

November 18, 2018

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday



Be Prepared!

As the Church's liturgical calendar winds down, the readings are sobering, scary, and hopeful. They shake up any complacency and pry us from misplaced confidences. We are told things will not always be the way they are now.

Those who are concerned about the end of the world are counseled to entrust the unknown and unknowable future to God's caring and capable hands.

The Good Shepherd has promised not to lose any of his sheep and it is this shepherd who is coming to fulfill his promise he made to us.



The Flowers on the altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God by Julia Stryk on the occasion of Gail & Dennis Stryk's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, November 21

5:30 p.m. Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, November 24

4:30 p.m. Mary Ann Smolik

Sunday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Lillie & Gary Zimmerhanzel

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 21 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:

5:30 p.m., Praha

7:00 p.m., Moulton

Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 6:30 a.m., Moulton



Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.

You may drop your food items at any time. Drop the envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket during the month of November.

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

God, our Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness. We have received generous gifts from your hand so that we may learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Open our hearts to concern for others so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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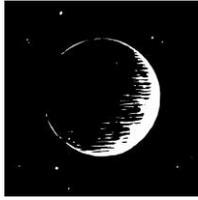
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REFLECTION



Trust in God

At the close of the liturgical year, the readings speak of the end of time, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to his disciples about the days of final tribulation. They are a terrible undoing of creation, an extinguishing of the light of the sun and moon, with the stars falling from the sky. Against the backdrop of this chaos, Jesus assures his disciples that he will come again in power and glory, gathering his elect from "the end of the earth to the end of the sky." No matter what horrendous suffering they endure life will rise again in them through his power, he tells them. The readings today give hope that everlasting radiance and tender new beginnings come after refinement in the fiery furnace of suffering.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 21 – Elmer Michna
– Susan Velasquez
November 24 – Nick Patalik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 18 – Staci & Scott MacDonald
November 23 – Delia & Mike Moeller

Thanksgiving Bake Sale – November 20th

The Praha Altar Society will be holding a Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 20th 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 off your items (already packaged to sell) on November 20th 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.

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Christmas Party and short meeting Sunday, December 9, 2 p.m. Members and their families are invited to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development. *Be generous*

Liturgical Orientation

Every year, on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church offers us a celebration explicitly centered on the mystery of the end-time. This Sunday makes the shift in the post-Pentecost season to the great themes of the end. This theme will be in the forefront from now until the First Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgy thus invites Christians to consider all things under the aspect of eternity by grounding themselves in their certainties guaranteed by faith: creation, which God made beautiful and good, will be transfigured by the Spirit; Christ will come again; those who prepared themselves to receive him will live with him forever; this future is decided in the present. It matters little to know when or how the new world will appear: at the end of a slow germination, invisible to human eyes, or with the dazzling suddenness of a flash of lightning? The images that evoke it must not mislead us. The day and the hour remain the secret to God alone.

We must note that in this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we end the reading of Mark's gospel. On the following Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we read a passage from John.

Next Sunday, is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign on his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. *Iesus nazarenus rex indaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews). The New Liturgical Year begins December 2.

Advent Confession Schedule

Moulton – December 10, 5:30 p.m.

Praha – December 12, 5:00 p.m.

Czech Advent/Christmas Concert At St. Mary's Church - Praha, Dec. 2nd, 2 p.m.

You are cordially invited to our Second Annual Czech Advent/Christmas Concert in Praha. The performance will be by Dr. Thomas Sovik, Professor of Music Theory in the College of Music at the University of North Texas, and his students. They will perform *Giovanni Pergolesi Stabat Mater*. Following the performance, Fr. Jaroslavi Krivanek, a Hussite priest from the Czech Republic would deliver a Christmas sermon in Czech. The event will end with the singing of traditional Czech Christmas songs and a social reception in the School. You will have an opportunity to meet the performers at the reception. This event is being sponsored by the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas in partnership with the College of Music at the University of North Texas.

* *There is no charge to attend the Concert. A free-will offering will be taken up at the Concert for the St. Mary's, Praha Church Restoration Fund.*