

November 13, 2022

**Ordinary Time
Thirty-third Sunday**



Focus on the Present, Looking at God

This Sunday we continue our reflection on the theme of the end-time. As this Liturgical Year dovetails into the next, we are resolved to renew our efforts at living lives of faith and not in fear of things to come. Our lives are only secured by our perseverance and our trust in Jesus' promise of being with us.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Robin & Gary Cerny in recognition of National Adoption Month – celebrating a family for every child.

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MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, November 17
4:30 p.m. Welfare of Parishioners
Saturday, November 19
4:30 p.m. Mary Ann Lev
Sunday, November 20
8:00 a.m. Spec. Int. – Gail & Dennis Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

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.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES



Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:
4:30 p.m., Praha 6:30 p.m., Moulton
Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day Mass:
8:00 a.m., Moulton in Family Room

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

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance. You may drop your food items at any time. Monetary donations are also welcome. Drop monetary donations in the collection basket or mail during the month of November.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Anonymous Donor - \$10,000
In Memory of Lori Berger - \$25: Pat Masek

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY FUND

We thank Mark Darilek for his recent donation of \$300 to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund.

Veterans Day Celebration Update

We thank the Praha All Veterans Club for once again organizing the annual event. Many people commented on how wonderful the Veterans Day Celebration was. We also thank the Veterans Club for decorating with all the U.S. flags and for planting the new bottle brush plants around the chapels honoring the Praha Nine.



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of parishioners at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Edwin, Mary & Robert Greive.

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available: December 4 & 11

REFLECTION

Malachi 3:19-20a Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

The Day of the Lord Has Come and Is Coming

This Sunday we reflect on the theme of the end-time introduced last Sunday. The Gospel is an account of a teaching given by Jesus in Jerusalem before his passion.

Luke's Gospel begins in the Temple of Jerusalem, with the vision of Zechariah, where the birth of John the Baptist was foretold. The infant Jesus was presented in the Temple and was recognized as the anointed of the Lord by Simeon and Anna. Beginning at twelve, Jesus went every year to Jerusalem on the Passover pilgrimage and once stayed three days in the Temple and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. It is at the Temple that Jesus gives his disciples and the crowd his final teachings, the central part of which are proclaimed today. Imagine what Jesus must have felt when he spoke of the destruction of the Temple, the heart of Jerusalem, the sanctuary of the presence of God among his people. The destruction of the Temple is tantamount to the end of the world. It is a signal of the end-time, the apocalypse. Jesus was aware of this connection and warns his disciples not to confuse the destruction of the Temple with his return as the Son of Man. Before all these things – before the end of the world, the Jesus who had met controversy throughout his ministry especially in Jerusalem now predicts the same treatment for his disciples. Fully aware of the conflict we would face Jesus encourages us to accept persecution as a sharing in the cross, an opportunity for bearing witness to him. During the coming season of Advent, we have the opportunity for rethinking the witness value of our lives and renewing our energies in the service of the Gospel for Jesus is coming.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Nov. 15 – Lori & David Janecka
Nov. 16 – Julie & Joshua Moeller
Nov. 17 – Gail & Dennis Stryk
Nov. 18 – Congratulations Staci & Scott MacDonald
on your 5th Wedding Anniversary

Church Tours



According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 1032 people visited the Church on their registered tours between July to September 2022. This does not include the many individual visitors and pilgrims.

St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday Next Sunday

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development. *Please be generous.*

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LOOKING AHEAD

The Feast of Christ The King: Next Sunday is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign above his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews).

The New Liturgical Calendar Begins November 27

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

Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 20 – The Feast of Christ the King
Nov. 22 – Altar Society Thanksgiving Bake Sale
Nov. 27 – First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

2023 Mass Book Opened: To book a Mass, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Light or Bulletin call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket or mail. *Called in requests will be honored only upon receipt of donation.*

Annual Altar Society Thanksgiving Bake Sale, November 22 in the First National Bank parking lot, 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Drop off items at 8:45 a.m. at the bank. Any homemade/baked items would be appreciated. Monetary offerings also accepted, make checks payable to Praha Altar Society and drop in the collection basket or mail to Robin Cerny, P. O. Box 402, Flatonia. All proceeds are used to support the needs of our dear Matička Praha.

Thanksgiving Food and Monetary Collection For Our Brothers & Sisters In Need

Make check payable to St. Mary's Church, designated for the Needy and put donation in the collection basket.

My Donation \$ _____

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