

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Cycle C

July 10, 2016

The law of the Lord, the great commandment of love is not something “mysterious” or “remote.” Indeed, it is “very near” to us. Yet how difficult it is to fulfill, being neighbor to whoever is in need. But if we seek God, we must “go ahead and do the same” for we have been created in, for, and through Christ.

Opportunities to Worship This Week:

Sat. 7/9, 6pm (Vigil-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Frank Brunell+
Sun. 7/10, 8:30AM (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Jim Holstein+
Thurs. 7/14, 6:30PM (Weekday)-Dick Reyling+
Fri. 7/15, 8:00AM (Weekday)-**NO MASS**
Sat. 7/16, 6:00PM (Vigil-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Kris Huffstodt+
Sun. 7/17, 8:30AM (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Mary Ellen Osmond+

Sacrament of Penance

Anytime by Appointment/
Fri. mornings after Mass

Mass Attendance

Saturday
Sunday

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory any time when anointing of the sick is needed. In the absence of Fr. Martin-Edward, call Peg Garrison, Denise Zurliene or Jim Thompson and they will contact a deacon.

Prayer List:

Way-Fair Nursing Home – Kimberly Buchanan

Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Ferido, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Sharon Reyling, Patty Brunell, Dan Kinsolving, Aaron Crosby, Brenda Belangee, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Stacy Winkeler, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Whitney Eckleberry, Noreen Reeves, Maddox Oppenheimer, Paula Zdan, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Winkeler, Tom Colvin, Jim Lawler, Stacie Boyer, Sydney Lawhon, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, all priests who are sick, and those serving in our military.

Saturday July 16, 2016

Lector: Jay Fyie
E. Mins: Patty Brunell, Sally Conley
Ushers: Don Zurliene, Sam Ochs
Gifts: Donna Turner, Alice Zurliene
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Ginny Barrett
Diana Zurliene, David Mills
Scott Merkle, Kent Ochs
David & Jackson Mills
Noah Ochs, Will Wright

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Is 1:10-17	Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9	Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16	Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5	Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28	Lk 10:38-42

“One Thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” (Ps.27, 4)

That should be our daily prayer
That should be our daily desire
That should be our daily wish.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

JULY—Precious Blood of Christ

Prayer: Meditate on the Passion of Christ
Patron Saint: St. Stephen
Faith in Action: Pray for Christians who are being persecuted and martyred
Activity: Celebrate and defend freedom of religion

MERCY MOMENT

MERCY HAS A FACE: Mercy has the face of real live people, those who love God, love self, and love the other by being the neighbor. This command to love like God is not too mysterious or remote.
~Who needs my acts of love today-perhaps even beyond my close circle of family and friends?
~Who needs a ride to church, to doctor, to grocery store that I can give?
~How can I manifest the mystery of mercy by being a face of mercy?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

All those who were part of the Pastoral Plan for Parish Restructuring and Renewal of St. Stephen and St. Edward Parishes will be meeting with the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Edward K. Braxton and the Vicar General at the Chancery in Belleville on Saturday, October 1st, 2016 by 9:30am. Please all who are concerned should mark this date and physical presence is highly demanded for this meeting. Thank-you.

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DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday, July 15th: NO MASS

Thursday, July 21st: PARISH COUNCIL 7:PM

Friday, July 22nd: NO MASS (FR. MARTIN LEAVES FOR ROME)

Thursday & Friday, July 28th & 29th: NO MASSES

Saturday, July 30th: NO 4PM MASS ST. STEPHEN'S – ONLY 6PM MASS ST. EDWARD'S

Tuesday, August 2nd: FR. MARTIN LEAVES FOR NIGERIA FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Thursday & Friday, Aug. 4th & 5th: NO MASSES

Thursday & Friday, Aug. 11th & 12th: NO MASSES

Monday, August 15th: ASSUMPTION---MASS AT ST. STEPHEN'S 7:30PM

Thursday & Friday Aug. 18th & 19th: NO MASSES

Saturday, August 20th: NO 6PM MASS ST. EDWARD'S--- MASS 6PM ST. STEPHEN'S

THESE ARE CHANGES WHILE FR. MARTIN-EDWARD WILL BE GONE. ANY OTHER CHANGES WILL BE POSTED IN BULLETIN. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

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PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEKEND FOR CONVERSION OF HEARTS THAT WILL LEAD TO RESPECTING, APPRECIATING, AND VALUING EVERY HUMAN LIFE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACIAL OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, POLITICAL POSITIONS, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. WE WHO BELIEVE IN INSCRUTABLE MYSTERY OF INCARNATION (THE WORD OF GOD MADE FLESH) MUST BE ABSOLUTLY UNAMBIGUOUS IN AFFIRMING THAT ALL LIVES MATTER. PLEASE PRAY SPECIFICALLY, FOR Mr. ALTON STERLING WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA ON JULY 5TH, AND MR. PHILANDO CASTILE WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN ST. PAUL MINNESOTA ON JULY 6TH. PLEASE PRAY AS WELL FOR THE FIVE POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE SHOT AND KILLED BY A SNIPER IN DALLAS, TEXAS ON JULY 7TH, (TWO OF WHOM HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS OFFICER BRENT THOMPSON AND OFFICER PATRICK ZAMARRIPA), AND PRAY FOR THE SIX OFFICERS AND TWO CIVILIANS WHO WERE WOUNDED IN WHAT PRESIDENT OBAMA RIGHTLY CALLED VICIOUS, PREMEDITATED, AND SENSELESS ACTS OF MURDER.
SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST, THE MOST REV. EDWARD K. BRAXTON