

November 15, 2020

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday

Making The Most of Each Moment



The parable of the talents reveals the meaning and the importance of the time that elapses between the Master's departure on his journey and his return. The time of the Lord's absence is for us, a time of active waiting.

We each have received invaluable capital according to each one's capacity. The Master's trust is unheard of. It exceeds the boundaries of reason. The Master relies on his servants' sense of responsibility. Obviously, only the Lord can act in this manner with his servants. In the parable we are dealing with God, who bestows his infinite riches upon his servants who have faithfully administered the portion of the capital entrusted them. The conduct of the third servant was truly a mortal sin that deprived him forever from sharing in his Master's joy.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Mary & Charlie Bartos
in honor of the First Communicants.



Flowers for the altar this weekend
are donated in thanksgiving to God
for many blessings by Mary & Charlie Bartos.

MASS INTENTIONS



- * Thursday, November 19
5:30 p.m. Benedict Pokluda
- Saturday, November 21
4:30 p.m. Mariella Lemon
- Sunday, November 22
8:00 a.m. Gary Greive

* *Beginning December 3, the First Thursday of Advent the Thursday evening Mass will be moved to 4:30 p.m. because of the time change.*

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$6,660.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$1,519.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Georgia Cerny*
- Rosemary Klekar*
- Gayle & Steven Hill*
- Gail & Dennis Stryk*
- Frances & Leon Kubenka*

Do please consider making a donation.

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 Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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 Fred Henry Holub.**



REFLECTION

Keeping Watch While Working For the Lord
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Psalm 128
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

As the liturgical year winds down, the scripture texts draw our attention to the ultimate winding down of our lives, and our world, and we are reminded that there will be a final reckoning. Each of us has been given unique gifts and abilities that we must put to the best possible use. Discovering our particular talents can be a delightful adventure; helping others to discover theirs is equally rewarding. But the real challenge lies in translating that delightful discovery into serious, practical service of God and others. This can be a rather risky enterprise. Sometimes our talents placed in the service of others are open to criticism, scrutiny and ridicule. Nevertheless, even if our efforts will never be acknowledged as eloquently as those of the worthy wife in the Proverbs reading, our belonging to Jesus calls forth our generosity and perseverance.

In all we are and all we do, we keep in mind that there is no room here for procrastination. God's gifts cannot be left on the shelf until we retire or find a more convenient moment. On the contrary, these gifts have a very short shelf life, and the precious fragility of life should spark a sense of immediacy that makes us willing to share our talents and ourselves now. Moreover, we are called to praise and foster the talents we see in others as we await our master's return.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 21 – Elmer Michna, Susan Velasquez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 15 – Lori & David Janecka
November 17 – Gail & Dennis Stryk
November 18 – Staci & Scott MacDonald

Thank You

We thank Martin Svatek for keeping the cemetery grounds and the fountain clean and Juan Vasquez for keeping the church and the outdoor chapels clean throughout the year. Thanks also to Staci MacDonald and family for cleaning the Marian Shrine and providing flowers for the shrine.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Eleanora Okruhlik
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S.

Please be generous.

Liturgical Orientation

Every year, on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church offers us a celebration explicitly centered on the mystery of the end-time. This Sunday makes the shift in the post-Pentecost season to the great themes of the end. This theme will be in the forefront from now until the First Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgy thus invites us to consider all things under the aspect of eternity by grounding ourselves in the certainties guaranteed by faith: creation, which God made beautiful and good, will be transfigured by the Spirit; Christ will come again; those who prepared themselves to receive him will live with him forever; this future is decided in the present. It matters little to know when or how the new world will appear: whether at the end of a slow germination, invisible to human eyes, or with the dazzling suddenness of a flash of lightning? The images that evoke it must not mislead us. The day and the hour remain the secret to God alone.

Next Sunday, is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign on his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. *Iesus nazarenus rex indaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews). **The New Liturgical Year begins November 29.**

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the main entrance of the church for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* are available in the sacristy.



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

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

Make check payable to St. Mary's Church, designated for the Needy and put donation in the collection basket.

My Donation \$ _____

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