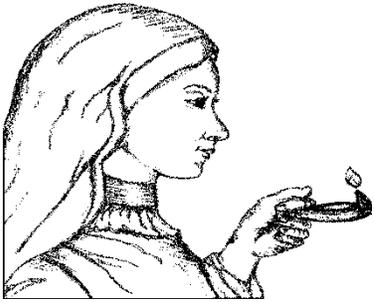


November 8, 2020

Ordinary Time
Thirty-second Sunday



Expecting the Unexpected

The parable of the ten virgins points to the fact that preparation is an urgent personal responsibility. When the bridegroom suddenly appeared, the virgins with no oil could not borrow some from the others, and it did them no good to go out and buy more. It was too late; they had their chance. As we await the return of Jesus, we are to use the time we have, *this day, this hour, this moment* to keep our lamps well trimmed so as to light the way until Jesus comes.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Robin & Gary Cerny in recognition of National Adoption Month – celebrating a family for every child.

November celebrates the lifelong benefits to families touched by the miracle of adoption, honors birth mothers for their courageous choice and remembers children who still need permanent homes.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, November 12

5:30 p.m. Marvin Zemlicka

Saturday, November 14

4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Patalik, Firasek & Vanek Families

Sunday, November 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intention – Lori & David Janecka

Individual Confessions in Praha and Moulton.

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Thursdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of the Patalik, Firasek & Vanek Families.



VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY



We welcome our Veterans to the program. The Ceremony at the cemetery will begin at 11:00 a.m. **FOR VETERANS ONLY.** A meal for the veterans in attendance will be served at the Parish Hall Pavilion, catered by St. Rose, Schulenburg. **Plates-to-go** available in Schulenburg.

Pray For Peace This Veterans Day

Veterans Day celebrates those values, not the martial violence that puts America's soldiers to the test. The focus of this commemoration has always been on peace, not war. It was first called Armistice Day, for the November 11, 1918 peace agreement that ended World War I, what was then called the "War to end all wars." If Veterans Day has any message, it is to remind us of war's human cost and the many mourning families it leaves in its wake. It is also a reminder that armed conflict should never be accepted as an inevitability.

"We must never resign ourselves to the absence of peace. Peace is possible. Peace is urgent. Peace is an indispensable condition for a life worthy of the human person and society." – Pope Benedict XVI

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:

4:30 p.m., Praha 6:30 p.m., Moulton

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day Mass:

8:00 a.m., Moulton in the Family Room

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop monetary donations in the collection basket or drop box during the month of November.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

REFLECTION

Court Wisdom and Be Vigilant

We cannot live as if the end is already upon us; yet we must live as if the end is imminent. How are we to do this? The readings for today give us insight into this paradox. The only way to live life fully is to live it in the present. What we have from the past is the wisdom we have gleaned from it. We cannot be sure about the future because so many circumstances can overturn the plans we have set. All we have is the present. However, we cannot live just focusing on the present. We must bring the wisdom of the past to bear on the present, where we live with an eye to the future.

The wisdom we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we can bring out the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and our weaknesses. It enables us to discern what is important and what is not. It directs us to bring extra oil for our lamps. The life and the wisdom we have acquired through it have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us they will be fulfilled in the future.

It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that assures us that while we may not know the exact time of the coming of the Lord, he will indeed come into every life, perhaps at the time we least expect Him. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready, even when we sleep.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 10 – Heather Jasek, Ken Stryk
November 12 – David Janecka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 8 – Congratulations Robin & Gary Cerny
on your 40th Wedding Anniversary

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Flatonka Catholic Daughters Court #2570 would like to honor all pregnant mothers from the parishes of Sacred Heart Flatonka, Saints Cyril Methodius Cistern and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Praha with a special blessing and remembrance gift at the Sunday Eucharistic in November. If you are now pregnant or delivered a baby since June of 2019 please contact Kathleen Svatek at 214-280-7828.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

The 32nd and the 33rd Sundays in Ordinary Time

Eschatology – the last things: death, heaven, hell, the coming of the Lord at the end of time and judgment, etc. is the focus of the Readings before the Feast of Christ the King, the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Since no one can say when the Son of Man will come the two parables of the Gospel of the 32nd and the 33rd Sundays insist on the urgent necessity of an active watchfulness.

The two passages of the First Letter of the Thessalonians also deal with the end time. One reinforces hope in the certainty of the Lord's return, the other is a call to the watchfulness that must characterize the life of the Church and of Christians.

The Celebration of these two Sundays urges a fresh awareness of an essential dimension of the Christian's life. *We are expecting your glorious coming. Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.*

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 An End to Corona
Lahonda For A Miracle
For A Friend's Intention
For Love, Health & Luechese
For Children & Grandchildren
For Protection Over My Family
In Memory of Mimi Marilyn & Papa Tom
Please Pray For My Eyes That Have Problems
Heal The World of Corona Virus & Safe Travels
Prayers For My Two Sons For Peace & Guidance
For D.D. – You Will Have A Job Soon, Be Successful
For Martha Barajas & Ricky Barajas. Mother & Brother
For Dominic Guerra To Come Home, Protection, Good Health
Pray For My Family, That My Daughter Paula Fincke Gets Better
For Dorothy, Josephine, Louis, David Z., Mike B., Becky R. & Karen H.
For Mom, Nonna, Nonno, Grandpa & All The Loving People Around Us

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

Thanksgiving Food and Monetary Collection For Our Brothers & Sisters In Need

Make check payable to St. Mary's Church, designated for the Needy.

My Donation \$ _____

Put donation in the collection basket.

Beginning this Sunday food baskets will also be available at the Church entrance for canned goods.