

July 18, 2021

Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday



Finding Rest In The Shepherd

Aware of the need for those pauses that renew and refresh, Jesus called his apostles to come away with him to a deserted place. Jesus' compassion for those who sought him out and his willingness to tend to their hungers, both spiritual and physical, called forth the shepherd's love in him. Although many times extended periods of solitude and rest may not be possible, each of us is called to punctuate our days with many pauses in which to be still and know and rest in God who is the heart and center of all we are and all we do.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Frances & Charles Pilat sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Marvin, Leroy & Allen Fishbeck

Saturday, July 24

6:30 p.m. Rose & Marvin Rothbauer

Sunday, July 25

6:30 a.m. Janet Darilek

9:30 a.m. Anita & Lee Schoenfeld

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

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Mark 6:1-15

2021 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Assessment	\$17,848.00
Contributions So Far	\$10,520.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 7,328.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Cynthia & Robert Beran

Sharon & Boyce Etlinger

Angie & Chad Rothbauer

Do please consider making a donation.

St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday Today, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m.



Come join us for breakfast consisting of bacon, eggs, pancakes and fruit. Orange juice and coffee will also be served. Free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit St.

Joseph's Church Youth Programs. Take the opportunity to visit with friends and family.

FALSE SHEPHERDS

Like the people at the time of the Exile, we live in a period of transition. Like the crowds who heard Jesus announce that the reign of God had come, we are being told to adjust our worldview, perhaps even to embrace a totally different one. To whom do we go for guidance? Where do we find the words of eternal life? There are so many voices that claim to have the answer; how do we know which ones to heed? Who accurately interprets the word of God for us? Is it the one who makes us feel good about ourselves, or the one who makes us feel guilty? Should we cling to the teachings of the past or open ourselves to creative new insights? Should we expect that God will rescue us from our plight, or should we allow it to refine and transform us? How do we know what to do? Which path should we choose? Who will lead us? There is danger that we will listen to the voice that gives us the easiest answers, or that we will give up our search and resign ourselves to being like sheep without a shepherd.

– Dianne Bergant

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – No Catholic Daughters Meeting today.

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 Tencha Taake.

REFLECTION

**Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34**

Availability To Serve 24/7

In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah addresses the problem of leadership among the Israelites and couples his criticism of the unworthy shepherds with a promise that God would intervene to gather, to lead and guide the people once again as a good and loving shepherd. In short, God promised absolute availability not only on God's part but also on the part of future shepherds whom God would personally appoint.

Mark, in today's Gospel, indicates that Jesus is that promised ideal shepherd who had compassion on the people, for they were like "sheep without a shepherd." That Jesus was intent upon sharing his shepherding duties with his own is evidenced in the fact that he sent them forth to be absolutely available, 24/7, for their contemporaries. Upon their return, they were debriefed by Jesus, who then provided time for their physical rest and spiritual recuperation. Work balanced with and supported by prayer was the ideal ascribed to by Jesus, and he would have his disciples follow his lead.

However, and as is strikingly clear in today's Gospel, when the people who needed their words and works sought them out, Jesus set aside the time for rest, and whether it was convenient or not, he attended to the needs of the people. Mark tells the readers that Jesus taught the people at great length. In next week's Gospel, despite the disciples' suggestion that he dismiss the crowds, Jesus will provide for the people's physical needs and hungers. His ministry was one of absolute availability 24/7. He challenges would be disciples to be similarly given to service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul. 18 – Robert Bartos, Michael Mikulencak
Jul. 19 – Victor Jasek, Delores Raab
Jul. 21 – Dale Gold
Jul. 22 – Sherry Fishbeck, Milton Perez
Jul. 23 – Courtney Koncaba
Jul. 24 – Barbara Castro, Kathy Seale

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul 18 – Congratulations Rose & Joseph Bartos
on your 40th Wedding Anniversary
Jul. 19 – Jordan & Johnny Kuehn
Jul. 20 – Congratulations Leigh Ann & William Darilek, Jr.
on your 30th Wedding Anniversary
Jul. 21 – Margaret & Aaron Chudej
Jul. 23 – Congratulations Kay Lynn & Toby Rothbauer
on your 10th Wedding Anniversary

Today – Ascension Parish Picnic, Moravia

A Parishioner Joins the National FOCUS Team



Brenda Manzano, the daughter of Gloria & Isaias Manzano has made a two-year commitment as a full-time missionary of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). She has been assigned to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky, one hour north of Nashville.

Brenda writes, "I was raised Catholic but I never understood the depth and truth within the Catholic Church, and I never considered that Jesus would desire a personal relationship with me. After I spent my freshman year at Texas State University seeking fulfillment in all the wrong places, I realized that I was so far from God and I wanted to give Him another chance. During my sophomore year, Jesus led me to a FOCUS bible study where I encountered His heart through scripture and fellowship for the first time in my life. This then resulted in me seeking Him regularly through the sacraments and eventually starting my own bible study!

I led a bible study at Texas State University for nearly three years and had the opportunity to walk with several women, leading them to the truth of their identity as beloved Daughters of Christ. As I continued to walk with these women, Jesus placed the desire on my heart to serve Him as a FOCUS missionary and saying 'yes' to Him and the mission He has called me to has brought immense peace, joy, and excitement! I know this is exactly where the Lord desires for me to be."

To be able to fulfill her calling Brenda needs spiritual and financial support. She has to raise \$39,000 a year (\$3,250 per month) for 2 years for her financial support. She is appealing to all who want to join her support team to consider making a donation. Remember her in your prayers as you consider helping her.

What is FOCUS about? FOCUS is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel to college and university students. Trained in Church teaching, prayer, sacred Scripture, evangelization and discipleship, FOCUS missionaries encounter students in friendship where they are, inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompanying them as they pursue lives of virtue and excellence. Through Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips and one-on-one discipleship, missionaries inspire and build up students in the faith, sending them out to spread the good news and to live out the Great Commission: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19).

For more information/to support Brenda go to <https://www.focus.org/missionaries/brenda-manzano>

The 30th Annual Vacation Bible School was a huge success. Look out for more details.