

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1**  
**Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

What the Creator Never Created

The Book of Wisdom says there are three things God did not make: death, destruction and injustice. Yet we live with them every day.

Wisdom believes that God intended the world to be a much better place. We humans were made in the image of God, designed to be as imperishable as God is. God did not “make” death. God is good.

God also intended that the creatures of the world would be wholesome, and that plants would provide nourishment and health—“not a destructive drug among them.” In this view, God did not create violence among animals nor poisons among drugs.

And God expected that justice would reign, because justice, like God, is undying. Justice is an expression of God’s will. Everything that God made was good.

That is the view of the Book of Wisdom. But it isn’t a picture of the world we live in. The Book of Wisdom knows why: “By the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.” The presence of evil, which was not precisely created by God according to this view, frustrated the designs of God’s more perfect creation.

God did not create evil, but we know that evil exists, and that death, destruction and injustice abound. But we also believe they are not part of God’s eternal plan, and that those who belong to God’s company will experience justice, salvation, and life everlasting.

**Readings For Next Sunday**  
**July 4 & 5**

1st Reading...Ez 2:2-5  
2nd Reading...2 Cor 12:7-10  
Gospel...Mk 6:1-6

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
**(Week of June 29)**

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	<b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday	4:30pm	+
Sunday	10:00am	+

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**(Week of June 29)**

Monday	Noon	Robert Brizendine
Tuesday	Noon	Leo Ciacio
Wednesday	Noon	Virginia Johmann
Thursday	Noon	Linne Holland
Friday	Noon	<b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Leonard Wessel

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**  
**(June, 2009)**

4:30pm....David Worland, Cpt. Joe O’Toole, Marti Family  
10:00am... Paul (cpt) and Ellen Wilson, Craig Spencer, Roy & Kathy Potts, Dave Quesenberry, Chris Hartung, Bill Tharp

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**(July 4 & 5)**

4:30pm...Team C...**Jack Raque**, Cpt., Kathleen Gumbel, Bud Koshewa, Kevin Raque, Carolyn Marcum  
10:00am...Team D...**Dolores Lally**, Cpt., Frank Lally, Mary Lou Craven, Pet Markwell, Bill & Jane Wagner, John Mudd

**LECTORS**  
**(July 4 & 5)**

4:30pm...Don Bayers & Kimberly Cleary  
10:00am....Michael Haas & Maureen Lassiter

**GIFT BEARERS**  
**(July 4 & 5)**

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

## *Stewardship Reflection*

Tithing for June 21.....\$

Paul reminds the people of Corinth of their many blessings and calls them to give charitably to others. We too are blessed in many ways. Are we as charitable?

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

#### **Opportunity to Travel:**

National Catholic Youth Conference or **NCYC** will be held November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. Our parish is allowed to take up to **6 youth group members**. NCYC is for High School Youth Group members that **actively participate** in their parish programs. Two years ago the Archdiocese of Louisville took 300 hundred youth to Columbus, Ohio. We joined 20,000 other young Catholics in prayer, mass, small group sessions, and worship. More information about NCYC will be available at High School youth nights on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm.

For more information about any of the above info, contact Nick Cummins at: 458-2500 ext 141 or write to [nkcummins@bellsouth.net](mailto:nkcummins@bellsouth.net).

#### **St. Raphael School Fall Sports Sign-ups**

Cheerleading, Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball  
Sign up by June 30

<http://www.quia.com/sv/308789.html>

#### **St. Raphael School Fall Sports Coaching Application**

<http://www.quia.com/sv/250243.html>

#### **St. Raphael Football Clinic**

For all St. Raphael parish kids grades 3 - 8 interested in football. This is a voluntary clinic that is free of charge.  
July 7-9 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

To sign up/questions call Jeff Hofmann 664-6760

Highlands Community Ministries **Senior Services Meals on Wheels** Program is looking for volunteers to help prepack meals for the Meals on Wheels clients on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 am -10:30 am. And volunteer drivers to deliver the meals to the clients as well (drivers are needed from 10:30 am- 11:45 am). If you are interested in either please call Donna Douglass at 502-459-0132



### **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.

**Have you ever wondered what the meaning is behind the stained glass windows in church?** Here's your opportunity to have your questions answered! You are invited to join Deacon Robert Dever on Sunday, June 28 at 3:00pm in the Church as he leads an informative program on the stained glass windows in St. Raphael.

"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.

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

*Bernadine Allbritten, Bob Bethards, 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, Charlotte Nall, 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, Dorothy Wimsatt,*

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