

July 28, 2019  
Ordinary Time  
Seventeenth Sunday



### Why Pray?

**This question speaks to one of our most essential human needs. Jesus knows that his disciples needed to share in the relationship he had with God. He therefore taught us a simple, honest and profound prayer. We pray because the words we utter in God's presence are the breathing that sustains our lives. God is nearer to us than our own heartbeat. The day we cease to pray, we cease to live and to be who we are before God and others.**

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of  
Marvin Rothbauer by his family.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated  
in memory of Marvin Rothbauer by his family.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, August 1  
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Delia & Zachary Brigman  
Friday, August 2  
8:00 a.m. Marvin Fishbeck, Lillian Migl Strieder  
Saturday, August 3  
6:30 p.m. Lillie & Henry Dornak  
Sunday, August 4  
6:30 a.m. Rosie & Joe Fishbeck  
9:30 a.m. The Deceased of Catholic Life Insurance  
Branch #16

\* Mass Bookings Available. Contact the Parish Office.

### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

**Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

**Mass Bookings Available:** August 7, 14, 21, 22, 28 & 31  
**Sanctuary Light Booking Available:** August 25  
*Contact the Parish Office.*

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week  
in memory of Hattie Darilek.**

## HAPPY JAMBOREE DAYS!

St. Joseph's welcomes everyone to Moulton this weekend.

### LOOKING AHEAD



### On The Journey to Jerusalem

*From the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In the framework of the *Journey to Jerusalem*, the Gospel according to St. Luke has incorporated certain teachings of Jesus that function as a course on discipleship. These teachings may appear to be disjointed and illogical, but they are not.

The four gospel passages read from the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> Sundays are grouped under the heading: *In all things consider the End*. These teachings of Jesus are seen from the perspective of the End of all things – eternity, the Master's return, judgment, and entry into the Kingdom.

- The happy End of human life does not depend on wealth, and it is foolish to hoard it when what is needed is to grow rich *in what matters to God* – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- One must therefore dedicate oneself to gathering a never-failing treasure, behaving as a *faithful and prudent steward* – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- Such conduct and behavior contrasts sharply with the world's ways of acting often leading us to conflict with those who do not appreciate all things in the light of this *End* – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- Yet entry into the Kingdom requires these choices – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday.

**A.C.T.S. Community Annual Family Picnic, Aug. 11**  
at Splashway Water Park, Sheridan. Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch furnished by A.C.T.S. Core. Fellowship to follow. For more information and to RSVP contact Karin Filipp (361) 772-7233.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets

– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration,

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Family Rom

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.



**Remember the sick in your prayers,  
especially Eleanor (Tiny) Wagner.**

## REFLECTION

### How Do We Talk To God?

Today, we hear Abraham talking to God about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the conversation Abraham gets close to God and barter with God on behalf of the just people who may live in the city. For Abraham, the just should not be punished for the sake of the wicked. Abraham's prayer is conditioned by his knowledge of God as caring, merciful and personally involved in the affairs of humans.

Jesus' disciples on the other hand want to know how he talks to God, like a child with a parent, like a Son to a loving Father. Jesus' teaching about prayer is offered within the context of his own prayerful communication with God. The disciples saw him at prayer. Their request is understood as a desire to share in the union that Jesus shares with the Father. Jesus' Father is our Father. He asks for *our* daily bread and forgiveness for *our* sins. Jesus' talking to God is all *we* and *us* and not *I* and *me*. When we talk to God as Jesus has taught us, we are drawn into his relationship with God and with all he loves as brothers and sisters. Attached to the Our Father is a series of teaching on prayer. Through the parable of the friend knocking at midnight, Jesus encourages persistence in prayer. The dotting attention we receive from God must be translated into selfless acts of caring for others. Do you acknowledge and accept all others as children of the same Father? Or is your talking to God mere lip service? How do you talk to God?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jul. 28 – Matthew Terra  
Jul. 29 – Ervin Patek  
Jul. 30 – Molly Jalufka  
Jul. 31 – Barbara Anderle  
Aug. 1 – Annie Mae Berckenhoff, Anita Drabek,  
Stephen Gold, Steven Nieto, Charles Tomek

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 28 – Phyllis & Kenneth Schoenfeld  
Jul. 29 – Debbie & Eugene Pilat  
Jul. 31 – Dolores & Ben Scott  
Aug. 2 – Sherry & Kevin Fishbeck

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### C.C.D. Registration

Many parents have not yet registered their children for the 2019-20 C.C.D Year. Do please register this week so we can order books/plan for the year.

**C.C.D. Begins – August 25<sup>th</sup>**

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:30 am – Doris Foster, *open*  
9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck  
11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, *open*  
11:30-12:00 p.m. – Gussie Machalec, *open*  
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, Scott Wenske,  
Joyce Pavlicek  
12:30-1:00 p.m. – James Wenske, John Wenske  
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *open*  
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*  
3:00-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*  
4:00-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek  
5:00-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *open*  
*Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.*

## CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 15

Raffle Tickets Printed ..... 750  
Raffle Tickets Purchased So Far ..... 278  
*Turn in your ticket stub and donation as soon as possible.*

We thank the following for picking up tickets to sell:

Dolores Scott – 10 Tickets      Jean Bochat – 6 Tickets  
Roberta Mejias – 2 Tickets      Irene Gold – 3 Tickets  
Marcel Kleihege – 35 Tickets

To purchase a Raffle Ticket or to help sell tickets, contact the Parish Office. Price \$30 per ticket  
32 Prizes Given Away

**Grand Prize: \$5,000 Gift Certificate**

**Picnic Workers Needed:** All parishioners who have not been assigned a booth/work station in the past are encouraged to sign up to work at the Picnic. Call the Parish Office or drop you name in the collection basket for assignment.

**Picnic Meat Fund Letter** in the mail soon.

**Praha Picnic – August 15:** Support your sister Parish. Raffle Tickets available for sale at the Parish Office. 51 prizes to be given away, 6 tickets for \$10. Grand prize \$2,000 Gift Card.

*We thank the Moulton Parishioners who have volunteered to work at the Picnic, made monetary contributions and/or donated auction items. Contact the Parish Office if you can help.*

## S.O.S. Marriage Retreat, August 9-11, Gonzales

*Surrender your marriage to God's plan. Open your hearts and let the Holy Spirit lead you. Serve the Lord in all that you do.*

Flyers and registration forms at the main entrance to Church. For more information contact Sherry & Kevin Fisbeck at 512-924-7664.

**St. Mary's Catholic Center, College Station Connect Retreat For Incoming Freshmen.** For more information and to register, please visit [www.stmarysconnect.com](http://www.stmarysconnect.com). Gig'em and God Bless!