

September 25, 2016

**Ordinary Time**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday**



***This Is Your Chance!***

**Today, we are not only reminded of the complacency and the disregard for others that wealth sometimes generates, but also of an illusion that many like the rich man suffer today. The rich man begs that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers – a clear, irrefutable sign from heaven will make all the difference. This is an illusion! Just as the rich man’s insight came too late, so also will it be too late for us. Repentance, conversion to the Gospel, and translating our faith into service must happen on this side of the grave. Raise your eyes and see the Lazarus at your gate today.**

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored in memory of  
Lillie & Henry Dornak by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in  
memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak by their family.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Wednesday, September 28  
8:00 a.m. Janie & Edward Hajek
- Thursday, September 29  
8:00 a.m. Hermina Motal
- Friday, September 30  
8:00 a.m. Evelyn & Walter Schoenvogel
- Saturday, October 1  
6:30 p.m. Helen Bohuslav
- Sunday, October 2  
6:30 a.m. Joe, Rosie, Allen & Leroy Fishbeck  
9:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Lorine & Reinhold  
Dierschke Family

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

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

- First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
- Responsorial Psalm:** 95
- Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
- Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Venice Kouba.

**THANK YOU !**

Dear Friends,

Rain was in the forecast but it turned out differently. Even though it was very hot many braved the heat to help out the Church. What a wonderful show of support of the community and of the friends of the parish. It was such a blessing to see everybody working hard for a successful day.

From all accounts the meal was exceptional. Congratulations to the chicken fryers, stew cooks, the kitchen staff, the dishwashers and all who had a hand in the preparation and serving of the food. The plates-to-go line run like clockwork. The chairpersons of the various booths organized their booths very well. The auction was sensational this year. There was a record of 16 calves donated that went for good prices. I thank the same people who for years generously donate a calf every year. The quilts were beautiful and it was a delight to see how people were bidding on them. Thanks to the quilters for the many hours of hard work. The many valuable items donated to the auction are an indication of how generous people are. I believe we have the best Picnic around.

On Friday, Emil Stavinoha of Wharton, originally from Moulton came to see me. “Father” he said, “I bought the John Deere tractor for \$2,500 at the auction but I know it’s worth more than that so here is \$1,000 more for the tractor. It goes to a good cause.” What a heart-warming story!

Words are not enough to express my gratefulness to all of you for your hard work and generosity. Many of you went beyond the call of duty to make it all come together. You love your Church and it shows. Your support means a lot to me. I THANK YOU.

God bless,

**ST. JOSEPH’S MEMORIAL FUND**

- In Memory of Gene Hrcir: Barbara & Dennis Janak*
- In Memory of Daniel Bohuslav: Susan & Victor Kasper  
Mary & Ronald Jansky Barbara & Dennis Janak*
- In Memory of Helen & Daniel Bohuslav  
Nancy & Leon Etzler*

**RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND**

*In Memory of Daniel Bohuslav: Nancy Sivyver*

**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 415 people attended Mass at St. Joseph’s on the weekends of October 2015.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, YMC
- TUESDAY – Women’s A.C.T.S. Team Meets, Parish Hall
- WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, YMC
- THURSDAY – KC Bingo, former KC Hall
- FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays.

## REFLECTION

### *Believing In Jesus*

Last week our Gospel reading ended with Jesus telling the disciples, "You cannot serve God and mammon." As Jesus was teaching the disciples to be prudent stewards of property and not to allow love of riches to interfere with discipleship, the Pharisees were also listening. The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at him (Luke 16:14). Today's parable of the rich man and Lazarus is part of this conversation. The parable is not simply about the proper use of riches; it is also about whether or not the Pharisees accept the teaching authority of those whom God has sent them: Moses, the prophets, and Jesus himself. As so often with the Gospel parables, the surprise is at the end – the dialogue between the rich man and Abraham. The rich man asks that Lazarus be allowed to convey a special warning to his five brothers who are still alive, the answer is that they have word of Scripture, and that is sufficient. The parable is about whether or not people will believe even if someone rises from the dead. Those who are unmoved by the message of Scripture will not be convinced by a miracle either, even by a Resurrection. If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets (the religious traditions), they would not heed a resurrected Lazarus.

By telling the parable Jesus is comparing the Pharisees to the rich man and warning them that by acting like the rich man they are abusing their wealth by ignoring the needs of the poor. In addition, like the rich man they are refusing to listen to Jesus himself. Such was Jesus' point in telling the parable.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sept. 25 – Scott Chaloupka, Cynthia Cinadr, Alice Fisbeck, Hattie Zemlicka Meyer, Lisa Zidek  
 Sept. 26 – Daniel Mejias, Thomas Perez, B. Whittenborn  
 Sept. 27 – Ben Darilek, Jane Janecek, Brandon Smolik  
 Sept. 29 – Rosalie Koncaba  
 Sept. 30 – Bernice Ellinghausen, Veronica Hyde, Emily Perry, Frances Pilat  
 Oct. 1 – Hope Kirkland, Graisy Nieto, Anita Smolik, Tyler Thomas

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sept. 29 – Irene & Steven Nieto  
 Sept. 30 – Lois & Joe Nieto

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – C.C.D.  
**Sept. 26** – After School Program, Grades K-2  
**Sept. 28** – After School Program, Grades 3-6  
           – C.C.D., Grades 9 -11  
**Oct. 1** – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

*1<sup>st</sup> - Henkhaus Country Inn (Pauletta & DJ Darilek), Moulton*  
*25<sup>th</sup> – Forrest Kroschel, Hallettsville*  
*50<sup>th</sup> – Paul A. Flessner, Sugar Land*  
*75<sup>th</sup> – Georgia & George Holub, Moulton*  
*100<sup>th</sup> – Timothy Kleihege, Moulton*  
*125<sup>th</sup> – Walter Sanchez, Moulton*  
*150<sup>th</sup> – Leon Berckenhoff, Katy*  
*175<sup>th</sup> – Stanley Kouba, Gaston, OR*  
*200<sup>th</sup> – Robert Sciba, Hallettsville*  
*225<sup>th</sup> – Dan Morrison, Moulton*  
*250<sup>th</sup> – Doris A. Lala, Moulton*  
*275<sup>th</sup> – Bridget Robinson*  
*300<sup>th</sup> – Sidonia Mayer, Moulton*  
*325<sup>th</sup> – Patrick Schoenvogel, Galveston*  
*350<sup>th</sup> – Mary H. Erdelt, Shiner*  
*375<sup>th</sup> – SouthStar Bank Employees, Moulton*  
*400<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Miears, Shiner*  
*425<sup>th</sup> – Robert Lee Berckenhoff, Moulton*  
*450<sup>th</sup> – Lois Bernshausen, Shiner*  
*475<sup>th</sup> – Adela Beran, Moulton*  
*500<sup>th</sup> – Allison Drabek, Moulton*  
*525<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer & Don Rothbauer, Moulton*  
*550<sup>th</sup> – Irene & Carlos Portales, Waelder*  
*575<sup>th</sup> – Forrest Kroschel, Hallettsville*  
*600<sup>th</sup> – Will Portales, Austin*  
*625<sup>th</sup> – Jeanie Targac, Moulton*  
*650<sup>th</sup> – Lily Harrison, Moulton*  
*675<sup>th</sup> – Margie & A. J. Hanslik, Victoria*  
*700<sup>th</sup> – Sammie Koudelka, Moulton*  
*725<sup>th</sup> – Carol Dvorak, Moulton*  
*Next to Last – Dolores & Ben Scott, Moulton*  
*Last Ticket Drawn – Pauline Welfl, Moulton*

### ADDITIONAL MEAT FUND DONATIONS

Martha & James Filipp - \$40	Otto Moeller - \$50
Joyce & Melvin Janak - \$150	Forrest Kroschel - \$100
Diana & Harvey Kloesel - \$100	Liz & Sam Sustr - \$140

**Total Meat Fund Donations ..... \$12,125**

*We thank everyone who donated towards the fund.*

Pray for the repose of the souls of

***Frank Alex Heinrich***  
***Rudolph "Rudy" Victor Darilek***  
***Doris Gene Ondrusek***



and for the comfort of their loved ones.

*May they rest in peace.*

**The youth will lead the Saturday evening rosary during the month of October.**

Oct. 1 – 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Oct. 8 – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Oct. 15 – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Oct. 22 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Oct. 29 – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	

**WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – OCTOBER 13 – 16**

Applications can be found at all church entrances.