

August 1, 2021

Ordinary Time

Eighteenth Sunday



Believing Is Seeing Beyond The Sign

This Sunday's readings continue the theme of the bread of life. The readings show again God's loving care of the people. However, this Sunday the meaning of the feeding of the crowd with the five loaves and the two fish begins to unfold. The food that is given is not just bread from the earth; it is bread from heaven. The people are challenged to look beyond the sign to see Jesus as the Bread of Life.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, August 5
4:30 p.m. For The Success of the Church Picnic
Saturday, August 7
4:30 p.m. William Grahmann
Sunday, August 8
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Ludmila & Anton Migl Family

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.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Scott MacDonald & Virgil Price.



PARISH HALL RENOVATION

UPDATE



This week we plan to begin cleaning the Parish Hall and moving the tables and chairs back into the Hall in preparation for the Picnic. Check the Picnic article for the times and dates for cleaning.

Hall Renovation Fund Donations

We thank the following for their contributions:

Debbie & Alton Fojtik, Jr., Moulton - \$125

Junior Albrecht Welding Fabrication

\$884 worth of labor donated towards new kettle stands

To make a tax-deductible donation to 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>

Change in Mass Schedule for August 15

Praha Picnic is Sunday, August 15. The Mass schedule for Moulton and Praha is as follows:

Praha – Saturday, August 14: 4:30 p.m.

Moulton – Saturday, August 14: 6:30 p.m.

Moulton – Sunday, August 15: 6:30 a.m.

Praha – Sunday, August 15: 10:00 a.m.

There will be no 9:30 a.m. Mass in Moulton on August 15.

Bishop Cahill will be the main celebrant at the 10 a.m. Mass in Praha.

Holy Rosary Women's ACTS Retreat, August 26-29

at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar. Send off and Return Mass will be out of St. Roch, Mentz. Join them for 3 days/nights of prayer, fellowship, and time with GOD and your sisters in Christ. For an application go to www.holyrosaryacts.com or contact Kathleen Svatek.

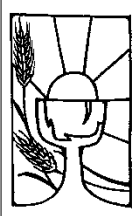
Men's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for September 23-26.

Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 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 Julia & Anton Stryk.

REFLECTION



Whoever
comes to me
will never
be hungry.

Jn 6:35

**Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Psalm 78 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35**

Believing in Jesus, The Bread of Life

After the multiplication of loaves, Jesus and his disciples get away from the enthusiastic crowd who wanted to carry him off to make him King. They had become lost in the sign (miracle of Jesus) and had come to him looking for more food. There ensued an exchange of questions and answers. They cited the desert event and talked of Moses and Manna. Jesus, however, redirected their attention to the true bread from heaven. That bread is his very self, who satisfies every human hunger. He challenged them to look beyond the bread, see beyond their stomachs so as to be able to sink their teeth into the real food he had to offer, the bread of life. He is the real basis of their survival. Jesus could see beyond the demands of the crowds for another free lunch and recognize their deeper hungers they were not even aware of.

Like Jesus' contemporaries, we too are invited to listen behind the words we hear and look beyond the bread so as to perceive the mystery of the sign that is the very bread of life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 1 – Ellen Vrazel
August 3 – David Labay, Carol Barta

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 2 – Judie & Stephen Lev

K.J.Z.T. Family Life District II Meeting and Social August 22, beginning at 11 a.m. at Robert's Steakhouse in Flatonia. The meeting and social will be held in the back room. All K.J.Z.T. members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP with number of persons attending by calling Ann Bratton (361-865-2489) or Jeanette Zouzalik (361-865-3890) prior to August 10 so that reservations can be made. Hosting society is K.J.Z.T. #83, Flatonia.

AUGUST - MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us at the Praha Hall Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

Help Needed: The Praha Pancake crew invites you to sign up to help prepare and serve breakfast. We need 8 volunteers each month and the time commitment is from 7:15-10:30 a.m. All supplies are provided. Contact Lori Janecka if you can help.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE



The Vacation Bible School held last Saturday was a success. The kids learned about God through songs, Bible lessons and crafts. The highlight of the day was the waterslide. We thank Pat Masek for donating cookies for snacks and special thanks to the anonymous donor for providing the water slide. Refer to the insert for a glimpse at the VBS activities.

Church Tours



According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 1,112 people visited the Church on their registered tours between April to June 2021. This does not include the many individual visitors and pilgrims.

PRAHA CHURCH PICNIC – See Insert.