

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 26, 2009

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Much from Little

Almost any Christian can tell you the story of Jesus' miracle of the loaves. But very few can tell you the story of Elisha's miracle of the loaves.

Elisha was one of the first prophets to appear in the Bible. The Second Book of Kings records a series of ten legends about Elisha's power. One of them concerns bread.

In this story, a man travels a distance to bring the prophet a gift of twenty barley loaves and fresh grain. Elisha told him to give it to the people. The man objected that there would not be enough for one hundred people. Elisha told him to give it anyway.

There was enough. And there was bread left over.

When John tells the story of Jesus' miracle of the loaves, he includes some details that remind us of this story. The loaves were made of barley. And after everyone had eaten, there was bread left over.

When Jesus' story reminds us of Elisha's story, we realize that the same God has been at work all along, choosing prophets to speak the divine word, and providing food for body and spirit in abundance.

If what you have to give is only a little, God can use it to do a lot.

Readings For Next Sunday

August 1 & 2

1st Reading...Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading...Eph 4:17, 20-24

Gospel...Jn 6:24-35

ALTAR SERVERS

(Week of July 27)

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+A. Clemons, S. Olshansky, T. Monarch
Sunday	10:00am	+H. Thiersch, A. Durbin, S. Tedder

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MASS INTENTIONS

(Week of July 27)

Monday	Noon	Phoebe Mattingly
Tuesday	Noon	Dorothy Hill
Wednesday	Noon	Dinah Lynn Diersing
Thursday	Noon	Dot Thieman
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	Dec. Mem. of the Thomas & Lally Families
Sunday	10:00am	St. Raphael Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

(August, 2009)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Bryan Thiersch, Need 3

10:00am... Skip Kiesler (cpt), John Ward, Bill Wagner, Ken Kaelin, Charles Armes, Mike, Jack & Patrick Creed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(August 1 & 2)

4:30pm...Team A... **George Gates, Cpt.**, Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Cleo Leonhardt, Marty Purcell

10:00am...Team B...**Horace Lynch, Cpt.**, David Meyer, Lisa Stearns, Mike Littell, Carolyn Bell, Karen Willenger

LECTORS

(August 1 & 2)

4:30pm... Tony Greenwell & Shelia Kaelin

10:00am....Ken Haner & Angela Dutton

GIFT BEARERS

(August 1 & 2)

4:30pm... To Be Contacted

10:00am... To Be Contacted

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for July 19.....\$12,153

The multiplication of the loaves and fishes teaches a basic principle of stewardship. That is that generosity travels in an ever-widening circle, returning a hundredfold to those who give not only of their surplus but also from their substance.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Junior High: Junior High Youth Group is going to Glass Works on Monday, the 27th of July. We will meet at the Youth Basement at 9:30 and get back at 2pm. The cost is \$5.

Senior High: Senior High is having Outdoor Game Night on Wednesday the 29th of July. We will be playing: capture the flag, flashlight tag etc. The grill will be in full effect! The event starts at 7pm and ends at 9pm.

More Information:

For more information about the events mentioned above, please contact Nick Cummins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 458-2500 ext. 141 or at nkcummins@bellsouth.net

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.

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.

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.

Needs Volunteers...St. Joseph Children's Home 160th Annual Orphans' Picnic August 8, 2009. The St. Joseph Children's Home is looking for adult men and women to volunteer at its annual picnic. Volunteers are needed to work 3-4 hour shifts at a variety of booths and in the dining room. There is free parking in the back lot of the property. Call Debra Thompson at 893-0241 ext 272 to sign-up. **Cake Booth...**St. Joseph Cake Booth is in need of cakes. Cakes can be brought to St. Josephs or we can arrange a pickup. If you cannot bake a cake, but would like to donate one, you can call Plehn's Bakery at 896-4438. For \$7.95, they will bake a cake for you and deliver the cake to St. Josephs on the day of the picnic. For more information call Debra Thompson at 893-0241 ext 272. All proceeds, from the Orphans' Picnic, go directly toward the care of our children. Thank you!!

The entire Raque family would like to thank the parish for the tremendous outpouring of support after the passing of our father, Jack. His Catholic faith played out every day through his work with St. Raphael; he was deeply committed to seeing the parish thrive. The support from parishioners and school families at the funeral home and funeral meant so much to all of us. We would especially like to thank Fr. Jim Hackett and the parish office staff for helping us plan the mass, Ms. Abbie Creed for her support and guidance through Dad's illness, Mr. Don Watson and the beautiful choir for making the mass so special and the Bereavement Committee for a wonderful lunch.

your attention please

Starting in August post cards will be mailed with the gift bearers schedule. We will be sending post cards to those who signed their Stewardship Intention cards wishing to take part in this ministry. There will also be a schedule posted in the back of church. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...HELP SEND LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD. Supplies Overseas (SOS), a program of Hand in Hand Ministries and the Greater Louisville Medical Society, is dedicated to delivering a world of health and hope by recycling lifesaving medical supplies and equipment. Using volunteers, SOS collects unused surplus supplies from area hospitals, sorts and packs the supplies in a local warehouse, then sends them to those most in need around the world. **Volunteer Needs: Drivers** are needed to pick up medical supplies at local hospitals and deliver them to the SOS warehouse in Louisville, located at 1500 Arlington Avenue. **Sorters** are needed to sort, package and inventory medical supplies to send to the developing world. Clinical experience is helpful but not required. **Administrative** assistance is need for data entry, research, communications and other office tasks. If you have several hours a week to help in this life-saving work, please contact Bill Roof (502-736-6360) or bill@hhministries.com.

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, 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.)