

September 30, 2018

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-sixth Sunday



### God Doesn't Follow Our Rules

In today's scripture readings, Moses wishes for God's gift to be distributed as widely as possible. St. James addresses himself to those of us who have an abundance of material goods, warning us that we have effectively become idolaters, valuing our wealth over humans who are God's image and likeness in the world. In the Gospel Jesus warns us, his followers against preserving rank and giving scandal. Jesus encourages us to look beyond the parameters we have set for ourselves and for him. If God has called even us to follow Jesus, why couldn't God call others too? Where do these messages hit home for you?



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Denise & Gary Greive in honor of their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 6  
2:00 p.m. Drake-Migl Wedding  
4:30 p.m. Albina & Louis Smolik  
Sunday, October 7  
8:00 a.m. Anton Stryk

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

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

**First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**  
**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

*The Praha Picnic Report will be ready next week.*

### 2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment ..... \$7,761.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$ 4,095.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$ 3,666.00

*We thank the following for their recent contributions:*

Jeanette & Carl Henke  
Susan Ivey  
Patsy & Leonard Tydlacka  
Celine Kalina

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Sharon Dyer, Fort Worth, TX - \$20  
In Memory of Margie Cernosek - \$20  
The Clawson Family, Conroe, TX - \$20  
Patricia & Charles Griste, Flatonia, TX - \$20  
  
In Memory of The Parma Family - \$20  
C. Michael Parma, New Braunfels, TX

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

### ST. MARY'S CEMETERY NEWS

We thank Patsy & Leonard Tydlacka for their recent contribution of \$70 for the St. Mary's Cemetery.

### St. Mary's Cemetery Fund

*In Memory of Emil Lev*  
Gail & Dennis Stryk

### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 7



### ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

*The Altar Society is hosting Praha Pancake Sunday on October 7th starting at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be 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](mailto:lorijanecka@gmail.com) to get on the volunteer list.

## REFLECTION

### *Freedom of the Spirit*

In today's Gospel the disciples of Jesus were struggling with the question: How could the Spirit be experienced outside the community of Jesus?

In an effort to educate his own in the charismatic freedom of the Spirit to blow where it wills, to inspire whom it may and to empower whom it chooses Jesus challenges them to venture beyond the protocol and institution and open themselves to God's mysterious workings. Even someone the disciples regarded as outside their group can be acceptable to God and a vessel of the Spirit. If that person is not against us, insists Jesus, that person can be an agent of the power and Spirit of God.

Jesus' challenge to his own, both then and now, is one of inclusiveness. To meet this challenge, believers must be willing to surrender preconceived ideas and judgments to the sometimes, unimaginable ways of God. Too frequently, those who are different, those who dissent and those who march to the beat of a different drummer are ignored and rejected outright. Rather than eliminate the maverick, might not the church and the world be better served if we were to truly heed Jesus' insistence that "anyone who is not against us is with us!" With the author of the Book of Numbers we pray, "Would that God might bestow the Spirit on us all!"

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 1 – Richard Niemann  
 October 2 – Hattie Stryk  
 October 3 – Jennifer Hutzler  
 October 5 – Brooke Cerny  
 October 6 – Samuel MacDonald

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 1 – Congratulations Theresa & Dennis Tousek on your 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 October 2 – Denise & Gary Greive

## WEDDING BANNES



*Virginia Elizabeth Drake & William Ray Migl*

**Altar Society Meeting Today,**  
 September 30 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

## 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:**

*For Maria C.*  
*For Early Release*  
*For Health of Julie*  
*For Hedly & Others*  
*For Ruben Velasquez*  
*For Justine Velasquez*  
*For Health of Family*  
*For Brokenness In Family*  
*For Healing of Parkinsons*  
*For Grandpa Franklin Valla*  
*Rid My Mother of Her Cancer*  
*For The Family of Mark Anderle*  
*In Thanksgiving For God's Mercy*  
*Pray For Our Family And Friends*  
*For My Health & Other Intentions*  
*For All Those Dealing With Depression*  
*That God Will Move Our Family to Texas*  
*For Mark Anderle – May He Rest In Peace*  
*For The Avelordo Family From Beeville, TX*  
*For The Repose of the Soul of Mark Anderle*  
*For Family And Friends of the Baker Family*  
*For Care For Those Suffering With Depression*  
*Pray For Hilltop Lakes Chapel & It's Congregation*  
*Pray For The USA, This President, The Poor & Family*  
*For Carol Herrera – Heal Her Body & Cease Her Pain*  
*For All Those Who Struggle To Find God's Peace In Their Lives*  
*For The Men & Women Discerning Priesthood Or Religious Life*  
*For Health of Annette W., Safely & Health of Wike, Foust & Dornak Families*  
*In Memory of Maria de Jesus Garcia de Vazquez & Roynaldo Vazquez de Montes*  
 – Votive Candle Intentions to be continued



## Religious Education For Children In Praha

### **C.C.D. Meeting Today in Moulton**

All parents interested in having their children enrolled in the C.C.D. Program in Praha are invited to a *meeting in Moulton. The meeting will be in the Family Room today, September 30 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.*