

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Cycle C

September 25th, 2016

Amos condemns the complacency of the rich who seek only their own comfort. In his parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus echoes Amos, exhorting those who have to share with those who have not. Self-sufficiency must never blind us to the needs of others. Only in this way do we keep God's commandments in integrity and in truth.

Opportunities to Worship This Week:

Sat. 9/24, 6PM (Vigil-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Kris Huffstodt+

Sun. 9/25, 8:30AM (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Larry McClure+

Thurs. 9/29, 6:30PM (Weekday)-Dudley Borah+

Fri. 9/30, 8:00AM (Weekday)-For The People

Sat. 10/1, 6:00PM (Vigil-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Jim Turner+

Sun. 10/2, 8:30AM (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Aaron Crosby+

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, Dan Kinsolving, Brenda Belangee, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Stacy Winkeler, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, 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, Sydney Lawhon, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andy Reyling, and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Lector: Don Zurliene

E. Mins: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley

Servers: volunteer

Sunday, October 2, 2016

David Mills

Emily Milligan, Mary Murphy

Scott Merkle, Paul Perez

The Felowitz Family

Jackson Mills, Ailyn Zurliene

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday: Jb 1:6-22

Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

“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

SEPTEMBER---GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Prayer: The General Intercessions

Patron Saint: St. Anne

Faith in Action: Extraordinary Ministers

Activity: Visit or send cards to people on Prayer List or do odd jobs for those who need help.

MERCY MOMENT---An awful thought. A scary reality.

I can be good tomorrow, we say. I can deal with that injustice next week, next month, next year, when the time is right, we say. The poor and hungry can surely wait. Well, Amos and Luke say otherwise. God is filled to the brim with pardon and mercy, with compassion, they say. All people that God love are bound together, they say. The truth is, it is possible to run out of time to do good, God says. Do not be indifferent! So,

~What good will I do today?

~What injustice can I address this week?

ATTENTION USHERS: STARTING NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL BE DOING THE OCTOBER COUNT FOR THE DIOCESE. PLEASE WRITE DOWN HOW MANY ATTENDING MASS AND HOW MANY RECEIVE COMMUNION. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

“THE TRIUMPH: A PARISH MISSION”

Sunday, October 2nd thru Wednesday, October 5th, 2016, St. Stephen Catholic Church is having “The Triumph: A Parish Mission”. The featured speaker is Fr. David W. Gunter, MIC is a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception located at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. There is a poster in the hall with all the information or you can visit.....www.thedivinemercy.org/events.

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...BRINGING God’s mercy to those who need it most:

Hundreds of people from throughout the diocese participate in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral each year. This liturgy, ordinations, the annual farm blessing and many other special events throughout the year are planned and implemented by the diocese’s Office of Worship which receives funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Please make your contribution to the 2016 Appeal now!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As men and women of God we are to “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness.” We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter on December 2-4. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

“BLESSING OF THE HARVEST: A THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE”

The annual “Blessing of the Harvest: A Thanksgiving Prayer Service” will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 1:00pm at the Philip and Kelly Diekemper Farm, located at 18415 McKay Road, Carlyle, Illinois.

The Very Reverend John C. Iffert, Vicar Forane; the Reverend Robert J. Zwilling, Rural Life Ministry Coordinator; and member of the Diekemper family extend a warm welcome to all the families of Diocesan parishes, especially all farmers to join in thanking God for the bountiful harvest this year. Directions are on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER:

Oct: 1st: Pastoral Plan meeting with Bishop Braxton at Chancery 9:30am

Oct. 2-5: The Triumph: A Parish Mission at St. Stephen’s in Flora

Oct. 7th: Food Pantry Set-up 8:30am

Oct. 8th: Food Pantry Distribution 8:00am

Oct. 16th: St. Edward Parish Feast Day----Mass will be at 10:30am with potluck to follow/ more details will be provided later. We will also be celebrating Fr. Martin’s birthday that day.