

October 30, 2016

Ordinary Time

Thirty-first Sunday



Out on a Limb

Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, who is featured in today's Gospel, was not a very popular person because of his occupation. Determined not to allow any obstacle to separate him from salvation, Zaachaeus risked going out on a limb to see and be seen by Jesus. For his repentance, for his sincere desire to make restitution and for his outreach to the poor, Zaachaeus was assured of salvation. His courage challenges each of us to do likewise.

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**Floris Ann & David Simper in thanksgiving to God
on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary**

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tuesday, November 1
6:30 p.m. Fr. Charles Sonnier
- Wednesday, November 2
6:30 p.m. Our Dead Specially Remembered Today
- Thursday, November 3
10:30 a.m. Shady Oak – Willie Bartos
- Friday, November 4
8:00 a.m. Janie & Edward Hajek, Eleanora & Edgar Keil
- Saturday, November 5
6:30 p.m. Julia Jasek
- Sunday, November 6
6:30 a.m. Mary & Alfred Hirsch
9:30 a.m. Helen & Morris E. Muehlstein Sr.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm: 17
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Julia Jasek.**

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st – *The Feast of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 4:30 p.m. **Moulton – 6:30 p.m.**

November 2nd – *The Feast of All Souls*

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

Mass Schedule:

Praha – Blessing of the Graves 4:00 p.m., Mass 4:30 p.m.
Moulton – Mass 6:30 p.m., Blessing of graves after Mass.

Book of The Dead: In keeping with the Church's tradition of praying for the dead, we will display the Book of the Dead. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested for on the *All Souls Envelopes. You are invited to leaf through the pages, and note the names. You may write the names of others you might want our parish family to pray for.

It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.
2 Maccabees 13:44-46

*Return your All Souls envelope by October 31.

Catholic Daughters Court #2018 Bake Sale, Nov. 4, 7:30 a.m., downtown at the SouthStar Bank corner. Proceeds from the sale will help the Catholic Daughters attain their charitable goals. Members are asked to donate two items. If possible, please have your items at the bank corner by 7:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your support.

Altar Society Raffle prizes are still being accepted for the raffle held in conjunction with the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner in February. Contact Bernice Ellinghausen (596-7721) to donate prizes.

Another Picnic Donation: Mary & Charlie Bartos - \$200

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:50 p.m., YMC
- TUESDAY – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room.
- WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, YMC
– Altar Server Training, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Church
- THURSDAY – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, former KC Hall
- FRIDAY – Catholic Daughters Bake Sale, see article.
– 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 Office at any time.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Hattie Darilek and Lee Schoenfeld.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Begins next Sunday. Look out for more details.

REFLECTION

The Lord Shows Mercy to All People

The unexpected conversion of Zacchaeus is wonderful and quite radical. "Half of my possessions, Lord I shall give to the poor." See how this rich tax collector immediately enters on the gospel path of the proper use of wealth. With "elusive wealth" he makes friends, the poor. He understands that one cannot serve both God and mammon. He firmly opts for God. He publicly vows to make restitution to those whom he may have wronged. By his occupation Zacchaeus had excluded himself, in the popular estimation, from his people. He was a traitor, who had thrown in his lot with the hated occupying Roman power for the sake of money. But for Jesus this does not disqualify this tax collector from salvation. He also is a son of Abraham. For Jesus it is not the Law of Moses that ultimately determines a person's relation to God but a person's attitude toward Jesus himself. Zacchaeus' determination to see Jesus and his climbing up into the sycamore tree are taken as a sign of genuine faith, which break through the barriers between God and Humans. Now he hears the word, "Today salvation has come to this house." This is the mission of Jesus fulfilled. In Jesus, God is seeking and saving the lost.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct. 30 – Garrett Drabek
Oct. 31 – Kathy Dornak, Harold Kuntschik, Eugene Orsak
Nov. 1 – David Raab
Nov. 2 – Sam Sustr
Nov. 3 – Marilyn Michal
Nov. 4 – Brandon Janecek
Nov. 5 – Renee Filipp

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 30 – Melissa & Dwayne Simper

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (9th Grade); C.C.D.
Oct. 31 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grades
Nov. 1 – 1st & 2nd Graders will be dressed as their favorite Saint at the 6:30 p.m. Mass.
Nov. 2 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– Altar Server Training, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
– C.C.D., 9th – 11th Grades
Next Sunday – First Communion Enrollment; C.C.D.
Nov. 7 & 9 – YMC Safe Environment Training*
Nov. 20 – Youth Ministry Center Bake Sale
* Age-appropriate videos will be shown to the YMC club members. The video *Strong Voices, Strong Choices* will be shown to the K-2nd Graders. It addresses real situations children encounter. The video *Gum In My Hair* focuses on bullying. It will be shown to the 3rd – 6th Graders.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Archdiocese for the Military Services

This collection is taken up once every three years. It offers each of us a substantial way to "serve those who serve." Funds raised will help bring the Church's full range of pastoral services to the men and women in uniform as well as their families and patients in the nation's VA Medical Centers.

A special envelope for the military will be included in your monthly envelope mailing. **Please be generous.**

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Doris Foster, Cleo Nieto
9:00-9:30 a.m. – Doris Foster, *open*
9:30-10:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
10:00-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck, Sharon Etlinger
11:00-11:30 a.m. – *adorers needed*
11:30-12:00 p.m. – *adorers needed*
12:00-1:00 p.m. – James Wenske, *open*
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *open*
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
3:00-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*
4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Debbie Novosad
4:30-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek, Debbie Novosad
5:00-5:30 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Mike Janecek
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

54th Anniversary ALL VETERANS DAY

Honoring All Veterans Of All Wars

PRAHA CEMETERY



Praha Church 9:30 A.M.

Mass To Be Offered For All Veterans

Assembly - 10:30 A.M. • Veterans Memorial Service - 11:00 A.M.

Flyover By Commemorative Air Force - 11:30 A.M.

– Special Tribute To All Veterans –

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Sponsored By Praha Veterans Club & Vietnam Veterans Chapter 870

Conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars,
American Legion,
Pearl Harbor Survivors, Catholic War Veterans
and Disabled Veterans,
Vietnam Veterans and All Veterans,
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Guest Speaker:

Mark McLaughlin
Retired Captain, United States Navy

54th Annual
Ceremonies

Flower
Drop

Please bring
lawn chairs
as seating
is limited!

Commemorating
71 years of
V.J. Day
Moulton
School Band

Praha Style Fried Chicken Dinner w/ Trimmings – \$9.00
Begins at 11:30 a.m. Take Home Plates Available.
Proceeds benefit St. Rose Catholic School, Schulenburg