

August 22, 2021

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-first Sunday



### *Staying or Leaving*

#### **The Choice of Keeping Faith With God**

Our consideration of Jesus' teaching about the bread of life leads us to the threshold of a decision. Will we choose Jesus, despite the incredible claims he makes? Or will we decide to stay where we are; satisfied with the lives we are living? For believers, faith in Christ consists in recognizing Jesus as the savior who has *the words of eternal life*. Choosing Jesus will bring us deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist. Are you willing to entrust your life to God through Jesus?

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of  
Emmie & George Michalec sponsored by their family.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Joyce Dillman & Taylor Michalec,  
Tillie Meekins, Barbara Meyer

Saturday, August 28

6:30 p.m. Lexie & Elo Pavlicek

Sunday, August 29

6:30 a.m. Frank Heinrich

9:30 a.m. Nora & Earl Wilmot

### 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 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15**

**Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16 social  
scheduled for today, August 22  
has been postponed to a later date.

## 2021 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Assessment .....	\$17,848.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$10,980.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$ 6,868.00

*We thank the following for their recent contributions:*

*Nancy Sivyer  
Niki & Chad Chaloupka  
Lorrie & Michael Janecek  
Kathy & Dcn. Kenneth Fishbeck*

Do please consider making a donation.

## 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:

*Bernadette & Darren Fikac - \$50*

*In Memory of Kenneth Rebecek*

*Loretta & Tony Janak - \$20*

*Mary & Ray Michalec - \$40*

*Kenneth Rebecek Family - \$100*

*Barbara & Eugene Anderle - \$25*

*Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25*

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-stjoseph-moulton> and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

## ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Rosie Koudelka*

*Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff*

*In Memory of Jerrilyn Mueller: Angeline Jalufka*

*In Memory of Kenneth Rebecek: Mary Lou Dierschke*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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 Lillie Beyer.

## REFLECTION

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalm 34**  
**Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69**

### *Decide Today*

The decisions called for in today's readings are not the kind we face every day. They are not choices among several options, all of relatively the same value. Rather, they are life decisions, the kind that determine the fundamental direction we will take and consequently influence every other decision we will make. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. This decision would determine their identity. They would be known as the people of whichever god they would choose, and they would be bound to the norms and practices set down by that god. "Decide today whom you will serve." The disciples of Jesus had to make a similar decision. Was he the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations? And if not to him, "To whom shall we go."

We make our decisions based on our experience and our aspirations. Is the direction we will take a familiar one? And if it is not, is there reason to think it is still the one for us to take? Is there someone who knows this path and who can help us in our decision? If there is not, is there any reason for us still to decide on this course of action? It seems that the major decisions in life must be made on the basis of insufficient information. In other words, they demand faith.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Aug. 22 – Doris Barta, Jolee Kuehn  
Aug. 23 – Felipe Nieto, Charles Rother  
Aug. 24 – David Schoenfeld  
Aug. 25 – Kenzie Dvorak, Sammie Koudelka,  
Yvonne Pilat  
Aug. 26 – Michael Seale  
Aug. 27 – Robert Beran, Ryan DeHoyos, Lisa Fojtik,  
Rosalyn Kocian, Josephine Nieto,  
Danis Whitmire  
Aug. 28 – Mark Zimmerman

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Aug. 23 – Mary Ann & Charles Rother  
Aug. 28 – Janet & Jerome Raabe, Jr.

### **C.C.D. Begins August 29**

**Parents who have not yet registered their children for the 2021-22 C.C.D. Year are asked to do so ASAP.**

### **WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT OCTOBER 7-10, 2021**

Registration forms available at the main entrance to church. For more information contact Jamie Dornak or Bernadette Fikac.

## **St. JOSEPH'S CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 19**

Dear friends,

Last Sunday, August 15 we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Praha. Based on the crowd, it was very successful. I thank all the Moulton parishioners who in various ways helped to make it a success. Many people are asking how many plates we served and how much the auction made. We hope to have some figures for you soon. Right now, we have to concentrate on the Moulton Picnic.

We thank the many parishioners who are working behind the scenes to prepare for the Picnic. The quilting ladies have been busy quilting, making sure we have quilts for the Picnic. Many people have submitted their raffle tickets and picked up extra tickets to sell. Parishioners are bringing in their donations and auction items even before they receive their Picnic Donation Letter. Jeanette Lackey of San Antonio has brought some wonderful auction items – I wish I knew where she finds some of the items.

Gussie Machalec called to let me know that although she is not able to get around right now, she will still solicit bingo donations from businesses/individuals. Do please respond when she gives you a call.

Last year, instead of one picnic meeting we met with the various chairpersons to discuss their booth/work station. This worked very well. We plan to do the same this year. Chairpersons are asked to get their work lists ready - contact the Parish Office if you need a copy of last year's list.

Let's all work together for a successful Picnic. Look out for the Picnic Donation Letter.

*Fr Gabriel*

### **Sister Church, Praha Says Thank You**

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's, Praha, I thank all those who supported the Picnic in various ways. Many bought raffle tickets, donated to the Meat Fund and other funds, donated items for the auction and Country Store, came out and bought plates. Others came to help fry chicken, cook stew, help in the kitchen and plates to go, help with Bingo and the Plant Walk. I am very grateful to you. Praha, I believe will be here to support Moulton Picnic too.

We do not have firm numbers yet but I will let you know as soon as they are released. Again, thank you for your support.

*Fr Gabriel*

Pray for the repose of the souls of

*Jennifer Starre (Welfl) Mace*

*O'Tillie B. Meekins*

and the comfort of their loved ones.

*May they rest in peace.*

