

July 19, 2020

## Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday



### Who Are We To Judge

Jesus is criticized for associating with the outcast of society. He answers back with today's parable: A landowner's servants notify him that his crops have been corrupted. The servants are quick to offer to cleanse the land of intrusion, but the landowner has a different point of view. He is not ready to make a final determination about the worth of everything growing out there. It will only be clear in the end what is wheat and what is weed. For Jesus likewise, ultimately, it is for God to make the separation and that God will only do at the end. Who are we to judge? The harvest time will tell the final tale. There will be many surprises.

Today's bulletin is printed in memory of John Lewis Beran, sponsored by his family.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Delia & Zachary Brigman,  
Iva Jo & Willie Ed Maresh

Owing to the uptick of Covid-19 in Texas and for the safety of parishioners all Masses with a congregation under the pavilion in Moulton & Praha have been cancelled for the remainder of the month of July. It is not safe to have a gathering of over 100 people at this time.

*Sunday Mass will continue to be available on demand for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org).*

### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

### 2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment ..... \$17,685.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$ 5,995.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$11,690.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Do please consider making a donation.*

### ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND



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

*In Memory of Frank Darilek  
Frank Darilek Family - \$115*

*In Memory of Margie Maresh  
Diana & Harvey Kloesel - \$25*

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their contributions:

*Dolores & Ben Scott - \$250*

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to our website [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org) and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

### ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Margie Maresh: Mary Lou Dierschke*

*In Memory of Annette Raab: Annette Raab Family*

*In Memory of Marie Schumacher  
Mary Lou Dierschke                      Gloria & Victor Jasek*

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Clarence Bohuslav, Rosalie Koncaba, Gail & Matthew Maskey, Lee Whittenborn and all those in our community suffering from the Corona Virus.

The Sanctuary Light has been removed from the tabernacle area (Adoration Chapel) due to the repairs project in the Church. We are therefore suspending the Sanctuary Light sponsorship until the candle is returned to the Adoration Chapel after the repairs.

## REFLECTION

### *Good Grain and Weeds in the Same Field*

Today's parable of the weeds and wheat follows immediately after last week's reading of the parable of the sower. Jesus is still very much aware of the antagonism that is building against him in the hearts of some of his listeners.

All three parables in today's Gospel, the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast, teach that the coming of the Kingdom is a growth process that occurs over time.

To interpret the story of the weeds and wheat as a parable we must ask, "To what person or thing in the story is the audience being compared?" and "What is Jesus teaching the people about themselves by making this comparison?" As was true in the parable of the sower, those listening to Jesus are compared to the soil, or the field. Jesus is teaching the crowd that the Kingdom, which is being established within them, is not immediately experienced as the complete victory of good over evil. Rather, both within each individual and within the community as a whole, "wheat" and "weeds" grow simultaneously. We therefore, need not be overly discouraged by the presence of the weeds. In time the weeds will be destroyed. The wheat, however, will be gathered into barns. In the meantime, the weeds will not kill the wheat. The presence of sin and suffering will not destroy the presence of good. Good will win out in the end. Over time the Kingdom will grow so that the whole world is changed. Jesus teaches in parables in order to reveal the truth, not to hide it.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 19 – Victor Jasek, Delores Raab  
July 21 – Dale Gold  
July 22 – Sherry Fishbeck, Milton Perez  
July 24 – Barbara Castro, Kathy Seale

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 19 – Jordan & Johnny Kuehn  
July 20 – Leigh Ann & William Darilek, Jr.  
July 22 – Margaret & Aaron Chudej  
July 23 – Kay Lynn & Toby Rothbauer

### C. C. D. NEWS

#### **Youth Faith Formation During The Pandemic**

We are making plans as to how best to implement the 2020-21 C.C.D. Program in view of the Corona Virus. We will be scheduling meetings with parents and C.C.D. Teachers soon to discuss different options on how to proceed during this pandemic.

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Albina (Bea) Elizabeth Bohuslav**  
and for the comfort of her loved ones.  
*May she rest in peace.*



### Patience: The Willingness of A Loving God To Wait

In today's first reading we are reminded of the benefit we enjoy because of the patience of a loving God. Jesus calls forth this same nonjudgmental quality of patience from us, his disciples. Comprised of a triplet of parables, the Gospel invites us to deal with others the way God deals with us. While the servants were ready to pull up the weeds as soon as they appeared in a sort of nip-it-in-the-bud mentality, the householder was patient enough to let wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. As it has always been, the good and the not so good live side by side. It is God's prerogative to judge between them. God mercifully withholds divine judgment until the harvest. There is hope for all of us.

Through the waters of Baptism

**Matthew Reed Fishbeck**

child of Sherry & Kevin Fishbeck  
has begun his journey of faith  
in our Christian community.



### PRAHA PICNIC CANCELLED

#### **Donations Solicited Raffle Tickets For Sale**



After 164 years of celebrating Pražská Pout we have cancelled the 2020 celebration because of the pandemic to protect lives. To keep up the Home Place until the next Picnic, we are soliciting funds through the mail and online.

Raffle Tickets have been mailed out to all Praha parishioners and Praha Church benefactors. Raffle tickets to sell/purchase are available. Contact the Parish Office. Consider making a donation to help our sister parish. We count on your generosity.

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#### **This is How You Can Help**

- We (I) donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the 2020 Pražská Pout Fundraiser.
- For online giving go to [www.stmaryspraaha.org](http://www.stmaryspraaha.org). Designate donation as Praha Picnic.

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