

STEWARDSHIP

June 24th.....\$1,555 St. Vincent De Paul.....\$359

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On this 4th of July

we ask the question: What does it mean to be an American? The answer to that question is not altogether simple or clear. . .

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes "your tired, and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed." These in fact are the people who built America. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided the terrorists. Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom.

Catholics can be Americans. Generally Catholics do not condemn other religions, nor do they hate people of other faiths. Catholics belong to a Church that is worldwide, universal, and found in every nation in the world. Catholics are loyal Americans, and loyal Americans can be Catholics. Our bishops do not seek to drive a wedge between these two citizenships. Our Holy Father and the bishops of the Church seek to unify, not divide. We Americans hold to the self-evident truth that our rights, both as human beings and as citizens, are endowed upon us by God — not by any king, president, congress, court or church. It is God who created us, gave us life, and endowed us with rights, not our government or its courts. Human life comes from God, returns to God and is subject to God.

It's July 4th. We should be

thinking and talking about who we are, what we believe, and what we stand for. And while it is important for us to be identified and seen as Americans and as Catholics, the greatest citizenship we have and the best identity we should present to others is that of being like Christ. The picture of ourselves on our passport into eternity ought to be one in which people can see the face of Christ in our face. We should love God our Father as Christ does, we should love those around us as He does, and in all things we should be decent, kind, noble, truthful, compassionate, caring, just, and good. Whatsoever we do, people ought to feel they have been touched by goodness and God's love.

What greater identity could we possibly have?

from Fr. Charles Irvin

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

July 1st– Peter's Pence
July 15th– St. Vincent De Paul Monthly

Peter's Pence HISTORY

The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England. King Alfred the Great collected money, a "pence," from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, & disease.

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CEDARBRAKE DAY RETREAT

Wed., July 25, 9AM - 2:30 PM: Based on the book by Sister Joyce Rupp, "Boundless Compassion." This retreat will invite and challenge us to look for ways in which we can develop and embrace Our Lord's stance towards all of life. The cost is \$40 w/lunch. Contact Diocese at www.austindiocse.org for more information.

FR. CRAIG'S SUMMER MINI SERIES SESSIONS

Join Fr. Craig discussing the beauty of our Mass

Thursday July 5th
At 6pm in the Library

FR. CRAIG'S KAYAKING ADVENTURES

Saturday July 21st
& Saturday August 4th

Bring your own kayak and meet between the Lion's Club and Playground parking lot at 9am ready to go. Prepare for a 6 mile journey at a leisurely pace (about 5-6 hours). Enjoy San Marcos' nature and the Lord's work.

BOBCAT AWAKENING #52

September 28th– 30th
Registrations now open!

NOTICE

NO 5pm Sunday Mass until August 19th, 2018.

SUNDAY CONFESSION CANCELLED

OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED

No Mass or Confessions Wednesday JULY 4th

In observance of Independence Day.

AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE JUNE

10AM, 164 & 7:30PM, 110

THANK YOU!

P.E.T.

Especially our co-chairs Lena Sanders & Rob Aanstoos The BBQ & Bingo Bash was a great success!

Bulletin Submissions bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.

Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

