

November 5, 2017

**Ordinary Time
Thirty-First Sunday**



Speaking With Integrity

This Sunday's readings seem to be for those who thrive on criticizing the clergy. Malachi lambasts corrupt priests and Jesus goes after the hypocritical religious leaders of his day.

It all sounds good until we remember that the Gospel is to call us all to conversion and not to reinforce our own self-righteousness.

Today's Gospel brings us into the core of Jesus' moral teaching. He challenges us to be who we say we are – a people of integrity. Are our words and actions perfectly integrated?

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Gregory Hirsch in memory of Mary & Alfred Hirsch.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 8
8:00 a.m. Victor Prasek
Thursday, November 9
8:00 a.m. Rosalie, John & Jim Kubicek
Friday, November 10
8:00 a.m. Helen & Daniel Bohuslav, Hertha & Herbert
Dierschke, Leona & Jacob Rothbauer
Saturday, November 11
6:30 p.m. Lee Schoenfeld
Sunday, November 12
6:30 a.m. Grace Schoenvogel
9:30 a.m. Evelyn Darilek

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: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Vera Berckenhoff and George Simper.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Mary & Alfred Hirsch.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 20 - Community Thanksgiving Service.
Old Moulton Baptist Church
Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m., Praha
Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, **6:30 a.m., Moulton**

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.



Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop the attached envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket or drop box during the month of November.

RESURRECTION CHAPEL DONATIONS

*In Memory of Pauline Welfl
Helen & Ronald Kosler*

*In Memory of Julius J. Simper
Nancy Sivyver*

The Quilting Ladies are working on the quilt for the Altar Society Noodle Soup Raffle. They quilt on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Betty Maskey if you are interested in helping/learning how to quilt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
TUESDAY– Quilting Ladies Meet
WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURSDAY – Quilting Ladies Meet
– 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.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Mary Ann Nieto
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



**Youth Ministry Center
Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale November 19**

Proceeds from the Annual Bake Sale go towards the YMC for the benefit of the youth of the community. Presently, an average of 50 Kindergarten – Sixth Grade students attend the programs at the YMC each week. *All parishioners are invited to support the YMC by donating items, buying at the sale, or by making a monetary donation.*

YMC Pre-Thanksgiving Fundraiser/Bake Sale

I Donate: _____ \$ _____
Name: _____

REFLECTION

All Are Humble Servants of God

Today Jesus sums up his thoughts on the Scribes and Pharisees for the crowds and his disciples in the Gospel. The question that the Scribes and Pharisees have raised for Jesus is how to regard legitimate authority when those who have it abuse it.

Matthew in writing the Gospel wanted his Jewish audience to understand that although those who have legitimate religious authority in Jewish society rejected Jesus, Jesus was faithful to the law of Moses and, like Moses, had God's authority to do what he was doing.

The Scribes and Pharisees, Jesus said, have fallen into the trap of teaching one thing and doing another. They had also become self-important. *All their works are performed to be seen.* Jesus warned his disciples to avoid falling into either traps: They must avoid investing so much authority in others so that those leaders do not become gods for them. *Call no one on earth your father.* No Rabbi or teacher should be mistaken for God. Rather than seeing themselves as authority figures, disciples of Jesus must regard themselves as servants. A disciple of Jesus must act for the good of others as Jesus himself came to serve and not to be served.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 5 – Renee Filipp
Nov. 6 – Kylee Beyer, Everardo Fernandez, Irene Nieto, Chad Rothbauer, Tamara Siegel, Zachary Sturm, Zoey Sturm
Nov. 7 – Lindsey Raab
Nov. 8 – John Cinadr, Martha Filipp, Elsie Jasek, Amanda Simper
Nov. 9 – Gregory Hirsch
Nov. 10 – Billy Castro, Melissa Holub, Justin Raabe
Nov. 11 – Dennis Fishbeck, Dorothy Kristynik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 10 – Diana & Julius Kloesel
Nov. 11 – Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Nov. 6 – After School Program, K-2nd Grade
Nov. 8 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – First Communion Enrollment; C.C.D.
Nov. 15 – *Safe Environment Training (C.C.D. Grades 9-11 & YMC Champions)*
Nov. 19 – Youth Mass; YMC Bake Sake
– *Safe Environment Training (C.C.D. Grades K-8)*
Nov. 20 – *Safe Environment Training (YMC Gold Stars)*

Christmas Pageant Forms to Be Distributed Today

All C.C.D. Youth planning to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms by November 19.

Annual Safe Environment Training

The Annual Safe Environment Training for the youth participating in C.C.D. and the Youth Ministry Center (YMC) will be held November 15, 19 & 20. Age-appropriate videos will be shown to the C.C.D. students & the YMC club members. Parents may complete an opt-out form if they do not want their child to participate in the training.

In addition, we will send home a Parent's Guide booklet to each family. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the ways of protecting children from child abuse as illustrated in the booklet. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the Parish Office or visit the diocese website, www.victoriadiocese.org.

Safe Environment Presentations

C.C.D. Grades K-4 and YMC Grades K-4: Bullies - Stand Tall, Be Strong: The goal of Safety N.E.T. Kids is to raise the awareness of children and their parents about abuse and abduction and to help children develop the necessary skills to avoid becoming easy targets. The children will learn about the importance of building good friendships; simple, practical, and effective responses to threats and physical abuse; and how to handle name-calling by instilling confidence with the aid of fun games and high energy content.

C.C.D. Grades 5-8 & YMC Grades 5-6 – The Internet and You Staying Safe: The Internet is an everyday part of life for most teens, yet many fail to realize why it is essential for them to use caution online. With humor that will appeal to young teens, this program talks about Instant Messaging, blogs, email, chat rooms, and social networks. Without using scare tactics, it makes teens aware of potential online dangers: predators, "phishing," identity theft, and cyberbullying. It is designed to make surfing the Internet a positive, safe experience. After viewing this program, students will be aware of Internet privacy and security issues, practice common sense rules for staying safe online, and take control of their Internet experience and make it a positive one.

C.C.D. Grades 9-11 – Digital Smarts Protecting Your Online Reputation & Safety: Cyber reputation, security, and safety have become important topics for students to understand and master. This engaging video program encourages students to think critically about the opportunities and risks provided by their many digital devices. Real-life dangers from predators, spammers, and identity thieves are revealed through teen interviews and accounts from experts in cyber security and safety. Students learn why it is important to choose passwords that are hard to guess and why they should not share their passwords with others. Students are challenged to think about the way that digital technology can be used to enhance or damage their reputations. Teens talk about how compromising photos and other postings online became part of their permanent digital footprint. The video provides specific advice about how to protect students' privacy, security, and online reputations.

Shiner Strudel Sale, Nov. 11, \$15 (unbaked only)
Call Virginia & David Vinklarek (594-2343) by Nov. 8th.

Annual Veterans Day Memorial Service Today – Praha
Fried Chicken Dinner To Follow.