

July 31, 2016

Ordinary Time

Eighteenth Sunday



Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

With the parable of the rich man Jesus invites those who would follow him to focus on enduring entities as the coming of God's Kingdom. Many of us are sometimes so preoccupied with the acquisition of material things that we tend to overlook and fail to enjoy the truly important and abiding blessings in our lives.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 6

4:30 p.m. Louis, Albina & Mary Smolik

Sunday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Alvin Machalec & Gus Patek

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

No Bible Study Wednesday, August 3

Praha Picnic

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

Bands For Picnic

Ennis Czech Boys – 11 a.m. - 1p.m. and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Praha Bros. – 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The All Around Czech – 7 p.m. -10 p.m.

Picnic Worklist – See Insert.

Picnic Bulletin Board – See Insert

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Matıcka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Marcus Kasper, Bandera, TX - \$20

In Thanksgiving to God for My Family

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Andela B. & Lukas B. Cerny, Lillian & Edmund
Moeller, Mary B. Kalina, Juan Kalina,
Anton Kalina, Moeller Babies and Marie & Tom Bell
Henrietta & Elton Moeller - \$3,000
(previous donations - \$5,300)*

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"You Fool"!

As we hear the message of Qoheleth *Vanity of Vanities! All things are vanity* and the teaching of Jesus, *one's life does not consist of possessions* we are challenged to reflect on the truth taught here. Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food but not appetite, medicine but not health, acquaintances but not friends, days of joy but not peace and happiness.

With the idea of what happened to the rich man will never happen to us, many of us continue to invest ourselves and our fortunes in projects that have no lasting significance. We tend to think that there will be time in the distant future when we can make the adjustments that will merit our welcome into eternity. To the rich man and those of us who share this attitude, Jesus says, *You Fool!* In the Bible, the *fool* is the one who fails to take God into account in every aspect of his life. We are challenged once again to choose whether we will spend our energies building barns for our possessions or allow ourselves to be possessed by God and share what we have and who are with others.

PRAYER FOR RAIN



Lord, God, in you we live and move and have our being. Help us in our present time of trouble. Send us the rain we need and teach us to seek your helping hand on the way to eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION

Grow Rich In What Matters To God

Asked to arbitrate in a dispute between brothers over an inheritance, Jesus responded with a pronouncement regarding greed and the consequences of making one's wealth too great an issue of consequence.

Fortifying himself against material need, the rich man had neglected to look beyond this life to that eternal realm wherein his well-stocked grain bins would have no value or purpose. For this lack of foresight, he would earn the title "fool" in the sense that his values were skewed. By failing to take into account God and the concerns of God, the rich but foolish man had lost sight of the fact that his very life was but a loan that God could recall at any moment. Indeed, that very night, he learned the hard lesson he had not prepared for. Death would separate him from the security, prestige and power of his barns. Jesus' parable remains challenging particularly since ours is a culture of consumerism. We value people by what they possess rather than who they are. We may be in danger of being trapped in materialism. Jesus calls us to regain our perspective and readjust our priorities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 31 – Daniel Cerny
– Kyle Koncaba
August 1 – Ellene Vrazel
August 3 – David Labay
– Carol Barta

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 2 – Judie & Stephen Lev

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Good Health
For Lillie & Walter Frydrych
For Mamie & Lupe Velasquez
In Memory and for Good Health
For My Sister's Return to Health
For the Health & Peace of Loved Ones
For Steven, Reagan, Riley & Our Family
For Smajstrla & Kubala Family Members
For the Deceased of the Smajstrla & Frydrych Family

How You Can Help With The Picnic?

Auction: Donate items of value to the auction. We need a variety of items for our guests. If you haven't decided what to donate to the auction yet, there are some wood crafted items available at the Parish Office in Moulton at reasonable prices. Stop by to make a choice.

Meat Donation Fund: Our Meat Donation Fund goal this year is \$10,000. We have a long way to go to meet our goal. Have you made your donation?

Raffle Tickets: Have you turned in your raffle stubs and donations yet? Contact Thomas Petru or Liz Janak to pick up extra tickets to sell.

Bingo & Music Fund Donations: It takes a lot to have good music for our guests. Bingo donations are needed as well. Can you help?

Country Store: The out-of-town people love homemade jelly, home-canned/baked goods, and hand-made crafts. Let's make sure we have plenty on hand.

Fr. Gabriel's Cake: Fr. Gabriel's Cake will be auctioned off at the Picnic. Make a donation towards it for a piece of cake.

Other Picnic Donations are welcome.

Desserts & Cake Walk: Get your ovens ready. We need at least 200 cakes (pies, strudels, rosettes ...) for the cake walk and can never have enough desserts for the meal. Also, the Cake Walk booth still needs volunteers for each shift. Contact Robin Cerny or Sharon Crowe.

Publicity: Pick up some flyers and post them at your place of work and at area businesses. Invite all your friends and family to the Picnic.

Contributions from out-of-town friends of the parish are accepted and appreciated. See Insert.

WORK DAYS AT THE PICNIC GROUNDS

General Church Cleaning: Friday, August 5, 8:30 a.m.

We will be doing lots of dusting, including upstairs. Please come if you are available.

Pre-Picnic Cleanup Schedule: August 2, 3, 4 & 5, 6:00 p.m. till ? Come help prepare for our visitors.

Picnic Setup Schedule: August 11, 12 & 13

After Picnic Cleanup Schedule: Tuesday, August 16

Thanks to the ole faithful who are there every year scrubbing and cleaning to make sure everything is ready for the picnic. Let's see some new faces this year too.

DRIVE THROUGH PLATES TO GO AT PICNIC

This year we are looking forward to a **drive through Business Plates-to-go** line as well as a **drive through Plates-to-go line for individuals**. The businesses will take FM 1295 to Praha and turn on South Knezek Road to pick up the plates on the east side of the Hall. The individuals picking up plates-to-go will take Hwy 90 and turn on South Knezek Road. Sign posts will be posted to direct both lines. The walk up Plates-to-go line will still be available at the usual place as in the past.