

July 14, 2019
Ordinary Time
 Fifteenth Sunday



“And Who Is My Neighbor?”

In response to this question asked by a scholar of the Law, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. This Gospel passage challenges the disciples of Jesus to love their neighbor as themselves. To discover who is your neighbor; when you encounter a stranger who has need of you, put yourself in the person’s place. From your behavior and action it is they who will recognize whether you are their neighbor.

**Remember the Samaritan.
 “Go, and do likewise.”**

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored in thanksgiving to God by Karin & Kenneth Filipp on the occasion of their 34th Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in honor of Jesus of Divine Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 17
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph Kopp, Msgr. Robert Schmidt
 Thursday, July 18
 8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Denison, Shirley Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. James Rosalis, Sr.
 Friday, July 19
 8:00 a.m. Evelyn & Clarence Raab
 Saturday, July 20
 6:30 p.m. Daniel Kozelsky
 Sunday, July 21
 6:30 a.m. Vincent Starustka
 9:30 a.m. Claude & Henry Jalufka

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Daniel Kozelsky.

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$17,333.00
 Contributions So Far \$ 7,735.00
 Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 9,598.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Lucy Schoenfeld
 Shirley & Eugene Orsak
 Roberta & Daniel Mejias*

Do please consider making a donation.

**CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD
 PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 15**

My dear friends,

It is Summer time and you know what that means – Picnic time. Thursday, August 15 is Praha’s and Sunday, September 15 is Mouton’s. I am looking forward to a great time.

In preparation for our Picnic we will meet with the Picnic Chairpersons next Sunday. I appreciate their continued support and dedication to the parish. It is evident that parishioners are gearing up for the Picnic as well. Many have purchased their Raffle Tickets and picked up extra tickets to sell. Some have already brought in their auction items and made various donations. We are off to a good start. Keep up the good work.

Fr. Gabriel

Raffle Tickets Printed 750
Raffle Tickets Purchased So Far 145
 We are off to a good start. Turn in your ticket stub and donation as soon as possible.

We thank the following for picking up tickets to sell:

David Reindl – 8 Tickets
 Stephen Gold – 3 Tickets
 Patsy Zamykal – 2 Tickets
 Boyce Etlinger – 10 Tickets
 Phyllis Schoenfeld – 10 Tickets

Could you also help sell some Raffle Tickets?

Picnic Chairpersons Meeting Next Sunday after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Make plans to attend so we can make preparations for the Picnic. Remember to turn in you work list if you have not done so already.

K.J.T. State Family Day – Next Sunday July 21 at the K.J.T. Activity & Fraternal Center. Registration beings at 10:30 a.m., followed my Mass and a meal. RSVP by July 16.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – No Catholic Daughters Meeting
 TUESDAY/ THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets
 WEDNESDAY – Knights of Columbus Family Night, Moulton City Park, begins at 6:30 p.m.
 THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
 FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION



Samaritan Love – The Rule of the Disciple

If we read today's Gospel carefully, it would appear that Jesus' challenge to emulate the goodness of the Samaritan was not to be thought of as quality of love that should be saved only for emergency situations. The Samaritan love to which Jesus calls his disciples is understood as a way of life; indeed, it is the rule of discipleship. Samaritan love, this love and caring that encounters a stranger and transforms him into a friend sees the plight of a person in need, not as a burden but as an opportunity to emulate Christ. This love must become a habitual quality that characterizes those who belong to Jesus, not as heroes but as ordinary people who have become accustomed to loving heroically without seeking heroic acclaim. Samaritan love is not limited by prejudice. In the parable, the Samaritan, a natural enemy of the Jew, did not see the victim's ethnicity, but only his pain and his need. Samaritan love is a love that does not count the cost and seeks no recompense. Besides personally caring for the wounded man, the Samaritan provided for his continued care.

For all of the Samaritan's valiant efforts, Jesus did not call him a saint or a hero. He called him *neighbor* and held him out as an example of the love that should distinguish his disciples from others.

The Samaritan love to which we are challenged via today's liturgy is not the exception but the norm for us, the disciples of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul. 14 – Yolanda Bartos, Kalli Baker
Jul. 15 – Roberta Mejias
Jul. 16 – Amanda Janecek, Magdaleno Perez,
Angeline Wagner
Jul. 18 – Robert Bartos, Michael Mikulencak
Jul. 19 – Victor Jasek, Robert Olle, Delores Raab

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul 14 – Jamie & Justin Anderle
Jul 18 – Rose & Joseph Bartos
Jul. 20 – Leigh Ann & William Darilek, Jr.

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**Remember the sick in your prayers,
especially Sidney Bochat and Annette Technik.**

29th Annual Vacation Bible School

Our 29th Annual V.B.S. was a huge success. 50 students and young adult helpers enjoyed the week learning about God through songs, Bible lessons and crafts. This year's special appearances / attractions included:

- Professor Hughdini - a magician who thoroughly entertained the kids and adults as well. How does he do some of those tricks?
- A petting zoo that included sheep, pigs, rabbits, ducks, geese, chickens and other baby animals. The kids enjoyed interacting with the animals.
- Two giant water slides meant twice the fun. The kids enjoyed climbing the stairs and sliding into the pool of water at the bottom of the slide.



Friday's activities included a hayride through town – everyone always enjoys seeing the kids as they parade through town; an outdoor picnic meal of hot dogs, chips, cookies/snacks, watermelon and ice cream. Fun-filled activities included the water slides, and of course the famous water balloon fight. What a way to end the week!!

I am particularly grateful to Donna Perez the C.C.D/V.B.S. coordinator for her continued enthusiasm. Each year she continues to outdo the previous year's fun and activities for the kids of the community. The kids just love it.

Special thanks to the Perez Family: Hannah, Nicholas, Donna & Tommy, Alyssa Tobola, Randy Stevenson, Brooke Braeuer, Ethan Motal and the Fikac family for all the behind the scenes work and set-up/clean-up; and the V.B.S. teachers and helpers for helping clean-up on Friday; Betty Maskey, Kathy Fishbeck, Dolores Scott and members of the Catholic Daughters, Altar Society, K.J.Z.T., Christian Mothers and Knights of Columbus. It is amazing how quickly the snacks and refreshments disappeared – thanks to all who donated them. They were delicious.

We could never take on such an undertaking without the help of our dedicated *teachers and helpers*: Melissa Berckenhoff, Bernadette Fikac, Mary Kay Fishbeck, Sofia Martinez, Angie Pilat; Wesley Rothbauer and crew; the Moulton Police Department, Constable Greive and Fire Department for providing the escort for the hayride. Thanks for sharing your time with the kids.

God bless,

Fv. Gabriel

We thank the following for their V.B.S. donations

*Pat & Tom Lawrence - \$100 Lori & David Janecka - \$20
Lisa & David Rothbauer - \$50 K.J.Z.T. Society #14 - \$100
Lorrie & Michael Janecek - \$50 Christian Mothers - \$50
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