

August 30, 2020

Ordinary Time
Twenty-second Sunday



The Irresistible Force of God's Call

Today's readings remind us that our God is a **Consuming Fire** but it is we who must become the ancient holocaust for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. It is this same fire that is burning in Jeremiah's bones and urging Jesus to press on to Jerusalem, despite its costs and to which Paul advises us to surrender into as a **living sacrifice**. Gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, we offer ourselves with Christ, as we process again to Jerusalem to witness the living sacrifice of the one who made himself **holy and pleasing to God** as Paul tells the Romans.

Today's bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Bessie Michalec by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph Kopp

Friday, September 4

8:00 a.m. Gladys & Ronnie Dodds, Daniel Brom and
Filomena & Albert Kubecka

Saturday, September 5

6:30 p.m. Lillie & Henry Dornak

Sunday, September 6

6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to God For a Bountiful
Harvest

9:30 a.m. Susie Magdaleno



**** Outdoor Mass with a congregation has resumed. Face masks and social distancing protocol will be in place. ****

* Mass with a congregation this Sunday, August 30 will be at 9:30 a.m. under the pavilion at the Social Center in Moulton. Mass on demand will be at 9:00 a.m.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Lillian A. Hrcncir
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Regina Kleihege.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their contributions:

Lillie Branecky - \$1,000

Floris Ann & David Simper - \$1,000

Bernice & Dennis Ellinghausen - \$200

Leigh Ann & William Darilek, Jr. - \$100

In Memory of Irene Portales: Carlos Portales - \$3,000

In Memory of Leroy Muehlstein: Linda Muehlstein - \$200

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

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 Daryl Hajek: Linda Muehlstein - \$100

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Frank Darilek

Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff

DONATION TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

We thank Sunni & Phil Hosemann for their recent donation of \$1,000 to St. Joseph's. Sunni won a \$1,000 gift card in the Praha Raffle and donated her winnings to St. Joseph's.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

MASSES IN MOULTON & PRAHA

Beginning the first weekend of September we resume our regular schedule:

Moulton - 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 6:30 & 9:30 a.m. on Sundays (under the pavilion at the Social Center).

Praha - 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. on Sundays (in church). Facial masks will be required and social distancing protocol will be observed.

With the inception of our regular scheduled Masses the Sunday Mass on social media - on demand on Facebook and our website will be suspended until further notice.

REFLECTION

The Paradox of the Christian Journey; Losing Begets Loving

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 63 Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

The three scripture readings today provide us with the experiences of three companions on the journey that call for courage in each of us.

When Jeremiah looked into his soul to find the courage he needed to preach God's word, he found that courage in God who had promised to be with him at the beginning of his ministry. Paul, acknowledges the challenge involved in Christian discipleship and encourages each of us to live according to God's ways rather than to conform to the allure of contemporary culture. He urges us to offer our very selves, not just our words or an occasional prayer.

Jesus' message was at times unpopular and even his disciples were unwilling to hear it. He found courage to keep speaking even though he knew he would have to suffer for this courage in ministry. With Peter and the other disciples, we are invited to *get behind* him by accepting suffering. The lesson is ours to accept or reject; suffering is an inevitable part of living and dying and not simply a dreaded experience. Suffering can have value and purpose when it is united with the suffering of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 31 – Pat Glueck
Sept. 1 – Donald Darilek, Harry Maskey,
Timothy Pustejovsky, Nancy Wood
Sept. 3 – Tia Meisetschleager, J. Isaias Manzano

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Aug. 30 – Congratulations Yvonne & Mark Pilat
on your 40th Wedding Anniversary
Sept. 4 – Doris & Allen Barta

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, *adorer needed*
9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
11:00-11:30 a.m. – Gussie Machalec, Barbara Hermes,
Donna Sturm
11:30-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Gussie Machalec
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Mary Ann Wenske,
12:30-1:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *adorer needed*
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *adorer needed*
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *adorer needed*
3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *adorer needed*
3:30-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske
4:00-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Rose Rothbauer
5:00-5:30 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *adorer needed*
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

*Catholic Communications Campaign
Black & Native Americans
Catholic University
Please be generous.*

Dispensation From The Obligation of Sunday Mass Extended to September 30 by the Bishop.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

Looking Ahead: The Twenty-third to the Twenty-fifth Sundays In Ordinary Time

Matthew Chapter 18, is commonly called the Discourse of the Church because it collects Jesus' teachings that directly apply to the life of the Church. First, we find in it Jesus' words on who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven, on scandal and on the shepherd's behavior towards the lost sheep.

Then come the teachings of the fraternal connection and prayer in common and on the forgiveness of offenses. These two Gospel passages are read on the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Sundays. On the Twenty-fifth Sunday, the reading is the parable of the workers sent to the vineyard. We also hear two exhortations of Paul on charity and the passage of the Letter to the Philippians in which Paul proclaims, *For to me life is Christ.*

This new sequence reminds us who gather for the Eucharist, that *we hold fast in our lives to what we have grasped by our faith*, that we celebrate the love and mercy of God who gathers us into one community of forgiven people, that we are called to live in Christian charity and benevolence towards all human beings for whom Christ offered himself in sacrifice.

PRAŽSKÁ POUT FUNDRAISER

The Praha, August 15 fundraiser was very successful.

Monetary Donations	\$48,975
Raffle Tickets Income	\$27,231
Total Income	\$76,206

We are very grateful to the Moulton Parishioners who supported our sister parish by donating towards the raffle, purchasing raffle tickets and making monetary donations to the fundraiser. See Raffle Ticket Winner Insert.

CHUCKLE FOR THE WEEK

A priest was invited to attend a house party. Naturally, he was properly dressed and wearing his Priest's Collar. A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening. Finally, the priest asked the boy what he was staring at. The little boy pointed to the priest's neck. He asked the boy, "Do you know why I am wearing this?" The boy nodded his head yes and replied, "It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months!!!" – from Texas Polka News

CHURCH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 20

See insert.