

September 23, 2018
Ordinary Time
 Twenty-fifth Sunday



The Essence of Discipleship – Service

Today, we read Jesus' second prediction of his coming passion, death and Resurrection. The disciples' lack of understanding of Jesus' mission is apparent in the Gospel. The disciples were discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. For Jesus greatness has nothing to do with power or prestige. Rather, it has to do with service. By identifying himself with a child, Jesus says, *if anyone wishes to be first, that person should take care of the most venerable people in society. To be of service to the most vulnerable is Jesus' idea of greatness.*

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Venice Kouba by her family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are in memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak, sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, September 28
 8:00 a.m. Frankie Janecek
 Saturday, September 29
 6:30 p.m. For Healing For The Sick of Our Parish
 Sunday, September 30
 6:30 a.m. Christine & Adolph C. Darilek
 9:30 a.m. For the Youth of our Parish

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19
Second Reading: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially John Beran, Deacon Milburn Kram, Susan Jasek and Irene Portales.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER



We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

- Helen Schaefer - \$150*
- Irene & J. D. Bartek - \$500*
- Sheryl & Leon Vasek - \$1,000*
- Carol & Ronald Berckenhoff - \$500*
- Tim's Body & Paint (Laura & Tim Pustejovsky)*
Load of Limestone (valued at \$625.20)
- Eugene Albrecht, Jr.*
Labor to Fabricate Stew Kettle Stands (valued at \$2,240)

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$362,929.42. Thank you for your generosity and support.

ADDITIONAL MEAT FUND DONATIONS

- Anonymous Donor - \$50
- Linda & John Machacek - \$100
- Carol & Ronald Berckenhoff - \$200
- Total Meat Fund Donations \$14,455**
We thank everyone who donated towards the fund.

RAFFLE WINNINGS DONATION

We thank the following raffle winners who donated a portion of their winnings back to the Church:

- Anonymous Donor - \$200
- 4x Lucky - \$500
- Betty Klimitchek, Gilbert Urbish,
 Rene Salinas & Ken Stryk

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Sanctuary Light: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 25
Bulletin Sponsorship: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18
To sponsor the Bulletin (\$35) or Sanctuary Light (\$20) contact the Parish Office.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
 WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
 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.

Congratulations and God's blessing to **Renee Michelle & Kendrick John Rother** who were recently united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Joseph's.



REFLECTION

On A Collision Course With Secular Culture

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest for many people. They would be more concerned with knowing who are the successful. We want people to be honest in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people who know how to strike it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious, to think of themselves first. Seldom is one's popularity based on righteousness.

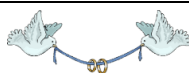
On the other hand, righteousness is one of the pillars upon which the reign of God is established. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere. They must be lovers of peace. The righteous must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. There is a dimension of all of this that is somewhat obscure. Because it is so often at odds with the standards of the world, we are not always sure by what criteria the characteristics of righteousness should be judged. Therefore, we must look to Jesus for an authentic portrait of righteousness. Rendering service to others is the essence of discipleship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Sept. 23 – Robert Berckenhoff
Sept. 24 – Colby Blahuta, German Vasquez
Sept. 25 – Scott Chaloupka, Cynthia Cinadr, Alice Fisbeck, Dorothy Fojtik, Lisa Zidek
Sept. 26 – Daniel Mejias, Thomas Perez, B. Whittenborn
Sept. 27 – Ben Darilek, Jane Janecek
Sept. 29 – David Fernandez, Rosalie Koncaba

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Sept. 29 – Irene & Steve Nieto

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D. Resumes

Sept. 24 – Gold Star Club Meets (K – 2nd Grade)

Sept. 26 – Champions Club Meets (3rd – 6th Grades)
– 9th - 11th Grade C.C.D.

Next Sunday – Youth Mass* (Eighth Grade) / C.C.D.

All K-8th Grade students must be in their classrooms by 9:15 a.m. The 9th – 11th Grade students must be in the Family Room by 9:15 a.m.

Thank You: We thank Angela & Chad Rothbauer for their recent donations: *C.C.D. Program - \$50*

Youth Ministry Fund - \$50

THANK YOU!

Dear friends,

What a Picnic that was on Sunday! It was short of a miracle. I have no doubt in my mind that what happened on Sunday was God's affirmation of our efforts to do something good for our Church and for our community. It is amazing how the whole community young and old came together to make it all happen. Many described it as the best Picnic they have ever had. It was great to see so many people having a good old time. I thank God for having brought us this far and you for having been so supportive. Let's work together to bring to completion the good work the Lord has begun among us.

God bless,

Fr. Gabriel

RAFFLE WINNERS

1st – Sharon Duquemin
25th – Hubert Novak, Shiner
50th – Sarah Wauson, Shiner
75th – *B & C Klimitchek, Moulton*
100th – Jimmie Luksovsky, Schulenburg
125th – *Daniel Beyer, Moulton*
150th – Will Portales, Austin
175th – *Janet & Jerome Raabe Jr., Moulton*
200th – Lily Harrison
225th – *Tommy Perez, Moulton*
250th – Celine Kalina, Praha
275th – Trish & David Kapavik, Shiner
300th – *Caroline Freytag, Moulton*
325th – *Karin & Kenneth Filipp, Moulton*
350th – *Lindsey Kirkland, Moulton*
375th – Colton Fisbeck, Katy
400th – Ann & Roman Wenske, Shiner
425th – *L. A. Simper, Moulton*
450th – *Tony Janak, Moulton*
475th – *Timothy Kleihege, Moulton*
500th – Randy Henke, Hallettsville and *Sheryl Zimmerman, Moulton*
525th – *Rosalyn Kocian, Moulton*
550th – *Angie Pilat, Moulton*
575th – *Deborah & Marlon Novosad, Moulton*
600th – Cliff McLain, Houston
625th – *Alisha & Wesley Rothbauer, Moulton*
650th – *Kim Chaloupka, Moulton*
675th – Jennifer Kurtz, Smithville
700th – *Shirley & David Schoenfeld, Moulton*
725th – *Sunni Hosemann, Moulton*
Next to Last – *Eleanor Wagner, Moulton*
Last Ticket Drawn – 4x's Lucky (*Betty Klimitchek* – *Moulton*, Gilbert Urbish – Hallettsville, Rene Salinas – Sugarland, Ken Stryk – Praha)