

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?

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 23

4:30 p.m. Richard O'Brien

Sunday, July 24

8:00 a.m. St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the 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



No Bible Study Wednesday, July 20

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha Quarterly Meeting, July 24th in the School Chapel after the 8:00 A.M. Mass. Members and their families invited.

Congratulation and God's blessings to **Karina Lee Ann & Alex Holden Farek** who were recently united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Remembering & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Agnes & Daniel Jasek, Moulton - \$100

Liz & Leo Janak - \$1,000
(previous donation, \$5,000)

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$100
(pledge payment - pledged \$1,200)

In Memory of Marcella & Ernest Chaloupka
Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka - \$200 (pledged \$1,500)

In Memory of Elizabeth & Frank Hajek, Sr.
Hajek Family Reunion - \$100

In Memory of the Kobza, Machac & Mican Families
Doloris & Dennis Mican, Katy, TX - \$100

In Memory of the Veronica (Kubena) & John Bily
Family: Fr. Vaclac, Tim, Gus, Mary & Lillie
and In Honor of Christine J. Parma
Patricia M. Parma, San Antonio, TX - \$500

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY DONATION

Brunner Family Reunion - \$75

Something to Think And Pray About This Week In Preparation For Next Week's Liturgy

Wanting to Forgive

If I refuse absolutely even to want to forgive, I cannot pray the Our Father. It makes no sense. The divine call to forgive is addressed to me as I am.

On that difficult journey towards loving our enemy, we have a friend in Our Lord, not another enemy throwing even more burdens on us. Because he is our friend he is not going to be shocked at our feelings of anger or revenge. He will understand these, because he shares our anger and horror at what has been done to us. He will walk with us as we move slowly towards freedom, where we are no longer dominated by what has happened to us.

Adapted from Brian Lennon SJ: *So You Can't Forgive...?*

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For my needs and in thanksgiving
To help me take care of my family
That my sister's surgery is successful
For my brother's successful procedure

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 ANNIVERSARY!



July 19 – Josephine & Alphonse Kubenka
July 23 – Cynthia & Allan Stryk

This is how you can help make our Picnic successful.

Donate Auction Items: Items of value bring in money.

Raffle Tickets: Purchase/sell raffle tickets.

Contribute to the: Meat Donation Fund, Bingo, Country Store, Music Fund, Fish Pond/Toy Box, other donations.

Volunteer to work: Sign up to help at the Picnic.

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My donation to the Auction. (include market value)

My donation to: Meat Fund \$ _____ Bingo \$ _____

Music \$ _____ Country Store: _____

Other donations: _____

I would like to help at the picnic. Sign me up to help with: _____

Name: _____

Phone # _____

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

Church Picnic – August 15

Our parish picnic is only a month away.

Raffle tickets and the picnic donation letter have been mailed to parishioners. If you have not done so yet, fill out your donation slip and turn in your raffle stubs and donations as soon as possible so you can be given credit. You may drop them in the collection basket or the mail. Extra raffle tickets for sale outside the Church after Mass.

We thank the following for kicking off the Picnic with their recent donations:

Meat Fund Donations

Our Goal This Year \$10,000

Jenelle & Daniel Cerny - \$100

Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$100

Esther & Edward Brautigam - \$125

Lisa & David Rothbauer, Moulton - \$100

Music Fund Donations

Our Goal This Year \$2,300

Jenelle & Daniel Cerny - \$200

Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$100

Esther & Edward Brautigam - \$50

Bingo Donations

Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$50

Esther & Edward Brautigam - \$25

Auction Donations

Lori & David Janecka – Heifer

Henrietta & Elton Moeller – \$50 cash

Carol & Randy Barta – Basket of Items from Lourdes, France

Miscellaneous Donations

G.V.E.C. – Use of Water Cooling Fans

Herzik's Milk & Grain – Raffle Ticket Sponsor

Eileen & Deacon John McCourt – Use of Water Cooling Fans – list to be continued

Picnic Update

We will be placing orders next week for the groceries for the meal and other items needed for the Picnic. Contact the Parish Office if you have not turned in your list for the Picnic. Also Picnic Chairpersons who have not turned in their worklist are asked to contact the Parish Office so we can publish the list.



Contributions from out-of-town friends of the parish are accepted and appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 19 - Chelsey Kubenka, Nancy Petru, Theresa Tousek,
Helen Wiedemann

July 20 – Karmyn Michalec

July 21 – Elyse Chaloupka