

July 3, 2016

Ordinary Time

Fourteenth Sunday



Messengers of the Gospel

Jesus, in today's Gospel, offers clear, concise directives to us, who are called to be his disciples. We are to remember that in all we do for the sake of the gospel it is God who is at work in us and that our relationship with God is more important than the powers we have been privileged by God to wield over evil. The mission is not our cause and the success is not our achievement. Even an apostle is a sinner in need of Divine Mother's caring love and direction.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Linda & Joe Pilat in thanksgiving to God
on the occasion of their 47th Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend
are sponsored by the Altar Society.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, July 7
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Evelyn Darilek
Friday, July 8
8:00 a.m. Mary Cinadr, Dorothy & Laddie Maresh
Saturday, July 9
6:30 p.m. Gerry Jochen
Sunday, July 10
6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Dierschke
9:30 a.m. Margaret Hessler Berckenhoff

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Responsorial Psalm: 69
Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for the Special Intention of Linda & Joe Pilat.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4, 2016

Independence Day Prayer



God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue the good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong, that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Independence Day, Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– KC Bingo, KC Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any

Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

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REFLECTION



Continuing Jesus' Mission

In between sending his 72 disciples to mission and their returning to him, Jesus offers some basic principles on discipleship. He warns his disciples about the challenging demands of following him. He gives instructions for how they are to travel and what to take with them. Jesus would not have his disciples be unaware as to the cost of belonging to him.

Theirs would not be an easy mission. Jesus' instructions to his disciples about the manner in which they would travel; the sparseness of their gear; and the way they should forego even the most basic social amenities *greet no one* may seem surprising to contemporary readers. However, similar directives had been given to Israel's prophets (see 2 Kings 4:29) as they embarked upon a God-directed mission. Besides comparing the disciples and their mission to that of the prophets, the stringent nature of Jesus' instruction underscored the immediacy of the Kingdom that Jesus had come to establish. With the reign of God looming on the horizon, there would be little else that deserved the disciple's attention, save for their efforts at effecting its realization.

Jesus compared the work that lay ahead of them to a rich harvest ready for reaping. As the harvest workers, the disciples were to be messengers of peace. By their greeting, *Peace to this house* the disciples were announcing the Good News of Salvation.

Does your life reflect that of a disciple of Jesus?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Jul. 4 – Patricia Michna, Gladys Seifert
- Jul. 5 – Gernadette Geissen
- Jul. 6 – Elliott Bartos, Cameron Petrek, David Reindl, Phyllis Schoenfeld
- Jul. 7 – Bernadette Kresta, Leroy Mikulencak Jr., Bernadette Nieto
- Jul. 8 – Conner Blahuta, Kathy Fishbeck, Ann Kalisek
- Jul. 9 – Gloria Jasek

YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER DONATIONS

*In Memory of Gus Targac
Angeline Jalufka
Beth & Aaron Gaertner
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck*

Vacation Bible School – July 11-15

MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 18

Many people are working behind the scenes preparing for the Picnic. The Quilting Ladies are working on their second quilt for the auction. Parishioners are asking when they can bring their auction items to the Parish Office. Here at the office we are also gearing up for the Picnic.

Raffle Tickets will be mailed this week. Extra tickets available for sale at the Parish Office.

Picnic Chairpersons look out for a mailing this week.

Dinner With Fr. Gabriel is August 28. Save the Date postcards have been sent out to all those who bought into the mail. To buy into the meal (\$100 per person, \$200 per couple) contact the Parish Office.

LOOKING AHEAD

From the Fifteenth to the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

During these three Sundays, we read the end of chapter 10 of Luke's Gospel (15th & 16th Sundays) and the first thirteen verses of the next chapter (17th Sunday). These are teaching of Jesus given to the many disciples who follow him on the road to Jerusalem.

St. Luke, the evangelist did not arrange them in any logical order. He chose, rather, a different kind of presentation, one more striking: this whole section of Jesus' ministry is set in the framework of a "journey to Jerusalem," whose theological and practical import for Christian life we have already seen.

What makes the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Sundays such a distinct sequence is the concrete nature of Jesus' interventions. Actually, several chance meetings on the road give Jesus the occasion to teach: the encounter with a doctor of the Law with a specific question (15th Sunday); and amicable dispute between two sisters who welcome Jesus into their home, over the apparent indolence of the one who does not share in preparing the supper (16th Sunday); finally, seeking Jesus "one day," "in a certain place," in prayer, the disciples ask how they should pray (17th Sunday).

On the other hand, we notice that, on each of these occasions, the question put to Jesus and his response have to do with very concrete behavior. "What must I *do* to inherit everlasting life?" asks the doctor of the Law (15th Sunday), "My Sister has left me to *do* the household tasks all alone, says Martha; "Tell her to help me" (16th Sunday). And the disciples ask Jesus about praying, and even ask him to *give* them a prayer they can recite (17th Sunday).

The Christian must behave like Jesus, who, appears here as the model for us to imitate.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Jul. 3 – Pat & Tom Lawrence
- Jul. 5 – Susan & Allen Jasek
 - Linda & Joe Pilat
- Jul. 8 – Lorrie & Michael Janecek
 - Angie & Chad Rothbauer
- Jul. 9 – Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
 - Congratulations Julie & Daniel Beyer on your 5th Wedding Anniversary