

STEWARDSHIP

September 16th.....\$1,990

Bobcat Catholics like you provide more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to Christ. Contact Tom Deming, Development Director, anytime to join our mission at 512-738-5920 or tdeming@txstatecatholic.org

CARRYING OUR CROSS

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

I suspect that each of us has a gut-sense of what this means and what it will cost us; but, I suspect too that many of us misunderstand what Jesus is asking here and struggle unhealthily with this invitation. What, concretely, does Jesus mean by this?

-- Taking up our cross and giving up life in order to find deeper life includes accepting that suffering is a part of our lives. At some point, we have to make peace with the unalterable fact that frustration, disappointment, pain, misfortune, illness, unfairness, sadness, and death are a part of our lives and they must ultimately be accepted without bitterness. As long as we nurse the notion that pain in

our lives is something we need not accept, we will habitually find ourselves bitter—bitter for not having accepted the cross.

-- Walking in the footsteps of Jesus as he carries his cross means that we must accept some other deaths before our physical death, that we are invited to let some parts of ourselves die. When Jesus invites us to die in order to find life, he is not, first of all, talking about physical death. Maturity and Christian discipleship are about letting go of what’s died, and receiving new spirit for the new life that we are now living. These are the stages of the paschal mystery, and the stages of growing up. There are daily deaths.

-- Taking up your cross means living in a faith that believes that nothing is impossible for God. This means accepting that God is greater than the human imagination.

Indeed, whenever we succumb to the notion that God cannot offer us a way out of our pain into some kind of newness, it’s precisely because we have reduced God down to the size of our own limited imagination. It’s only possible to accept our cross, to live in trust, and to not grow bitter inside pain if we believe in possibilities beyond what we can imagine, namely, if we believe in the Resurrection. We can take up our cross when we begin to believe in the Resurrection.

from Fr. Ron Rolheiser

REFRESHMENTS after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please sign up in the lobby for a date and help with this important ministry.

Bobcat Awakening #52

Thank you for your prayers for this important step in our students’ spiritual journey this weekend.



Texas State Welcomes

Fr. Gregory Boyle

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Evans Auditorium

FREE

The Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J., is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Father Boyle entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1972 and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1984. He witnessed the devastating impact of gang violence on his community during the late 1980s and sought to address the escalating problems and unmet needs of gang-involved youth by developing positive opportunities for them through the independent nonprofit organization, Homeboy Industries.

www.homeboyindustries.org/fatherg/

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Come share your faith over a meal with other men in our parish. Wednesdays 7- 8am. Please bring your Bible and \$5 (for the meal). RSVP to Victor Felan noel.texas@gmail.com

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RIVER WALK FOR THE POOR

Saturday October 6th

This supports the efforts to help the poor and needy. SVDP has been supporting the San Marcos area for about 40 years. Packets are NOW available from OLOW Organization Leaders. Contact Warner Davis 512-787-1454 or email warnerdavis@yahoo.com

Our Monthly Second Collection for St. Vincent De Paul is

Sunday September 16th.

Thank you for your continued support.

“Encountering Christ”

We have a tremendous opportunity to come together as a Diocese and ensure our faith and important ministries remain vibrant for future generations of Catholics. The Diocese of Austin has launched “Encountering Christ”, \$85M capital and endowment campaign. You will hear more about this campaign in the coming weeks. For now, here are three things you can do to begin.

1. Volunteer. We need as many parishioners involved as possible for an effort of this magnitude.
2. Listen to our volunteers and prayerfully consider their request for your support.
3. Consider making a sacrificial gift.

Bulletin Submissions
bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.

Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

WE PRAY

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

“Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much.” James 5:16