

July 9, 2017

Ordinary Time
Fourteenth Sunday



A Rest That Refreshes

The invitation of Jesus to pause and rest is not an invitation simply to rest, or put your feet up, but to rest so as to *know* and *learn*. What Jesus teaches is an attitude of mind and spirit that he described as “meek and humble of heart”. Meekness meaning perfect trust, willing obedience and lived faith. These are the lessons Jesus teaches those who will pause, be still and come to rest in him.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Cynthia & Edward Koncaba in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 15
4:30 p.m. Louis Barta
Sunday, July 16
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Marie & Joseph Kalina Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

St. Mary's Altar Society Meeting Today
in the School Chapel, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment	\$7,670.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 2,415.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 5,255.00

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Pam Vogt, The Woodlands, TX - \$100

In Memory of John Blazek, Beloved Father - \$40

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

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 our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following prayer requests:

- Prayers for All*
 - For Thanks to God*
 - Blessings for Work*
 - For Peace for Venezuela*
 - In Thanksgiving for New Job*
 - For Ruben & Justine Velasquez*
 - For The Joachims & Neumanns*
 - I Pray My Grandfather Will Heal*
 - To Find Peace In My Heart Again*
 - For Good Health & Peace of Mind*
 - Pray For Healing for All of America*
 - For Good Health for All of Family*
 - For Oscar Gervais, Murphy Majoria*
 - Prayers for Cancer of Breast & Lungs*
 - Prayers for Our Children & Grandchildren*
 - That Rudy May Find A Job & For His health*
 - In Thanksgiving to God For All His Blessings*
 - For My Family, That God May Bless Each One of Them*
 - For Success on My NCLEX – Nursing State Board Exam*
 - For My Vocation, Finances, Health, Holiness, Family & Friends*
 - Prayer for No Cancer for My Friend Pam B. – Lost Her Eye to Cancer & Having A Biopsy on Her Lung*
- Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Emil Lev.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

REFLECTION

The Mystery of the Kingdom Revealed to the Little Ones

Jesus' prayer and invitation, as expressed in today's Gospel, follows immediately upon his reproval of those who have heard his words and seen his works but remained unrepentant. In sharp contrast to the wise and learned who refused Jesus were the "little ones" whose humility and openness to God and to grace enabled them to see and believe the truths that Jesus set before them. Implied in this statement is the idea that those who were highly educated in the Jewish law could find that learnedness an obstacle to grasping the wisdom revealed in Jesus. Moreover, Jesus claimed to be a source of revelation, in direct contradiction to the idea that God's revelation is fully contained in the law and the prophets. The exclusiveness of the relationship shared by Jesus and the Father reminds us that human beings do not have the capability, on their own, to fathom the knowledge of God. We know God only because such knowledge is a gift. Even our efforts to know the Son are futile unless the Son wills to be known ... and, thanks be to God, the Son does desire to be known and to make God known as well. This revelation provides us with a release from the weighty obligations of the interpreted law. Unlike the Pharisees, who "tie up heavy burdens and lay them on the shoulders of others" and then offer "not a finger to move them" (Matt 24:8), Jesus offers a shared burden, a lighter load, and rest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 10 – Keegan Kubenka
July 13 – Sarah Berckenhoff
– Alan Stryk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



July 10 – Christina & Spence Lesikar

K.J.T. State Family Day – July 23 at the K.J.T. Activity & Fraternal Center, 6116 St. Highway 71E, La Grange. All members and their families are invited to come enjoy a BBQ meal and a day of fun including music by Chris Rybak, Caricatures, a water slide and attendance prizes throughout the day. Registration beings at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 11:00 a.m., meal served from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. by July 14 to 800-245-8182 or info@kjtnet.org.

Picnic Letter

Raffle tickets and the picnic donation letter have been mailed to parishioners and out-of-town benefactors. 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.

Picnic Supplies

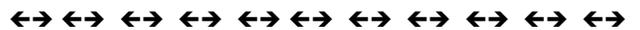
We will be placing orders next week for the groceries for the meal and other items needed for the Picnic. Contact the Parish Office if you have not turned in your list for the Picnic. Also Picnic Chairpersons who have not turned in their worklist are asked to contact the Parish Office so we can publish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

Picnic Publicity/Picnic Flyers

Some say everybody knows Pražská Pout is August 15, but it doesn't hurt to put out flyers to remind them the big day is coming. Help publicize the Picnic. Pick up some Picnic Flyers on your way out of Church today. Ask if you can post them at work, at area businesses and at Picnics.

Area Picnics

July 16 – Ascension of the Lord, Moravia
– St. Matthew's Czech Day Celebration, Jourdanton
August 6 – St. Joseph, Yoakum



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

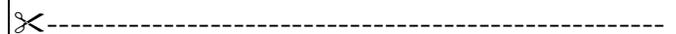
This is how you can help make our Picnic successful.

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, Fr. Gabriel's Cake, other donations.

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



My donation to the Auction. (include market value)

My donation to: Meat Fund \$ _____ Bingo \$ _____
Music \$ _____ Fr. Gabriel's Cake \$ _____

Country Store: _____

Other donations: _____

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

Name: _____

Phone # _____