

June 13, 2021

Ordinary Time

Eleventh Sunday



Walk by faith, not by sight.

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 by Barbara & Larry Prause in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 5th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, June 17
4:30 p.m. The Welfare of Parishioners
Saturday, June 18
4:30 p.m. Fathers Specially Remembered Today
Sunday, June 19
8:00 a.m. Fathers Specially Remembered Today

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 107
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

PARISH HALL RENOVATION FUND SETUP

UPDATE



Work in the Parish Hall is progressing steadily. Metal ceilings have been installed in the cooking kitchen and restrooms. The foam insulation in the Hall ceiling is being painted. It was too wet this week to being the extension of the South West corner of the Hall. The tiling crew, electricians and carpenters continue to work hard to meet the deadline.



To make a tax-deductible donation to the Parish Hall

Renovation Fund, contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

On-line Giving: We thank the Praha parishioners and friends of the parish who have been supporting us with their on-line donations. To make an on-line donation to the church visit us on:
<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-assumption-praha>

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS – JUNE 20

To have your father specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, return your envelope by June 15.

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.

Pancake Sunday at St. Joseph's, Moulton Next Sunday – June 20

Come join us for breakfast on Father's Day, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m., at the Parish Hall. Breakfast will consist of bacon, eggs, pancakes and fruit. Orange juice and coffee will also be served. Free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Church Youth Programs.

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



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Georgiann Barta.

REFLECTION

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

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.

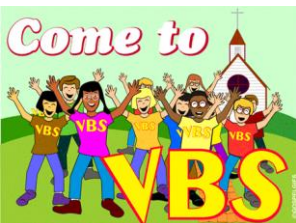
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 13 – Louise Barcak
– Allen Brehm
June 15 – Henrietta Moeller
June 17 – Emily Hill
June 18 – Scott MacDonald
June 19 – Jane Schneider

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June 13 – Louise & Johnny Barcak
– Beatrice & Rudy Patek
June 16 – Karina & David Saucedo

St. Mary's Church Vacation Bible School



July 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The program is open to children of the parish, grandchildren of parishioners and youth of the community. It offers an opportunity to come together before school

starts to learn about their faith, have fun with their friends, and make new friends. **Registration Forms at the entrance to Church. Registration Deadline – July 10th.**

FLAG DAY – JUNE 14



Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation ... one nation, under God, indivisible.

Praha Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

Here at the office, we are already gearing up for the picnics. **Praha Raffle Tickets** will be ready this week. We thank Thomas Petru and Barbara Prause for soliciting the raffle prizes and all the parishioners, friends of the parish and businesses who donated a total of \$13,830 in prizes. The raffle will have 56 prizes to be given away. The tickets will sell for \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Special thanks to Melvin Hutzler for donating a total of \$2,700 and Sallye & Scott Cielencki for donating a total of \$2,000 to the Raffle this year. The **Moulton Raffle Tickets** are also at the printers.

Picnic Chairpersons Meeting Thursday, June 17

Letters and worklists were sent out to the Picnic chairpersons this week. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 17 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass, at 5:15 p.m. under the pavilion.

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.



Cake Walk

Robin Cerny and Sharon Crowe are already soliciting cakes and volunteers to help with the Cake Walk. Their goal is 200+ baked items: cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pralines, kolaches, rosettes ... They also need 7 volunteers for each shift (10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.). Monetary donations are also welcome. Proceeds from the Cake Walk go directly to the Praha Altar Society. Last year – with no Picnic, thanks to the many donors, we raised \$1,960 through generous cash donations.

AREA PICNICS

Today – St. Mary's Picnic, St. Mary's
June 27 – Sts. Peter & Paul Feast, Plum