

November 22, 2020

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Solemnity



Thy Kingdom Come!

After having heard the parables of the ten virgins and of the talents, we hear on this Feast of Christ the King, the story about judgment. In this parable the disciples are compared to those on the

King's right and left who are being held accountable for their actions. Jesus, in teaching his disciples, teaches us that during this in-between time, we must always be ready, and must not be afraid to act. We are also challenged to always act with love especially toward those most in need. We must act not with an eye to self-preservation or reward but out of love, with a sincere concern for others. The way we treat others is the way we are treating the King himself.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of
the Anderle & Muehlstein Families
by Barbara & Eugene Anderle.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 25

6:30 p.m. The Welfare of Parishioners

Thursday, November 26

8:00 a.m. The Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday November 28

6:30 p.m. Sidney Bochat

Sunday, November 29

6:30 a.m. Estelle & Louis Faltysek

9:30 a.m. Helen & Morris E. Muehlstein Sr.

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

PREPARING FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Marjorie Anders.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:

4:30 p.m., Praha

6:30 p.m., Moulton

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day Mass:

8:00 a.m., Moulton in Family Room

Food baskets have been made available at the Parish Hall entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop monetary donations in the collection basket or drop box during the month of November.

Fr. Gabriel sent this email to Pastor Beyer on Monday, November 16:

Pastor Beyer,

In consultation with parishioners, St. Joseph's Church will not participate in this year's Community Thanksgiving Service. There is an uptake of COVID-19 infections in the Moulton community. We are concerned about our elderly and vulnerable parishioners who usually attend the service. Hopefully, next year under better circumstances we will be able to get together again.

Our Church will as usual, make a donation to L.A.M.B. to help the poor and those in need during this holiday season.

I wish you and your community a Happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings and be safe,

Fr. Gabriel

** Parishioners are free to attend the service if they so wish.*

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their donations:

Anonymous Parishioner - \$10,000

In Memory of Deacon Milburn Kram

Alice June & Richard Cernosek - \$100

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.

We thank Donna & Tommy Perez for donating the new U.S. flag and Texas flag for the Social Center.

THE WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY – Thanksgiving Day. Parish Office Closed

– 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

You Did It For Me

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

The gospel passage sheds light on the nature and object of Jesus' mission. He came to proclaim it: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." The scene of the last judgment as it unfolds before us today is both sobering and surprising. One gets the sense that there is no way of escaping it. What is surprising is the reason given for the separation. It is not based on the achievement of great deeds but rather on the meeting of the very basic needs of others – "you gave me food, gave me drink... visited me." This passage however, is not about humanitarian service. The life situation in which this passage would have been spoken by Jesus would have been when he was sending his disciples out on a mission. Jesus reserved the term "Brethren" (brothers) for his disciples. Furthermore, he referred to them as "little ones" (Matthew 10:42).

Hunger, thirst etc., symbolize the weakness and poverty of the disciples and the relief given to them symbolizes the acceptance or rejection of them and their message, exactly as in the saying about giving a cup of cold water to one of them (Mark 9:41). All this suggests that the people gathered at the last judgment will be judged according to the way they treated the disciples of Jesus. The disciple is one who is sent with the authority of the sender. To reject the disciple is to reject the one who sent him and his message. The guilt of the people being judged in this passage is not found in the wrong they have done but, in their failure to accept those who were bringing the Kingdom of God to them. To reject them is to reject the Kingdom. The sentence is passed on openness to this Kingdom.

Those who responded to Jesus' message of the Kingdom by accepting his disciples are invited into the Kingdom while those who rejected the message are cast into the punishment of eternal fire. The choice is yours. The choice you make is decisive.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 23 – Gloria Reindl
Nov. 25 – Allen Jasek
Nov. 26 – Floris Ann Simper
Nov. 27 – Lillian Kubicek, Caden Michal, Eleanor Wagner
Nov. 28 – Robert Lee Berckenhoff, Sheri Beyer,
Sofia Martinez, Margaret Rebeck,
Dwayne Simper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 24 – Cynthia & Robert Beran
– Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff
Nov. 28 – Cynthia & John Cinadr

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development. *Be generous.*

LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

In all three cycles of the lectionary there is a special focus for each of the four Sundays, beginning with a gospel of the Lord's return on the first Sunday, John the Baptist on the second and third Sundays and the beginning of the infancy narrative on the fourth Sunday. This new year, Cycle B, St. Mark's gospel is proclaimed for the first two Sundays, St. John on the third Sunday and St. Luke on the fourth Sunday. The outline of the gospel readings looks like this:

The First Sunday of Advent – *The return of the Lord:* Echoes the readings of the last Sundays of Ordinary Time with their calls to watchful readiness for the end.

The Second Sunday of Advent – *John the Baptist, a call to conversion:* Presents us with the person and message of John the Baptizer - with his call to repentance and reform.

The Third Sunday of Advent - *The relationship of John to Jesus:* John points us toward the Second Coming. His role as forerunner to Jesus gently shifts our attention to the coming feast of Christmas.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - *Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth:* Has a strong Marian character as we naturally focus more intensely on the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. [Mary also claims our attention for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, a holy day of obligation.]

THANK YOU NOTE FROM CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

A very gracious thank you is extended to all who supported the Catholic Daughters plates-to-go and bake sale. Thank you to all members who bought & sold tickets, helped prepare food, deliver plates out of town and donated to and manned the bake sale. We thank the ladies who are not CDA members and youth of the parish who volunteered to help us. We thank Alley BBQ for handling the food order and Jr. Chaloupka for overseeing the chicken frying. This undertaking would not be possible without all the men who offer their time and effort to help us. Thank you so much!

We'd like to thank St. Joseph's for the use of the Social Center and finally, we thank God for bringing all together in the spirit of fellowship and service. – *CDA Court #2018*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Nov. 22 & 29 – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holidays)
Dec. 6 – Confirmation Enrollment; C.C.D.