

July 23, 2017

Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday



God's Patience: Willingness to Wait

The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds we hear today teaches us about who God is. For God, there will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means the righteous will have to live with the sinners and show them the same kind of concern God shows to them. The presence of sinners provides us, Jesus' disciples the opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Rosie, Joe W., Allen & Leroy Fishbeck by Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in honor of Jesus of Divine Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, July 26
8:00 a.m. Ruth Kleihege
- Thursday, July 27
8:00 a.m. Gene Hrcncir
- Friday, July 28
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Dierschke and Schoenvogel Family
- Saturday, July 29
6:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Anna & Frank Kalisek Family
- Sunday, July 30
6:30 a.m. Adolph C., Tom J. & Albina Darilek
9:30 a.m. George Cinadr

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:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
- Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 119
- Second Reading:** Romans 8:28-30
- Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Carrie & Frank Zamykal.

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment	\$17,303.00
Contributions So Far	\$10,905.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 6,398.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Marilyn Strmiska*
- Niki & Chad Chaloupka*
- Karin & Kenneth Filipp*
- Shirley & Eugene Orsak*

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Lalie Bartos
Mary & Charlie Bartos*

*In Memory of Marvin Jasek
Mary Lou Dierschke
Diana & Harvey Kloesel*

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

*In Memory of Marvin Rothbauer
Marvin Rothbauer Family*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



In today's first reading we are reminded of the benefit we enjoy because of the patience of a loving God. Jesus calls forth this same nonjudgmental quality of patience from us, his disciples. Comprised of a triplet of parables, the Gospel invites us to deal with others the way God deals with us. While the servants were ready to pull up the weeds as soon as they appeared in a sort of nip-it-in-the-bud mentality, the householder was patient enough to let wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. As it has always been, the good and the not so good live side by side. It is God's prerogative to judge between them. God mercifully withholds divine judgment until the harvest. There is hope for all of us.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets
- THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of *Anna Regina Lee* and for the comfort of her loved ones. *May she rest in peace.*



Remember the sick in your prayers, especially Charlie Pilat.

REFLECTION

Good Grain and Weeds in the Same Field

Today's parable of the weeds and wheat follows immediately after last week's reading of the parable of the sower. Jesus is still very much aware of the antagonism that is building against him in the hearts of some of his listeners.

All three parables in today's Gospel, the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast, teach that the coming of the Kingdom is a growth process that occurs over time.

To interpret the story of the weeds and wheat as a parable we must ask, "To what person or thing in the story is the audience being compared?" and "What is Jesus teaching the people about themselves by making this comparison?" As was true in the parable of the sower, those listening to Jesus are compared to the soil, or the field. Jesus is teaching the crowd that the Kingdom, which is being established within them, is not immediately experienced as the complete victory of good over evil. Rather, both within each individual and within the community as a whole, "wheat" and "weeds" grow simultaneously. We therefore, need not be overly discouraged by the presence of the weeds. In time the weeds will be destroyed. The wheat, however, will be gathered into barns. In the meantime, the weeds will not kill the wheat. The presence of sin and suffering will not destroy the presence of good. Good will win out in the end. Over time the Kingdom will grow so that the whole world is changed. Jesus teaches in parables in order to reveal the truth, not to hide it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul. 23 – Claudette Fojtik, Courtney Koncaba
Jul. 24 – Barbara Castro, Kathy Seale
Jul. 27 – Catherine Wenske
Jul. 28 – Matthew Terra
Jul. 29 – Ervin Patek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 23 – Kay Lynn & Toby Rothbauer
Jul. 28 – Phyllis & Kenneth Schoenfeld
Jul. 29 – Debbie & Eugene Pilat

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

C.C.D. Registration

Many parents have not yet registered their children for the 2017-18 C.C.D. Year. We are in the process of ordering C.C.D. books and planning for the year. Beginning August 1st the C.C.D. registration fee will increase \$10 per child.

Youth Ministry Fund

In Memory of Marvin Rothbauer
Marvin Rothbauer Family - \$100

Another V.B.S. Donation -
Carolyn & Danis Whitmire - \$50

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 17

Raffle Tickets Printed 750
Raffle Tickets Purchased So Far 247
Turn in your ticket stub and donation as soon as possible.

We thank the following for picking up tickets to sell:

Cody Jalufka – 2 tickets
Georgia Wagner – 2 tickets
Shirley & Eugene Orsak – 6 tickets

To purchase a Raffle Ticket or to help sell tickets, contact the Parish Office. Price \$30 per ticket
32 Prizes Given Away

Grand Prize: \$5,000 Gift Certificate

Picnic Chairpersons Meeting Today after 9:30 A.M. Mass. All Picnic Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. If you have not yet turned in your worklist please bring it to the meeting.

Picnic Workers Needed

All parishioners who have not been assigned a booth/work station in the past are encouraged to sign up to work at the Picnic. Call the Parish Office or drop your name in the collection basket for assignment.

Picnic Meat Fund Letter in the mail soon.

Praha Raffle Tickets available at the Parish Office.

\$2 a ticket or 6 for \$10
40 prizes to be given away.

Grand Prize - \$2,000 H.E.B. Gift Card



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