

February 4, 2018

## Ordinary Time

Fifth Sunday



### *Jesus, The Giver of Hope*

**Jesus knows the misery of human life, because he is one of us. However, suffering can no longer be interpreted as a direct punishment from God for sins committed as it was commonly believed at the time. The miracles that Jesus worked, freeing the man of unclean spirit, the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, and the generalized summary of miracles at sundown are preliminary acts of healing that foreshadow the greatest act of healing miracle, the death and resurrection of Christ. It is in this miracle that we partake at every Eucharist. In this miracle Jesus continues to heal the broken-hearted. Come and be healed.**



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Lori & David Janecka in memory of Henry Migl and Delphin Janecka Sr.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 10

4:30 p.m. Cecilia Lev

Sunday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Emma & Julius Stryk

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



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

**First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1**

**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

### 2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment ..... \$ 7,670.00

Contributions So Far ..... \$ 7,870.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Carol & Gene Patalik*

*We thank all those who have contributed towards our 2017 D.S.A. assessment.*

### SOCIETY NEWS

**Altar Society Meeting Today**, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The 2018 dues of \$5 are due – you may bring your payment to the meeting or drop it in the collection basket. Mark the envelope *Altar Society* and include your name, address, phone number and email address in applicable. Thank you.

*Lori Janecka*, Altar Society President

\* New Members always welcome. Come join us.

**St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Meeting Next Sunday**, in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



#### **Good News For All**

After a full day of preaching and healing, Jesus retreats to bed, then rises before dawn to slip away into the wilderness to pray.

He leaves with us a model that clearly shows that our active ministries depend upon prayer. What we accomplish in a busy day may depend on what we do early in the morning. By surrendering to God first, we are acknowledging that any good we accomplish is only flowing through us. This frees us from any notion that we ourselves are the source. For the people of Galilee, the many healings performed by Jesus in and around Capernaum in today's Gospel could have only come from the hand of God.

— Deacon Dick Folger

### WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – FEB. 15-18

Applications are available from any team member or directors. Please consider spending some time spent on Holy Ground. Sign the prayer poster at the back of the church to pray for the retreatants/team members.

*For more information contact Kathleen Svatek.*

## REFLECTION

### *Healing Leads To Service of Others*

In Today's first reading, Job complains to his friends that his days fly by faster than a weaver's shuttle. Think of the needle of a sewing machine racing up and down faster than the eye can see. This speed of Job's days is certainly echoed in what we hear about Jesus' activities in today's gospel reading. Jesus – moving from town to town, preaching the good news and casting out demons – is a bundle of energy in Mark. Within a few verses we find him healing “all who were wicked or possessed.” Indeed, “the whole city was gathered around the door” looking for his attention!

We find Jesus entering the house of Peter (Simon) and Andrew, and there is the mother of Peter's wife sick in bed with a fever. The interesting thing is not the cure, but that upon being healed, the mother-in-law immediately began to serve. (The original Greek word for her service is *diakonein* the same word that is the origin of the church's ministry of “deacon” today.) So, when we find gifts of God in our lives today, we give thanks to God knowing that the gift is not an end in itself but to be given back to God in service.

Next, we notice that Jesus' fame is beginning to spread like wildfire. It's not even the end of Chapter 1 of the Gospel of Mark and already everyone is looking for Jesus. Jesus wanted to keep his identity hidden: “He would not permit the demons to speak.” As our progress through the gospel continues through this liturgical year, we will discover that the more Jesus tries to keep his identity hidden, the more his fame and popularity with the crowds spread.

*Consider the many gifts you have received from God.  
How have you used them in service of others?*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



February 2 – Callan MacDonald  
February 6 – Gene Patalik

## THANK YOU

We thank Bob Felton of Filter Maintenance Co, Inc., Houston for donating a 14' x 7' enclosed Wells Cargo dual axle trailer to St. Mary's Church. The trailer is presently being used to store the outdoor manger scene that is displayed during the Christmas season. Thanks to Gary Cerny for soliciting the donation for the Church.

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – February 14



### **Mass Schedule:**

St. Mary's, Praha  
5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's, Moulton  
8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### **Lenten Class**

#### ***Journeying With God in Lent***

Thursdays of Lent, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the School.  
All parishioners are invited to attend.  
Bring your Bible.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

### **Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving**

As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

#### ***Second Collection (Rice Bowl)***

All Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

#### ***Lenten Food Drive***

We will once again be collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

## 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:**

*Prayers for Cancer*

*For J.J.'s Intentions*

*For Salud, Trabato*

*For Tom. M.'s Intentions*

*For the Wehrly & Solko Family*

*For Blessing & Protection of Family*

*In Memory of Eugene A. Patalik Sr.*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



February 5 – Heather & Donald Jasek