

WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

July 9 & 10, 2022: Regular Collection: \$2,194.10,
Building Fund: \$444.00.

Thank you for your generosity

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families:

Frances Cegielski (and family and care providers), Eloise Degoianni, Tony Derkowski Jr., Harry Faterkowski, Clara Gurka, Frank Gurka, Joe Gutkowski, David Horton Sr., Christine Kuciembra, Pauline Mazurkiewicz, Stella Mikolajczak, Shirley Moszkowicz Ray, Virginia Moszkowicz Meschwitz, Evelyn Williams.

NOTE: Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.

Update on new Parish Directory: should arrive in about 8 weeks.

BAZAAR INFORMATION

Our Annual 85th Bazaar is fast approaching. It is not too early to start donating for the Outdoor Booth (camping & fishing, etc.), "Auction Items" for the Auction, and cash to "As Needed" to defray expenses.

It's time to start selling those Raffle Tickets!...

After this weekend, please pick up your packet at the parish office. If you need more tickets, contact Virginia 836-0080; for meal tickets, contact Michael at 277-5010. There will be a basket in the back of the church to drop off your sold tickets and money. Be sure your name is on the packet. — Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated. Let's make this another successful Homecoming Bazaar for our Parish!

KJT STATE FAMILY DAY

July 24th at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Plum, Texas 78952
(126 Plum Church Rd.)

All members and their families are invited to come enjoy a meal and a day of fun.

- Registration begins at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.
- Mass at 11:30 am in the church (remember that there is an earlier 10 am Mass and we will not be allowed into the church until 11:00 am).
- BBQ Meal served from 12:00 to 1:30 pm.
- Music and attendance prizes throughout the day.
- Games and playground for the children.

RSVP by July 18th, online at www.kjtnet.org, or email to info@kjtnet.org or call 968-5877

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, July 18: Doug Elder, Joanie Correll, Elizabeth Korpe, Jenny Tobin.

Monday, July 25: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES *Best Wishes and Congratulations to:*

Dorothy/James Brymm, July 6—54th
Sharon/Darrell Loukanis, July 6—31st
Dorothy/Edwin Jankowiak, July 14—50th
Kathleen/Dan Busa, July 24—40th
Sandra/Larry Cegelski, July 26—42nd
Linda/Gilbert Zientek, July 30—38th

Thoughts for Meditation

In today's Gospel, the sisters Martha and Mary had their own ideas about serving the Lord. Martha went directly to the kitchen and hurriedly prepared food for her special guests. She was frantic and nervous because she was doing everything by herself and was running out of time. On the other hand, Mary was not concerned about the work in the kitchen. She sat down at the feet of Jesus and listened to his every word.

Martha represents the active apostolate, while Mary the contemplative apostolate. Which of the two was favored by Jesus? When Martha barged in to complain that her sister was not helping her, Jesus gently reprimanded her: "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her*" (Lk 10:41-42).

Does this mean that Jesus regarded contemplative life as more important than the active life? Definitely not. Both are important in the life of every Christian. However, Jesus made sure that we set our priorities right: first things first. When asked about what the greatest commandment is, Jesus made it very clear: "*You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" (Mt 22:37-39). God first, neighbors next.

Mary has chosen the better part, not that Martha chose the wrong one. Rather, Mary had the right priority. She sat down and listened to the words of the Lord. Before doing anything, she made sure she had the guidance and inspiration of the Lord. On the other hand, Martha was "anxious and worried about many things" because she rushed right into her work without seeking the wisdom and strength from the Lord.

It was, therefore, not a question of which of the two is more important. Work and prayer are both important. It is more a question of which of the two should come first. The Gospel is telling us that it is prayer that should come first so that our work will have the guidance and inspiration from God.

A quotation says, "When man works, it is only man who works. But when man prays, God works." This reminds us of what the Psalmist proclaimed, "*Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless the Lord guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch*" (Ps 127:1). Jesus said, "*I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing*" (Jn 15:5). Ultimately, it is God who makes things possible, who makes our work fruitful.

