

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2020

ST. MARY SUMMER RAFFLE. Because of the cancellation of the summer picnic, the raffle was held on Monday morning, August 17th, immediately after the 7:45 a.m. Mass. The women of the parish, who usually attend weekday Mass, did the drawing of tickets. The effects of the corona pandemic have had a tremendous impact on both societal and parish life and attitude. Businesses, schools and parishes have always been places to interact and socialize, and unfortunately, this has all been turned upside down this year. So we thank our parishioners who continue to show their support for St. Mary's and made the personal sacrifice to participate in this year's summer raffle. We had a few people who went out of their way to sell additional raffle tickets. We are especially grateful to our top seller, Alicia Ciliberto, who alone sold around \$200 worth of tickets. Our profit from the raffle is \$4,940.

The winners of our 2020 Summer Raffle are listed below:

\$500 First Prize: Ken & Mary Doles
 \$500 Second Prize: Justine Novak
 \$300 Third Prize: Joe & Bernadette Omahen
 \$300 Fourth Prize: Angela Knez
 \$250 Fifth Prize: Matej Klepec
 \$250 Sixth Prize: Joseph Omahen
 \$100 Seventh - 12th Prizes: Tammy Spehar, Donna Budreo, Susan Grabnar, Pat Amigoni, John Nemeč, Mary Ann Krevh

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES. Council met on Tuesday, August 11th. Council decided to have a limited clambake on Saturday, September 19th. Bob Frederico and Art Cafardi said their usual workers are willing to help. There will be socially distanced tables, much like for the fish fries, with limited seating. Reservations will be necessary to help with both food preparation and attendance limitation. There will be no band or social this year.

Council decided that the Fall Festival in November will be cancelled because of the difficulty in maintaining social distancing.

Church floor work and new sign in front of the rectory are still being negotiated.

Two high school students applied for and were granted scholarships with the amount of the grants based on academic achievement and level of participation in the life of the parish.

Reports were given about the Hot Meal Program and Mobile Food Pantry, with both serving well the needs of the community.

Fr. Kumse mentioned that there are 16 young people and two adults who are participating in the preparation program for Confirmation, which will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27th at the 12 noon Mass.

There was a question about the resumption of PSR Classes. That has still not yet been determined.

FINANCE COUNCIL will meet at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday, August 25th in the Slovenian Room. The 2019-2020 Financial Report will be reviewed and Budget for 2021 presented.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,029.00

Feast of the Assumption: \$2,119.00

Church Needs: \$1,000 in memory of parents, Aloysius & Mercedes Nemeč on their anniversary from daughter, Karen Nemeč; \$100 in memory of Anton Nemeč from wife, Anne; \$20 in memory of Carl Blasé from Ann Zakacs; \$20 in memory of Jennie Greenwald from Ann Zakacs Family; \$200 from Nancy Dempsey; \$30 in memory of Antonia Berkopec from Slovenska Pristava Pensioners; \$50 in lieu of parish picnic from James Meinke; \$100 on the occasion of the baptism of Blaise Rozman from parents, Kevin & Jaclyn Rozman; \$50 in thanksgiving for baptism of grandson, Blaise Rozman from Vince & Martha Rozman; \$250 in memory of Joseph Hrvatin from Philip & Susan Hrvatin; \$20 in memory of Josef Lah from Branko & Sylvia Pisorn; 50 in memory of Yolanda Anderson from Michael & Donna Fedor & Fedor Family; \$150 in memory of Paula Hauptman, John Kozina and Martina Stepec from Michael & Christine Dolinar; \$50 from Joanne Kristoff; \$100 from Louis & Marie Hoffart; \$80 from Antonia Lamovec

The Following from Raffle Winners: \$100 for church needs, \$50 in lieu of picnic, \$50 in memory of Slavka Fortuna & \$50 in memory of Paula Hauptman from Joseph Omahen, \$100 from Justine Novak, \$300 from Angela Knez, \$100 from Patricia Amigoni in memory of husband, Albert, \$300 from Ken & Mary Doles

