

October 29, 2017

Ordinary Time
Thirtieth Sunday



Love God Love Neighbor
Two Commandments Really One

To test Jesus a lawyer asks him to tell which is the greatest commandment in the Law. Jesus' answer is a revelation concerning the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is impossible to find the Father in prayer and the Spirit in the secret of our hearts if we do not recognize and serve the Son in the brothers and sisters with whom he identifies himself. It makes no sense at all to look for what distinguishes the first commandment from the second or the second from the first. The two commandments are really one.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Carrie & Frank Zamykal.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in
memory of M/M Roman E. Wenske Sr. by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, November 1
7:00 p.m. Evelyn & Clarence Raab
- Thursday, November 2
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Claude Jalufka
7:00 p.m. Our Dead Specially Remembered Today
- Friday, November 3
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Dierschke & Beyer Families, The Deceased of the Rosie & Joe W. Fishbeck Family, Janie & Edward Hajek
- Saturday, November 4
6:30 p.m. Leslie Hanzel, Jr.
- Sunday, November 5
6:30 a.m. Mary & Alfred Hirsch
9:30 a.m. Helen & Morris E. Muehlstein, Sr.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 131
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of
Rosie, Joe W., Allen & Leroy Fishbeck.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st – The Feast of All Saints
Mass Schedule: Praha – 5:30 p.m. Moulton – 7:00 p.m.

November 2nd – The Feast of All Souls
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.

Book of The Dead

In keeping with the Church's tradition of praying for the dead, we will display the Book of the Dead. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested for on the *All Souls Envelopes. You are invited to leaf through the pages, and note the names. You may write the names of others you might want our parish family to pray for.

It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.
2 Maccabees 13:44-46

*Submit your All Souls envelope October 31.

A THANK YOU NOTE

*Father Gabriel,
we would like to thank you and
your parish for graciously donating
the Bibles! Your gift allows us
to continue to do God's work in
the way that He has called us by
helping those who suffer from Alcohol
& Drug use.*

*Thank you!
Daniel Barrientos
Executive Director
Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach*

St. Joseph's recently donated 60 Bibles to Billy T. Cattan Drug & Alcohol Recovery Outreach in Victoria. They serve over 500 clients from the surrounding areas each year.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- WEDNESDAY – The Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation, see Mass schedule.
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- THURSDAY – The Feast of All Souls, see Mass schedule.
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Family Room
– Catholic Daughters Bake Sale. See article.
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday, November 5

REFLECTION

Love Is Justice Passed Around

As the theologian Emil Brunner once said, "Love is justice passed around." No one may be overlooked in the passing around of this love that is justice. Besides citing the needs of widows, orphans, and the poor as people to whom love and justice are owed, the First Reading from Exodus makes specific mention of aliens or foreigners.

With immigration such a hot button issue in our country today, it is necessary to bring the word of God to bear on this aspect of the human condition. That word, ever present to light our way and to inspire our attitudes.

From the manner in which Jesus exercised his ministry, we can deduce that Jesus understood the love due to God and to neighbor in terms of Biblical justice, or fidelity to the demands of a relationship, was the principle that governed all his words and works. His relationship with God as a son to a Father motivated Jesus to look upon and love all others as his brothers and sisters. Our relationship with Jesus challenges us to follow his lead in loving and caring for one another.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct. 29 – D. J. Darilek, Karen Fernandez
Oct. 30 – Garrett Drabek
Oct. 31 – Kathy Dornak, Harold Kuntschik, Eugene Orsak
Nov. 1 – David Raab, Cynthia Munguia Anaya Vasquez
Nov. 2 – Sam Sustr
Nov. 3 – Marilyn Michal
Nov. 4 – Brandon Janecek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 29 – Melissa & Dwayne Simper

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – 7th Grade Youth Mass / C.C.D.
Oct. 30 – After School Program, K-2nd Grade
Nov. 1 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades; 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.; 1st & 2nd Graders dress as Saints at Mass
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Safe Environment Training

Nov. 15 – 9th - 11th Graders & YMC Champions Club
Nov. 19 – K - 8th Graders
Nov. 20 – YMC Gold Star Club
Look out for more details.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Vera Berckenhoff and George Simper.

Shiner Strudel Sale, Nov. 11, \$15 (unbaked only)
Call Virginia & David Vinklerek (594-2343) by Nov. 8th.

Praha Veterans Day Celebration Next Sunday – Nov. 5
Mass 9:30 a.m. followed by Service at Cemetery and meal.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Today is Priesthood Sunday. It is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

Serra USA designates the last Sunday in October as a day when we express our appreciation for all that our priests do for us. Our local Vocation Club in the Hallettsville area is sponsoring a program approved by Bishop Cahill in which all priests in the Victoria Diocese are remembered in prayer. We have 66 priests in our Diocese of which 10 are retired. All their names are included in our program so all of them can benefit from your prayers. You are encouraged to keep a priest in your prayer intentions for a year. **Serra Club**

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen

– United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

8:30-9:30 a.m. –Doris Foster, *open*
9:30-10:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
10:00-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck, Sharon Etlinger
11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, *open*
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Mary Ann Wenske
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Eleanor Wagner, Mary Ann Wenske
12:30-1:00 p.m. – Eleanor Wagner, James Wenske
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel & Family
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Scott Wenske
3:30-4:00 p.m. - Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske, John Wenske
4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*
4:30-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek
5:00-5:30 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Angie Jalufka
5:00-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

Catholic Daughters Court #2018 Bake Sale, Friday, November 3, 7:30 a.m., at the SouthStar Bank corner. Members are asked to bring two items by 7:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Joseph's Altar Society Raffle prizes are being accepted. Contact Bernice Ellinghausen to donate prizes.