

September 4, 2016

Ordinary Time
Twenty-third Sunday



The Truth of Discipleship

In the life of the disciple, Christ and the claims of the Gospel are foremost, and all other considerations even family and possessions, are secondary. Jesus did not demand that we suddenly surrender all property or sever our ties to our family. What Jesus asks of us is a spirit of detachment such that in the interest of Christ, we are ready to leave all else so as to be firmly attached to Jesus.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, September 7
8:00 a.m. Gene Hrcir
Thursday, September 8
8:00 a.m. Willie Mae, Annie Mae, Edith & Jaro Svetlik
Friday, September 9
8:00 a.m. Annie Mae & Alfred Dierschke Sr., Donald Tamplen
Saturday, September 10
6:30 p.m. Cole Kloesel
Sunday, September 11
6:30 a.m. Emily & Johnnie Wagner
9:30 a.m. Daniel Bohuslav

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: 51

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Mass of Canonization of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta today, September 4 on EWTN: 3:30 a.m., repeated at 10:30 a.m., 9:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for a Special Intention.

REFLECTION

Discipleship – A Dear And Daily Cost

Discipleship is a costly business, not to be taken lightly! Anyone who experiences its attraction ought first of all to weigh the pros and cons and decide, realistically whether true discipleship is possible. There is no compromise; Jesus himself is the model of obedience and fidelity.

Bearing the cross summarizes discipleship. When Jesus is crucified upon Calvary, there is little else that could so effectively separate him from his family, friends, origins or cultures (his was a Roman death). In carrying out his mission of the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, he has to bear such separation. The same will be required too, of the disciple, the true follower.

It is this separation that the word "hatred" covers. A disciple is not being asked to nurture deep personal loathing for family and origins, but to understand that God's Kingdom calls for a radical change in life. The Kingdom of God takes precedence over everything else and it must therefore be assessed realistically, as a carpenter, planning to build, assesses the scope of the project. In Jesus' day, it may have been the building of a tower to protect home or vineyard. Today it could be planning one's "dream home." The dream may be fine, but can the project be finished?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sept. 5 – Nell Fikac
Sept. 6 – Railey Aragon, Ernie Novosad
Sept. 7 – Steven Blahuta, Georgia Dziadek, Tanner Nichols
Sept. 9 – Kevin Krejci, Ethan Motal
Sept. 10 – Bradley Berckenhoff

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sept. 4 – Congratulations Doris & Allen Barta on your 45th Wedding Anniversary
Sept. 6 – Pat & Jim Glueck
– Carolyn & Danis Whitmire
Sept. 8 – Michelle & Dale Fojtik
Sept. 10 – Sharon & August Etlinger Jr.
– Bernadette & Darren Fikac

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Next Sunday – C.C.D. Begins (Sunday School – 8th Grade)

Sept. 12 – Gold Star Club Begins (K- 2nd Grade)

Sept. 14 – Champions Club Begins (3rd – 6th Grades)

– C.C.D. Begins (9th – 11th Grades)

Have you registered your child(ren)?

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Labor Day, Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY – Women's A.C.T.S. Team Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall

THURSDAY – KC Bingo, KC Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays however **the next two Fridays, Sept. 9 & 16 the Parish Office will be open to receive Picnic/Auction Donations.**

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

Picnic - September 18

My Dear Friends,

I am back in the saddle after the Praha Picnic. With your support Praha Picnic was very successful. I thank all those who bought Raffle Tickets, donated/bought at the auction, worked/helped in various ways. 5,460 plates were served and the Picnic net profit was \$134,712.15. Praha will soon beat us at our own game if we don't step up to the plate to help.

Without much time between Praha Picnic, the Dinner With Fr. Gabriel, and our Picnic it is time to put the pedal to the metal. This is where we stand so far:

	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Quilts</u>	<u>Baby Quilts</u>	<u>Afghans</u>	<u>Total Auction Items</u>	<u>Bingo Donations</u>	<u>Meat Fund Donations</u>
<i>Last Year</i>	15	19	19	3	455	\$1,973	<i>157 families gave \$15,053</i>
<i>This Year So Far</i>	7	11	4	0	68	\$ 565	45 families have given \$ 5,370

The Picnic is only 14 days away. The figures speak for themselves. While many are making the effort to help we still have a long way to go. I am counting on your generosity and support.

Giving to the Picnic is more than helping with a fundraiser. It is more than giving money from your surplus. It is a faith response to God's action in your life. It reflects who you are and what you believe about yourself and about God. As you consider how to help with this year's Picnic, reflect on God's goodness to you. Give from your heart. You cannot outdo God in generosity.

Thank you for all you do to help our Church carry on the mission of Christ in our community.

God bless,

* See insert for Picnic donations update.

How You Can Help With The Picnic?

Auction: Donate items of value to the auction.

Silent Auction: Items for the silent auction are appreciated.

Meat Donation Fund: Have you made your donation?

Raffle Tickets: Have you turned in your raffle stub? We have extra tickets available for sale.

Country Store: We need homemade jelly, home-canned and home-baked goods, and hand-made crafts.

Other Donations: Miscellaneous Donations are welcome.

Desserts & Cake Walk: Get your ovens ready.

Publicity: Invite friends and family to the Picnic. Pick up some Picnic flyers to distribute out-of-town.

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My donation to the:

- **Auction** _____

- **Silent Auction** _____

- **Meat Fund** _____

Other donations: _____

Sign me up to help with: _____

Name: _____

Moulton Picture Directories: The Picture Directories have arrived. All parishioners who participated in the directory (had their picture taken) may pick up their free copy after Mass.

2017 AT HOME WITH THE WORD: Copies are ordered for all those who sign up for them. Return the form below by Sept. 18.

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2017 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

Name: _____

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Catholic Communications Campaign, Black & Native Americans, Catholic University - Please be generous.

The Moulton Knights of Columbus Council #3244 would like to like everyone who supported our latest summer raffle give away. Proceeds from the fundraiser help the Knights contribute to our charitable donations throughout the year.

Once again thank you and God bless,

August Etlinger, Jr.
Grand Knight