

St. Stephen Parish

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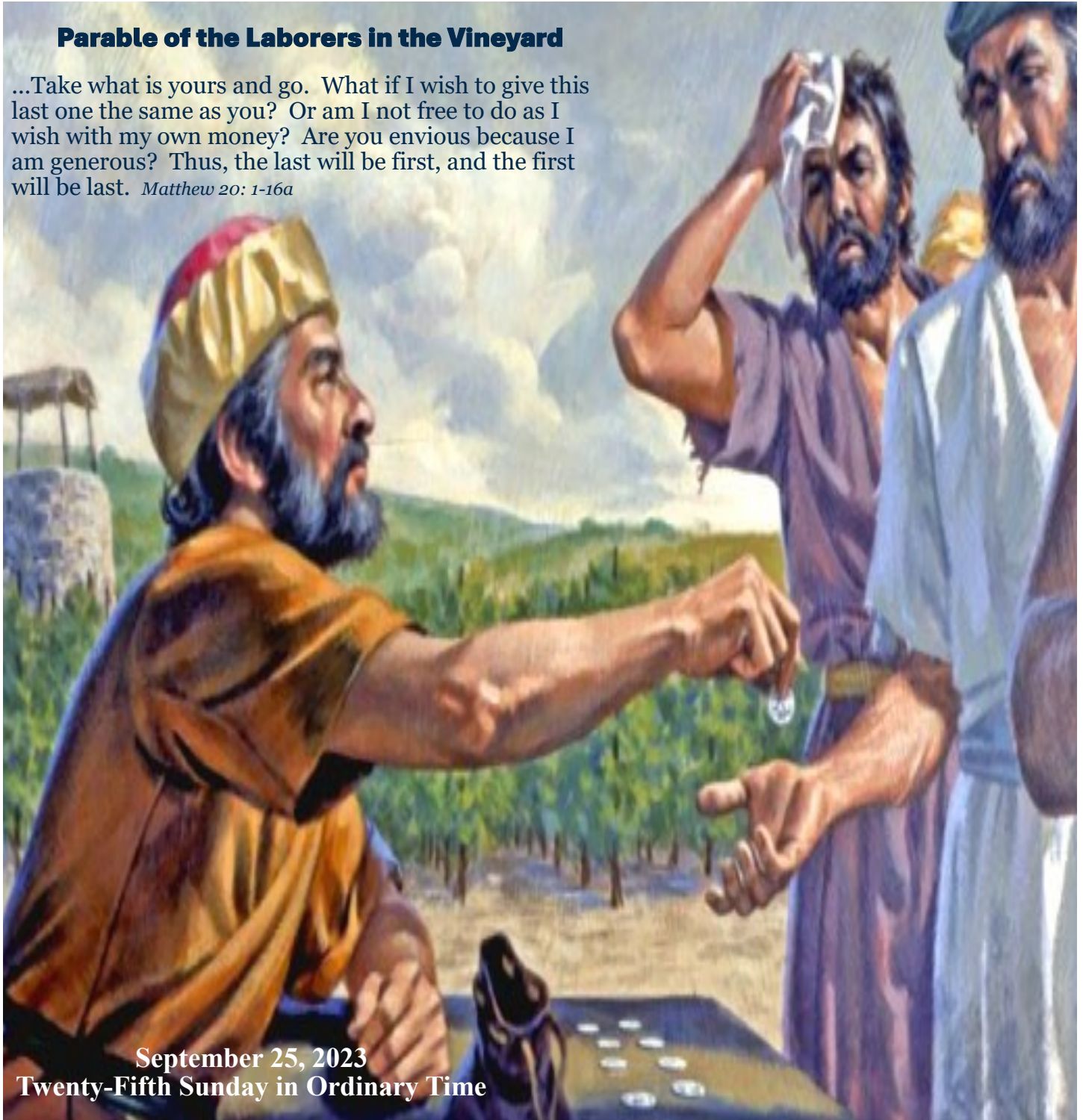
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Weekday Mass: 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

...Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last. *Matthew 20: 1-16a*



September 25, 2023
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27;30-28; Psalm 103; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.



On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—Archangels

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael's Story

Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the *Book of Revelation*, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness, and the restoration of the family fortune.

The memorials of Gabriel and Raphael were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their individual feasts to Michael's.

Reflection Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: *Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides*. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific worldview and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication, and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are the Patron Saints of:

Death, Germany, Grocers, Police Officers/First Responders, Radiologists

Saint Gabriel is the Patron Saint of: Broadcasters/Communicators

Saint Raphael is the Patron Saint of: The Blind, Travelers



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call Shay at 415 681-2444 x7
or donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 25

8:00 a.m.

