

July 22, 2018

Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday



Finding Rest In The Shepherd

Aware of the need for those pauses that renew and refresh, Jesus called his apostles to come away with him to a deserted place. Jesus' compassion for those who sought him out and his willingness to tend to their hungers, both spiritual and physical, called forth the shepherd's love in him. Although many times extended periods of solitude and rest may not be possible, each of us is called to punctuate our days with many pauses in which to be still and know and rest in God who is the heart and center of all we are and all we do.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Rosie, Joe, Allen & Leroy Fishbeck by family.

MASS INTENTIONS



Friday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Annie Kozelsky

Saturday, July 28

6:30 p.m. Evelyn & Walter Schoenvogel

Sunday, July 29

6:30 a.m. Edward Hajek

9:30 a.m. Delia Nieto Brigman

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Mark 6:1-15

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Lillie Beyer, Gloria Haas and Irene Portales.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Delia Nieto Brigman.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$17,386.00
Contributions So Far \$ 8,225.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 9,161.00

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER UPDATE



The project is progressing steadily. The metal crew continued sheeting the building and started erecting the beams for the pavilion area. The framers started framing the inside – restrooms, bar, concession stand, kitchen area this past week. The electrical and plumbing will be next.

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$297,238.38. Thank you for your generosity and support.

FALSE SHEPHERDS

Like the people at the time of the Exile, we live in a period of transition. Like the crowds who heard Jesus announce that the reign of God had come, we are being told to adjust our worldview, perhaps even to embrace a totally different one. To whom do we go for guidance? Where do we find the words of eternal life? There are so many voices that claim to have the answer; how do we know which ones to heed? Who accurately interprets the word of God for us? Is it the one who makes us feel good about ourselves, or the one who makes us feel guilty? Should we cling to the teachings of the past or open ourselves to creative new insights? Should we expect that God will rescue us from our plight, or should we allow it to refine and transform us? How do we know what to do? Which path should we choose? Who will lead us? There is danger that we will listen to the voice that gives us the easiest answers, or that we will give up our search and resign ourselves to being like sheep without a shepherd. — Dianne Bergant

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY & THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets
THURSDAY – 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.

Mass Bookings Available: August 8, 15 & 16
Bulletin Sponsorship Available: August 12 & 26
Altar Flower Bookings Available: August 5, 12 & 19
To book a Mass or Altar Flowers, or to sponsor the Bulletin contact the Parish Office.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
George Louis Simecek
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Availability To Serve 24/7

In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah addresses the problem of leadership among the Israelites and couples his criticism of the unworthy shepherds with a promise that God would intervene to gather, to lead and guide the people once again as a good and loving shepherd. In short, God promised absolute availability not only on God's part but also on the part of future shepherds whom God would personally appoint.

Mark, in today's Gospel, indicates that Jesus is that promised ideal shepherd who had compassion on the people, for they were like "sheep without a shepherd." That Jesus was intent upon sharing his shepherding duties with his own is evidenced in the fact that he sent them forth to be absolutely available, 24/7, for their contemporaries. Upon their return, they were debriefed by Jesus, who then provided time for their physical rest and spiritual recuperation. Work balanced with and supported by prayer was the ideal ascribed to by Jesus, and he would have his disciples follow his lead. However, and as is strikingly clear in today's Gospel, when the people who needed their words and works sought them out, Jesus set aside the time for rest, and whether it was convenient or not, he attended to the needs of the people. Mark tells the readers that Jesus taught the people at great length. In next week's Gospel, despite the disciples' suggestion that he dismiss the crowds, Jesus will provide for the people's physical needs and hungers. His ministry was one of absolute availability 24/7. He challenges would be disciples to be similarly given to service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 22 – Sherry Fishbeck
July 23 – Courtney Koncaba
July 24 – Barbara Castro, Kathy Seale
July 27 – Catherine Wenske
July 28 – Matthew Terra

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 22 – Margaret & Aaron Chudej
July 23 – Kay Lynn & Toby Rothbauer
July 28 – Congratulations Phyllis & Kenneth Schoenfeld
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY DONATIONS

Youth Ministry Center Donation
In Memory of George Simecek
Barbara & Eugene Anderle

Vacation Bible School Donation
Whitley Lumber (Donna & Tommy Perez) - \$500

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 16

Dear friends,

It is Summer time and you know what that means – Picnic time. Wednesday, August 15 is Praha's and Sunday, September 16 is Mouton's.

In preparation for our Picnic we will meet with the Picnic Chairpersons after the 9:30 a.m. Mass today, I appreciate their continued support and dedication to the parish. It is evident that parishioners are gearing up for the Picnic as well. Many have purchased their Raffle Tickets and picked up extra tickets to sell. Some have already brought in their auction items and made various donations. We are off to a good start. Keep up the good work.

Raffle Tickets: Thanks to these early birds who have turned in their raffle stubs and donations to kick off our Picnic. Have you bought your tickets yet?

<i>Betty & Harry Maskey</i>	<i>Sheri & David Beyer</i>
<i>Donna & Tommy Perez</i>	<i>Dolores & Ben Scott</i>
<i>Lisa & David Rothbauer</i>	<i>Ernest J. Novosad</i>
<i>Jennifer & Don Rothbauer</i>	<i>Hattie & Bob Olle</i>
<i>Barbara & Eugene Anderle</i>	<i>Maynard Wagner</i>
<i>Phyllis & Kenneth Schoenfeld</i>	<i>Charlene Simper</i>
<i>Melanie & Jonathan Mikulencak</i>	<i>Daniel Beyer</i>

We thank the following for picking up tickets to sell:

Donna Perez – 3 tickets
Betty Maskey – 4 tickets
Dolores Scott – 10 tickets
Phyllis Schoenfeld – 11 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

Raffle Ticket Sponsorship: We thank George's Art & Sign Shop (owner George Kalisek) for the sponsorship of the raffle tickets for many years. We welcome and appreciate Whitley Lumber Yard, LLC. for their sponsorship this year.

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Picnic Chairpersons Meeting Today, Family Room. All Picnic Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. We will go to the Social Center to study the facility. If you have not yet turned in your worklist please bring it to the meeting.

Picnic Meat Fund Letter in the mail soon.

K.J.T. State Family Day, July 29, La Grange.