

August 21, 2016

Ordinary Time
Twenty-first Sunday



The Narrow Gate

Today's liturgy is the last in the sequence of the 18th to 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time unit. It acts as a kind of conclusion to a set of instructions given by Jesus on salvation, indicating the type of life one should lead, and the choices required to gain salvation. In fact, it leads us here and now to the threshold of the banquet hall in the Kingdom of God. The gate is narrow and will not be left open indefinitely. When it is closed, some who thought they had a right to enter will find themselves locked outside. Yet the call to the banquet has been made far and wide "from east to west, north to south." What are you doing about this invitation now?

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, August 24
8:00 a.m. Nora & Earl Wilmot
- Thursday, August 25
8:00 a.m. Lexie & Buster Etlinger, Mary Patek
- Friday, August 26
8:00 a.m. Barbara Meyer, Joyce Dillman, Marcella Kalisek, Taylor Michalec
- Saturday, August 27
6:30 p.m. For Members of the Reindl Family
- Sunday, August 28
6:30 a.m. For Members of the Schoenfeld-Darilek Family
- 9:30 a.m. Margaret & Alphonse Simper

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm: 68
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Betty Martinez.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$17,080.00
Contributions So Far	\$12,030.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 5,050.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Marilyn Strmiska
- Anonymous Donor
- Shirley & Gene Orsak
- Niki & Chad Chaloupka
- Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

Do please consider making a donation.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The 2016-17 C.C.D. Year Begins September 11

Registration deadline is tomorrow, August 22. If you have



not registered your child(ren) yet please do so. Textbooks have to be ordered. Registration forms are available at the main entrance of the Church. The C.C.D. Registration Form and Medical Registration Form are also available at

our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.

Fees: Sunday School – \$5 per student.
K-11th Grade – \$25 for the first child, and \$5 for each additional child in the family.

C.C.D. Begins:

- September 11 – Sunday School
- September 11 – Kindergarten - 8th Grade
- September 14 – 9th - 11th Grade

Youth Ministry Center After School Programs Begin September 12

The Gold Star Club and Champions Club will begin the 2016-17 year September 12. Registration forms will be sent home with all K – 6th Grade children at the school. A registration fee of \$30 per child is charged. Every child in the community is invited to participate in the program.

- Gold Star Club meets on Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**
- Champions Club meets on Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Through the waters of Baptism
Clayton Joseph Chaloupka
child of Kimberly & Scott Chaloupka
has begun his journey of faith
in our Christian faith community.



REFLECTION

Will All People Be Saved?

Today's gospel passage, brings up the question "Will all people be saved?" Jesus' answer appears to be "no." It is true that the good news is announced to all. All have the opportunity to respond, but here we learn that entering God's Kingdom is not automatic. On the other side of the narrow door is the householder who has the power and authority to open and close at will. There may well be a long line of expectant people. Whether or not they get in is entirely at the discretion of the householder.

In the Kingdom of God, places are set for those who respond in faith. So Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel will be there along with all whose hearts are changed by the gospel's proclamation. At the Lord's table they will feast with God as the Scriptures promise. In God's judgment, human expectations can be shockingly reversed, unlikely people will get through the narrow door and even latecomers to salvation may take precedence over those who presume themselves to be worthy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 21 – Joe Pilat, Paul Kocian
Aug. 22 – Doris Barta
Aug. 23 – Felipe Nieto, Charles Rother
Aug. 24 – Pauletta Darilek, David Schoenfeld
Aug. 25 – Kenzie Dvorak, Yvonne Pilat
Aug. 26 – Michael Seale
Aug. 27 – Robert Beran, Lisa Fojtik, Rosalyn Kocian, Josephine Nieto, Danis Whitmire

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Aug. 23 – Mary Ann & Charles Rother

Orientation

The 22nd – 24th Sundays in Ordinary Time

Already the tone of the scriptures is beginning to change. For weeks we have been hearing parables of the Kingdom, the cost of discipleship, meaning of the coming of the Messiah, and of his dying. Now the scriptures are starting to turn toward the second half of the Ordinary Time season. As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem, his destination, the questions arise, as in the readings for today: Who will be saved? Who will be first in the Kingdom? By what will we be saved? The scriptures contend that God's plan, known from the beginning of time, continues to unfold.

In the space of these three Sundays, we read a significant portion of Chapter 14 and all of Chapter 15 of Luke. The Gospel for the 22nd Sunday contains a parable that is set in the context of a meal. The Gospel of the 24th Sunday ends with a parable that speaks of another feast: that prepared by a father to celebrate his younger son's homecoming.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 18

Our Parish Picnic is less than a month away. We thank the many parishioners who are working behind the scenes to prepare for the Picnic. Special thanks to Anna & Kevin Bartos for volunteering to be Co-Chairpersons of the Picnic again this year. Gussie Machalec is soliciting businesses/individuals for Bingo Prize donations. D. J. Darilek is working on a new PA system for the Auction. Here at the office it has been busy, Praha Rededication in June, Diaconate Ordination in July, Praha Picnic on August 15 and *Dinner With Fr. Gabriel* next Sunday. The Picnic Donation Letter has not gone out yet but we are already receiving Picnic donations. How wonderful! We thank the early birds for kicking off the Picnic donations.

On another note, some chairpersons have retired and others have stepped up to help. We thank Kathleen & Dennis Schacherl, Hattie & Bob Olle, Rose Selzer & Cathy Perez, and B. Whittenborn for their many years of service. We thank Linda & Rodney Petrek for taking over the Kitchen CP, and Loretta & Tony Janak for taking over the Sale of Meal Plates Inside.

Let's all work together for a successful Picnic.

Early Bird Auction Donations

Shirley & Eugene Orsak – Calf
Sharon & Boyce Etlinger – Calf
Sivyer Brangus – Black Brangus Bull Calf
Fr. Gabriel – Calf
Rhonda & Glenn Muehlstein – 1948 *John Deere* A Tractor
Ollie & Alfred Haikenwaelder – Quilt
Nancy & Cecil Wood Jr. – King Size Quilt, Quilt
Nancy Sivyer – King Size Quilt, Saddle Up Picture
Catholic Daughters Court #2018 – Quilt
Sivyer & Brisco Families – Quilt
Michelle & Walter Sanchez – 12 pts. Moulton Honey
Annette & Jerry Fojtik – Antique Last Supper Picture, 3-D Last Supper Picture, A Knife
Pat & Tom Lawrence – Skinny Cook Kitchen Basket, Metal Garden Spinner, Lady Bug Table, 3 Wall Plaques
Joyce Pavlicek – Kitchen Set Basket, Baby Quilt
Will Lawrence – Sports Basket
Dolores & Ben Scott – Plaster Praying Hands

Picnic Auction Items For Sale: Have you decided what to donate to the auction? There are some quilts and wood crafted items available at the Parish Office for sale at reasonable prices. Stop by to make a choice.

Raffle Tickets Due August 23

*Have your purchased your ticket yet?
Extra tickets available at the Parish Office.*

Picnic Donation Letter in the mail this week.

Dinner With Fr. Gabriel – Next Sunday
You can still call to get in. Call the Parish Office.