† Denis O'Connor
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Tuesday, Sep 26

8:00 a.m.

† Tommy John McKay
(By: Alcock McAtamney Family)

Wednesday Sep 27

8:00 a.m.

† Rey Aseron
(By: Emma Sagala)

Thursday, Sep 28

8:00 a.m.

† Joe & Tyesa Matieu
(By: Tyesa)

Friday, Sep 29

8:00 a.m.

† Rick Hughes
(By: Diane Kennedy)

Saturday Sep 30

8:00 a.m.

† Ronald Voley
(By: Robelas Family)

4:30 p.m.

† Dr. Albert Friezsch
(By: Friezsch Family)

Sunday, Oct 1

8:00 a.m.

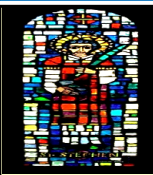
St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

10:30 a.m.

† Joseph & William Abraham
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

6:30 p.m.

† Joe Montalbano
(By: Gayle Montalbano)



September 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turn to the Lord for mercy. to our God, who is generous and forgiving. *(Isaiah 55:7b)*

TODAY'S READING

First Reading: Turn to the Lord, who is generous and forgiving. *(Sirach 27:30-28)*

Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call upon him. *(Psalm 145)*

Second Reading: Live your lives in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ. *(Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a)*

Gospel: - The last will be first, and the first will be last. *(Matthew 20:1-16a)*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: **Sts. Cosmas and Damien, Martyr**

Wednesday: **St. Vincent De Paul, Priest**

Thursday: **St. Wenceslaus, Martyr**
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: **Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

Saturday: **St. Jerome Priest and Doctor of the Church:**



You're ALL Invited!

HOLY HOUR of

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)

Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick at Mass

10:30 A.M.

Sunday, October 15

Stewardship: A Way of Life

AUGUST 2023

\$ 19,283.93 Sunday Collections (8/6, 13, 20, 27)

\$ 11,285.81 Online Sunday Collections (8/1-30)

\$ 14,043.50 Donworth Hall AUGUST Rental Income

\$ 44,613.24 **Total Income for August 2023**

LESS:

\$ 27,800.52 Parish Maintenance for AUGUST 2023

\$ 16,812.72 **OVER/ Under**

Please continue to generously support your Parish!

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

50+ Club

Monday, October 2, 2023

Doors Open 12:30pm

New members are most welcome!

For any questions/ concerns, please call:

Helga at 415-731-8211

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

Antoinette Mishirsky, Maggie Harbison,
Danilo Dacasin, Greg Lorio, Adelle Caunan,
Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton,
Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu,
Edna Amora, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente,
Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya,
Robert Liam, Marino Tulao, Eden Finn,
Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini,
Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez,
Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh,
Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.

FOOD Friends Volunteers Needed!

The FOOD Friends team of the Order of Malta is seeking enthusiastic home cooks to participate in a monthly service opportunity. The team prepares and delivers meals to needy San Francisco families.

What You Can Do:

- Choose an item from the monthly menu and prepare portions of that item in your own home.
- Volunteer drivers will pick up the food item from you, if you are unable to deliver to the service venue.

When You Can Volunteer:

You can volunteer whenever you have free time. There is no obligation to participate from month-to-month.

Who Can Volunteer:

- Members, provisional members of the Order
- Non-members of the Order

How to Get Involved:

Contact Kevin White at kevinjwhite86@gmail.com to learn more and sign up

Why Volunteer:

- Make a difference in the lives of others. Share your love of cooking with others.
- Be a part of a team that is making a difference in the community. Join the FOOD Friends Team and LIVE the spirit of the Gospel of Matthew: "For I was hungry and you gave me food..."

FINDING PEACE

If you want peace, work for justice. —Pope Paul VI

San Francisco State University Newman Club

Join the SFSU Newman Club for Mass and fellowship Thursday nights from 7-9. We will meet for Mass in the church and will move to the rectory after.



September 28 Game Night

Please also join us Sundays at 6:30 for student Mass with free dinner after! All SFSU and surrounding community college students are welcome! Contact Victoria with any questions! victoria.connor@focus.org



St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

Our Book Club is open to anyone interested in reading and discussing books with inherent or implied Christian themes. We meet the second Saturday at 10:00 am in the Conference Room at the parish offices. Contact Mary Molly for more information.

