

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sunday— August 7, 2016**

**9:30— High Mass**

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

**Sunday— August 14, 2016          20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**9:30— High Mass**

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## **Bible Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time year C**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading from the Book of Wisdom 18:6-9**

### **Responsorial Psalm 33**

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> reading: the Letter to the Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-12**

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to enervate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

**Alleluia verse:** Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

**Holy Gospel according to St Luke 12:35-40**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will

gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

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### **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.

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**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

**Solemn Blessing for the People**

*(Blessing of Aaron from Book of Numbers 6:24-26)*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you. R. Amen*

*May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. R Amen*

*May He look upon you with kindness and give you His peace. Amn*

*May almighty God bless you, the father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit. R Amen*

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*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 Collosians 3:1*

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 7, 2016**