

August 14, 2016

Ordinary Time

Twentieth Sunday



A Cloud of Witnesses

That Jesus would have his disciples fully aware of the cost of discipleship is clearly enunciated in today's gospel. He had come to kindle fire, to experience a baptism of suffering and death and to cause a crisis of decision that would divide and sever even the deepest of human blood bonds. Those who would follow him would become sharers in all three aspects of his saving work, in the fire, the baptism and the crisis of decision and division. To accept this ultimatum is to accept that we, his faithful witnesses on earth are also dead men and women walking towards a life that never ends, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have already made the trip.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, August 17
8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – In Thanksgiving
Thursday, August 18
8:00 a.m. Janie & Edward Hajek
Friday, August 19
8:00 a.m. Charles Rohan
Saturday, August 20
6:30 p.m. Venice Kouba
Sunday, August 21
6:30 a.m. Millie & August Darilek
9:30 a.m. Henry C. & Claude Jalufka

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Responsorial Psalm: 117
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Bulletin Sponsors Needed: Sept. 11, Oct. 9 & 30

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

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment \$17,080.00
Contributions So Far \$11,110.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 5,970.00

Do please consider making a donation.

The Assumption of Mary – Monday, August 15

Mass Schedule

Moulton: August 15, 8:00 a.m.

Praha: August 14, 5:00 p.m.

August 15, 10:00 a.m.



On this day the church celebrates Mary's welcome to heaven. As we believe that Jesus was the first to rise from the dead, so we believe he has also received his mother first into eternity. Pope Pius XII declared the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven as a dogma of the church in 1950.

Assumption Day is considered a Holy Day of Obligation, but if it falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, it is not obligatory by the church to attend Mass. This was amended in the Church Calendar by US (United States) bishops in 1991.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Praha Picnic, Parish Office Closed
TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– Women's A.C.T.S. Team Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY – Knights of Columbus Meeting, KC Hall
THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, KC Hall
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any
Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Fire! Baptism! Division!

The words of Jesus in today's gospel are confrontational and adversarial in tone. By announcing his purpose on earth in terms of *fire, baptism, and division*, Jesus made it clear that those who would follow him would, by their decision, become vulnerable to the same suffering that he would bear for the salvation of sinners. Baptism, in this particular context, did not refer to the sacrament through which believers would be initiated into dying and rising of Jesus. Rather, baptism in this gospel refers to the suffering which Jesus would endure for the salvation of sinners.

From the outset and through his infancy narratives, Luke had presented Jesus and his mission in such terms. Recall the prophecy of Simeon: "Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be contradicted so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Lk 2:34-35). In other words, through Jesus, and hinging on their acceptance and/or rejection of him, mankind will become divided into believers who will share in his life and disbelievers who have chosen death. Moreover, an individual's acceptance of Jesus' words and works will set him/her at odds with those who reject him; even familial bonds are less binding than those formed by faith.

Until Jesus comes again to definitely and universally establish the Kingdom of God, the twin specters of fire and division will confront his followers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 14 – Kacie Siegel
Aug. 15 – Joseph Nieto
Aug. 16 – Rachel Dolezal
Aug. 17 – Danny Rother
Aug. 18 – Fallon Fojtik, Lindsey Kirkland,
Gussie Machalec, Mary Ann Wenske
Aug. 19 – Sharon Etlinger, Beatrice Krejci, Abigail Siegel,
Lily Simper
Aug. 20 – Scott Wenske

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Aug. 19 – Betty & Clement Petras
Aug. 20 – Martha & Stephen Gold
– Diana & Harvey Kloesel

C.C.D. Begins September 11

Registration: Forms available at the main entrance of Church. The C.C.D. Registration Form and Medical Registration Form are also available at our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org. Return forms by **August 22**.

C.C.D. Begins: September 11 – Sunday School
September 11 – Kindergarten - 8th Grade
September 14 – 9th - 11th Grade

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 18

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets Printed 750
Raffle Tickets Purchased So Far 266

*Have you purchased your ticket yet?
Extra tickets available at the Parish Office.*

Picnic Donation Letter

Look out for the Auction/Meat Donation Letter soon.

Picnic Auction Items

Have you decided what to donate to the auction? There are some quilts and wood crafted items available at the Parish Office at reasonable prices. Stop by to make a choice.



Bingo Donation Collections

Gussie Machalec will be calling on local businesses to solicit donations for Bingo. Please be generous.

Attention Picnic Chairpersons

If you have not turned in your work list, please do so as soon as possible.

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. Don't wait to be asked. Offer! Contact the Parish Office or drop your name in the collection basket for assignment.

Dinner With Fr. Gabriel – August 28

Call the Office. You can still get in.
Remember to return your RSVP?

The **Country Store** warehouse is now open and ready to stock for the Picnic. We need Home Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Jams & Jellies, Pickles. We need any handmade garments, baby blankets, afghans, lap blankets, kitchen articles. Please be generous and help make this the best picnic ever. All Country Store Donations can be turned in at the rectory.

Betty Maskey
Country Store Co-CP

Praha Picnic Tomorrow, August 15

I thank the many Moulton Parishioners who are helping to make our Sister Parish's Picnic a success by purchasing Raffle Tickets, donating toward various funds, donating auction items and volunteering to work at the Picnic.

Everyone is invited to come out to Praha tomorrow to enjoy the meal and festivities throughout the day and evening.

YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER FUND

*In Memory of Daniel Bohuslav
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck*