

July 17, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday



The Only Thing Required

As Jesus continues on his journey to Jerusalem, he teaches his followers how they should conduct themselves as his disciples. The story of Martha, Mary and Jesus offers a lesson in authentic discipleship. Jesus does not condemn the zeal and generosity of Martha. He gratefully accepts her eager hospitality but reproaches her for being *anxious and worried* about many things. Jesus denounces the care because it detracts from what is essential. The *details of hospitality* with which Martha busies herself with distracts her from listening to the words of Jesus that Mary understands to be essential, the only thing required. How much time do you spend in prayer daily sitting at the feet of Jesus?

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in honor of Jesus of Divine Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday, July 20
8:00 a.m. Frank Wagner
Friday, July 22
8:00 a.m. Gregory Berckenhoff,
Evelyn & Clarence Raab
Saturday, Jul 23
6:30 p.m. Delia Brigman
Sunday, July 24
6:30 a.m. Tillie Meekins
9:30 a.m. Daniel Kozelsky

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138
Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

2022 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Assessment \$18,755.00
Contributions So Far \$ 9,990.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 8,765.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Gene Schoenvogel
Niki & Chad Chaloupka
Bernadette & Darren Fikac
Sharon & August Etlinger, Jr.*

Do please consider making a donation

CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their contributions:

In Memory of Roberta & Ken Kilpatrick - \$3,300
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as a contribution to the church mural.
In Memory of Lexie Marie Rothbauer
Mary Ann & Charles Rother & Family - \$100

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Lexie Marie Rothbauer
*Nancy Sivyer
Mary Lou Dierschke*

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – No Catholic Daughters Meeting (Summer Break)
WEDNESDAY – Knights of Columbus Meeting, George's Hall
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.



**The Sanctuary Light will be
lit this week in memory of
Tencha Hernandez.**

REFLECTION



Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15
Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

Striking the Right Balance *Service and Prayer*

In a society that seems to revel in 60-70 hour work weeks and wears the title *workaholic* like a badge of honor, today's gospel story of Martha, Mary and Jesus presents a challenge to us, disciples of Jesus. How do we balance work with play, as well as prayer with service? It is said that many middle-class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play and to play at their worship. As a result, their meanings and values are distorted. Drawing on the providence of Jesus, we are able to continue the journey of discipleship. We learn from both sisters to maintain a healthy balance between the service we render and the prayerful union with Jesus that inspires and fuels that service. There is need of only one thing – the sincere desire to seek the Kingdom of God before all else. Mary expressed this desire in her attentiveness to Jesus and in her awareness that Jesus has more to offer her than she could ever offer him. Jesus is not being ungrateful for Martha's hard work. He is pointing out that Martha's serving seems to have become more important than her guest. The essence of discipleship begins not in the preparation of a great banquet, but in careful attention to the Word of God who is Jesus. Family responsibilities and work responsibilities are important and good. However, none of these is more important than spending time with Jesus in prayer and listening to his word.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul. 18 – Robert Bartos, Michael Mikulencak
Jul. 19 – Victor Jasek, Delores Raab
Jul. 21 – Dale Gold
Jul. 22 – Sherry Fishbeck
Jul. 23 – Courtney Koncaba

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 18 – Rose & Joseph Bartos
Jul. 19 – Jordan & Johnny Kuehn
Jul. 20 – Leigh Ann & William Darilek, Jr.
Jul. 23 – Kay Lynn & Toby Rothbauer

Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat – July 21-24, 2022

Registration forms at the entrance to church.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 18

Picnic Chairpersons Meeting Next Sunday, July 24

The Picnic Chairpersons will meet in the Family Room after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Make plans to attend so we can make preparations for the Picnic. Remember to bring your work list.

Volunteer to work, don't wait to be asked. There are several parishioners who are no longer able to work in their various booths/work stations because of their age. They have served so diligently in the past. It's time for the next generation to step up to help St. Joseph's to carry on the mission of the church.

Vacation Bible School



The 31st Annual Vacation Bible School last week was a huge success. Look out for more details.

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.



St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday – Today

7:15 – 8:30 a.m.

Always the Third Sunday of the Month

Come enjoy great fellowship with friends and an awesome breakfast to start your day.

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Congratulations

Margaret & Aaron Chudej

On your Golden Wedding Anniversary

July 22, 2022

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Lexie Marie Rothbauer

and the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.

* Lexie is the sister of Gussie Machalec and August Etlinger, Jr.

