

July 17, 2016

Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday



The Only Thing Required

As Jesus continues on his journey to Jerusalem, he teaches his followers how they should conduct themselves as his disciples. The story of Martha, Mary and Jesus offers a lesson in authentic discipleship. Jesus does not condemn the zeal and generosity of Martha. He gratefully accepts her eager hospitality but reproaches her for being *anxious and worried* about many things. Jesus denounces care because they detract from what is essential. *The details of hospitality with which Martha busies herself distract her from listening to the words of Jesus that Mary understands to be essential, the only thing required. How much time do you spend in prayer daily sitting at the feet of Jesus?*

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in thanksgiving to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 20
8:00 a.m. Annie Krametbauer
Thursday, July 21
8:00 a.m. Annie Kozelsky
Friday, July 22
8:00 a.m. Mary Pesek
Saturday, July 23
6:30 p.m. Georgie Okruhlik
Sunday, July 24
6:30 a.m. Helen Bohuslav
9:30 a.m. Gene Hrcir

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: 138

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for the Women's A.C.T.S. Team.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment \$17,080.00
Contributions So Far \$10,310.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 6,770.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:
Richard Kalisek Barbara & Eugene Anderle

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Evelyn Darilek

Lucy Schoenfeld

Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff

CHURCH SUPPORT

We are gearing up for September 18, our Church Picnic Day. Raffle tickets have been mailed to parishioners. If you did not receive Raffle Tickets or want to pick up additional tickets to sell contact the Parish Office. Also included in the mailing is a breakdown of parishioner's Church support contributions in the weekly Sunday collections.

If you did not get a financial report and would like to receive Church Support Envelopes monthly, do please drop a note in the collection basket or call the Parish Office.

Every Church has fixed expenses which must be met every month: utilities, salaries, maintenance and many unforeseen expenses. Through your sacrificial offering the Church can meet its practical financial responsibilities without putting the burden on only a few members of the parish. God loves a cheerful giver. Be generous as God is to you.

Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace!! Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. The Retreat will be held at God's Embrace Ministries Retreat Center located at 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg, TX. Weekend begins 5:00pm Friday, July 29, and concludes with Sunday Mass July 31. Open to men, women and couples. Space is limited. Register online at www.godsembrace.org or call 979-561- 8883.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting,
7 p.m., Family Room

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– Women's A.C.T.S. Team Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY – Knight of Columbus Family Night,
begins at 6:30 p.m., City Park. Dress casual, come
prepared for the heat. Hamburgers, hot dogs, cool
drinks will be served. Winners of the KC Continuing
Education Scholarships will be announced.

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.

REFLECTION



Striking the Right Balance Service and Prayer

In a society that seems to revel in 60-70 hour work weeks and wears the title *workaholic* like a badge of honor, today's gospel story of Martha, Mary and Jesus presents a challenge to us, disciples of Jesus. How do we balance work with play, as well as prayer with service? It is said that many middle-class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play and to play at their worship. As a result, their meanings and values are distorted. Drawing on the providence of Jesus, we are able to continue the journey of discipleship. We learn from both sisters and maintain a healthy balance between the service we render and the prayerful union with Jesus that inspires and fuels that service. There is need of only one thing – the sincere desire to seek the Kingdom of God before all else. Mary expressed this desire in her attentiveness to Jesus and in her awareness that Jesus has more to offer her than she could ever offer him. Jesus is not being ungrateful for Martha's hard work. He is pointing out that Martha's serving seems to have become more important than her guest. The essence of discipleship begins not in the preparation of a great banquet, but in careful attention to the Word of God who is Jesus. Family responsibilities and work responsibilities are important and good. However, none of these is more important than spending time with Jesus in prayer and listening to his word.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul. 18 – Robert Bartos
Jul. 19 – Victor Jasek, Robert Olle, Delores Raab
Jul. 20 – Dale Gold
Jul. 22 – Sherry Fishbeck
Jul. 23 – Claudette Fojtik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 18 – Congratulations Rose & Joseph Bartos
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary
Jul. 22 – Margaret & Aaron Chudej
Jul. 23 – Congratulations Kay Lynn & Toby Rothbauer
on your 5th Wedding Anniversary

CHURCH PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 18

Picnic Chairpersons Meeting Next Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Make plans to attend so we can make preparations for the Picnic.

WELCOME

We welcome the following to our Liturgy today:
The Vacation Bible School Students. They had a great farm-tastic time this week and they will share some of their songs with us.

Matthew Terra, who made a two-year commitment as a FOCUS Missionary. Everyone is invited to the Family Room after Mass to show our support for Matthew.

The Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat Team will be commissioned after Mass. The Team will meet in Moulton every week until October 4th in preparation for the upcoming Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat.

The Permanent Deacon Candidates and their Spiritual Director Michael Fonseca. They are here for a final Day of Reflection. The three ordinandi, Anthony Hensley, Edward Huse and Michael Tankersley will be ordained as Permanent Deacons on Saturday, July 23. Keep them in your prayers this week.

26th Annual Vacation Bible School

Our 26th Annual V.B.S. was a huge success. Over 50 students and young adult helpers enjoyed the week learning about God through songs, bible lessons and crafts. As in the past, Friday's activities included a hayride through town, a meal and outdoor activities.

I am grateful to Donna Perez the coordinator for her enthusiasm. Each year she comes up with an exciting and fun program for the kids. The kids just love it.

Special thanks to Hannah Perez and Randy Stevenson for all the behind the scenes work and set-up; the kitchen crew headed by Angeline Jalufka supported by Dolores Scott and members of the Catholic Daughters, Altar Society, K.J.Z.T., Christian Mothers and Knights of Columbus. It is amazing how quickly the snacks and refreshments disappeared – thanks to all who donated them. They were delicious.

We could never take on such an undertaking without the help of our dedicated *teachers and helpers*: Bodie Aragon; Melissa Berckenhoff; Irena Fikac; Laura & Tim Pustejovsky and crew; Constable Chuck Greive, the Moulton Police Department and Fire Department for providing the escort for the hayride. Thanks for sharing your time with the kids. Thanks also to 4E Dairy for the use of the milking cow. The kids were gathered around her every chance they had.

God bless,

Fr. Gabriel

We thank the following for their V.B.S. donations

Altar Society - \$100
Christian Mothers - \$25
K.J.Z.T. Society #14 - \$100
Pat & Tom Lawrence - \$100
Carolyn & Danis Whitmire - \$50
Bernadette & Darren Fikac - \$50
Knights of Columbus #3244 - \$600
Catholic Daughters Court #2018 - \$100