

October 7, 2018

Ordinary Time

Twenty-seventh Sunday



No Longer Two, But One

This Sunday's Gospel relates Jesus' position on divorce. Jesus suggests that divorce corresponds to a stage of human development marked by the weakness resulting from sin. With his coming, the messianic times, people must resolutely go back to the primordial purity of marriage and to the creator's intention: "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Marilyn & Glenn Michal in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Sophie & August Kasper, Marvin Rothbauer, The Deceased of K.J.Z.T. Society #14

Saturday, October 13

6:30 p.m. Lillie & Henry Dornak

Sunday, October 14

6:30 a.m. Robert Weitzel

9:30 a.m. Agnes & Victor A. Moeller, Sr.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in Frankie E. Simper.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$17,386.00
Contributions So Far \$ 9,409.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 7,977.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Cynthia & Robert Beran Lillian Supak

Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER



A year ago a committee was formed to help build our Social Center. By God's grace and the generosity of parishioners and non-parishioners alike the first phase has been completed and we had our first Church Picnic in the facility. Even though the facility has not been fully completed, we have had requests about using the facility for the School Halloween Party, the Prom, a wedding and other events. This project has been well received by both parishioners and our community.

This week we were finally able to get in and do a thorough cleaning after the Picnic. Another truckload of grass was planted this week to prevent erosion (we could not get it planted before the Picnic due to the rain).

The workers are finishing the awning that could not get done before the Picnic. When the first phase is finished and the bills are paid, a meeting of the Building Board will be called to discuss the way forward. Thanks for your support.

God bless,

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$392,929.42. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

Two Additional Calves Donated To The Picnic

Charlene & Jerome Raabe Sr. have donated a 550# black heifer and a 550# crossbred heifer to the Picnic. The calves will be sold at the local auction and the proceeds will be added to the picnic proceeds. We thank Jerome & Charlene for their generous donation.

Picnic Report next week.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room

– No Gold Star Club Meeting (School Holiday)

WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass

– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any

Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Jesus is put to the test by the religious authorities about divorce. In response he takes them back to the foundations of their faith. When questioned, Jesus frequently turns the tables, posing questions to those who ask questions. Here, what begins as a legal question about divorce becomes an issue about all human relationships and responsibilities.

The creation accounts in Genesis provide the setting for Jesus' teaching. The relationship between humanity and God is a fundamental aspect of creation and not merely a social convention regulated by law.

In those days divorce was all too often an irresponsible male action against a woman, it left the wife and children destitute. Divorce was essentially an act of injustice against women. In criticizing divorce, Jesus called into question the current understanding of the marriage union. Jesus said that this union was meant to reflect the permanent union of God and human beings intended from the beginning and not just a social convention that men should cast off at will. Jesus called men to their responsibilities to women and children with their marriages.

God's relationship to creatures is primarily one of faithfulness. The stories of the Bible are so often about this relationship and about the deadly results of breaking faith from God and with one another. To those committed to faithfulness for example in marriage – breaking faith is no small matter. Creation is charged with the presence of God, and as part of creation people are called to responsibility. In Bible terms, this relationship of responsibility is called a covenant, a relationship characterized by love, mercy and forgiveness and by a legal contract.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Oct. 8 – Clayton Chaloupka
- Oct. 9 – George Holub Sr., Gabriel Kloesel, Jerome Raabe Jr.
- Oct. 11 – Daniel Beyer, David Beyer, Bryan Filipp, Aaron Gaertner, Irene Portales
- Oct. 12 – Kristi Anderle, Lillian Fojtik
- Oct. 13 – Frank Nieto, James Meisetschleager

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Oct. 7 – Betty & Dennis Kloesel
- Oct. 8 – Mildred & Willie Pilat
- Oct. 9 – Mary Alice & Randy Lewkoski
– Kathy & Michael Seale
- Oct. 10 – Gernadette & Phillip Geissen
- Oct. 11 – Linda & Michael Mikulencak
– Lisa & David Rothbauer
- Oct. 13 – Terri & Scott Filipp
– Congratulations Ollie & Alfred Haikenwaelder on your 65th Wedding Anniversary

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



Respect Life Sunday is celebrated today. The purpose is to raise consciousness and provide resources on various issues that affect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

We pray for – and renew our resolve to bring about – a culture of life and an end to the killing of innocent human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to age, size, health or dependency.

We thank the Knights of Columbus #3244 for sponsoring the Respect Life insert in today's bulletin.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

In October, in a special way, we remember Mary both as Mother of God and as our mother. Let us rejoice that we are children of so great a mother.

The entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. It is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is sponsoring a public square Rosary Saturday, October 13 at the Moulton City Park pavilion at 10:00 a.m. Come join us and pray as more than 8,000 cities nationwide will have public rosaries in commemoration of Our Lady of Fatima's 101st Anniversary of appearing in Portugal. For more information, please call Mary Ann Wenske at 596-7085.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



The breakfast begins after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Praha. It 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.

Mass Count: Bishop Cahill has asked that a Mass count be taken up at every weekend Mass during the months of May and October in all parishes of the diocese. Records indicate that on average 423 people attended Mass at St. Joseph's on the weekends of October 2017.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially John Beran, Deacon Milburn Kram, Susan Jasek and Irene Portales.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- Today** – C.C.D.
- Oct. 8** – No Gold Star Club Meeting (School Holiday)
- Oct. 10** – Champions Club Meets (3rd – 6th Grades)
– 9th - 11th Grade C.C.D.
- Oct. 11** – Altar Server Training
- Oct. 13** – 10th Grade Leads Saturday Evening Rosary
- Next Sunday** – C.C.D.