

July 16, 2017

**Ordinary Time**  
Fifteenth Sunday



***A Graced and Effective Word***

**In the parable of the Sower, what is in question is the Word of the Kingdom. It is lavishly sown because the Lord wants to address all without discrimination. The Sower does not make distinctions between different soils; he simply throws the seeds. His Word concerns everybody. The challenge for us however, is that, the word must be heard with clear ears, heeded, held to the heart and lived with truth without distorting the message. How receptive are you to this word of God?**

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of  
Valeria & Paul Glueck, sponsored by their family.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, July 19  
8:00 a.m. Annie & John Kozelsky  
Thursday, July 20  
8:00 a.m. Marvin Rothbauer  
Friday, July 21  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Raphael Baidoo O.S.S.T.,  
Msgr. Eustace Hermes, Fr. Dan Morales  
Saturday, July 22  
6:30 p.m. Mary, Albert & Daniel Pavlicek  
Sunday, July 23  
6:30 a.m. The Welfare of the Parish Family  
9:30 a.m. Daniel Kozelsky

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

Next weekend is *The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.  
**First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86**  
**Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27**  
**Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Valeria & Paul Glueck.

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Vacation Bible School**



Our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual V.B.S. was a huge success. Over 50 students and young adult helpers enjoyed the week learning about God through songs, bible lessons and crafts. This year's special appearances / attractions included a Knight who talked about qualities that knights

embody like courage and honesty, and a petting zoo. Friday's activities included a hayride through town as in the past, a meal and outdoor activities featuring a castle water slide.

I am grateful to Donna Perez the coordinator for her enthusiasm. Each year she comes up with an exciting and fun program for the kids. The kids just love it.

Special thanks to Hannah Perez, Nicholas Perez, Randy Stevenson, Blake Berckenhoff, Mercedes Manzano, Ethan Motal, Sofia Martinez and Anita Drabek for all the behind the scenes work and set-up/clean-up; the kitchen crew Angeline Jalufka and Dolores Scott and members of the Catholic Daughters, Altar Society, K.J.Z.T., Christian Mothers and Knights of Columbus. It is amazing how quickly the snacks and refreshments disappeared – thanks to all who donated them. They were delicious.

We could never take on such an undertaking without the help of our dedicated *teachers and helpers*: Melissa Berckenhoff, Anita Drabek, April Simper, Christine Molina, Sofia Martinez, Hannah Perez, Ethan Motal, Melanie Mikulencak and Donna Sturm; Laura & Tim Pustejovsky and crew; the Moulton Police Department and Fire Department for providing the escort for the hayride. Thanks for sharing your time with the kids.

God bless,  
*Fr. Gabriel*

***We thank the following for their V.B.S. donations***

*Altar Society - \$200*  
*Christian Mothers - \$50*  
*K.J.Z.T. Society #14 - \$100*  
*Pat & Tom Lawrence - \$100*  
*Melissa & Dwayne Simper - \$200*  
*Knights of Columbus #3244 - \$600*  
*Catholic Daughters Court #2018 - \$100*  
*Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16 - \$100*  
*Whitley Lumber, Hallettsville – Sponsored the Petting Zoo*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

MONDAY – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting,  
7:00 p.m., Family Room  
TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets  
WEDNESDAY – Knights of Columbus Meeting, Moulton  
Oaks Hall  
THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room  
– 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.

## REFLECTION



### *Words That Come Alive*

Like the sower in today's Gospel, Jesus spoke the word of God among us freely. The fruitfulness of that word however depends upon the receptivity of the one who hears it. God's word does not order or force us, but rather challenges and invites. With our human freedom we can refuse to listen, ignore or even reject the word.

Some of us at first listen and act upon it, but when difficulties arise, when the challenge of the word seems to be inconvenient, we lag in our attentiveness. Some of us choose to be receptive to what agrees with our own point of view but close our ears and minds to what corrects and challenges us. Mercifully, God does not cease to speak his word to us again and again. This word can grace us and change us for the better. At issue here is not the quality of the seed, the word, but the disposition of the soil on which the seed falls.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jul. 16 – Amanda Janecek, Angeline Wagner  
 Jul. 18 – Robert Bartos  
 Jul. 19 – Victor Jasek, Robert Olle, Delores Raab  
 Jul. 22 – Sherry Fishbeck

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 18 – Rose & Joseph Bartos  
 Jul 22 – Congratulations Margaret & Arron Chudej  
 on your 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### Praha Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets available at the Parish Office.  
 \$2 a ticket  
 6 for \$10  
 40 prizes to be given away.  
**Grand Prize - \$2,000 H.E.B. Gift Card**

### S.O.S. Marriage Retreat – August 18 -20, 2017

*Registration forms at the main entrance to Church.*

## CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 17

My dear friends,

It is Summer time and you know what that means – Picnic time. Tuesday, August 15 is Praha's and Sunday, September 17 is Mouton's. I am looking forward to a great time.

In preparation for our Picnic we will meet with the Picnic Chairpersons next Sunday. I appreciate their continued support and dedication to the parish. It is evident that parishioners are gearing up for the Picnic as well. Many have purchased their Raffle Tickets and picked up extra tickets to sell. Some have already brought in their auction items and made various donations. We are off to a good start. Keep up the good work.

**Raffle Tickets Printed ..... 750**  
**Raffle Tickets Purchased So Far ..... 182**

We are off to a good start. Turn in your ticket stub and donation as soon as possible.

We thank the following for picking up tickets to sell:

- Jean Bochat – 8 Tickets
- David Reindl – 8 Tickets
- Betty Maskey – 4 Tickets
- Nancy Wood – 10 Tickets
- Patsy Zamykal – 6 Tickets
- Anita Drabek – 10 Tickets
- Steve Blahuta – 10 Tickets
- Julius J. Simper – 2 Tickets
- Phyllis Schoenfeld – 10 Tickets

*Could you also help sell some Raffle Tickets?*

**Picnic Chairpersons Meeting Next Sunday** after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Make plans to attend so we can make preparations for the Picnic. Remember to turn in you work list if you have not done so already.

**K.J.T. State Family Day – Next Sunday July 23** at the K.J.T. Activity & Fraternal Center, La Grange. Registration beings at 10:30 a.m., followed my Mass and a meal.

Pray for the repose of the souls of

**Marvin Julius Jasek Sr.**  
**Dagmar Mary Novosad**  
**Lester Walter Raab**



and for the comfort of their loved ones.  
*May they rest in peace.*

Congratulations and God's blessing to  
**Natalie Kaye & Kevin Wayne Krejci**  
 who were recently united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.

