

July 2, 2017

Ordinary Time
Thirteenth Sunday



**Who ever does not take up his cross
and follow me is not worthy of me**

One of the themes for today's worship is the cost of discipleship. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to serve others in the day-to-day unfolding of life.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 8

4:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Maria & Frank
Lev Family

Sunday, July 9

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Joseph & Mary
Janecek Jasek Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



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

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Dianne Marie Simper
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



St. Mary's Altar Society Meeting next
Sunday, July 9 in the School Chapel, after the
8:00 a.m. Mass.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 4, 2017

Independence Day Prayer



God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue the good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong, that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Vaclav Jim Masek - \$600
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Rev. Lambert S. Bily, San Antonio, TX - \$500
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In Memory of Viola & Louis Janek - \$1,000
Dianne & Julius Simper Family

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A BIT OF HUMOR

In today's gospel we are told about the many rewards that await us if we live faithfully. But we should never forget that heavenly rewards are not really earned because they are ultimately a gift we don't deserve.

An elderly Italian man lay dying in his bed. He suddenly smelled his favorite anisette-sprinkled cookies. He rose from his deathbed and made his way downstairs. At the doorway to the kitchen he beheld a heavenly vision. His devoted Italian wife of 60 years was baking. He staggered toward the table, where spread out upon waxed paper, were hundreds of his favorite cookies. He reached for a cookie at the edge of the table, when his hand was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife. "Back off!" she snapped. "They're for the funeral."

- Dick Folger

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Georgia Cerny and Emil Lev.

REFLECTION

*Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and who welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me.*

The theme of hospitality is reflected in today's first reading and the gospel.

With generous gestures of hospitality the woman welcomed the prophet and even made provisions so that his visits could become more frequent. Her motivation in providing for his needs is clearly expressed: "I know that he is a holy man of God." In other words, to be a man or person of God is to be the bearer of God's word. Therefore, to welcome him is to welcome God's word.

Jesus in sending his disciples looks to those to whom they will be sent to hear the word of God. Hospitality shown to Jesus' disciples means more than making sure they are fed and sheltered. The hospitality Jesus advocates involves the one who welcomes and the welcomed one in a relationship. A connection is made between the hosts ("whoever welcomes you"), disciples, Jesus ("welcomes me") and God ("the One who sent me"). Thus the four parties are joined together. A new family is formed made up of those who carry out the mission, those who welcome it, and God.

This theme of welcome and hospitality challenges us today. The preacher must first welcome the word and let it be reflected in his word and deed, and the hearer must listen wholly, not selectively, and allow that God's word be spoken through whatever mediator God chooses.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 4 – Patricia Michna

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 8 – Cynthia & Edward Koncaba

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 prayer requests:

For Melinda Varden

Prayers for Baby Lincoln

For Good Health in Family

For Ruben Velasquez, My Brother

In Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings

For Agreeable Settlement in Land Issue (to all parties)

For Daniel Mulvey, George Rose, June & Charles Shook

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

PETER'S PENCE



The Peter's Pence collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

Please be generous.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

Update on Picnic Chairpersons Meetings continued.

The Refreshment Chairpersons: Tim Pospisil (Beer Stand); Dennis Olsovsky & Martin Svatek (Beer Tickets); Edward & Cynthia Koncaba and Jason Bartos (Soda Water & Sno Cones) are getting ready for the Picnic. Tim reported on the beer price increase. The Soda Water ... booth has turned in their order. They are all ready to keep everybody hydrated.

Outdoor Games/Booths Chairpersons: Thomas Petru & Liz Janak (Raffle); Nancy Jasek & Georgia Cerny (Country Store); Frances Kubenka (Souvenirs); Jane Schneider & Marcel Kleihege (Bingo); Robin Cerny & Sharon Crowe (Cake Walk); Amy Koncaba (Ring Toss); Mary & Staci Bartos (Fish Pond/Toy Box) and Pat Lawrence (Plant Walk) are getting their booths ready. Robin Cerny said she needs at least 200 cakes for the Cake Walk. Jason Bartos (Music) has all the bands lined up for your listening/dancing pleasure. We thank Herzik's Milk & Grain for sponsoring the Raffle Tickets again this year.

Preparations for the Picnic

The Auction Pavilion is getting a face lift that includes replacing the asphalt floor with concrete, adding a metal building for storage and tagging auction items.

On the approach to the Church on the right side will be the new Church Sign and a Historical Marker that will be unveiled on August 15.

Preparations are on the way to put gravel on the Business Plates-To-Go Line driveway to avoid vehicles being stuck in the mud in case of rain.

Lastly, *Big Ass Fans* will be installed above the dance floor, at the dine in line and at the auction.

Expect your Raffle Tickets and Picnic Donation Letter in the mail this week. Let's all cooperate to make this another successful Picnic.

Area Picnics

Today 2 – Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Dubina

July 4 – St. John Parish, St. John's

July 16 – Ascension of the Lord, Moravia