Books we are reading:

September - *Seven Women And the Secret of Their Greatness*
by Eric Metaxas

October - *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc*
by Mark Twain (1835-1910)

November & December - *Jesus: a Pilgrimage*
by James Martin, S.J.

January, 2024 - *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*
by Father Jacques Philippe



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or would like to become a Catholic. We also welcome baptized Catholics who are seeking to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information please contact Mary Molly Mullaney, phone: 415.681.2444 x4 or email: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in passing on the Catholic Faith to the next generation? Come help teach!

We are looking for volunteers (students in high school, college, or adults).

Children's Liturgy is on Sundays during the first half of 10:30 Mass and serves the younger children, pre-school aged through first grade.

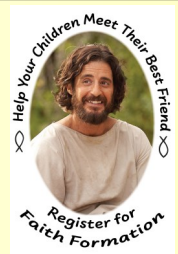
Teaching background is not required. Help spread God's Love – You can make a difference!! All materials are provided. Grab a friend and co-teach.

If interested or have any questions, please contact Mary Molly at FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org or call Mary at 415.681.2444 x4



Religious Education for 1st to 8th Grade Students Attending non-Catholic Schools

It's not too late to register for Faith Formation classes. We provide religious education for students who attend public schools, in grades 1-8. We meet on Mondays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the parish. Please register online: bit.ly/StStephenFF
Contact Mary Molly with questions.
FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org or phone: 415.681.2444 x4



St. Stephen Choir

Do you love to sing? Would you like to sing in a group setting? Then come join our choir!

The Choir will sing at all 10:30 Masses

Interested? contact ldognpony@gmail.com



2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 46,871.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 40,102.00

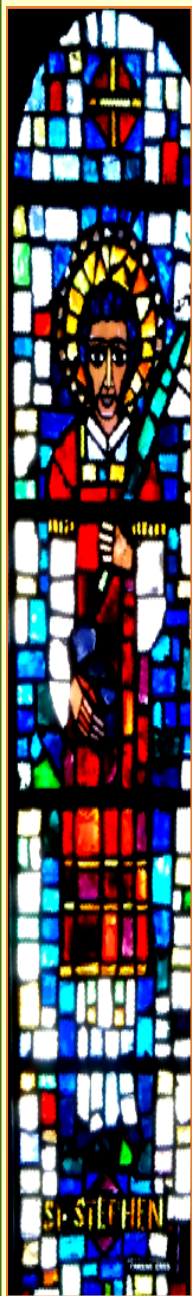
We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 9.19.2023:

(For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

M/M Mark Pasquini

Hard-Earned Luck

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it
Thomas Jefferson



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2023-2024

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| • Altar Society | Joan Leehane |
| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
| • Caritas | Nellie Hizon |
| • Church Hospitality | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Communion Ministers | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Faith Formation | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
| • Finance Council | Laura Birsinger |
| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer | Fely Boquiren |
| • Grief Support | Clergy |
| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
| • Lectors | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Liturgy Committee | Fr. Michael Liliedahl |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | Marcus Lam |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • RCIA | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • St. Stephen Book Club | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Jim Scheg |
| • Women's Guild | Jamie Allen |
| | Naomi Kelly |

Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

You can **sign up** or **update** your information by completing this form & placing it in the collection basket, or by mailing it to the Parish Office, or by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____ Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

Weekly Sunday envelopes , circle one: Yes No, but commit to participate thru Online Giving.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in an organization or ministry as (Please encircle your choice/s):

Acolyte/Altar Service, Altar Society, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Greeter/Usher, Hospitality after Mass/Special Events, Holy Communion Ministers to the Homebound, Music/Choir, Lector, Holy Communion Minister, Parish Center Front Office Volunteer.

September 17, 2023

Song Lyrics for 10:30 am Mass

Gathering: You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name

Offertory: Come As You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home, it's not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
Chorus

Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal (2x)
Chorus (repeat last line)

Communion: Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, you are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge my whole life long
Where else would I go
Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me
Your love defends me

And when I feel like I'm all alone

Your love defends me

Your love defends me

Day after day, night after night

I will remember you're with me in this fight

Although the battle, it rages on

The war is already won,

I know the war is already won

Chorus

We sing Hallelujah

You're my portion, my salvation

Hallelujah

Chorus

We sing Hallelujah

You're my portion, my salvation

Hallelujah

You're my portion, my salvation Hallelujah

You're my portion,

my salvation

Sending: 10.000 Reasons

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship his Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I worship your Holy name

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger

Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Prayer to St. Michael



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII 1810-1903)



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCT. 14
PARISH MOVIE NIGHT
MORE INFO TO COME