

October 1, 2017

Ordinary Time
Twenty-sixth Sunday



Turning Our “No” Into “Yes”

Today’s gospel, the parable of the two sons is a parable that proclaims God’s mercy for sinners. By comparing the responses of the two sons to their father’s request, we learn that even if our initial response to God is not what it should be, we can change our minds and submit to God’s will for us. We also learn that a verbal “yes” to God without a lived follow-up is no response to God at all.

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored in memory of
Emmie & George Michalec by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- * Friday, October 6
8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration)
- Saturday, October 7
6:30 p.m. Elvin Mikulencak, Olga & Frank Brom
- Sunday, October 8
6:30 a.m. Bradley E. Darilek
9:30 a.m. Ella & Frank Kloesel

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: Isaiah 5:1-7**
- Responsorial Psalm: 80**
- Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9**
- Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43**

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Pauline Welfl
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



WOMEN’S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – OCT. 12-15

Registration Forms and a Prayer Sign Up Sheet are available at the main entrance of Church.

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

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



- 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, Doris Foster
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. – Hattie Olle, *open*
- 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Gussie Machalec
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Eleanor Wagner,
- 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Eleanor Wagner, *open*
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *open*
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Scott Wenske, *open*
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. - Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske, James Wenske
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Angie Jalufka
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

DONATIONS
TO HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

As stated in last week’s Bulletin a Second Collection will not be taken up for the Flood Victims. Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the flood victims may make a check payable to St. Joseph’s Church indicating Flood Victims.

BREAK TIME

Fr. Gabriel will be away from the Parish for three weekends in this month of October. Visiting priests will preside over the Sunday liturgies as usual. For any Pastoral needs do please call the Parish Office.

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 423 people attended Mass at St. Joseph’s on the weekends of October 2016.

RAFFLE WINNINGS DONATED BACK

- Wade Zidek - \$50
- Margaret & Aaron Chudej - \$50

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Family Room
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Sustaining A Lifelong Yes To God

Today, the sacred texts invite our serious consideration of the prerogative to say Yes or No.

Ezekiel, in the first reading, was reasoning with his contemporaries in exile who regarded their situation as unfair punishment. The prophet urged them to change themselves, so that they might bear with every circumstance, instead of finding fault with God or casting blame on another. He urged them to say yes to God by turning away from their own wickedness; in that way, they would preserve their lives and find the hope they needed to await their deliverance.

Paul, in his letter to his beloved Philippians, encouraged them to find the strength to say "I do!" to God by following the example of Jesus, who emptied himself to illustrate God's incredible love for sinners. Paul also assured his readers that they would be supported in their good efforts by the love, compassion and mercy they shared with one another in Jesus' name.

In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the perennial fickleness of the human heart, which often reacts impulsively rather than thoughtfully to God's challenges. An initial "No" can become a "Yes" if grace is allowed to enlighten human reason; a quick, unreasoned "Yes" can become a "No" as it becomes increasingly difficult to sustain a lifelong commitment of faith in God and in service to others. Nevertheless, those who exercise their prerogative to change their "No" to "Yes" or an "I won't" to an "I do" will experience a God who rejoices in their decision instead of reproaching them for their past indecision or poor choices.

As believers in a community of faith, we are aware that our first "I do" came at baptism, whether it was spoken on our own volition or by our godparents on our behalf. This initial "Yes" introduced a series of responses to God's graced calls, which have punctuated our lives with opportunities to love, worship, serve, grow, and witness to the good news of salvation. During every sacramental encounter and with every fervent prayer, our "Yes" to God is made stronger. At our weekly liturgical celebrations, our "Yes" is enlightened by the Word that is proclaimed and nourished by the Bread that is shared.

Certainly, it is right and fitting that our Sundays are "Yes" days. But the challenge for believers is to translate Sunday fervor into a daily habit of agreeing with God in all things. In other words, we are not part-time or weekend disciples. We who belong to God and depend on God for every breath we take are to acknowledge our belonging and use that breath to say "Yes! I do!" to God.

Obviously, the habit of saying "Yes" to God requires lifelong care and constant attention.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1

Respect Life Sunday is celebrated today. The purpose is to raise consciousness and provide resources on various issues that affect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

In October, in a special way, we remember Mary both as Mother of God and as our mother. Let us rejoice that we are children of so great a mother.

The entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. It is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is sponsoring a Public Square Rosary at the Gazebo downtown at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 14. The Rosary is being held in conjunction with America Needs Fatima. For more information, please call Mary Ann Wenske at 596-7085.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Oct. 1 – Hope Kirkland, Graisyn Nieto, Anita Smolik, Tyler Thomas
- Oct. 2 – Cailynn Aragon, Karis Barta, Anna Bartos, Jaxon Bartos, Leroy Nieto
- Oct. 3 – Cameron Jalufka
- Oct. 4 – Darren Fikac, Donna Sturm
- Oct. 5 – Lorrie Janecek, Hayden Rother, Presley Rother
- Oct. 6 – Beth Gaertner, Chris Rebecek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Oct. 4 – Anna & Kevin Bartos
- Oct. 5 – Mariyln & Glenn Michal
- Oct. 6 – Congratulations Maria & Chad Kloesel



Congratulations
Betty & Dennis Kloesel
on your Golden Wedding Anniversary
October 7, 2017

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- Oct 2** – After School Program, K-2nd Grade
- Oct. 4** – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
- Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

Area Picnics

- Today - Sacred Heart Turkey/Dressing Dinner, Flatonia**
– *Queen of the Holy Rosary Festival, Hostyn*
– Hungerford, Mentz, Wharton, Bay City
- Oct. 8 – Cistern Picnic (Rescheduled)**
– Panna Maria, OVL Victoria, East Bernard, Nada