

July 14, 2019

Ordinary Time  
Fifteenth Sunday



**“And Who Is My Neighbor?”**

**In response to this question asked by a scholar of the Law, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. This Gospel passage challenges the disciples of Jesus to love their neighbor as themselves. To discover who is your neighbor; when you encounter a stranger who has need of you, put yourself in the person’s place. From your behavior and action it is they who will recognize whether you are their neighbor.**

**Remember the Samaritan.**

**“Go, and do likewise.”**



**Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God by Cynthia & Edward Koncaba on the occasion of their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, July 20

4:30 p.m. Sidonia & Louis Fishbeck

Sunday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – Josie & Alphonse Kubenka

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



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

**First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15**

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**

**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Nancy Petru.

**2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2019 Assessment ..... \$7,813.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$ 2,385.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$ 5,428.00

Do please consider making a donation.

**SAINT MARY’S, PRAHA  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>**



*The program is open to children of the parish, grandchildren of parishioners and the youth of the community. It offers the children an opportunity to come together before School starts, to learn about their faith, have fun with their friends and make new friends.*

**WHERE:** Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, Praha

**WHEN:** July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**FEES:** \$5 per child, to help cover the cost of craft materials and T-shirts. (Make check payable to: Saint Mary’s Catholic Church)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 22, 2019**

Registration forms are available at the main entrance to church and on our website: [www.stmaryspra.org](http://www.stmaryspra.org).

Mail the completed forms and payment to: Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, 821 FM 1295, Flatonia, TX 78941. Or, drop them in the collection basket.



**Church Tours**

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 3,701 people visited the Church on their registered tours between April to June 2019. This does not include the many individual visitors and pilgrims.

**K.J.T. State Family Day – Next Sunday July 21** at the K.J.T. Activity & Fraternal Center. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass and a meal. RSVP by July 16<sup>th</sup> to 968-5877 or [info@kjtnet.org](mailto:info@kjtnet.org).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



Jul. 19 – Nancy Petru, Theresa Tousek, Helen Wiedemann  
Jul. 20 – Karmyn Michalec



Congratulations

**Josephine & Alphonse Kubenka**  
on your Golden Wedding Anniversary  
July 19, 2019

**CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD**

**CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15**

**REFLECTION**

***Samaritan Love – The Rule of the Disciple***

If we read today’s Gospel carefully, it would appear that Jesus’ challenge to emulate the goodness of the Samaritan was not to be thought of as quality of love that should be saved only for emergency situations. The Samaritan love to which Jesus calls his disciples is understood as a way of life; indeed, it is the rule of discipleship. Samaritan love, this love and caring that encounters a stranger and transforms him into a friend sees the plight of a person in need, not as a burden but as an opportunity to emulate Christ. This love must become a habitual quality that characterizes those who belong to Jesus, not as heroes but as ordinary people who have become accustomed to loving heroically without seeking heroic acclaim. Samaritan love is not limited by prejudice. In the parable, the Samaritan, a natural enemy of the Jew, did not see the victim’s ethnicity, but only his pain and his need. Samaritan love is a love that does not count the cost and seeks no recompense. Besides personally caring for the wounded man, the Samaritan provided for his continued care.

For all of the Samaritan’s valiant efforts, Jesus did not call him a saint or a hero. He called him *neighbor* and held him out as an example of the love that should distinguish his disciples from others.

The Samaritan love to which we are challenged via today’s liturgy is not the exception but the norm for us, the disciples of Jesus.

***This is how you can help make our Picnic successful.***

**Donate Auction Items:** Items of value bring in money.

**Raffle Tickets:** Purchase/sell raffle tickets.

**Contribute to the:** Meat Donation Fund, Bingo, Country Store, Music Fund, Fish Pond/Toy Box, Fr. Gabriel’s Cake, other donations.

**Volunteer to work:** Sign up to help at the Picnic.

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**My donation to the Auction. (include market value)**

My donation to: Meat Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bingo \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Music \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fr. Gabriel’s Cake \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Country Store: \_\_\_\_\_

Other donations: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to help at the picnic. Sign me up to help with:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

***Our parish picnic is just around the corner!***

Raffle tickets and the picnic donation letter have been mailed to parishioners and out-of-town benefactors. If you have not done so yet, fill out your donation slip and turn in your raffle stubs and donations as soon as possible so you can be given credit. You may drop them in the collection basket or the mail. Extra raffle tickets for sale outside the Church after Mass.

**Picnic Supplies:** We will be placing orders this week for the groceries for the meal and other items needed for the Picnic. Contact the Parish Office if you have not turned in your list for the Picnic. Also Picnic Chairpersons who have not turned in their worklist are asked to contact the Parish Office so we can publish the list.

**Picnic Flyers:** Pick up some Picnic Flyers on your way out of Church today. Ask if you can post them at work, at area businesses and at Picnics. You can help make the Picnic a success!

**Update on Refreshments, Outdoor Games /Booths (continued):**

- Robin Cerny & Sharon Crowe need 200+ baked items. Can you help by donating home baked pies, cakes, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, kolaches, rosettes? Last year the Cake Walk brought in \$2,748.75 for the Praha Altar Society.

- Georgia Cerny & Nancy Jasek reported that our guests look forward to the good old-fashion canned goods, homemade noodles, jellies, kolaches, cookies... at the Country Store.

- Mary Bartos & Staci MacDonald always have the Fish Pond & Toy Box filled with a variety of toys for the kids. As in the past, they are accepting monetary donations and toys (\$5 value).

- Pat Lawrence reported that she needs at least one more volunteer to help at the Plant Walk.

- Frances Kubenka has the t-shirts designed for the Picnic. Make sure to stop by the Souvenir booth to buy a shirt.

- Jason Bartos has the bands lined up for the Picnic. Get your dancing shoes ready.

- Lori & David Janecka will be soliciting auction items from local businesses. Have you found that perfect auction item yet? Need something to put in the auction? We have wood crafted items and quilts available for sale at the Parish Office

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

