

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Psalm 89; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Human judgment about the value of an individual is not necessarily God's judgment. Sometimes we look at others in terms of what they have accomplished or in terms of what they are able to accomplish for us. Today's Scripture readings give a different measure, a measure of divine priorities.

Elisha was a prophet in the ninth century B.C. The wealthy woman from the town of Shunem in the northern kingdom of Israel discovers more than a great personality in Elisha. She describes him to her husband as a holy man of God. She sees beyond externals to detect the presence of God. The guest room symbolizes this perception. Elisha is God's emissary and so is worthy of respect and charity.

Paul emphasizes the transformation experience of death and resurrection. Through baptism, the Christian dies with Christ and is buried with him. The Christian also shares in Jesus' Resurrection, since, as a result, the Christian is called upon to live a new life. At the same time the Christian looks forward to the Parousia, the Second Coming. For Paul this transformation means that the person is nothing less than a new creation. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.) All distinctions based on race, social status, and sex are leveled. (See Galatians 3:27-28.) To appraise a Christian is to measure that person's overwhelming dignity. God is the measure of values.

Matthew concludes his missionary discourse by lining up the members of his community: apostles, prophets, holy people, and lowly ones. To accept any one of these is to accept Jesus. Their value derives from Jesus. Thus, even a glass of cold water has great value because the giver recognizes the dignity of the person.

The emancipation proclamation of Paul is challenging. We must not evaluate people on the basis of ethnic origin, social status, or gender. The nondiscriminatory message of Matthew's Jesus may upset us. The modern versions of "lowly ones" are not always high on our list of preferred associates. Our God's criteria for value must be our measure, a message as revolutionary today as it was in Jesus' time.

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

VOCATION CORNER JULY 2, 2023

This weekend, we mark another anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. "On the 51st anniversary, Charles Carroll, the only Catholic to have signed the Declaration and the last surviving signer, said, "God grant that this religious liberty may be preserved in these States to the end of time, and that all believing in the religion of Christ may practice the leading principle of charity, the basis of every virtue." Today is a time for choosing how we will keep faith with the great accomplishments of our Catholic forebears as we seek to make our own contributions. If we or someone in your family is called by the Holy Spirit to a religious vocation, we should encourage and accept this challenge as we are all endowed by our Creator with life and liberty.



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Trustees: Steve Pobst, Jared Bergmann



Ladies from the three parish families enjoyed themselves at the Hogg Hollow Winery Potluck this past weekend.

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Schedule of Masses

July 2 8 am Mass- *1st Sunday Social in Appreciation of Zach & Erin Garrett*
July 7 6 pm *Eucharistic Adoration*
July 9 8 am Mass

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
July 2	M. Slife	B. Bowers	V. Anderson M. Nelson S. Widowski	E. Zmuda B. Palmer	* Joe Nelson R. Weeks

Gift Bearers Harry & Xenia Gruszczyk **Cantor** S. Pobst

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
July 9	J. Nelson	J. Hacker	A. Dueker P. Widowski X. Gruszczyk	E. Zmuda M. Palmer	* S. Widowski J. Slife

Gift Bearers Joe & Becky Bowers **Cantor** J. Starratt

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING June 25, 2023

General	\$855.00 (15)
Loose	\$83.00
Dio Collection	\$2397.96 (Pat Kalicki) (1)
CSMA	\$50.00 (J & M Nelson) (1)
Total	\$3385.96

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (1) \$10.00

Total \$40.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN JULY 2 8 AM *1st Sunday Social in Appreciation Of Zach & Erin Garrett*
FRI JULY 7 6 PM *Eucharistic Adoration*
SUN JULY 9 8 AM Mass

BIRTHDAYS	
Theo Widowski	7/13
Zachary Kolb	7/13
Jospeh Bowers	7/14
Cathy Kruep	7/14
Edna Goddard	7/15

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL

Please join us after Mass on 7/2/23 in the hall for the *First Sunday Social*. Today's social gives us the opportunity to offer appreciation and best wishes to Zach, Erin and Peter Garrett before they move to Paducah and their new parish. Come on over to the parish hall to visit and enjoy a breakfast treat.

FAITH AND POVERTY: A GLOBAL RESPONSE

Faith and Poverty: A Global Response was developed in partnership with *Catholic Relief Services (CRS)* and explores God's call to respond to poverty in the global community, equipping participants to take action in solidarity with those whose lives are affected by severe poverty around the world. **This program will be held on zoom on Fridays from September 8-November 3 from 10 a.m.-noon CDT. To participate go to this link to register. <https://justfaith.org/faith-poverty-a-global-response-st-louis-fall-2023-small-group/>.** For more information about the program go to <https://justfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/JustFaith-Catholic-Global-Program-Booklet.pdf> or email crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

STONEFORT FOOD DRIVE

Stonefort will be holding a *Food Drive* 7/2-7/30. We will have a bin for donations in the church foyer.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

St. Anne Cradle of Hope is up and running. **Looking for volunteers!** Come check us out. We are open on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am – 2 pm 2015 West Main Street in Carbondale**
Our current wish list:
 Baby formula – Similac or Enfamil, Dr. Brown baby bottles Diapers – size 5,6,7. Bassinettes, bouncy seats, pack n' plays
For more information, call 618-722-5022

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL 2023

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15 "With confidence in the Lord, I am turning to you today asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. My hope is that your generous response will help our ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities." -Bishop Michael McGovern Please consider making your gift today!

LOOKING AHEAD

July 2 *First Sunday Social in Honor Of Zach & Erin Garrett* (After Mass)
July 16 *CCW Meeting* (After Mass)
July 19 *Parish Council Meeting* 6pm
August 6 *Liturgy Meeting* (After Mass)

****Office Hours to contact Theresa are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory (618) 658-4501 or via email spccil@frontier.com. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions. Wednesdays Theresa will be at the rectory 11am- 1pm.****