

Don't Look Back: Jesus in today's gospel is determined to go to Jerusalem. They say that the original Greek version of the gospel says he "turned his face toward Jerusalem." It gives the impression that He would not be turned back. He was not looking for a distraction to change his mind. He knew that journey would lead to His death on the cross, yet He allowed nothing to change his mind.

The journey to Jerusalem symbolizes our journey of faith. Luke gives three examples of things that could distract us from resolutely following Jesus to His cross. The first is the saying of Jesus that the son of Man had "nowhere to rest his head." He is saying that we may fear the unknown: what am I getting into if I follow Jesus completely? We like the security of knowing we have a place to live, food to eat, clothes to wear. But Jesus does not promise a comfortable journey. He has not made confirmed reservations at the fine hotels along the way. He makes the journey with no place to stay. Can a follower expect anything more?

Another potential follower wants to bury his father fast. He is using an admittedly important duty as an excuse for not following Jesus. We all have duties to our families, our jobs, and our communities. The question is: are these duties important because they are part of following Jesus, or do they keep us from our true journey?

The third would-be disciple wants to say goodbye to his family first. Luke is warning here that even attachments to people can be an excuse. We may be in a relationship that is not healthy. Or we may fear that those we love will be left behind if we choose to follow Jesus. Remember when Jesus sent his disciples out in twos? He was showing us that those who truly love us would help us along the way, or even make the journey with us.

So instead of looking for excuses to avoid the journey, let us pray for the courage to go wherever Jesus leads, the wisdom to make the right commitments, and the openness to love and be loved by those who join us in the journey to the cross and resurrection.

Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, July 2 8:00 a.m.	Donald Feldmann
Tuesday, July 3 7:30 p.m.	Terry Roehrig
Wednesday, July 4 8:00 a.m.	Charles Ehlenbeck
Thursday, July 5 8:00 a.m.	Frank Koper and Marilyn & Elknah Mowrey
Friday, July 6 8:00 p.m.	Sr. Kathleen Eggleston
Saturday, July 7 5:00 p.m.	Fred & Odelia Gildehaus
Sunday, July 8 7:30 a.m.	Mary Feldmann
10:00 a.m.	Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers

- Saturday, July 7, 5:00 p.m.**
Servers: Danielle Gratza, Kaitlyn Dobsch, Alex Jasper
Ushers/Greeters: Neil & Donna Brown
Lector: Lou Ann Feldmann
Gift Bearers: Dan Gratza Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Kurt Gildehaus, Bob Allemann, Steve Sahn, Gary Holtmeyer, Jo Anne Ruether
- Sunday, July 8, 7:30 a.m.**
Servers: Sam Good, Jenna Good, Camille Good
Ushers/Greeters: Keith & Mary Trentmann
Lector: Karen Holtmeyer
Gift Bearers: Keith Trentmann Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Roesner, Chris Guss, Michelle Mueller, Harold Roehrig, Evelyn Busch
- Sunday, July 8, 10:00 a.m.**
Servers: Nic Monzyk, Nathan Monzyk, Adam Gildehaus
Ushers/Greeters: Korine & Madeline Krieffmeyer
Lector: Gary Kleekamp
Gift Bearers: Mike Schweissguth Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Rick & Lynn Gratza

The Week Ahead

- Tuesday, July 3:** Knights of Columbus Meeting—8 p.m.
- Thursday, July 5:** Eucharistic Adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. at St. Vincent's
- Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday	July 4
Thursday	July 5
Friday	July 6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 1 through July 8, 2007

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b,19-21 Ps 16:1-2,5 Gal 5:1,13-18 Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1-4,8-11 Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 20:24-29
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5,8-20a Ps 34:7-8,10-13 Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6,8-9 Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5,15-29 Ps 135:1-6 Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-7,16,20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12,17-20 or 10:1-9



July 1, 2007
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said, No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”
(Luke 9:62)

A good steward learns the difference between what we own and what owns us. Jesus reminds us that many things can own us, demanding so much of our time and energy that we have no time left for God. Yet, when we decide to follow Jesus we must not look back at the many things we might leave behind.

