

October 25, 2015

Ordinary Time

Thirtieth Sunday



“I Want To See!”

In response, Jesus relieved Bartimaeus of his blindness. Once he was able to see, Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way. Seeing and believing – one action leads to the other, and together both lead to God and to discipleship. We rejoice with Bartimaeus because we are blessed with the ability to see both physically and spiritually and are able to share in his life changing experience.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 31
4:30 p.m. Agnes Niemeyer
Sunday, November 1
8:00 a.m. Eugene Patalik

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Read ahead and be prepared for next weekend, *The Solemnity of All Saints*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible:

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

2016 MASS BOOK OPENS OCTOBER 28



We are accepting Mass Intentions for 2016. Each family is permitted three Masses per year. (One Saturday, one Sunday, and one Wednesday).

*Note: The request could be for a deceased person, a couple or for a special intention as wedding anniversary, birthday or for the sick. No more than two names will be accepted per intention. The stipend for the Mass is an offering to God. \$5 is the least you can offer. To book a Mass put your intention and offering into the collection basket or call 596-4674 (St. Joseph's, Moulton).

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment \$7,532.00
Contributions So Far \$4,220.64
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$3,311.36

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Pat Masek
Tim Pospisil
Georgiann & Louis Barta
Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

Consider at making a contribution.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st – The Solemnity of All Saints

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 8:00 a.m.
Moulton – 6:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

November 2nd – The Feast of All Souls

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

Mass Schedule:
Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 4:30 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Moulton – Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Blessing of the graves after Mass.



Book of the Dead

In keeping with the Church's tradition of praying for the dead, we will display the Book of the Dead. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested on the All Souls Envelopes. You are invited to leaf through the pages, and note the names. You may write the names of others you might want our parish family to pray for.

It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.
2 Maccabees 13:44-46

* Drop your All Souls envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 31.

BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study Class
Wednesday, October 28.

REFLECTION



Do We See?

As we come to the close of the Liturgical Year, we pause this Sunday to see how far we have come. How are we maturing in the Spirit? To what degree have we followed Jesus who leads us out of our blindness? Throughout this Liturgical Year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have reflected on the history of our Salvation, the merciful compassion of God shown to us. We have meditated often and long on Jesus' life and death, on the meaning of his resurrection in our lives. How have we been transformed by this experience? Have our eyes been really opened and been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life as baptized followers of Christ?

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 26 – Frances & Leon Kubenka

Chuckle



"We no longer ring bells — just my ringtone now."

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY TODAY



While all of us are called to live our baptismal covenant, some men are called to ordained ministry. These men serve the needs of the Church – the Body of Christ. They offer their time and talent, by leading people not to themselves, but to the God of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Lord God, thank you for all priests. We know they do not seek or desire recognition for the Priesthood you have chosen them for, yet it is to You we wish to give thanks for calling them to guide and nourish our parishes. We ask You to bless them, for providing the Eucharist for us – our "Food for the Journey" and for proclaiming "The Good News" with conviction and enthusiasm.

Grant them the joy experienced on their Ordination Day all the days of their lives and look kindly upon them as they strive to do Your will. Bless them abundantly, care for them tenderly and above all, let them feel the love and appreciation we have for them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What Do You Want Me To Do For You?

Imagine, if you can, that Jesus, the Son of God, the miracle worker, the controversial, dangerous teacher, looks at you and asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Some people might take this as an Aladdin-like event and bargain for three wishes. Perhaps you know immediately what your response would be, but maybe some little intuition warns you that this is the most important question you have ever been asked.

If we could have anything we wanted, what would we ask for? And if an imaginary genie can evoke our wish, how much more can God evoke – and answer – the deepest wish of our heart?



Are we wise enough to know what to ask for? What if we ask for the wrong thing – something that ends up destroying us and our families, or some temporary good that does not fully satisfy us? Bartimeus is our guide: he asks for the most important gift God can give, and the one that opens us to every other gift. He says to Jesus, "Master, I want to see." To see, both physically and spiritually means that Bartimeus will be able to make every other decision correctly. He will see what is of real value. He will know what is true. He will judge rightly, will walk confidently in the light of Christ. Bartimeus' witness is this: Don't be afraid to pray his prayer. Ask to see. Enter reality with clarity and insight, know life's priorities and values, always go forward. God's life will be a lamp unto your feet, one step at a time guiding you through every trial and every storm to glory.