

September 4, 2016
Ordinary Time
 Twenty-third Sunday



The Truth of Discipleship

In the life of the disciple, Christ and the claims of the Gospel are foremost, and all other considerations even family and possessions, are secondary. Jesus did not demand that we suddenly surrender all property or sever our ties to our family. What Jesus asks of us is a spirit of detachment such that in the interest of Christ, we are ready to leave all else so as to be firmly attached to Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 10
 4:30 p.m. Mary Ann Janacek
 Sunday, September 11
 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Charles Patek

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Responsorial Psalm: 51
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Praha Picture Directories

The Picture Directories have arrived. All parishioners who participated in the directory (had their picture taken) may pick up their free copy after Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 18 – Moulton Church Picnic
 Sept. 25 – Praha Picnic Appreciation Dinner. Lunch served at Noon. Desserts welcome.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*In Memory of Annie & Edwin L. Stavinoha
 Barbara & Wilbur Stavinoha, Highlands, TX - \$100*

*In Honor of Charlie Lev
 Ruth & Clarence Metzger, Houston - \$5,000
 (previous donation - \$5,000)*

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

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 our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

- For Alex*
- For My Family*
- For the Delgados*
- For Hattie & Kie*
- For the Foust Family*
- For Margie Who Is Ill*
- For Cecilia & Emil Marek*
- For Amelia & Joe Anders*
- For the Dieringer Family*
- For My Sister Josie Who Is Ill*
- For Baby Grant Buri (premi)*
- Pray for Veronica's Cancer Healing*
- For the Repose of George Boedeker Jr.*
- To Strengthen Me, For the Poor Souls*
- For the Return of Our Son to the Faith*
- For Lena & Her Premi Twins (1.5 lbs. & 1.7 lbs)*
- For the Catholic Daughters Court, St. Ann #369*
- For the Consecration of our Family to the Blessed Mother*
- For the Foltyn & Geno Family for Peace After Death of Daughter*
- For Patrick to be Delivered From All Addictions, and to Receive/Give Forgiveness*
- For the Health & Wellbeing of Children & Families, For Mental Health Healing of Son-in-law*
- For those souls that are partaking in the black Mass, that they will see how much God loves them and wants to forgive them*

Votive candle intentions to be continued

REFLECTION

Discipleship – A Dear And Daily Cost

Discipleship is a costly business, not to be taken lightly! Anyone who experiences its attraction ought first of all to weigh the pros and cons and decide, realistically whether true discipleship is possible. There is no compromise; Jesus himself is the model of obedience and fidelity.

Bearing the cross summarizes discipleship. When Jesus is crucified upon Calvary, there is little else that could so effectively separate him from his family, friends, origins or cultures (his was a Roman death). In carrying out his mission of the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, he has to bear such separation. The same will be required too, of the disciple, the true follower.

It is this separation that the word "hatred" covers. A disciple is not being asked to nurture deep personal loathing for family and origins, but to understand that God's Kingdom calls for a radical change in life. The Kingdom of God takes precedence over everything else and it must therefore be assessed realistically, as a carpenter, planning to build, assesses the scope of the project. In Jesus' day, it may have been the building of a tower to protect home or vineyard. Today it could be planning one's "dream home." The dream may be fine, but can the project be finished?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 4 – Bryn Stryk
 September 7 – Dennis Mican
 September 8 – Hilary Grahmann
 September 10 – Edward Koncaba

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 5 – Judith & James Kubecka

Congratulation and God's blessings to
Hilary & Greg Grahmann
 who were recently united in the sacrament
 of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



More Picnic Donations

Deborah & Alton Fojtik Jr. - \$50 Meat Donation Fund,
 \$50 Bingo
 Elaine & Johnnie Hoffman - \$150 for Chicken Boxes

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Monica Bily Melnar

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Catholic Communications Campaign, Black & Native Americans, Catholic University - Please be generous.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

– Archdiocese of Detroit

2017 AT HOME WITH THE WORD

To foster full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Liturgy all parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the celebration. To help prepare copies of *At Home With The Word* are ordered for all those who sign up for them. A copy is \$8 but if you fill in the form below and return it by September 18, you get a copy for free.

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2017 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

Name: _____

MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 18, K.C. Hall

Open Air Mass 10:00 a.m. at the City Park



FRIED CHICKEN & STEW DINNER

\$9.00 Per Plate

Begins at 10:30 a.m.

Drive-thru plates-to-go and meat-to-go available.

Train Ride, Ball Throw
Fish Pond, Ring Toss

Hamburgers, Sno-cones
Popcorn, and more...

Cake Walk, Plant Walk
Country Store

AUCTION

1:00 p.m.

Livestock, quilts, hand-made items

DRAWING

Grand Prize

\$5,000.00 Gift Certificate

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moulton, Texas Picnic Always Third Sunday of September

We thank the many Moulton Parishioners that supported our Parish Picnic. Now is the time to show your appreciation / support your Sister Parish. Contact the Parish Office if you want to help.