

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 12, 2009

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God-given Words

“Get out of here!” No one likes to hear those harsh words. Wherever we go, we like the assurance that the place where we have arrived is hospitable. Sometimes we trespass. Sometimes we say offensive words. Sometimes we perform an action that separates us from the community. If we upset the host, we may hear those awful words, “Get out of here!”

That was the command that Amaziah the priest of Bethel leveled against the prophet Amos. Amos came from Tekoa of Judah in the southern part of the kingdom. At God’s command he traveled to Bethel in the north to prophesy. He warned the people of God’s judgment against them. The local priest didn’t like hearing the message Amos brought. So Amaziah gave Amos a blunt and derisive retort: “Go home. Get out of Bethel. Go back to Judah. Prophecy there. Leave us alone.”

There was one problem. Prophecy in Bethel wasn’t Amos’s idea in the first place. It was God’s idea. God sent Amos from Judah to Bethel to bring divine judgment on the people.

Sometimes when people tell us to leave them alone, they are wrong. If God has given us words to speak, we stay and deliver them.

Readings For Next Sunday July 18 & 19

1st Reading...Jer 23:1-6
2nd Reading...Eph 2:13-18
Gospel...Mk 6:30-34

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of July 13)

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+D. McFarland, A. Judge, N. Spoelker
Sunday	10:00am	+T. Clark, J. Powers, A. McCormick

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of July 13)

Monday	Noon	Jean Marie Novel Horn
Tuesday	Noon	Thomas Spalding
Wednesday	Noon	Communion Service
Thursday	Noon	Communion Service
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Dot Thiemann

***If you have a mass scheduled for July 15,16,22 or 23,
please call the Parish Office to reschedule.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (July, 2009)

4:30pm....David Worland, *Cpt*, Joe O’Toole, Ray Krebs
10:00am... Steve and Terry Haag, (*cpts.*), Steve Haag, Jr., Tim Haag, Brian Bientz, Don Axman, Jeff and Christina Wessling

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (July 18 & 19)

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 (July 18 & 19)

4:30pm...Bob Massey & Paul DeZarn
10:00am....Doug Pohl & Bud Lally

GIFT BEARERS (July 18 & 19)

4:30pm...To Be Contacted
10:00am...To Be Contacted

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for July 5.....\$15,407

God has been generous to each of us. Does God's generosity elicit a grateful response of sharing our time, talent, and treasure?

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Junior High: This Monday, Junior High Youth Group will be having **Drop-In-Night** from 7 until 9pm. Come by and hang out.

Senior High: High School Youth Group will have **game night** on **July 15** from 7 until 9pm. Stop by for games, snacks and fellowship.

Holiday World

Youth group is going to Holiday World on the 21st of July. This event is open to both Junior and Senior High Youth groups. If you are a youth that is interested in going please contact Nick Cummins at nkcummins@bellsouth.net.

If you are a parent interested in chaperoning, then please contact Nick Cummins at 458-2500 ext. 141. All adult chaperones must have safe environment training and background checks on file in the parish office.

The cost of the trip is \$36 dollars, which includes tickets and transportation. We will meet at 8am at the Youth Basement on the day of the trip. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

The parish would like to thank the youth who worked the soda booth during the picnic. Everyone did an excellent job. Good work youth group!

Volleyball Tryouts are coming up!!!

7/27 Monday & 7/29 Wednesday 5-6:30pm for 3rd & 4th graders
7/27 Monday & 7/29 Wednesday 7-9pm for 7th & 8th graders
7/28 Tuesday & 7/30 Thursday 6-8pm for 5th & 6th graders

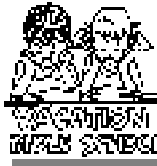
***Samantha Wood is the volleyball coordinator. If you have any questions or cannot make tryouts please email Samantha at samanthalwood@yahoo.com.

ST. X's MOMS CLUB men's and boy's gently used clothing sale-quality men's and boy's casual and dress clothing at bargain prices! Saturday, August 1 from 8:30am-1:00pm at St. Xavier school cafeteria. For more information contact Tammy Moore at 955-7143 or Debbie Tucker at 957-7744.

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to help update donated computers and repair donated bicycles. In addition, the agency also is in need of household items for refugee families. To volunteer or donate, call Chris Clements at 502-636-9263, ext. 125.

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.

St. Michael Parish is hosting a mixer. July 25th, 2009. It will cost \$3.00 and it will run from 9-10:30p.m. The mixer is for the incoming 7th and 8th graders. It is a mixer. There will be a d.j. and lots of fun. It will be held in the gym and it is during the picnic.



Vacation Bible School

July 20-24

During Vacation Bible School (VBS), the children will spend a whole week discovering more about the Catholic Mass and deepening their love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teachings, music, games, crafts and snacks! While having fun doing activities they will learn about the Mystery, the Gift, the Celebration, the Meal and the Call of the Mass. Additionally the participants will be introduced to the virtues of Patience, Peace, Unity, Faith & Generosity. 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 Carolyn Marcum at 472-8429.

Highlands Community Ministries Senior Services' Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers to pre-pack meals for clients on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and for drivers to deliver meals from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. For information, contact Donna Douglass at 459-0132. Senior Services is located at 2000 Douglass Blvd.

"**God's Beautiful Design for Married Love**" is an opportunity to discover the benefits of using Natural Family Planning in a marriage. A panel will address the theological, medical, and concrete applications on Tuesday, July 14, 7-8:30pm at St. Margaret Mary. Registration is necessary for seating - call Carolyn at 636-0296 ext 1256. Come listen and learn.

Catholic Charities Senior Services presents its 7th "**Annual Senior Day**" Thursday, August 6 at Bellarmine's Frazier Hall. Speakers will be Bob Mueller of Hosparus and Lynn Harrelson of Senior Pharmacy Solutions. Exhibitors, light refreshments and door prizes included. Doors open at 9am, program starts at 10am. Cost per senior is \$5, due by July 31, \$10 after July 31. Send name, phone #, & check (no cash please) to:

Senior Day
2911 South 4th St.
Louisville, Ky 40208

For more information please call Jackie Gahlinger at 637-9786.

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:

Bernadine Allbritten, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, 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, Bob Moore, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Jack Raque, 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, Dorothy Wimsatt,

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