

**READINGS**

August 16, 2015

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

**STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection August 9th.....\$2,168

Our Lady of Wisdom relies on Bobcat Catholics like you for more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading. We must become like children to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the cross that is represented and renewed. To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness -- maybe even madness -- to believe that Jesus can give us His flesh to eat. Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my flesh" and "my blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses, not the ordinary Greek word for eating, but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals. The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom. In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His flesh is true food, His

blood, true drink. Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle. And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing. Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes. We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven -- in which God our savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever. Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.

Scott Hahn, PhD



**Next Sunday August 23rd at 6pm!**

**CENTENNIAL CORNER**

**Key Events to remember:**

Campus Walk & Mass: Sat., August 29th

Gala: Sat., November 7th  
*Start participating in*

*100 Acts of Kindness!*  
*#100ActsofOLOW*

*Follow us on Twitter for details @OLWisdomtxst*

**PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

For faculty, staff, teachers and students as they return to school ...



**CAMPUS WALK**

Our Lady of Wisdom is celebrating 100 years of Campus Ministry at Texas State and we

invite you to come and celebrate with us at the Centennial Walk on Saturday August 29th! We will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 8am and then join together for a walk thru campus. All are invited!

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK** will be at St. John's: **Saturday, August 22nd, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm.** Accepting furniture, clothing, household items, etc. No appliances or computer equipment please. These items are sold in the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (Austin) and the proceeds used to assist the poor and needy to include those of San Marcos. Thanks for your continued support of this great ministry.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**ROSARY** every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

[txstatecatholic.org](http://txstatecatholic.org)

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that he is "the living bread that came down from heaven" and that whoever eats this bread, which is flesh, will live forever. We realize that he is speaking about the Eucharist. What can you recall of your First Communion? Share these joyous memories with a family member or friend.

**CALL FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Requirements: Baptized Catholic, Officially registered in the parish, commitment to the parish community and Monthly Sunday morning meetings. The purpose of the council is to advise the Pastor and administrative staff. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby if you are interested in joining!

**ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY**

**EIM WORKSHOP**

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITIES!

Saturday, August 22nd

9am-Noon

3hr. Basic, English

Or

3pm-4:15pm

Refresher Class

St. Anthony's in Kyle

Please register online at [www.austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices-ethics-and-integrity-ministry-office/eim-workshops](http://www.austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices-ethics-and-integrity-ministry-office/eim-workshops)

**BOBCAT AWAKENING #45** retreat applications are now available at the reception counter or online. Go to [txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app](http://txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app).

**STUDENT REGISTRATION**  
*Turn in a registration card or go online to [www.txstatecatholic.org/registration](http://www.txstatecatholic.org/registration)*

All registered students receive Bobcat Catholic Updates and important messages weekly! Also if you register before August 31st your name will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift card! If you know any incoming Catholic freshmen or transfer students please be sure to tell them about Our Lady of Wisdom and invite them to visit!

**PARKING POLICY**

Starting Monday August 24th our parking will be reserved for permit parking only. We would like to invite those coming to daily Mass to park along our back fence line or to find street parking. Please be considerate.



**STUDENT BBQ**

This Thursday August 20th at 6pm we

will have free hamburgers and hot dogs for new and returning students! All are welcomed!