

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2023

Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Law is often regarded as impersonal. Law is a massive structure that becomes clear only when we break it; then there are fines and penalties to be paid. But what about the person or persons behind the laws?

God's law is the focus of today's readings. The biblical view admits that law is part of human life. But more than that, law is a relationship between the individual, the community, and God. If we are to experience the divine and human enterprise fully, we must seek the heart of the law.

The Sirach passage takes up the theme of free will. The personal dimensions of rules and regulations are stressed: "To act faithfully is a matter of your own choice" (Sirach 15:15). The believer chooses between life (dialogue and community with God) and death (monologue and disruption of community).

Psalm 119 is the longest of all the psalms. Basically it provides a meditation on God's law. A number of synonyms are used for law: precepts, statutes, and words. Response to law is personal allegiance to God. Obedience to law demands all the energy and loyalty of the believer.

Matthew, in this section of the Sermon on the Mount, establishes the relationship of the Mosaic law to Jesus. The heart of religious obedience is not some lifeless statute but Jesus. Righteousness means the moral living out of God's will. The disciple surpasses the legalism of the Pharisees to devote self to God and neighbor. In Matthew 5:21-48 the embrace of law is expanded: Not only is murder prohibited, so too is anger toward neighbor; adultery is wrong and so is the regarding of women as sex objects.

Legislation comes from every direction: local ordinances, state and federal laws, Church law. The Christian discerns the values inherent in law. Our biblical heritage urges us to do more by raising the question: What is at the heart of the law?

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

VOCATION CORNER FEB 12, 2023

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate **World Marriage Day on this Sunday**, we realize that no matter our station in life - married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health, and aging – all of these test the bonds of even the finest unions.



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm



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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Feb 12	8:00 am	Mass- <i>Karen Reid</i>
Wed	Feb 15	5:30 pm	Mass
Fri	Feb 17	5:30 pm	Mass
Sun	Feb 19	8:00 am	Mass- <i>Edward Treat</i>

BIRTHDAYS

Edlein Dillow	2/13
Doug Jones	2/16
Lynne Stroeger	2/18
Jared Bergmann	2/18

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Usher</u>
<i>Feb 12</i>	A. Dueker	K .Pobst	S.Widowski	Vol	* F. Dueker D. Zmuda Jr.

Gift Bearers J & B Bowers Cantor S. Pobst

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<i>Feb 19</i>	X. Gruszczyk	G. Tesina	Z. Garrett	M. Palmer E. Zmuda	* M. McMahan A. Irby

Gift Bearers J. Cecchi Family Cantor S. Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING *Jan 29, 2022*

General (25)	\$2060.00
Loose	\$130.00
Masses	\$60.00
Total	\$2250.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE (1)	\$30.00
Total	\$30.00

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING *Feb 5, 2023*

General (20)	\$2125.00
Loose	\$64.00
Total	\$2189.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE (1)	\$25.00
Total	\$25.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN	<i>FEB 12</i>	8am	Mass- <i>Karen Reid</i>
WED	<i>FEB 15</i>	5:30 pm	Mass/6pm Parish Council Meeting
FRI	<i>FEB 17</i>	5:30 pm	Mass
SAT	<i>FEB 18</i>	6pm	St. Mary’s Harrisburg Trivia Night
SUN	<i>FEB 19</i>	8am	Mass- <i>Edward Treat</i>
SAT	<i>FEB 21</i>	6pm	Wellness Committee
WED	<i>FEB 22</i>	6pm	Ash Wednesday Mass

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadlines for announcements are Wednesday at noon. Contact Theresa via email and or phone/text at spccil@frontier.com or 331-234-0658.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Maier Family. Doc Maier passed away Friday morning February 3, 2023 at his home. More information can be found on the Bailey Funeral Home Vienna website.

CONTRIBUTIONS

2022 Annual Statements are available in the church foyer.

ENVELOPES

Weekly envelopes for February are available. Hopefully our boxed envelopes will be here for March and the rest of the year.

KINGS HOUSE RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENT

Ladies of St. Paul we are participating in a women's silent retreat on April 28th thru the 30th at King's House in Belleville, Illinois if interested call Vickie Anderson at 618-579-3748 ASAP

LEAVE A GIFT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO US
Please consider making a gift to the Hincke Home for Retired Priests to show your appreciation and support for our priests who have devoted their lives to our Catholic faith. You can do this by making a bequest, naming the Hincke Home for Retired Priests as a beneficiary in your will or trust. You can specify assets such as cash, securities, real estate or other non-cash assets or designate a percentage or residual amount of your total estate.
For more information, contact Joline Beck, Office Manager of the Hincke Home for Retired Priests at 618-234-5722 or email hinckehome@gmail.com. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

<i>Feb 15</i>	Parish Council Meeting	6pm
<i>Feb 18</i>	St. Mary’s Harrisburg Trivia Night	6pm
<i>Feb 19</i>	CCW Meeting-Following Mass	9am
<i>Feb 19</i>	St. Mary’s Eldorado Mardi Gras	10:30am (after Mass)
<i>Feb 21</i>	Wellness Committee	6pm
<i>Feb 22</i>	Ash Wednesday Mass	6pm
<i>Feb 26</i>	Last Session Adult Bible Study	9am

MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL COMING FEBURARY
****RENEWAL COST IS \$25 EMAIL EDITION; \$30 MAILED; \$55 FOR BOTH****

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