

November 15, 2015

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday



Be Prepared!

As the liturgical year winds down the readings are sobering, scary, and hopeful. They shake up any complacency and pry us from misplaced confidences. We are told things will not always be the way they are now.

Those who are concerned about the end of the world are counseled to entrust the unknown and unknowable future to God's caring and capable hands.

The Good Shepherd has promised not to lose any of his sheep and it is this shepherd who is coming to fulfill his promise.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Gene Schoenvogel in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in honor of Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary by their children.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, November 18
8:00 a.m. Fred Welfl, Jr.
- Thursday, November 19
8:00 a.m. Marcella, Willie & Roy Kalisek
- Friday, November 20
8:00 a.m. Annie & Herbert E. Anderle, Dorothy & Rudy Petru, Angeline & Richard Vinklarek
- Saturday, November 21
6:30 p.m. Johnny Hoffer
- Sunday, November 22
6:30 a.m. Vernell & James Kasper
9:30 a.m. Emily & Joe Simper

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

- First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14**
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93**
- Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8**
- Gospel: John 18:33b-37**

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment	\$17,015.00
Contributions So Far	\$11,151.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 5,864.00
No. of Families Who Have Contributed	38
No. of Families Yet to Contribute	276

Our parish quota to the Bishop's office should be paid by the end of the year. We are way behind in our contributions. Do please consider making a payment so we can fulfill our obligation to the Bishop.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES



Nov. 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service, Zion Lutheran Church. 6:30 p.m., meal to follow.

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 6:00 p.m., **Praha**

Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:00 a.m., **Moulton**

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offering will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

You may drop your canned goods at any time. Drop your envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket during the month of November.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

We thank Judith Dearing of Georgetown for her recent donation of \$100. Judith has family buried in the cemetery.

Picnic Raffle Winnings Donated Back

Alice & Leroy Janak, Hallettsville - \$50

SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society Raffle: The Altar Society members thank all those who donated raffle prizes for the raffle to be held in conjunction with the Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner in February. A total of 48 prizes will be given away. Look out for more details.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY - Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m. YMC
- Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7 p.m., Family Room
- TUESDAY - Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- WEDNESDAY - Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- Knights of Columbus Meeting, KC Hall
- THURS - Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- KC Bingo, KC Hall
- FRIDAY - Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION



Trust in God

At the close of the liturgical year, the readings speak of the end of time, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to his disciples about the days of final tribulation. They are a terrible undoing of creation, an extinguishing of the light of the sun and moon, with the stars falling from the sky. Against the backdrop of this chaos, Jesus assures his disciples that he will come again in power and glory, gathering his elect from "the end of the earth to the end of the sky." No matter what horrendous suffering they endure life will rise again in them through his power, he tells them. The readings today give hope that everlasting radiance and tender new beginnings come after refinement in the fiery furnace of suffering.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 15 – Kay Lynn Rothbauer, Addison Simper
Nov. 16 – Irene Gold, Kenneth Rebecsek
Nov. 18 – Janet Darilek, Tais Gomez, Emil Machacek
Nov. 20- Bethany Braeuer
Nov. 21 – Deacon Milburn Kram, Elmer Michna,
Julianne Raabe, Jeanette Targac

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 16 – Mary Ann & Patrick Wenske
Nov. 18 – Mary & Ray Michalec
– Jennifer & Donald Rothbauer

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Nov. 16 – Gold Star Club Meets (K – 2nd Grade)
Nov. 18 – Champions Club Meets (3rd – 6th Grades)
– 9th - 11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (5th Grade); YMC Bake Sale;
C.C.D.

Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale Next Sunday to Benefit the Youth Ministry Center: The Center caters to Kindergarten – Second Graders on Mondays and Third – Sixth Graders on Wednesdays. The children are fed delicious nutritious meals, they play, and engage in activities related to their faith. Presently, an average of 50 kids attend the programs at the YMC each week.

All parishioners are invited to support the YMC by donating items, buying at the sale, or making a monetary donation. Bring your goods to the Parish Hall before the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Coffee and juice will be served outside after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development - *Be generous.*

Liturgical Orientation

Every year, on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church offers us a celebration explicitly centered on the mystery of the end-time. This Sunday makes the shift in the post-Pentecost season to the great themes of the end. This theme will be in the forefront from now until the First Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgy thus invites Christians to consider all things under the aspect of eternity by grounding themselves in their certainties guaranteed by faith: creation, which God made beautiful and good, will be transfigured by the Spirit; Christ will come again; those who prepared themselves to receive him will live with him forever; this future is decided in the present. It matters little to know when or how the new world will appear: at the end of a slow germination, invisible to human eyes, or with the dazzling suddenness of a flash of lightning? The images that evoke it must not mislead us. The day and the hour remain the secret to God alone.

We must note that in this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we end the reading of Mark's gospel. On the following Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we read a passage from John.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE DEAD



As the weather grows cooler, the leaves fall, and Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us.

In keeping with the Church's tradition of praying for the dead, we display the Book of the Dead at the bulletin stand. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested on the All Souls Envelopes. You are invited to leaf through the pages, and note the names. You may write the names of others you might want our parish family to pray for.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday, is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign on his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. *Jesus nazarenus rex indaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews). The New Liturgical Year Begins Nov. 29

Advent Confession Schedule

Moulton – December 17, 5:30 p.m.

Praha – December 16, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Pageant - Pageant forms were distributed to C.C.D students. All C.C.D. youth who plan to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms by next Sunday.

