

July 4, 2021

Ordinary Time

Fourteenth Sunday



The Risk of Preaching the Gospel

In spite of the popular enthusiasm he aroused, Jesus knew bitter failures. The Gospel writers did not hide them, because they are an essential aspect of the Lord's mission and the mission of the Church. The Good News is announced at the risk of faith. Those to whom the message is preached have the freedom to receive it or reject it. If the Church is true to her mission, it will inevitably encounter rejection, however the Church's responsibility is not to water down the message but faithfully proclaim it whether it is accepted or refused as Jesus did.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Regina & Willibald Kleihege sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, July 9

8:00 a.m. Ben V. Darilek, Henry Jalufka,
Paul Machalec & Harvey Barta

Saturday, July 10

6:30 p.m. John Lewis Pavlicek

Sunday, July 11

6:30 a.m. Regina Kleihege

9:30 a.m. Lillie Beyer

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 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

No Praha Pancake Sunday Today, July 4 due to the 4th of July holiday & the construction work at the Hall.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their continued donations. Without your help and the help of many others our church building would have been in bad shape:

Carolyn & Danis Whitmire - \$500

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LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

Looking Ahead: The Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospels of these two Sundays are dedicated to the mission that Jesus entrusts to the Twelve in the course of his preaching. Before their departure Jesus give them precise instructions concerning their ministry and how they must behave towards the people they preached to. - (15th Sunday)

Upon returning, the disciples report to Jesus what they have done and taught. Jesus wants to lead them to a place by themselves to rest but the crowd catches up with them. Jesus renounces the idea of taking a break and he began to teach them many things. - (16th Sunday) This Sunday concludes the reading of the first part of St. Mark's Gospel.

The next four Sundays, the Seventeenth through the Twenty-first Sunday, the liturgy presents Chapter Six of St. John's Gospel – The Discourse on the Bread of Life.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Parish Office Closed in observance of Independence Day (4th of July).

THURSDAY – 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.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Susan Jasek.

REFLECTION

Ezekiel 2:2-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

The Prophet Is Without Honor

One would think that Jesus' liberating teaching would have been readily accepted by the people who were anxiously awaiting the Messiah. Such was not the case. In fact many struggled with the prophetic dimension of Jesus and ultimately rejected him. It is not uncommon that we heed the voices that sound very much like our own. Frequently prophets are treated without honor. The people the prophet Ezekiel was sent to were hard of face and obstinate of heart. They compounded their offense by rejecting the very one sent to them by God to bring them back to the covenant relationship. The people of Galilee who heard Jesus' words questioned his authenticity because they felt that they knew him so well. They thought that he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to tell them anything.

We so often resent people who can do what we cannot do. True believers recognize and admit their human frailty. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail. These are obstacles to personal transformation. When we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and hearts and shine forth from us to all those around us. It would be very clear that it comes from God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jul. 4 – Gladys Seifert
Jul. 5 – Gernadette Geissen
Jul. 6 – Elliott Bartos, Cameron Petrek, David Reindl,
Easton Rothbauer, Phyllis Schoenfeld
Jul. 7 – Bernadette Kresta, Leroy Mikulencak Jr.,
Bernadette Nieto
Jul. 8 – Conner Blahuta, Kathy Fishbeck, Ann Kalisek,
Bailey Wagner
Jul. 9 – Gloria Jasek
Jul 10 -Marcel Kleihege, Janet Raabe, Dennis Simper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 4 – Sunni & Phil Hosemann
Jul. 5 – Linda & Joseph Pilat
Jul. 8 – Lorrie & Michael Janecek
Jul. 9 – Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
– Angie & Chad Rothbauer

AREA PICNICS / EVENTS

Today – St. John Picnic, St. John
August 6 & 7 – KC Fishing Tournament, Port O'Conner
August 15 – Praha Church Picnic, Praha
September 19 – Moulton Church Picnic

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 2021



Independence Day Prayer

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue the good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong, that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 19

Our parish picnic will be here before you know it!



We are presently working hard to complete the Praha Hall Renovation in time for the Praha Picnic, Sunday August 15. Raffle Tickets were sent to regular buyers. 56 prizes to be given away – total prize value \$13,830. Grand prize \$2,000 HEB

gift certificate. Stop by the office if you want a ticket.

Plans are being made to kick start our Picnic on September 19. Look out for Picnic Letter and Raffle Tickets in the mail.

Vacation Bible School - July 12-16



Plans are underway for our 30th Annual Vacation Bible School.

Daily Snacks & Refreshments provided by:

Mon. – Catholic Daughters Tues. – Altar Society
Wed. – Christian Mothers Thurs. – K.J.Z.T. Society
Fri. – Knights of Columbus

The kids love homemade cookies so start looking for your favorite cookie recipe.

V.B.S. Donation

We thank the following for their donation.
Angie & Chad Rothbauer - \$100