The Following in Memory of Christian Chermely: \$25 from John & Mary Zupancic, \$25 from Joan Polakowski, \$25 from Dolores Anzlovar, \$10 from Paula Dolinar, \$100 from Millie Zupancic, \$100 from Joanna Pope

Pew Refurbishing: \$200 from Nancy Dempsey; \$100 from Frances Krall; \$100 from John Hozjan; \$200 from Edward Veider

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ST. MONICA IS TRULY THE SAINT OF HOPELESS CAUSES? She easily could have been a nag to her husband, bitter to her mother-in-law, and filled with despair over her children. She was born around 322 in Tagaste in North Africa, the daughter of Christian parents who was given in marriage to a pagan named Patricius. He had a violent temper and was far from being an example of chaste married love. Making life even more difficult, her rather bossy mother-in-law moved in with them. Her patience and good example eventually brought both her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. One year after his Baptism, Patricius died.

Monica had at least 3 children, her eldest Augustine. Augustine went away to study in Carthage and lived a rather immoral life, even giving her an illegitimate grandchild. She refused to let him stay in her house when he came home, but one night she had a dream that told her to be patient with Augustine, to pray for him and that he would turn to the Faith. She decided to stay close to Augustine, sometimes too close. I guess she would be called a "helicopter parent" today. He told her he was going down to the dock to say goodbye to friends who were leaving for Rome, but instead got on the boat and went with them. Monica followed him to Rome and then to Milan.

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TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

**"Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands."**

Masses for the Week of August 24-30, 2020

Monday:	(8/24) ST. BARTHOLOMEW
7:45 a.m.	Rudy Spehar and Deceased Members of Spehar & Merela Families (Wife, Tillie & Family)
Tuesday:	(8/25) ST. LOUIS; ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ (Priest)
7:45 a.m.	Lucija Tominc (Daughter, Mary)
Wednesday:	(8/26) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Thursday:	(8/27) ST. MONICA
7:45 a.m.	Amelia Tursic
Friday:	(8/28) ST. AUGUSTINE (Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Vajngerl and Kraner Families (Maria Wurzer)
Saturday:	(8/29) THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
7:45 a.m.	Frances Vasle (Daughter, Milena)
5:00 p.m.	Ignac & Ana Omahen (Nace Omahen)
Sunday:	(8/30) TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Kosir Family (Family)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Rev. Zvonko Blasko, Tom McNulty, Brenda Prebevsek, Louis James Prebevsek, Anna Kosir, Zdravko Novak, Tim Petric

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It was in Milan that Augustine became enamored with the teachings of the bishop there, St. Ambrose. Ambrose also became Monica's spiritual director. After much prayer, Monica saw her son baptized by Ambrose at the Easter Mass in 387. Monica was a woman of fervent prayer and trust in God's wisdom. It led to the conversion of her hot-headed husband, cantankerous mother-in-law and her well-educated, brilliant, but wayward son who became a Christian at age 33, a priest at 36 and bishop of Hippo at 41....truly a sinner who became a saint because of the fervent prayers of his mother. Her feast day is August 27th. Her son, Augustine's feast day, is August 28th.

POLETNO ŽREBANJE. Zaradi odpovedi Poletnega piknika je bilo žrebanje zadnji ponedeljek zjutraj 17. avgusta takoj po 7:45 maši. Žene ki so pri maši vsak dan so povlekle srečke. Posledica corona epidemije ima velik udarec na družbeno in župnijsko življenje in vedenje. Podjetja, šole in župnije so vedno bile prostor za medsebojno delovanje in na žalost to se je letos vse na glavo postavilo. Zato se zahvaljujemo našim župljanom, ki nadalje podpirajo župnijo in so se osebno žrtvovali in sodelovali pri tem poletnem žrebanju. Imeli smo nekaj ljudi, ki so odročno prodajali dodatne srečke. Posebno smo hvaležni naši največji prodajalki Aliciji Ciliberto, ki je prodala v vsoti \$200 srečk. Naš dohodek od srečk je \$4,940. Imena dobitnikov so na angleški strani.

