

July 28, 2019

Ordinary Time  
Seventeenth Sunday



**Why Pray?**

**This question speaks to one of our most essential human needs. Jesus knows that his disciples needed to share in the relationship he had with God. He therefore taught us a simple, honest and profound prayer. We pray because the words we utter in God's presence are the breathing that sustains our lives. God is nearer to us than our own heartbeat. The day we cease to pray, we cease to live and to be who we are before God and others.**



**Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 in memory of/honor of K.J.Z.T. members.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, August 3  
4:30 p.m. Joe M. Jasek  
Sunday, August 4  
8:00 a.m. Mark 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90**  
**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**  
**Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

**Sanctuary Light Booking Available: August 4**  
Contact the Parish Office.

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for the welfare of parishioners.**



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

We thank the following for their recent contributions

*Danny Wilson, Alvin, TX - \$20*  
*Allison & Joshua Shepard, Cypress, TX - \$60*  
*Marit & Timothy Doucet, Conroe, TX - \$500*

*In Memory of Norbert Reising - \$20*  
*Lynn Reising, New Ulm, 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 DONATION**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**On The Journey to Jerusalem**

*From the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In the framework of the *Journey to Jerusalem*, the Gospel according to St. Luke has incorporated certain teachings of Jesus that function as a course on discipleship. These teachings may appear to be disjointed and illogical, but they are not.

The four gospel passages read from the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> Sundays are grouped under the heading: *In all things consider the End*. These teachings of Jesus are seen from the perspective of the End of all things – eternity, the Master's return, judgment, and entry into the Kingdom.

**PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY**



**ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Join us in the Parish Hall for pancakes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee and milk. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

**St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha Meeting Today, July 28** in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. In honor of the feast of St. Anne, members and their families are invited to join us for breakfast after Mass. Mass will be celebrated for living and deceased members.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Flatonia Catholic Daughters Mini-Retreat Saturday, September 14**, at the Flatonia Parish Hall. Sponsored by Flatonia Catholic Daughters Court #2570. Bishop Cahill presenter. Look out for more information.

## CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

### REFLECTION

#### How Do We Talk To God?

Today, we hear Abraham talking to God about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the conversation Abraham gets close to God and barter with God on behalf of the just people who may live in the city. For Abraham, the just should not be punished for the sake of the wicked. Abraham's prayer is conditioned by his knowledge of God as caring, merciful and personally involved in the affairs of humans.

Jesus' disciples on the other hand want to know how he talks to God, like a child with a parent, like a Son to a loving Father. Jesus' teaching about prayer is offered within the context of his own prayerful communication with God. The disciples saw him at prayer. Their request is understood as a desire to share in the union that Jesus shares with the Father. Jesus' Father is our Father. He asks for *our* daily bread and forgiveness for *our* sins. Jesus' talking to God is all *we* and *us* and not *I* and *me*. When we talk to God as Jesus has taught us, we are drawn into his relationship with God and with all he loves as brothers and sisters. Attached to the Our Father is a series of teaching on prayer. Through the parable of the friend knocking at midnight, Jesus encourages persistence in prayer. The dotting attention we receive from God must be translated into selfless acts of caring for others. Do you acknowledge and accept all others as children of the same Father? Or is your talking to God mere lip service? How do you talk to God?

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 28 – Dennis Stryk  
 July 29 – Ollie Pospisil  
 July 31 – Daniel Cerny, Kyle Koncaba, Haley Taranowski  
 August 1 – Ellene Vrazel  
 August 3 – Carol Barta, David Labay

### PLATES TO GO AT PICNIC

**Business Plates Orders:** To help us have the plates ready on time, we ask that the businesses do please *turn in their final order no later than Monday, 5 p.m., August 12.*

- **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.

### 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 \$12,000. 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
- Bingo workers & Ring Toss volunteers needed
- Cake Walk

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), Jane Schneider or Marcel Kleihege (Bingo), Stazy MacDonald (Ring Toss), 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.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_