

October 15, 2017

Ordinary Time
Twenty-eighth Sunday



R.S.V.P. To The Wedding Feast

After the parables of the two Sons and of the wicked tenants proclaimed on the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Sundays respectively, today we hear that of the people invited by a king who is celebrating his son's wedding. These Sundays could be called "Liturgies for times of crisis." They remind us of the urgency and the seriousness of the decision we must make. We must obey God in action, not just in word. We are invited to put into practice what we learn and receive when we welcome God's invitation.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of
Emmie & George Michalec by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated
in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roman Wenske,
Herbert Hermes, Paul Leininger, Daniel Hermes &
Bridget Miksch by Amanda & Christian Wenske
on the occasion of their wedding.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21

6:30 p.m. Mary & Roman Wenske, Sr.

Sunday, October 22

6:30 a.m. Edith Beran

9:30 a.m. Lorene Krejci

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm: 96

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Larry Seifert.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st – The Feast of All Saints

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 5:30 p.m. Moulton – 7:00 p.m.

November 2nd – The Feast of All Souls

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

Mass Schedule:

Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 5:00 p.m.

Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Moulton – Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Blessing of the graves after Mass.

All Souls Commemoration

During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use your All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail slot at the rectory by October 31.

CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Catholic Daughters: Today is National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day. We welcome members of Court #2018 to our liturgical celebration. We ask all CDA members to rededicate themselves to the work of this organization and to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the principles of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind.

Altar Society members are accepting raffle prizes for the raffle held in conjunction with the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner in February. Contact Bernice Ellinghausen (596-7721) to donate prizes.

Knights of Columbus Fr. Joseph Kopp Council #3244 Annual Banquet will be held this Wednesday, October 18 at the Parish Hall. Social 6:30 p.m., turkey and dressing meal at 7:30 p.m. Widows of deceased members and Catholic Daughters of America will be honored guests of the Council. Members and spouses/guests are all invited. A joint Memorial Service for deceased members of the Council and the local Catholic Daughters of America Court will follow. There will also be an Awards Ceremony.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7 p.m., Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Knight of Columbus Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
See article for details.
THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

I Cannot Come

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation. They either ignore it completely or become so involved in their own concerns they have no time for it. Other people actually attack those who have been sent to deliver the invitation. This is the case not only in the parable but also in our world today. An invitation to the eschatological banquet does not seem to be as interesting as a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. It is not that the concerns of our lives are ignoble; they are not. But even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come.

What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; life itself is moving toward the time of the banquet. All of our plans, all of our interests, all of our distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain, and we will have turned down our invitation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct. 15 – Bodie Aragon, Brooke Braeuer, Alan Pilat
Oct. 16 – Adam Nieto, George Kalisek, Maria Kloesel
Oct. 17 – Ray Bacak, Karin Filipp, Thomas Kloesel,
Tyler Siegel
Oct. 18 – Jared Raabe, Nicholas Simper
Oct. 19 – Chad Chaloupka, Marian Kram
Oct. 20 – Keegan Kirkland, Josephine Pavlicek
Oct. 21 – Hunter Anderle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 17 – Agnes & Daniel Jasek
– Sheryl & Mark Zimmerman
Oct. 20 – Annie Mae & Robert Berckenhoff
– Congratulations Alisha & Wesley Rothbauer
on your 10th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Oct 16 – After School Program, K-2nd Grade
Oct. 18 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Oct. 21 – 9th Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

World Mission Sunday

This day is designated to offer prayer and financial support for missionaries around the world. It is also a day to remember that the Church is missionary at its very core. All the baptized are called to carry on the mission of Christ and to proclaim the good news to the world.

WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Joseph Westfall of Cross Catholic Outreach to St. Joseph's. Fr. Westfall will be celebrating the Masses at Moulton & Praha this weekend. He will speak on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

A THANK YOU NOTE

Rev. Gabriel Maison,
When I open [redacted]
letter and saw the generous
check from your parish,
I praised the Lord!
Couldn't wait to tell
my husband that God
is providing for us
with much needed
car insurance!
Thank you for the
generosity of prayers
& money.
Eternally grateful

As stated in previous Bulletins a Second Collection will not be taken up for the Flood Victims. Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the flood victims may make a check payable to St. Joseph's Church indicating Flood Victims.

ORDINARY TIME - LOOKING AHEAD

The Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Sundays

The Gospels of the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Sundays proclaim serious lessons that Jesus taught, not in the form of parables but within the framework of harsh confrontations with scribes and Pharisees. These teachings show in full light what characterizes the gospel and the life lived according to it, in opposition to die-hard religious conceptions and practices that to the present day threaten to distort Christian behavior into a caricature. "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" (Matt 22:15-21 – Twenty-ninth Sunday). "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Matt 22:34-40 – Thirtieth Sunday). These are genuine questions that must be asked. But in what spirit are they asked? Is it with a sincere heart and in order to conduct oneself according to the gospel, or is it to find loopholes through which to escape its exigencies?