DANES JE 21. NAVADNA NEDELJA.

ALI STE VEDELI, da Sv. Monika je resnično svetnica brezupnih razlogov? Ona bi lahko bila sitnica možu, grenkoba njeni tašči in polna obupa čez njene otroke. Ona je bila rojena okrog leta 322 v Tagaste v Severni Afriki, hčerka krščanskih staršev, omožili so jo s poganom Patricijem. Imel je nasilen temperament in je bil daleč od biti zgled čiste zakonske ljubezni. Da je življenje še bolj težko se njena precej oblastna tašča priseli z njimi. Njena potrpežljivost in dober vzgled sčasoma privede oba, njenega moža in taščo v krščanstvo. Eno leto po krstu je Patricij umrl. Monika je imela najmanj tri otroke, njen najstarejši je bil Avguštín. Avguštín je šel študirat v Kartagi, in živel precej nemoralno življenje, dal je tudi njej nezakonskega vnuka. Ona je zavrnila, ko je prišel domov da ostane v njeni hiši, toda eno noč je imela sanje ki povedo naj bo potrpežljiva z Avguštínom naj moli zanj in se bo vrnil v vero. Odločila se je, da ostane blizu Avguštína, včasih preblizu. Mislim danes bi rekli, da je "helicopter mati." On ji reče, da gre v pristanišče poslovit se od prijateljev, ki gredo v Rim, toda je šel na ladijo z njimi. Monika je šla za njim v Rim in potem v Milan. Bilo je v Milanu, ko je Avguštín postal očaran z učenjem škofa Sv. Ambroža. Ambrož je tudi postal spiritualni Moniki. Po goreči molitvi Monika je videla svojega sina, krščenege od Ambroža pri Velikonočni maši leta 387. Monika je bila žena goreče molitve in zaupanju v Božjo modrost. Vodilo je v spreobrnitev njenega vročekrvnega moža, nergavo taščo in njenega dobro izobraženega, odličnega, ampak samovoljnega sina, ki je postal kristjan star 33 let, duhovnik star 36 let in škof v Hippo star 41 let. .. resnično grešnik, ki je postal svetnik zaradi gorečih molitev njegove matere. Njen god je 27. avgusta. God njenega sina Avguštína je 28. avgusta.

POROČILO PASTORALNEGA SVETA, ki se je sestel v torek 11. avgusta. Svet se je odločil imeti omejen Clambake v soboto 19. septembra. Bob Frederico in Art Cafardi sta poročala da njihovi običajni delavci so pripravljene pomagati. Postavljene bodo mize v distanci približno kot pri večerji z ribami, z omejenimi sedeži. Rezervacije so potrebne, to pomaga v pripravi hrane in omejitvi udeležbe. Ne bo nič ansambla ali družabnosti letos. Svet se je odločil, da Jesenski Festival je odpovedan zato ker je težko držati distanco med ljudmi. Delo na cerkvenih tleh in novi napis pred župniščem je se v pogajanju. Dva študenta Višje šole sta vložila prošnjo za štipendijo z zneskom dotacije osnovane na akademski uspeh in raven sodelovanja v življenju z župnije. Poročila so bila dana o Toplih večerjah in Mobile Food Pantry, obadva služita dobro v potrebah skupnosti. G. Kumše je omenil, da je 16 mladih in 2 odrasla, ki se pripravljajo na Birmo, ki jo bomo obhajali v nedeljo 27. septembra pri maši ob 12:00 opoldan. Vprašanje je bilo o verouku. To še vedno ni določeno.

SESTANEK FINANČNEGA ODBORA, je v torek 25. avgusta ob 7:00 zvečer v slovenski sobi. Pregledali bomo Finančno poročilo za 2019-2020 in proračun za 2021 bo predstavljen.

Edina vera , ki jo je izpovedal Peter in z njim Cerkev vseh časov, se dotika srca, doseže globine skrivnosti: "Ti si Kristus, Sin živega Boga." (sv. Janez Pavel II)

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:

GOSPOD, TVOJA DOBROTA TRAJA NA VEKE.