, D. Chandler, T. Spalding
Sunday	10:00am	+M. Hamilton, J. Powers, L. Buck

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MASS INTENTIONS
(Week of August 24)

Monday	Noon	Louise Manger
Tuesday	Noon	Dorothy Hill
Wednesday	Noon	Phoebe Mattingly
Thursday	Noon	Bob Blair
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Dot Thieman

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
(August, 2009)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Bryan Thiersch,
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10:00am... Skip Kiesler (cpt), John Ward, Bill Wagner, Ken
Kaelin, Charles Armes, Mike, Jack & Patrick Creed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
(August 29 & 30)

4:30pm...Team B... Dolores Gillahan, Cpt., Carol Cornell, Carmel Davis, Bob Massey, Lloyd Vest, Cele Sauter
10:00am...Team F...Scott Raque, Cpt., Maria Raque, Bonnie Dever, Krissy Kaminski, Don Hinkebein, Carol Miller, Steve Sternberg

LECTORS

(August 29 & 30)

4:30pm...Mark Raque & Rachel Marcum
10:00am....Joe Steffen & Bill Wagner

GIFT BEARERS
(August 29 & 30)

4:30pm...Angela Bowen
10:00am...Gene Brewer

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for August 16.....\$8,767

What gods do we worship - the god of greed, the god of selfishness, the god of comfort, the god of appearances, the god of consumerism, the god of pleasure? A steward is thankful to the God of generosity and does not become trapped in worshipping these other false gods.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Join us on Tuesday, August 25 for Dinner and a Movie Night. We will be watching the movie: "Imagine That". Spaghetti is on the menu and refreshments will be served. This event is from 6-8PM.

High School

Join us Thursday, September 3rd for Dinner and a Movie Night. We will be watching the movie: "17 Again" and discussing how to live our lives' to the fullest with Christ. Spaghetti and refreshments will be served. This event is from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Saint Vincent De Paul's "Friends of the Poor Walk"

Saint Vincent De Paul's walk for the poor is Saturday, September 26th at Churchill Downs. Registration for the event starts at 9 AM and the walk begins at 10 AM. There are no fees to participate in the event but sponsorship is required. To get more information on sponsorship and the event please contact: Nick Cummins at: nkcummins@bellsouth.net or 458-2500 ext. 141.

Information about Medicare for family members and seniors will be presented Aug. 26 from 6:15 to 7 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Assumption undercroft, 433 S. Fifth St. Jackie Taylor and Elise Goldberg will conduct the program, which is free and open to the public. For information or to RSVP, call the parish office at 582-2971, ext. 5207, or send an e-mail to ecole@cathedraloftheassumption.org or Jackie.taylor@insightbb.com.

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 Road. For information, call 425-2772.

2009 Fall Gennesaret Retreat

The Office of Pastoral Care will hold its 2009 Fall Gennesaret Retreat October 23-25, at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Kentucky.

This is a retreat designed for persons who live with serious chronic illness or life-threatening medical conditions. It is a three-day overnight experience of prayer, unlimited hospitality & full nursing care. The retreat is offered free of charge. Room and Board along with food-meals are also provided. The retreat staff members volunteer their time and service and the Archdiocese of Louisville covers operating expenses, including rental of the facilities and room and board. Free will offerings are gratefully accepted. This retreat is open to all faiths/religions, though it is a Roman Catholic retreat in format, prayer and style. The retreat provides time for rest, prayerful reflection & daily conferences. The Eucharist & Sacrament of the Sick are celebrated during the retreat. The staff includes medical personnel in addition to retreat team members who provide hospitality, companionship and personal assistance for all retreatants. The maximum number of retreatants that can be accommodated at Gethsemani is 15. There for retreatants to attend are on a first come first serve basis along with each situation will be made on a case-by-case basis. However a waiting list is maintained for last minute openings and for future retreats. If you or a loved one might be interested, please call the Office of Pastoral Care to speak with Jocelyn Frazier at 636-0296 ext 1244 to sign up and find our more information. All questions and inquiries are welcome!

Regional Evening Religious Education registration for 2009-2010 will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Activity Center, Wednesday, August 26 from 6-8pm with a pot-luck dinner. Parents and children should plan to attend for the entire time as students will meet with teachers as well as register. Meat, drinks and paper supplies are provided. Families A-G are asked to bring a salad to share, H-O a vegetable, and P-Z desserts. Please bring a copy of baptismal certificate if it has not been verified previously. Because faith formation is ongoing, we expect our students to remain in our program for each continuous year and not just sacramental years. First Eucharist preparation is a two year process beginning in the first grade and culminating with formal celebration of the sacrament at the end of 2nd grade. We are also requiring that candidates for Confirmation be in our program for two years (7th & 8th grade). For more information call Ann Pifer (Our Lady of Lourdes) at 896-0241 or Eileen Walsh (Holy Spirit) at 893-3982.

Extend An Invitation...All of us are called to share our faith with others. We do this through the way we live and also by talking about the significance of our faith and our church with other people. If you know someone who is not involved in any church please take a few moments and encourage him or her to consider becoming part of our church. Invite them to call Deacon Robert Dever, our RCIA Coordinator at 458-2500 to begin to explore the possibility of becoming Roman Catholic. Our Catholic Church is a wonderful community full of grace and truth.

Confidential Pregnancy and Adoption Counseling is available at **Catholic Charities** for women of all ages experiencing untimely pregnancies. A full range of services is provided, including adoptive placement, legal assistance and counseling for individuals, groups and families. Post abortion counseling is also available. Services are provided regardless of income or marital status. For more information call Catholic Charities at 637-9786.

Kindergarten Soccer is still looking for a coach for one team. No experience necessary! If you are interested please call Chris Wessling at 454-7604 or email at wess5@insightbb.com.

Parish Office Hours

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

Next weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**. Please be generous!

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

Bernadine Allbritten, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, Mary Rose Brizendine, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Kay Forsthoefel, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, Albert Knabel, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Phyllis Lippy, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt, (In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)