

August 25, 2019

Ordinary Time

Twenty-first Sunday



The Narrow Gate

Today's liturgy is the last in the sequence of the 18th to 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time unit. It acts as a kind of conclusion to a set of instructions given by Jesus on salvation, indicating the type of life one should lead, and the choices required to gain salvation. In fact, it leads us here and now to the threshold of the banquet hall in the Kingdom of God. The gate is narrow and will not be left open indefinitely. When it is closed, some who thought they had a right to enter will find themselves locked outside. Yet the call to the banquet has been made far and wide "from east to west, north to south." What are you doing about this invitation now? There are no guarantees.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Nancy & Cecil Wood in memory of Annie Lee Wood.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are sponsored by the Reindl Family on the occasion of the Reindl Family Reunion.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Lexie & Elo Pavlicek

Thursday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Rev. Charles B. McDermott

Friday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Joyce Dillman, Fr. Joseph Kopp,
Taylor Michalec

Saturday, August 31

6:30 p.m. Delia & Zachary Brigman

Sunday, September 1

6:30 a.m. Spec. Intention – Carolyn & Dan Whitmire
9:30 a.m. Frank Heinrich

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Trine & Marcelino Nieto.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

Mark Darilek - \$200

In Honor of Gussie Machalec

Carol Olson - \$25

Nancy Sivyer - \$25

Marian Kram - \$25

Patsy Zamykal - \$10

Angeline Jalufka - \$20

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Mary Lou Dierschke - \$25

Kathleen Chovanetz - \$50

Dianna Zimmerman - \$25

Dolores & Ben Scott - \$50

Eugene Schoenvogel - \$100

Gladys & Dale Seifert - \$100

Sunni & Phil Hosemann - \$50

Mary Ann & Pat Wenske - \$50

Betty & Harry Masekey - \$100

Mary Ann & Charles Rother - \$100

Barbara & Robert Grahmann - \$15

Kathy & Dcn. Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25

In Memory of Lexie Pavlicek

Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff - \$20

Orientation

The 22nd – 24th Sundays in Ordinary Time

Already the tone of the scriptures is beginning to change. For weeks we have been hearing parables of the Kingdom, the cost of discipleship, meaning of the coming of the Messiah, and of his dying. Now the scriptures are starting to turn toward the second half of the Ordinary Time season. As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem, his destination, the questions arise, as in the readings for today: Who will be saved? Who will be first in the Kingdom? By what means will we be saved? The scriptures contend that God's plan, known from the beginning of time, continues to unfold.

In the space of these three Sundays, we read a significant portion of Chapter 14 and all of Chapter 15 of Luke. The Gospel for the 22nd Sunday contains a parable that is set in the context of a meal. The Gospel of the 24th Sunday ends with a parable that speaks of another feast: that prepared by a father to celebrate his younger son's homecoming.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY/THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets.

WEDNESDAY – First Day of C.C.D., 9th – 11th Grades.

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

FRIDAY – The Parish Office will be open on Friday to accept Picnic Donations and Auction Items.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Dwight Henry.

REFLECTION

Will All People Be Saved?

Today's gospel passage, brings up the question "Will all people be saved?" Jesus' answer appears to be "no." It is true that the good news is announced to all. All have the opportunity to respond, but here we learn that entering God's Kingdom is not automatic. On the other side of the narrow door is the householder who has the power and authority to open and close at will. There may well be a long line of expectant people. Whether or not they get in is entirely at the discretion of the householder.

In the Kingdom of God, places are set for those who respond in faith. So Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel will be there along with all whose hearts are changed by the gospel's proclamation. At the Lord's Table they will feast with God as the Scriptures promise. In God's judgment, human expectations can be shockingly reversed, unlikely people will get through the narrow door and even latecomers to salvation may take precedence over those who presume themselves to be worthy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Aug. 25 – Kenzie Dvorak, Yvonne Pilat
Aug. 26 – Michael Seale
Aug. 27 – Robert Beran, Ryan DeHoyos, Lisa Fojtik,
Rosalyn Kocian, Josephine Nieto,
Danis Whitmire
Aug. 28 – Mark Zimmerman
Aug. 29 – Eli Chaloupka, Isaiah Chaloupka,
Dillon Colburn
Aug. 31 – Pat Glueck

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Aug. 28 – Janet & Jerome Raabe, Jr.
Aug. 29 – Yolanda & Robert Bartos
Aug. 30 – Yvonne & Mark Pilat

Sister Church, Praha Says Thank You

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's, Praha, I thank all those who supported the Picnic in various ways. Many bought raffle tickets, donated to the Meat Fund and other funds, donated items for the auction and Country Store, came out and bought plates. Others came to help fry chicken, cook stew, help in the kitchen and plates to go, help with Bingo and Plant Walk and help at the Auction.. I am very grateful to you. Praha, I believe will be here to support Moulton Picnic too.

We do not have firm numbers yet but I will let you know as soon as they are released. Again, thank you for your support.

St. JOSEPH'S CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15

Our Parish Picnic is only three weeks away. We thank the many parishioners who are working behind the scenes to prepare for the Picnic. The various chairpersons have been finalizing their worklists. Gussie Machalec is soliciting businesses/individuals for Bingo Prize donations. Aaron Gaertner and Harvey Kloesel are making sure we have more *Red Neck Bar Tables*, Blake & Kenneth Zidek are making a new Beer Token Booth and Plates-to-Go Serving Tables and Benji Siegel is giving the Beer Stand a face lift. And we can't forget the Quilting Ladies - Betty Maskey, Debbie Novosad, Lynette Okruhlik and Joyce Pavlicek who spend their Tuesdays and Thursdays quilting to make sure we have quilts for the Picnic. Here at the office it has been busy too. With the Praha Picnic over, we are ready to take on Moulton's. We are finalizing the bid lists/ordering for the Picnic, and working on publicity. We received Picnic donations even before the Donation Letter was mailed. We thank the early birds for kicking off the Picnic donations (see insert).

On another note, we thank the following new booth chairpersons: Anna Chaloupka – Tea, Lisa & Duane Fojtik - Beer Tokens and Scott Wenske – Ring Toss. Thanks also to all the ole faithful chairpersons for their continued service to our Church.

Let's all work together for a successful Picnic.

Fr. Gabriel

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The 2019-2020 C.C.D. Year Begins Today

August 28 – First Day for 9th - 11th Grade

Have you registered your child(ren)?

Youth Ministry Center After School Programs Begin September 4

The Gold Star Club and Champions Club will begin the 2019-20 year September 4. Registration forms will be sent home this week with all K – 6th Grade children at the school. A registration fee of \$30 per child is charged. Every child in the community is invited to participate in the program.

Gold Star Club meets on Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Champions Club meets on Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

More Vacation Bible School Donations

Carolyn & Danis Whitmire - \$100

Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16 - \$50

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Come out and join us Sunday, September 1, in the Parish Hall. It brings our communities together for fellowship. A free will donation is appreciated.