

October 28, 2018

## Ordinary Time

Thirtieth Sunday



### “I Want To See!”

**In response, Jesus relieved Bartimaeus of his blindness. Once he was able to see, Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way. Seeing and believing – one action leads to the other, and together both lead to God and to discipleship. We rejoice with Bartimaeus because we are blessed with the ability to see both physically and spiritually and are able to share in his life changing experience.**

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God by the family of Frances & Leon Kubenka on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



### MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, November 1  
5:30 p.m. Sp. Int. – Denise & Gary Greive  
Friday, November 2  
5:30 p.m. Our Deceased Specially Remembered Today  
Saturday, November 3  
4:30 p.m. Willie C. Migl  
Sunday, November 4  
8:00 a.m. Frances & Alois Anderle

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



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

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**  
**Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34**

**Area Catholic Schools Information Fair, November 11.**  
*Look out for more details.*

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

*In Thanksgiving to God - \$70*  
*Ruth & Mario Perales*

*In Memory of Margaret & Davie Surman - \$20*

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

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

#### Revised Schedule

#### November 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Feast of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

**Mass Schedule: Praha – 5:30 p.m.**

Moulton – 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### November 2<sup>nd</sup> – *The Feast of All Souls*

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

**Mass Schedule:**

**Praha – Blessing of Graves at 4:30 p.m.**

**Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

Moulton – 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

– Rosary for the dead at the Resurrection

Chapel after the 7:00 p.m. Mass

#### Book of The Dead

In keeping with the Church's tradition of praying for the dead, we will display the Book of the Dead. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested for on the \*All Souls Envelopes. You are invited to leaf through the pages, and note the names. You may write the names of others you might want our parish family to pray for.

***It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.***

*2 Maccabees 13:44-46*

\*Submit All Souls envelope by October 31.

### Altar Society Bake Sale – November 20<sup>th</sup>

The Praha Altar Society will be holding a Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Flatonia National Bank. Parishioners are encouraged to donate home baked/made items or make a monetary donation to the sale. You may drop your items off on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the bank or call the rectory (361-596-4674). Proceeds go to the cleaning of the Church, supplies and other items. Thank you in advance for your contribution to kick off Thanksgiving with our community.

## REFLECTION

### *Do We See?*

As we come to the close of the Liturgical Year, we pause this Sunday to see how far we have come. How are we maturing in the Spirit? To what degree have we followed Jesus who leads us out of our blindness? Throughout this Liturgical Year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have reflected on the history of our Salvation, the merciful compassion of God shown to us. We have meditated often and long on Jesus' life and death, on the meaning of his resurrection in our lives. How have we been transformed by this experience? Have our eyes been really opened and been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life as baptized followers of Christ?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 29 – Adam Hutzler

## 2019 MASS BOOK OPENS NOVEMBER 6

### Mass Stipend

It has been a long standing tradition of the Church that an offering is made by parishioners when Mass (prayers) is requested. The donation given is an offering to God not a payment for the Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to be generous in their offering. A donation of \$5 is the least one may offer for the Mass.

\* *Owing to the large volume of Mass requests for our beloved dead and other occasions each family is limited to 2 Masses per year. The Mass can be for a married couple, one person, or two individuals.*

### Sanctuary Light and Bulletin

*In addition to booking Masses or offering flowers for the Altar, you may also sponsor the Sanctuary Light (the candle burns for a week) or sponsor the Church Bulletin for a weekend. It could be:*

- in memory of
- in honor of
- in thanksgiving
- Special Intention, etc.

Sanctuary Light - \$20; Bulletin Sponsor - \$35

To book a Mass, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Light or Bulletin call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket or mail.

## Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 1,020 people toured the Church on registered tours between July to September 2018. This is not counting walk-ins.



## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

**Today is Priesthood Sunday. It is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.**

### *Prayer for Priests*

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen*

– United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Ordinary Time – Weeks 30-34, November**

Oct. 28 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Nov. 1 – Feast of All Saints

– Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection Begins

Nov. 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Nov. 4 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Nov. 11 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

– Veteran's Day Celebration (9:30 a.m. Mass)

Nov. 18 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Nov. 20 – Altar Society Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Nov. 25 – 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Christ the King)

### **Catholic Daughters White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign** is held each year at



the end of October. White Ribbon Week began in 1987 after Norma Norris heard a sermon against pornography. She used a simple white ribbon as a symbol of decency to inform the public of the harm done by exposure to pornography. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation has expanded the campaign to include human trafficking and the physical abuse of women and children. *In support of the campaign Flatonia CDA members will hand out white ribbons and a prayer after the weekend Masses. You are encouraged to wear the ribbon and join us in prayer this week as we work to end the harm caused by pornography.*

**A.C.T.S. Family Social Gathering, November 17, St. Roch's Church, Mentz.** Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by social, meal and spiritual reflection. Childcare available. RSVP to 979-966-3597.