

July 29, 2018

Ordinary Time

Seventeenth Sunday



God Provides

The miracle of the multiplication of loaves is a sign that is misunderstood by both the disciples who participate in it and the crowds who witness it. In the readings of the four Sundays that follow, Jesus will teach the people the significance of their experience; that he himself is the bread that has come from heaven; not the magic provider of everything they want, but the genuine source of all that fulfills human needs.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 4

4:30 p.m. Flora & Raymond Giovannini

Sunday, August 5

8:00 a.m. Frances Anderle

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 78

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: Mark 6:24-35

SOCIETY NEWS

K.J.T. State Family Day, today at the K.J.T. Activity & Fraternal Center in La Grange. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by a meal. All members and their families are invited to come enjoy a Barbeque meal and a day of fun! Chris Rybak, attendance prizes, water slide and face painting.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Harriet Kocurek
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment	\$7,761.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 3,555.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 4,206.00

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

Marit & Timothy Doucet, Conroe, TX - \$300

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

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY DONATION

We thank the Brunner Family Reunion members for their recent donation of \$100 towards the Cemetery Fund.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 5



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Come out and join us Sunday, August 5, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. It brings our community together for fellowship. A free will donation is appreciated.

Will you consider helping one Sunday? It's always the First Sunday of the month. The time commitment is from 7:30-10:30. We need 8 volunteers to make the kitchen HUM! Please contact Lori Janecka at: (361) 772-4307 or lorijanecka@gmail.com to get on the volunteer list.

PLATES TO GO AT PICNIC

Business Plates Orders: To help us have the plates ready on time, we ask that the businesses to do please *turn in their final order no later than Friday, 5 p.m., August 10.*

- **TO PICK UP BUSINESS PLATES:** Take F.M. 1295 to Praha, turn on South Knezek Road to the Hall. Make a left turn onto the gravel road behind the hall. Follow the signs to the Business Plates pick up station.
- **TO PICK UP INDIVIDUAL PLATES TO GO:** Take Highway 90 turn on South Knezek Road to Praha Hall. Make a right turn onto the gravel road behind the hall. Follow the signs to the Drive-Thru Individual Plates-To-Go pick up station.

The walk up Plates To Go line will still be available.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 17th to the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we temporarily set aside Mark's Gospel and turn to the Gospel of John for the next five weeks. The Gospel of Mark is the primary focus of this year, but because Mark is the shortest of the synoptic gospels we supplement it with Readings from John. Today, we read the account of the multiplication of the loaves and later for four Sundays, the discourse on the Bread of Life.

The 17th Sunday:

With five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds a great crowd and there are even leftovers. Seeing the miracle, the crowd wants to carry him off forcefully to make him King so he withdrew to the mountain alone.

The 18th Sunday:

The crowd finds Jesus on the opposite shore in Capernaum. He tells them they are worried only about material food instead of working for that which endures for eternal life that he can give them. Then he tells them "I am the Bread of Life."

The 19th Sunday:

This statement arouses murmurs. How can this man, whose parents we know, say such a thing? Jesus answers them by saying, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The 20th Sunday:

The crowd understood that Jesus' language is not symbolic: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" This is true, "for my flesh is true food, and blood is true drink." "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

The 21st Sunday:

There is a crisis among Jesus' disciples. Many go away and no longer accompany him. He turns to the Twelve. "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answers him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The discourse on the Bread of Life develops as if in a spiral. We often have the impression of hearing it over and over again. It is however, worthwhile to disregard this false impression and strive to understand the Readings making them our own by personal meditation and keeping them in our hearts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 29 – Ollie Pospisil

July 31 – Daniel Cerny, Kyle Koncaba, Haley Taranoswki

August 1 – Ellene Vrazel

August 3 – Carol Barta, David Labay

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 2 – Judy & Stephen Lev

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

How You Can Help With The Picnic?

Auction: Donate items of value to the auction. We need a variety of items for our guests. If you haven't decided what to donate to the auction yet, there are some quilts and wood crafted items available at the Parish Office in Moulton at reasonable prices. Stop by to make a choice.

Meat Donation Fund: Our Meat Donation Fund goal this year is \$10,000. We have a long way to go to meet our goal. Have you made your donation?

Raffle Tickets: Have you turned in your raffle stubs and donations yet? Contact Thomas Petru or Liz Janak to pick up extra tickets to sell.

Bingo & Music Fund Donations: It takes a lot to have good music for our guests. Bingo donations are needed as well. Can you help?

Country Store: The out-of-town people love homemade jelly, home-canned/baked goods, and hand-made crafts. Let's make sure we have plenty on hand.

Fr. Gabriel's Cake: Fr. Gabriel's Cake will be auctioned off at the Picnic. Make a donation towards it for a piece of cake.

Other Picnic Donations are welcome.

Desserts & Cake Walk: Get your ovens ready. We need at least 200 cakes (pies, strudels, rosettes ...) for the cake walk and can never have enough desserts for the meal. Also, the Cake Walk booth still needs volunteers for each shift. Contact Robin Cerny or Sharon Crowe.

Publicity: Pick up some flyers and post them at your place of work and at area businesses. Invite all your friends and family to the Picnic.

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

PICNIC WORKERS NEEDED

- 30 people to help fill plates for the plates to go lines
- help battering and frying the chicken
- Bingo workers, especially 3-5 p.m. shift
- Cake Walk & Ring Toss volunteers needed

To volunteer to help do please check the form below and return the form to the Parish Office or contact Helen Schaefer or Theresa Tousek (plates-to-go), Johnnie Hoffman (chicken), Jane Schneider (Bingo), Robin Cerny (Cake Walk) or the Parish Office if you can help.

Yes, I can help with:

- Plates-to-go lines** ____ 8:30-10:30 a.m.
____ 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ____ 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Battering/Frying Chicken**
- Bingo** ____ 1:00-3:00 p.m. ____ 3:00-5:00 p.m.
____ 6:00-8:00 p.m. ____ 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Cake Walk** **Ring Toss** **Where Needed**

Name: _____

Phone # or Email: _____