

September 24, 2017

**Ordinary Time**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday**



***Mercy Without Measure***

**Today's readings offer us a glimpse of the mercy of God, which is a mercy without measure. This mercy of God is what inspired the parable of the vineyard. Whether a person came early or late to God, Jesus' actions illustrated that their welcome would be equally warm because God's ways and thoughts are tempered by mercy and love.**

**ALTAR FLOWER BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

**September 30/October 1**  
**October 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 & 28/29**



Do you want to donate flowers for the Altar? You could do this in memory of a loved one, or an anniversary date or for any occasion. To sign up contact Lori Janecka (Altar Society President) or call the Parish Office.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, September 30  
4:30 p.m. Leon Jasek  
Sunday, October 1  
8:00 a.m. Sidonia & Louis Fishbeck

**Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy**

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

**First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 25**  
**Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**  
**Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**



**Picnic Appreciation Dinner**  
**Saturday, October 7 After Mass**

**2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2017 Assessment .....	\$7,670.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$ 4,375.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$ 3,295.00

*Do please consider making a donation.*

**DONATIONS TO HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS**

Through friends of the Parish we have identified families that have been badly affected by the Hurricane. Our Parish has made donations totaling \$5,000 to four families in La Grange and one family in Houston:

1. An elderly couple who lost their home and business.
2. A widow who lost her home. Her house was condemned.
3. A couple who lost their trailer home.
4. A woman who lost her home and did not have flood insurance.
5. A family who has been flooded twice and are struggling to clean and rebuild their home.

*There will be no Second Collection taken up in Church but we welcome anybody who wants to make a donation through the Church to victims of the flood. If you know individual families that desperately need help bring that to the attention of the Parish Office.*

The Moulton Church has also so far made donations totaling \$6,000 to individual families and the Lamar Fire Department.

This week the construction of a new sidewalk to the School begins. The six foot wide sidewalk will replace the existing uneven and broken side walk.

**Area Picnics**

- Today – St. Philip The Apostle Church Picnic, El Campo  
– St. Peter & Paul Festival, Meyersville
- Sept. 30 – St. Michael's Fall Festival, San Antonio
- Oct. 1 – Sacred Heart Turkey/Dressing Dinner, Flatonia**  
– **Queen of the Holy Rosary Festival, Hostyn**  
– St. John's Bazaar, Hungerford  
– Annual Mentz Picnic, Mentz  
– Holy Cross Fall Festival/Turkey Dinner, Bay City
- Oct. 8 – Sts. Cyril & Methodius Picnic (Rescheduled), Cistern**  
– Panna Maria Homecoming Turkey Dinner  
– Our Lady of Victory Fall Festival, Victoria  
– Holy Cross Bazaar, East Bernard  
– St. Mary's Festival (Rescheduled), Nada
- Oct. 15 – Immaculate Conception Fall Festival, Goliad

**Moulton Picnic:** Judging by the size of the crowd last Sunday, the Moulton Picnic was a success. Thanks to all those who supported the auction by donating or buying; bought raffle tickets, made monetary donations or helped work at the Picnic. Your help made a difference and it is greatly appreciated.

**Moulton Raffle Winner: Jeanette & Carl Henke**

## REFLECTION

### *Merit or Grace?*

The parable of the Vineyard, during Jesus' ministry, represented Jesus' response to those who accused him of wasting his time and efforts among the least members of society. No doubt the Scribes and Pharisees regarded themselves as full-time, dawn-to-dusk workers whom God would generously reward at the end of their day. These righteous ones were certain that those who strayed from God's ways could never merit the same reward. But, Jesus in whom the ways and thoughts of God became incarnate, reached out with mercy and generous forgiveness for all, not as merit that can be earned but as grace freely given to sinners.

Most of us would bristle at what appears to be an injustice perpetuated on hard-working people. The parable however teaches us a lesson about the Kingdom of Heaven. Entrance to the Kingdom cannot be earned, no matter how early one rises or how long one works. Entrance is God's gift, given freely and mercifully to those who seem by human standards to deserve it, as well as to those who do not. Generous mercy is that quality of God without which we would have no hope of survival.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 24 – Dolores Labay  
 September 26 – Ronnie Masek  
 September 28 – Spence Lesikar  
 September 29 – Robert Lev

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 26 – Sarah & Harvey Berckenhoff

## AT HOME WITH THE WORD 2018

To foster full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Liturgy all parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the celebration. One way of getting ready for the Mass is to reflect on the liturgical readings at home. Copies of *At Home With The Word* are ordered for all those who sign up for them. A copy is \$8 but if you fill in the form below and return it in the collection basket, drop slot or mail it in by September 24, you get a copy for free.

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### 2018 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## TRAVELING ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY AT ST. JOSEPH'S, MOULTON



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a traveling icon of The Holy Family. This gives us the opportunity for all families to be inspired by the example of The Holy Family and dedicate our families to build homes of communion, prayer, and love. Families are encouraged to pray before the icon. The icon will

be at St. Joseph's until September 27.

### *Prayer to the Holy Family*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.*

## 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 intentions:

- In Thanksgiving*
- For A Special Intention*
- For A Safe Trip/Vacation*
- For Peace & Health for All*
- For Caroline & Mike Wilson*
- The Soul of My Mother, Mary Snider*
- For A New House & Financial Help*
- For My Sister & Her Family's Needs*
- For Ruben Velasquez & Justine Velasquez*
- For Healing & Forgiveness in Our Family*
- Healing for Cornelia Munoz who has Brain Tumor*
- In Praise & Thanksgiving, For the Ill & Infirm in Family*
- Prayers for My Daughter Amber S. As She Is Blessed in College*
- For Family & Friends Affected By Harvey, Especially Quentin & Trish Hoffman*
- For Good Health of Children/Grandchildren: Physical, Spiritual & Mental*
- For My Boys to Come Back to the Catholic Church, For Their Health & Their Careers*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued