

July 30, 2017

Ordinary Time
Seventeenth Sunday



What Do We Do Now?

Today's Gospel of the parables of a treasure buried in a field and a pearl of great price is an example of how Jesus uses unattractive human behavior to speak of the Kingdom of heaven as the supreme value to be preferred above all else. By hiding the treasure the person goes to the extent of cheating in order to acquire some treasure trove of the owners of the field in which it was found. The Kingdom of heaven is of such great value that the most drastic action is worth taking to receive it.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Evelyn Darilek, sponsored by her family.

Flowers for the Marian Shrine this weekend are donated in memory of Evelyn Raab by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, August 2
8:00 a.m. Lillie & Henry Dornak
Friday, August 4
8:00 a.m. Rosie, Joe W., Allen & Leroy Fishbeck,
Marian & Ludwig Mikes, Victor Prasek
Saturday, August 5
6:30 p.m. Lee Schoenfeld
Sunday, August 6
6:30 a.m. Joyce Valchar
9:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred I. Brandl

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Transfiguration of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak.

HAPPY JAMBOREE DAYS!

St. Joseph's welcomes everyone to Moulton this weekend.

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment \$17,303.00
Contributions So Far \$10,905.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 6,398.00

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Marvin Rothbauer
Nancy Sivyer
Laurie & Steve Taylor*

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

*In Memory of Dianne & Yvonne Simper
Nancy Sivyer*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Hidden Treasures

Dogs bury their treasured bones so that they can enjoy them later. Humans do the same thing, only their treasure is money. There must be plenty of coffee cans full of cash still buried in the backyards of rich old guys who didn't trust the banks. Who knows how many buried treasures lie undiscovered under the beaches of the Caribbean.

There is a legend of Superstition Mountains near Apache Junction, Arizona in the U.S. Legend has it that there's a hidden gold mine up there. The Superstition Mountains are a tourist attraction and each year thousands try to find the mine.

Today's Gospel parable is a very clever buried treasure story. The discoverer buried the treasure in the field and then sold everything he had to buy the field. Jesus, of course, is using this story to remind us of the treasure of his Kingdom and we we need to sell everything we have in order to possess it.
- Dick Folger

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY - Quilting Group Meets
THURSDAY - Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- 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.



The Christian Mothers will lead the Saturday evening rosary during the month of August.

REFLECTION

Acquiring the Only Worthwhile Treasure The Kingdom of Heaven

Today we read three more comparisons that Jesus uses to help his disciples understand what he means by the *Kingdom of Heaven*. In both the parable of the buried treasure and the story of the pearl of great price, the person recognizes the value of his find and joyfully sells all he has in order to have that which is most valuable. Jesus' disciples must do the same. The third comparison is quite different from the other two parables. Just like the parable of the weeds and wheat of last week, the parable of the dragnet is used to teach that we are each accountable for our actions. The end for those who do good and those who do evil is not the same.

There is something about the Kingdom that resembles God's gift freely offered to us in today's first reading. Appearing to Solomon, God invites him to ask for whatever he would like. This demonstrates the generosity of God. The treasure we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain it. The Kingdom is something God is doing. It is not a possession to be acquired. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is to accept it. In a sense the Kingdom of heaven is ours for the asking. Unfortunately, we do not always recognize its value, and we do not ask for it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul. 30 – Molly Jalufka
Jul. 31 – Barbara Anderle
Aug. 1 – Annie Mae Berckenhoff, Anita Drabek,
Stephen Gold, Steven Nieto, Charles Tomek
Aug. 4 – Nathan Gold
Aug. 5 – Lois Nieto, Alisha Rothbauer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 31 – Dolores & Ben Scott
Aug. 2 – Sherry & Kevin Fishbeck
Aug. 5 – Laura & Timothy Pustejovsky

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

C.C.D. Registration

Many parents have not yet registered their children for the 2017-18 C.C.D. Year. We are in the process of ordering C.C.D. books and planning for the year. Beginning August 1st the C.C.D. registration fee will increase \$10 per child.

Youth Ministry Fund
In Memory of Marvin Rothbauer
Veronica Mulryan & Family

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



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. – Barbara Hermes, *open*
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Gussie Machalec
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Eleanor Wagner,
James Wenske
12:30-1:00 p.m. – Eleanor Wagner, James Wenske
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *open*
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Bea Bohuslav
3:30-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*
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, *open*

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 17

Raffle Tickets Printed 750
Raffle Tickets Purchased So Far 309
Turn in your ticket stub and donation as soon as possible.

We thank the following for picking up tickets to sell:

Stephen Gold – 2 tickets
Kevin Bartos – 10 tickets
Jeralyn Barta – 10 tickets
Celine Kalina – 11 tickets
Boyce Etlinger – 10 tickets
Dennis Fishbeck – 3 tickets
Marcel Kleihege – 30 tickets
Mary Kay Fishbeck – 10 tickets

To purchase a Raffle Ticket or to help sell tickets, contact the Parish Office. Price \$30 per ticket
32 Prizes Given Away

Grand Prize: \$5,000 Gift Certificate

Picnic Workers Needed

All parishioners who have not been assigned a booth/work station in the past are encouraged to sign up to work at the Picnic. Call the Parish Office or drop your name in the collection basket for assignment.

Picnic Meat Fund Letter in the mail soon.

Praha Raffle Tickets available at the Parish Office.

\$2 a ticket or 6 for \$10
40 prizes to be given away.

Grand Prize - \$2,000 H.E.B. Gift Card