There is a story about two woodcutters. The first woodcutter works eight hours a day. The second works only for five hours. But both of them have equal number of logs cut with their axe. Asked about the secret of his productivity, the second woodcutter said, "It is because I take time to rest and recharge my body. And while resting, I sharpen my axe."

Nowadays, people have to be reminded of this lesson. Too many among us have the disease called "STD" – stress, tension and depression. We work so hard to make ends meet. We rush to meet deadlines, to catch the train, and to come on time for our appointments. At the end of the day, we are exhausted, wasted, dull and empty. And this happens everyday for years. Every year we make it a point to take vacation. But many consider taking vacation a luxury. It has become too expensive, and we cannot even think of taking some time off from work. Worst of all, many of us say that we have no time even to go to Church or to pray. We are just too busy. The Lord is now telling us: "Martha, Martha, you are so worried and anxious about so many things! Relax. Come to me, and I will give you rest!" We need to come to Jesus to get some rest and lots of sharpening.

Remember: Jesus is the tree; we are the branches. A branch cannot bear fruit if it is not connected to the tree. We are powerless and lifeless if we are not connected to Jesus. We have lots of work to do and many obligations to fulfill. Yes, we have to work hard. But first, let us make sure we find time to sit down at the feet of Jesus and listen to his words, be inspired by His spirit and be strengthened by His grace. Then the work becomes light, the fruits of our labors become sweet and abundant. Let us take home the motto of Saint Benedict: "*Ora et labora.*" Pray and work. Not vice versa.

Fr. Mike Lagrimas

This Week's Message:

"God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us 'partakers of the divine nature' and of eternal life. With beatitude man enters into the glory of Christ and into the joy of the Trinitarian life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1721)

16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

Sat. July 16	6:00 PM	+V.J. JOZWIAK by Family
Sun. July 17	8:00 AM **	+MIKE KOPYCINSKI by Denise/Tim and Katie Murski ** (new Mass time)
Wed. July 20	6:00 PM	+EDWINA KAMINSKI by Paul Kaminski
Thur. July 21	8:00 AM	PETITION FOR RAIN
Fri. July 22	8:00 AM	+WILLIE LEWANDOWSKI by Dorothy/Ike Jozwiak

17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

Sat. July 23	6:00 PM	+VINCENT/DOROTHY KITOWSKI by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Sun. July 24	8:00 AM **	+CHARLIE KOLAJAJAK by the McFarland Family ** (new Mass time)
Wed. July 27	6:00 PM	+IRENE KONIECZNY by Jackie/Tommy Rotello
Thur. July 28	8:00 AM	PETITION FOR RAIN
Fri. July 29	8:00 AM	+WILLIE LEWANDOWSKI by Dorothy/Ike Jozwiak

St. Ann's News:

The Feast of Saint Ann falls on Tuesday July 26. It will be celebrated that day at St. Ann parish in Somerville. There will be Confessions at 5:30 pm, Holy Mass at 6:00 pm with a Procession, followed by a Pot Luck dinner in the Parish Family Center at 7:00 pm.

There will be a Food Safety Course offered in the Parish Hall on Wednesday July 20 at 6:00 pm. Anyone who will be handling food or working in the kitchen for Bazaar or other church functions should take this course. It is approximately 2 hours long, and costs \$20 per person. Certification is good for 2 years, so if your previous certification has expired, you should have it renewed.

We will need a headcount for attendees, so if you plan to attend, contact the parish office at 979-836-3030, or Kelvin Mikolajchak at 979-277-2906.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

JULY 16TH & 17TH 2022

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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8:30 am—3 pm

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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday : 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

To Register in the Parish: Forms are available in the narthex (near entry of the church).

Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:

Pastoral Council & Maintenance: Mark Bilski

Financial Committee: Doug Elder

Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler

Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak

Religious Education: Peggy Husky

Knights of Columbus: Ed Hoffart

Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

Organist: Linda Zientek

