

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Bear Fruit or Be Fuel For the Fire

Jesus used the symbol of the vine and the branches to explain his relationship with his own. As with any vine, the true vine and its branches would require regular pruning in order to be fruitful. They will remain in Jesus and his words will remain in them. Those who choose not to remain in Jesus will bear no fruit, and as a consequence will be lopped off the vine and fed to the fire. Fruitfulness or Fire: that choice remains ours.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, May 6

4:30 p.m. Annie & Frank Cerny and
Elizabeth & Louis Cerny

Saturday, May 8

4:30 p.m. Mothers Specially Remembered Today

Sunday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Mothers Specially Remembered Today

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Annie & Frank Cerny
and Elizabeth & Louis Cerny.



2021 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Assessment	\$8,710.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 1,775.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 6,935.00

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Dorothy Beaver

Andrea Seel, Devine, TX - \$50

In Memory of Ollie Pospisil

Betty Patalik - \$20

PARISH HALL RENOVATION

Work is in progress to get the Parish Hall and Kitchen renovated in time for the Pražská Pout. So far, the stew and fry chicken kitchen is near completion. A new walk-in cooler is to be installed soon and more room has been created to ease the congestion at the plates-to-go filling station. We are now clearing out the cooking kitchen to redesign it to accommodate our present and future needs. Then comes the renovation of the Hall itself. We will keep you informed as the work progresses. Hopefully, we would get it all done before the Picnic.

PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED



It's time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle – August 15th will be here before you know it! Thomas Petru will begin contacting businesses to solicit raffle prize donations.

Anyone interested in making a donation may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Barbara Prause (361-798-6174). The Raffle Prize donation deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS – MAY 9

You may still drop your Mother's Day envelope in the collection or mail to have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day.



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

REFLECTION

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 Psalm 22
1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches

The metaphor of vine and branches characterizes the intimate nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers. In fact, a vine is made up of its branches. The life of the vine is the life of the branches. Jesus lives in his branches, and his branches live in his life. The vine bears fruit through its branches, and the branches bear the fruit of the vine. This is an apt metaphor for describing the intimacy of such union. The vine is not totally dependent on any one branch or group of branches. Therefore, it can endure pruning without withering and dying. However, there is no vine if there are no branches at all. In such a case there is only a trunk, and this is not the metaphor Jesus uses here.

The basis of this union is acceptance of and fidelity to the words of Jesus. The importance of allegiance to these words, this teaching, cannot be overemphasized. It is this message that shapes the religious identity of the disciples. The bond that is the source of union is faith. It joins one to the vine and to the other branches. It also entitles one to access to the blessings of God, since the prayers of the branches can be seen as the prayers of the vine, and God is attentive to the vine.

The vine and the branches are alive with the life of God. This union is offered to all who would listen to the words of Jesus, accept his divine claim, and live in union with him and his other disciples.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 3 – Kristen Olsovsky
May 5 – James Gready
May 7 – Cynthia Stryk

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us at the Praha Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast, prizes and fellowship. All are welcome.

A free will donation will be appreciated.

Third Anniversary Special Breakfast

Today is the Third Anniversary of the Praha Pancake Sunday sponsored by the St. Mary's Altar Society. The ladies are planning something special.



Come join them, celebrate this event and enjoy good food and fellowship!

MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is one of two months in the year when Catholics traditionally honor the Blessed Virgin. This month is referred to as the month of Mary. The other, October, is the month of the Most Holy Rosary.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



Prayer to St. Joseph
(over 1900 years old)

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph. I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

The multinational **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event, coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, is **scheduled for May 7 - 9, 2021**. Persons participating in this pro-life prayer event will pray at least one rosary for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. *You are encouraged to pray the rosary for this event.*

Moulton Easter Picnic

Meals served – 1,792 Net Profit - \$58,033.24
We thank all those who came out to support the Picnic.