

October 16, 2016  
**Ordinary Time**  
 Twenty-ninth Sunday



***The Necessity of Prayer***

Jesus tells the parable of a judge who satisfies a widow who demands justice in order to show “the necessity of praying always and not losing heart.” Prayer is an act of faith in God. Without faith and prayer who can withstand the assaults of the enemy? You will only have the advantage of placing yourself under “the banner of God” by praying.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, October 22  
 4:30 p.m. Frances & Joe Koudelka  
 Sunday, October 23  
 8:00 a.m. Marcella Chaloupka

**Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy**



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

**First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 34**  
**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**  
**Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
***Bobbie U. Krejci***  
 and the comfort of her loved ones.  
*May she rest in peace.*



**Church Tours**

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 877 people toured the Church on registered tours between July to September.

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Feast of All Saints***

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

**Mass Schedule: Praha – 4:30 p.m.**  
 Moulton – 6:30 p.m.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – *The Feast of All Souls***

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

**Mass Schedule:**  
**Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Mass at 4:30 p.m.**  
 Moulton – Mass at 6:30 p.m.  
 Blessing of the graves after Mass.

**All Souls Commemoration:** During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket/mail by Oct. 31.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

***Felix Hajek Jr. Estate - \$277.43***

Felix Hajek Jr. remembered St. Mary’s Church in his will. We previously received a check in the amount of \$23,631.47, the Church’s portion of the estate. The money was earmarked for our Church Restoration Project in his memory. The recent check is the final distribution of the estate.

*Eternal rest grant unto Felix O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

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

**PREPARATIONS FOR VETERANS DAY**

The Memorial Chapels for the nine Praha men killed during the Second World War are being restored. The restrooms by the church are also being refurbished in preparation for the upcoming Veteran’s Day Celebration, November 6.

The Veteran’s Day Mass is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

**Thank You:** We thank the Flatonina Knights of Columbus for donating the Rosary thumb rings they handed out after the weekend Masses. They will be here again this weekend. This project is in honor of the Month of the Rosary. *Thank you for all you do for the community.*

## REFLECTION



### *Pray Always*

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow to his disciples as an example of praying without becoming weary. Obviously, the wicked judge who finally relented and ruled in her favor is not to be identified with God. The attitude of the judge teaches us something about God. If a cruel judge will give way to the unrelenting insistence of the widow, how much more will God listen to the prayers of the faithful? The parable also affirms the often challenging truth that much of our prayer life seems to consist of “hurling our petitions against long periods of silence.” Yet this silence is an integral part of our praying, for we learn faith, trust, and hope in the seeming non-responsiveness of God. It is what we do with the “silence” that cultivates a more authentic faith and a deeper commitment to God.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 22 – Jenelle Cerny

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 17 – Jeanette & Carl Henke  
October 18 – Bridgette & Matt Cerny

Congratulation and God's blessings to  
***Julie & Tyler Mica***  
who were recently united in the sacrament  
of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



## Fall Festival

Today – Immaculate Conception Fall Festival, Goliad  
Oct. 23 – St. Michael's Bazaar, Needville  
Oct. 30 – St. Peter's Church Festival/BBQ Turkey &  
Dressing Dinner, Blessing

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### World Mission Sunday

This day is designated to offer prayer and financial support for missionaries around the world. It is also a day to remember that the Church is missionary at its very core. All the baptized are called to carry on the mission of Christ and to proclaim the good news to the world.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Ordinary Time, Weeks 30-34; November**

#### **October 23: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Luke 18:9-14 – The tax collector is justified.

#### **October 30: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

Luke 19:1-10 – The Son of Man saves what was lost.

#### **November 1: Feast of All Saints**

Matthew 5:1-12a – Jesus offered the beatitudes as the charter of the heavenly reign.

#### **November 2: All Souls Day**

**November 6: Thanksgiving Food Drive** Collection Begins

#### **November 6: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

Luke 20:27-38 – The God of the living.

#### **November 13: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

Luke 21:5-19 – Your perseverance will secure your lives.

#### **November 20: 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Christ the King)**

Luke 23:35-43 – Jesus remember me.

#### **November 24: Thanksgiving Day**

## 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 Leon Jasek*  
*For Family Unity*  
*For Chester Coleman*  
*For Court Settlement*  
*For Charlene Krupala*  
*For Peace in the World*  
*For the Huntsberry Family*  
*For Good Health & Good Faith*  
*For a Peaceful & Loving Resolution*  
*For Protection & Direction in Erik's Life*  
*For the Healing of My Granddaughter Clara*  
*For the Avila, Prado, Garcia & Castillo Families*  
*For the Lord to Keep the Jara Family in His Hand*  
*Thanksgiving for Fr. Gabriel and All He Has Done For Praha*  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued