

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday— July 31, 2016

9:30— High Mass

-Following Mass: Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided

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Bible Readings for 18th Sunday Ordinary Time year C

1st reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm 90

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

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2nd reading: the Letter to the Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

Alleluia verse: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3

Holy Gospel according to St Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This

is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, 'Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!'" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

Adult Bible Study for this week:

About Church Teaching: In his last words to the apostles, Jesus gave them a mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Mt 28:19-20) Thus, the teaching mission of the Church comes from Christ himself. The responsibility for fulfilling that mandate passes on unchanged to the bishops, priests, deacons and to all Catholics. Within each diocese, the diocesan bishop is its principal teacher. He is assisted by clergy, religious, and lay men and women who serve as educators and catechists. Catechesis is the act of handing on the Word of God intended to inform the faith community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ transmitted by the Apostles. It also involves the lifelong effort of forming people into witnesses to Christ and opening their hearts to the spiritual transformation given by the Holy Spirit.

PARISH BLESSINGS and GRATITUDE *We are grateful to everyone who gives Time, Talents and Treasure of your prayer and donations. GODS BLESSINGS to all, for your FAITH and labor of LOVE in taking care, repairing and restoring out Parish Church!* In the last year and a half, together have done a tremendous amount of work: New Church roof; fixed ceiling and Church interior, repaired and painted Church interior and outside windows, repaired Church entrance bulletin board, fixed Parish Hall roof, repainted Parish Hall entrance and bathroom, repainted Parish Hall, fixed roof over rectory, repaired and painted rectory interior, new fence at the cemetery, landscaping at the Cemetery and Pulaski Park, repaired caretaker house at the Cemetery, repaired heating pump and furnace at the Parish Hall, new professional zero turn grass cutting mower, new 6ft wide pull behind tractor mower, Fellowship dinners, brunches, cook outs, bake sales, etc, etc... ***May God bless you all for your wonderful work!!!***

PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions

mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!

Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr. Andrew. We are planning First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.

PARISH PICNIC We are planning a our annual picnic on Sunday, 18 September, we are looking for volunteers to help us prepare it. Please join us for this yearly family celebration!

GRADUATION If you or your family member or friend is graduating from school, please let Fr Andrew know, we will celebrate Graduation Mass with special blessings.

PARISH CALENDAR

August - meeting at the cemetery to clean out, begin fall maintenance and to get ready for the picnic.

18 September – Parish Picnic / Harvest Festival / Dozynki/ with blessing of harvest wreath

October - Pulaski Day Parade

Prayer over the people.

Lord, help your people to seek you with all their hearts and to deserve what you promise. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2016