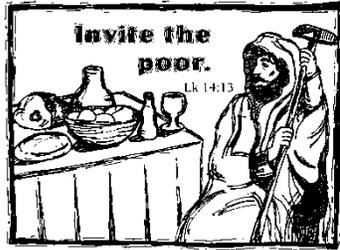


August 28, 2016

Ordinary Time

Twenty-second Sunday



Imitate Me – A Humble Heart

Today's parable is no elementary lesson in proper behavior at a banquet. Jesus was not trying to pass muster for Miss Manners. He was announcing in his words and by his actions the Kingdom of God, where traditional social niceties must yield to a new way to living and being. Such is Jesus's commandment, diametrically opposed to human wisdom. Jesus challenges us to imitate him in his conduct. There alone is found imperishable happiness.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Hilary & Greg Grahmann in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their Wedding.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 3
4:30 p.m. Joseph Kokes
Sunday, September 4
8:00 a.m. Vlasta Pekar

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Responsorial Psalm: 90
Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Bake Sale – September 3

In front of the Church, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Come out and support the ladies. They do so much for the Church.

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka - \$200
(Pledged Payment)

In Thanksgiving to God for His Many blessings
Fr. James Ramsey, Blessing - \$100

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For My Father
For Jay Chittim
For My Son Eriz
For Tina Masek
Peace for My Mom
For Courtney M.
For Mrs. D. Gresak
For Preston Hutson
For Peace in Families
For My Husband Bob
For Rita & Art Tuttle
For Olga & Fred Siska
Stesti a Pokoi Me Ousi
For Van Bibber Family
For Marie & Tony Masek
For Mary & Frank Kalina
For Jacob's Return to Health
Successful Surgery for Tina Masek
For John F. Jr., God's Will Be Done
For Peace, Strength of Faith, Family
In thanksgiving For Blessings Received
Peace, Joy & Happiness for Rene & Carol
For Benoit & Estele's Job & Faith to God
For My Family, My Grandma, Mom & Jesse
Families & Descendants of Frances & Joe F. Svatek
Families & Descendants of Bozena & Vincent Anderle
For Sally to Get Well, For My Family & All Deceased
Loved Ones
For Family Relationships Healed, Children & Family to
Return to Church
Votive candle intentions to be continued

REFLECTION



God Raises The Humble

Jesus in today's Gospel advocates a posture of humility for his disciples in their dealings with others.

Rather than seek out places of honor, Jesus urged his followers to take the lowest places. Rather than entertain those who will be able to reciprocate their generosity and thereby to bring them honor, Jesus instructs his own to offer generous hospitality to those who cannot reciprocate and who bestow no other honor except that of serving them.

The humility to which Jesus calls his own requires a change of heart, mind, and lifestyle. In a world that measures success in dollars and/or public acclaim and admires those who achieve it, Jesus' challenge to humility requires that we live by values that the world rejects and reject the manner of living that contradicts the Good News. It is God, not humans, who exalts in the Kingdom. Those who lift themselves up over others will be brought down; those who regard themselves as among the *lowly*, as human as anyone else, will be raised. Raising up and exaltation belong to God; recognition of one's lowliness is the proper stance for the disciple.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 29 – Johnny Barcak
 – Gail Stryk
 August 30 – Rylie Noska
 September 1 – Bradley Kubecka
 September 2 – Sireta Michalak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 30 – Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka

Raffle Thank You

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone who donated towards the raffle prizes, all those who purchased raffle tickets and worked in the raffle booth. Congratulations to all the raffle winners.

Thomas Petru
 Raffle Chairperson

THANK YOU!

Dear friends,

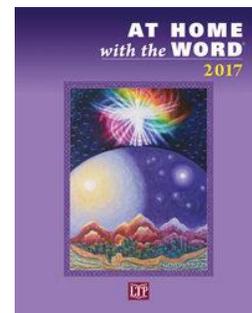
Thanks be to God for another successful Picnic. The rains held off on Picnic Day. Someone told me, Father I was not able to be at the Picnic but you all were in my prayers. I kept checking the radar all day and every time I checked it was like there was a clear bubble over Praha. – Thank God!

Thanks to all the parishioners and out-of-town helpers who worked so hard together for a noble cause. Special thanks to all those who worked behind the scenes to get it all ready; those who worked in the various booths/work stations; those who helped with the cleanup the following day, and the many individuals and businesses who generously donated to make it such a successful day.

I am grateful to all of you for your support, generosity and tireless efforts to get the mission accomplished. May God continue to smile on all of you for a job well done.

 * See Picnic Report Insert

AT HOME WITH THE WORD



Advent – Christ the King 2017

To foster full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Liturgy all parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the celebration. One way of getting ready for the Mass is to reflect on the liturgical readings at home. You realize that the *Breaking Bread Books* do not have the readings so copies of *At Home With The Word* are ordered for all those who sign up for them. A copy is \$8 but if you fill in the form below and return it in the collection basket, drop slot or mail it in by September 18, you get a copy for free.



2017 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

 Name

Congratulation and God's blessings to
Morgan & Clayton Herzik
 who were recently united in the sacrament
 of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 2,753 toured the Church on registered tours between April to June.