Your Gift to God and Church Week of June 24, 2007	
Adult Contributions	\$3,957.00
Loose Contributions	156.00



Congratulations— to Jessica Gildehaus & Kody McBrayer. They were married at St. Vincent’s on Saturday, June 23, 2007. May God continue to bless them in their new life together.

Please pray for our sick, shut ins and those recovering from surgery: Lucille Ballmann, Mary Ballmann, Margaret Holtmeyer, Ottilia Kluesner, Barb McDermott, Rosaline Moellering, Frances Moritz, Teresa Schmitt, Sophie Ruether, Tom Ruether, Roy Schweissguth, Michelle Voss, Don Wessel, and Bernie Moellering.



Flowers were donated this week by Arlene Roehrig in loving memory of Terry Roehrig. If you would like to order flowers, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$20.

If you have received notice from Warren County Emergency Services that your mailing address has changed, please contact the parish office with your new address so that we may update our records and notify the folks that print up our Sunday envelopes. This will help keep our extra postage costs to a minimum. Thank you.

JULY CHURCH CLEANING—will be postponed until after the pews are refinished. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

For your information...the parish & rectory addresses have been changed to **13497 S. State Highway 94.**

The school address will not be **13497 S. State Highway 94.**

WELCOME to Marietta Stiebler our new school principal. She officially took over the reins on June 26th.

PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC SESSIONS—to be held here at St. Vincent’s on the following evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. in Meeting Room 1, speaker: Michael Cundiff, Family Wellness— his phone # 636-583-1800-Cost is \$100.00

The dates: July 11th, July 18th, July 25th, August 1st.

There are still a number of report cards being held due to unpaid fees for tuition, lunches, FAST, lost library books, etc. If you have not received your child’s report card, please contact the school office at 433-2678 to find out what fees may still be outstanding.

Thank you to Leann Roehrig (St. Vincent Parish) and Maggie Smith (Immaculate Heart of Mary) for accepting positions on the St. Vincent School Board. They will each serve a three year term.

Calendar of Events

Sun., July 1: St. Gertrude Parish Hall, Krakow hosting A Freedom Concert at 7 p.m. featuring the Combined Christian Choir of Washington, Mo and North Area Choir of St. Louis with guest singers from more 30 congregations. Admission is free/offerings accepted for information 314-583-1522.

Sat., July 7: St. Ignatius Open Air Dance 8 p.m. to Noon-Music will be provided by Phase Five.

Sun., July 8: Church of St. Francis of Assisi-Luebbering Parish Picnic-Buffer Style, All You Can Eat Chicken & Beef dinners Noon to 6 p.m. Adults \$8, Children (under age 12) \$3. Refreshments and live entertainment all day.

Thurs., July 12: Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning Classes at 7 p.m. in Suite 108 of St. John’s Medical Building. Couples must register prior to coming to class. Classes are about 1 hour long. Contact Kathleen Talkington at (636)-239-8595.

Fri., July 13 thru Sun., July 15: St. Joseph Parish Cottleville Annual Parish Picnic-Serving from noon to 6 p.m. Supper Smokers BBQ, chicken & beef dinners. Adults \$8, children (6-12) \$3. Rides and games available all three days. Phone (636)-441-0055 for directions or more information.

Sun., July 15: St. Lawrence Parish-Lawrenceton MO Annual Picnic-serving begins at 11 a.m. Fried chicken & kettle beef along with liver dumplings. For more information phone (573)-483-2555.

St. Theodore Parish Picnic-Flint Hill Fried chicken & roast beef dinners served family style-Carry outs available Adults \$10, children (4-12) \$3. Phone (636)-332-9269 ext. 3 for more information.