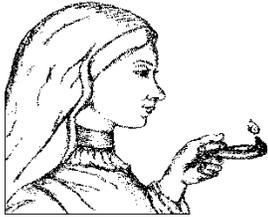


November 12, 2017

Ordinary Time
Thirty-second Sunday



Expecting the Unexpected

The parable of the ten virgins points to the fact that preparation is an urgent personal responsibility. When the bridegroom suddenly appeared, the virgins with no oil could not borrow some from the others, and it did them no good to go out and buy more. It was too late; they had their chance. As we await the return of Jesus, we are to use the time we have, this day, this hour, this moment to keep our lamps well trimmed so as to light the way until Jesus comes.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 18

2:00 p.m. Bartos – MacDonald Wedding

4:30 p.m. Louis G. Stryk

Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Frances & Joe Kubenka

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

We thank St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 for their recent donation of \$500.00 to St. Mary's Church. They do so much to help the church and the community.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, **5:30 p.m., Praha**

Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 6:30 a.m., Moulton

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

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for canned goods. You may drop your canned goods at any time. Drop the envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket or mail during the month of November.

Czech Christmas Mass Concert in Praha
December 3, 2017



To open this year's season of Advent, you are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear our *Česká mše vánoční* (Czech Christmas Mass) as it was performed on Christmas Eve 1796

in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem (south Bohemia). This will be a historically accurate re-creation of that first performance, given by "a small handful of villagers, the organist's wife, and the organist himself singing from the keyboard," with the singers and musicians dressed in late 18th-century costume. The village priest offered a "fiery sermon" under the title *The Waste and Folly of the Season*; the performance will include a sermon similar to that which accompanied the first performance of the *Česká mše vánoční*, preached in the Czech language (English copies will be provided).

The performance will take place at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 3. A reception will follow with an opportunity to meet Mr. Zdeněk Beránek, Deputy Head of Mission at the Czech Embassy in Washington, D.C. 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. All are invited.

** 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.*

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200

(pledged payment)

In Memory of Jerry Fatysek

Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$100

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 MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of David Jerry Migl: Mary & Charlie Bartos

St. MARY'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Julius J. Simper:

Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

REFLECTION

Court Wisdom and Be Vigilant

We cannot live as if the end is already upon us; yet we must live as if the end is imminent. How are we to do this? The readings for today give us insight into this paradox. The only way to live life fully is to live it in the present. What we have from the past is the wisdom we have gleaned from it. We cannot be sure about the future because so many circumstances can overturn the plans we have set. All we have is the present. However, we cannot live just focusing on the present. We must bring the wisdom of the past to bear on the present, where we live with an eye to the future.

The wisdom we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we can bring out the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and our weaknesses. It enables us to discern what is important and what is not. It directs us to bring extra oil for our lamps. The life and the wisdom we have acquired through it have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us they will be fulfilled in the future.

It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that assures us that while we may not know the exact time of the coming of the Lord, he will indeed come into every life, perhaps at the time we least expect Him. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready, even when we sleep.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 12 – David Janecka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 15 – Lori & David Janecka
November 17 – Gail & Dennis Stryk

WEDDING BANNERS



Staci Ann Bartos & Donnell Scott MacDonald

**Annual Safe Environment Training
For C.C.D. Students – November 15**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

The CCHD works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S. *Be generous.*

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

The 32nd and the 33rd Sundays in Ordinary Time

Eschatology – the last things: death, heaven, hell, the coming of the Lord at the end of time and judgment, etc. is the focus of the Readings before the Feast of Christ the King, the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Since no one can say when the Son of Man will come the two parables of the Gospel of the 32nd and the 33rd Sundays insist on the urgent necessity of an active watchfulness.

The two passages of the First Letter of the Thessalonians also deal with the end time. One reinforces hope in the certainty of the Lord's return, the other is a call to the watchfulness that must characterize the life of the Church and of Christians.

The Celebration of these two Sundays urges a fresh awareness of an essential dimension of the Christian's life. *We are expecting your glorious coming. Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.*

The New Liturgical Year Begins December 3

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* will be available for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* will be available in the sacristy.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 3 – Czech Christmas Mass Concert

Dec. 12 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:30 p.m., Moulton

Dec. 13 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:00 p.m., Praha

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For John Milam

For Justine & Ruben Velasquez

In Thanksgiving For Special Favor

For a Safe Trip Home to Germany

For Johnny Dohnalik: Help Heal Cancer

For Happiness, Work, Family, Blessings

Special Prayers for Mildred & Enrico Glordano

Pray for My Son Kyle Harris Who Has Melanoma

For Teresa Who Has Bone Cancer & Her Husband

Pray For the Poor in Thanksgiving to St. Homobonus

For Chris (SAPD Academy), Joseph/Lisa (Marriage),

Marissa (Love), Joe/Marie (40th Anniversary)

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued