

February 19, 2017

Ordinary Time
Seventh Sunday



"I the Lord your God am holy."

Summoned to Holiness

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth – punishment for injury – this primal law seems to be written in our human nature. But God, in giving the law to Moses, and Jesus teaching his disciples on a mountaintop, asks for something more. We are called to be holy – to be like God.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Larry Seifert and is sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are in memory of Larry Seifert, donated by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25

6:30 p.m. Geraldine & Edward Toth

Sunday, February 26

6:30 a.m. Boyce John Michalec

9:30 a.m. Lee Schoenfeld

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Responsorial Psalm: 62

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Mass – Sunday (6:30 a.m.) March 5, 12 & 26

– Sunday (9:30 a.m.) March 26

Sanctuary Light – March 19 & 26

Bulletin Sponsor – March 5, 12, 19 & 26

To book a Mass Intention, or, sponsor the Bulletin or Sanctuary Light contact the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Betty Martinez.

Support The Altar Society
Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle
Next Sunday – February 26

Show your support for our Altar Society ladies who work so hard in their ministry to our Church. When you buy Raffle Tickets and participate in the Dinner you help the Altar Society supplement the cost of cleaning and maintaining the Church, paying for Mass hosts and wine and everything associated with the celebration of the Eucharist. The ladies are a great support to the Church. Come out and show your appreciation to them for all they do.

Here is how you can help make it a success.

Desserts Needed: Members are reminded to bring desserts. Desserts from parishioners are always welcome.

Raffle tickets for sale at local businesses, the Parish Office or from any member. A beautiful quilt and many other prizes could be yours.

Donations: Are accepted and appreciated.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Freely Chosen Obligation



“When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.” Presenting the other cheek, handing over your cloak, going the

extra mile are all free actions, performed in the midst of a situation in which someone has taken away our freedom.

The late Anthony de Mello tells the story of the Hindi holy man who one day was accosted by a robber who put a knife against his chest and demanded, “Give me all your valuables.”

The holy man immediately handed over his pouch containing a few coins. The robber grabbed the pouch, pulled the knife back and started to run away. But the holy man yelled, “Wait! There’s more. I have a ruby hidden in my sandal. Here it is. Take it too.”

The next day the man was again stopped by the same robber. “What do you want?” the holy man asked. “I gave you everything yesterday. I don’t have anything else.”

“Yes you do,” the robber said. “I want what you have that made you give me the ruby yesterday.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., YMC
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Room

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

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

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, former KC Hall

FRIDAY– Parish Office closed on Fridays.

REFLECTION

Called to be Holy

The passage we hear in today's First Reading from the book of Leviticus is a segment that sums up many of the laws that affect ordinary people. Through Moses, God tells the Israelites to do what sounds impossible – "be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." How can people be like God? The law itself answers that question: "love your neighbor as yourself."

The Gospel continues the Sermon on the Mount. Just as God's words to Moses on Mount Sinai demanded a more-than-ordinary holiness, so Jesus' teachings on this new mountain ask his followers to be super human. It is not enough to love one's neighbor. We must love our enemies, returning good for evil. Jesus gives concrete examples – if someone demands your shirt, give him your coat, too. If someone hits you on one cheek, let him hit you on the other as well. In other words, keep nothing back. For there is nothing exceptional, Jesus says, in loving one's friends and family. Everyone does that. We are to extend our love to all. In other words, we are to be like God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 19 – Quinton Raab
 Feb. 20 – Marcus Jalufka, Lisa Rothbauer
 Feb. 21 – Wayne Krejci
 Feb. 23 – Lucille Gold, Leroy Mikulencak Sr.
 Henrietta Mican
 Feb. 24 – Caroline Freytag
 Feb. 25 – Richard Kalisek, Victoria Simper, Alicia Valadez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 19 – Bernadette & Richard Kresta
 Feb. 20 – Congratulations Beatrice & Wayne Krejci
 on your 35th Wedding Anniversary
 Feb. 23 – Congratulations Loretta & Tony Janak
 on your 60th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Feb. 20 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Feb. 22 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Mark Your Calendars

Mar. 1 – Ash Wednesday
 Mar. 12 – Youth Mass (7th Grade)
 Apr. 9 – Palm Sunday Procession
 Apr. 16 – Easter
 Apr. 23 – Youth Mass (10th Grade)
 May 7 – Youth Mass (11th Grade) / Last Day of C.C.D.
 May 14 – First Communion
 May 27 – Confirmation Retreat / Baccalaureate
 May 28 – Confirmation
 Jul. 10-14 – Vacation Bible School

LOOKING AHEAD ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT

Ash Wednesday – March 1

Mass Schedule:

St. Joseph's, Moulton
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's, Praha
5:00 p.m.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass for adorations and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent and all-day of the First Friday of the month. This could be a good substitute if you cannot participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Bible Study

If interested and you have not done so already
contact Anna Bartos today at 596-4872.

Lenten Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

See Insert.

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving

As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

Second Collection (Rice Bowl)

Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Lenten Food Drive

We will once again be collecting canned goods
for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

LENTEN FISH FRY



Plans are being finalized for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. In the past, some parishioners have expressed the wish to help with the Fish Fry but were unable to do so for various reasons. You could help by making a monetary donation or by baking a cake(s) for dessert. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.

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Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

___ Mar. 1 ___ Mar. 3 ___ Mar. 10 ___ Mar. 17

___ Mar. 24 ___ Mar. 31 ___ Apr. 7

My Monetary Donation: \$ _____