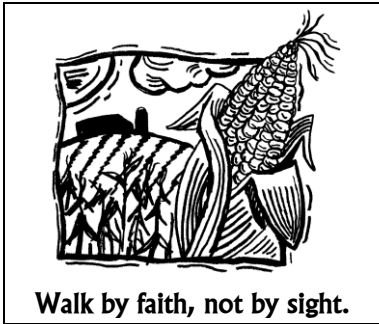


June 17, 2018

Ordinary Time

Eleventh Sunday



The Kingdom of God Is Present Among Us

Although the Kingdom of God unfolds within our human history, we need eyes of faith to recognize it. Making a tiny seed grow *we know not how*. That is why *we walk by faith, not by sight*. We are intensely aware of God's presence in our midst because God hears our cries. The Kingdom of God, even though incomprehensible, is still here, inviting us to transform the world.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in memory of Rufino Saucedo and Margaret Measom by Karina & David Saucedo on the occasion of their wedding.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 23

4:30 p.m. Willie C. Migl

Sunday, June 24

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Elizabeth & Frank Hajek Sr. Family

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 139

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Happy Father's Day

Prayer For Fathers

O God, giver of life and Father of us all, help me to be the kind of father to my children that You are to me. May I love them unconditionally, forgive them when they fail, counsel them when they doubt, lift them up when they fall, guide them in the darkness and walk beside them in the light. Show me, loving Father, how to teach them, to play with them, to share with them and to pray with them. Thank you for my children, thank you for my role as a father. Amen.



See Insert for Fathers Specially Remembered Today

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200

(pledged payment)

In Memory of Mary Ella & Andrew Prikryl

Mary & Richard Rychetsky, College Station, TX - \$25

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

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – JULY 1



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Come out and join us Sunday, July 1, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A free will donation will be appreciated. All are invited.

Won't you consider helping one Sunday? It's always the First Sunday of the month. The time commitment is from 7:30-10:30. You don't need to bring anything but your smile and helping hands. We need 8 volunteers to make the kitchen HUM! Please contact Lori Janecka at: lorijanecka@gmail.com or (361) 772-4307 to get on the volunteer list. Our next Praha Pancake Sunday will be on July 1st.

REFLECTION

Jesus' Presence Initiates The Kingdom of God Among Us

Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God. But to do that, he had to deal with the kingdom of earth. That was the Roman Empire, in which almost everyone in the known world was a citizen or a subject. Israel was a colony; and like all colonists, every Jew had to forge their own relationship to the powers-that-be.

When Jesus was dropped in the middle of this volatile situation, he also had to form his own relationship with the king of the world. His overall strategy was simple: Accept reality, give everything its due.

Of course, this heavenly sentiment had to be put into practice on the ground. It is interesting that Jesus did not situate himself in a position of power in the state or in religion. The kingdom of this world had already organized itself along natural lines, and no amount of fiddling with the power structure would bring real change. Saviors are always outsiders.

So, Jesus entered the fray on the side of the poor. That was the only way to include them in the kingdom. Jesus knew that the only way to include outcasts was to get them into the kingdom first. The poor, not the rich, would be the base of the kingdom. Sinners, not saints, would be sought. The sick, not the well, would be cared for. Spirit, not law, would be the force of this kingdom.

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 Elizabeth Enriquez
For Tanner's Baby Boy
For Bryce S. – For Strength
For The Soul of My Son, David
Healing Prayers For Luis Gonzalez
For The Soul of Patrick Daley & Family
For Breast Cancer – Start Radiation Therapy
For Frank Faisbain Who Passed Away 5-1-18
Prayers For The Marriage & Health Of My Sons
For Janie & Frank Gimenez, Both Now In Heaven
For Our Family To Be Open To God & Our Church
For Liz F. & Tim S. ... Thru Christ & Become As One
For The Soul of Gladys Newby, May She Rest In Peace
For My Mother, Mamie Velasquez, May She Rest In Peace
For Protection, Guidance And Love For My Children & Family
That God Protects & Sanctifies Chris Smith, Seminarian Who Planned This Trip For Us
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

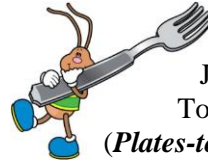
Praha Picnic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

Update on Picnic Chairpersons Meetings

The Picnic plans are coming together. We have been meeting with the chairpersons of the various work stations/booths. We thank all the chairpersons for their continued dedication and hard work for the success of our Picnic. Here is a brief breakdown of the meetings:

The Meal Chairpersons: Junior Chaloupka (*Stew*); Johnnie Hoffman & Jared Tousek (*Chicken Frying*); Helen Schaefer & Josie Kubenka (*Kitchen*); Theresa Tousek, Brittani Rerich & Barbara Jasek (*Plates-to-go*); Alphonse Kubenka, Leon & Greg Kubenka, Bennie & Earlene Okruhlik, Irene Bartek and Pat Masek (*Kettle Cashier/Dinner Tickets/Business Plate Distribution/ Plate Distribution*) are finalizing their supply lists.



The Refreshment Chairpersons: Tim Pospisil (*Beer Stand*); Dennis Olsovsky & Martin Svatek (*Beer Tickets*); Edward & Cynthia Koncaba and Jason Bartos (*Soda Water & Sno Cones*) are also getting ready for the Picnic.



Outdoor Games/Booths Chairpersons: Thomas Petru & Liz Janak (*Raffle*); Jason Bartos (*Bands*); Nancy Jasek & Georgia Cerny (*Country Store*); Frances Kubenka (*Souvenirs*); Jane Schneider & Marcel Kleihege (*Bingo*); Robin Cerny & Sharon Crowe (*Cake Walk*); Mary Bartos & Staci MacDonald (*Fish Pond/Toy Box*) and Pat Lawrence (*Plant Walk*) are getting their booths ready as well. *Look for more information about the Picnic Meetings in next week's bulletin.*



Picnic Letter/Raffle Ticket Mailing

It's not too soon to start thinking about what to donate to the auction and other Picnic donations. Look out for something in the mail soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 17 – Emily Hill
June 18 – Donnell Scott MacDonald
June 19 – Jane Schneider
June 23 – Kristin Cerny
– Josephine Kubenka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 20 – Rosemary & Arthur Klekar