

December 11, 2016

ADVENT
Third Sunday of Advent



Are You The One Who Is To Come or Should We Look For Another?

This is the question John in prison sent his disciples to ask Jesus. Responding to John's disciples, Jesus gave evidence for his works rather than words. Whenever Jesus encountered people, the result was transformation. The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them. People are restored to the fullness of humanity - signs of salvation. The evidence abounds. The promised Messiah is here.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck
in memory of the Rosie & Joe Fishbeck Family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend
are donated by Faith Nichols.

MASS INTENTIONS	
Wednesday, December 14	8:00 a.m. Dr. & Mrs. Hugo Streider
Thursday, December 15	8:00 a.m. Frank Jasek
Friday, December 16	8:00 a.m. Rosie, Joe, Allen & Leroy Fishbeck, Daniel Brom
Saturday, December 17	6:30 p.m. Evelyn & Erwin Albrecht
Sunday, December 18	6:30 a.m. Robert Weitzel 9:30 a.m. Fr. Raphael Baidoo

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY
Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Responsorial Psalm: 24
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Hertha & Herbert Dierschke.

Parish Advent Penance Services



Moulton - December 15, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Praha - December 21, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Come express your desire for holiness by embracing your brokenness. Join us celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and experience God's mercy.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$17,080.00
Contributions So Far	\$15,842.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 1,238.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Gussie Machalec *Richard Kalisek*
Marilyn Strmiska *Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck*

We thank all those who have contributed towards our 2016 D.S.A. assessment so far. We are close to paying off our debt to the diocese. We are counting on you to make our quota for the year.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Hattie Darilek

Patsy & Franklin Darilek *Rose Selzer*
The Family of Hattie Darilek *Mary Lou Dierschke*
Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff *Janet & Bill Darilek*

THANK YOU ANGIE

After many years of dedicated service to the preparation / coordination of the Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner Angie Jalufka is retiring. The cooking crew will miss Angie dearly. Angie will head the welcoming team on the Noodle Soup Sunday, February 26th. Thank you Angie.

Angie will continue to cook for about 50 kids who participate in the After School Program at the Youth Center.

Pre-Christmas Concert A Great Success

The Pre-Christmas Concert last Wednesday was well received. The High School Band performed very well to the applause of the audience. We thank Jamie Dornak, the High School Principal for coordinating the program. Thanks also to Joel Whittington, the Band Director and all the students who participated in the program. Lastly thanks to all who brought desserts and to Mary Lou Dierschke and her team. It was great.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Altar Society Meeting / Christmas Luncheon, 2 p.m., Family Room. See article.
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:50 p.m., YMC
TUES. – CDA Cookies to the Homebound, see article.
WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Christmas Pageant Practice, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
THURS. – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:30 p.m., Church
– KC Bingo, former KC Hall

REFLECTION

Ministry - Cause of Great Joy!

Following his interchange with John's disciples, Jesus made one of the most definitive and audacious statements of his entire ministry. Praising John, he called him, "more than a prophet," saying he was greater than anyone born of woman. At the same time, making a clear distinction between the past and present, Jesus went on to say "the least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he." This was not a put down of John but the announcement that something new was happening.

Jesus represented God's definitive intervention in human history. The time of prophecy, the time of waiting has come to an end. From Moses through John, the prophets had talked about God. In Jesus, God had come to dwell among the people. With the culmination of Jesus' life in his death and resurrection, God would be as fully revealed as will ever happen in human history. The least of those who recognize that truth have received a greater revelation than John.

We will find a cause for great joy when we continue the ministry and compassion of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 11 – Dolores Scott, Murlene Simper
Dec. 12 – John Machacek
Dec. 13 – Christine Wenske
Dec. 15 – Jodie Raabe
Dec. 16 – Amy Klimitchek
Dec. 17 – Margaret Satsky Berckenhoff, Niki Chaloupka, Jill Moore, Angie Rothbauer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 17 – Congratulations Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck on your 5th Ordination Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (6th Grade), Confirmation Enrollment, Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 12 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grade
Dec. 14 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– Christmas Pageant Practice
– 9th-11th C.C.D. (Confessions)
Dec. 18 & 25 – No C.C.D. (Christmas Holidays)

Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule

Dec. 14 – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 23 – Dress Rehearsal 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Parent helpers are asked to attend the practices is possible.
Parent helpers must attend the Dress Rehearsal.

Youth Ministry Fund Donation
In Memory of Hattie Darilek
Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Retired Fund for Religious. Do please be generous.

Resurrection Chapel Memorial Update

The Vlasta & Adolph Migl Family and the Annie & George Valigura Family have recently purchased Memorial Plaques for their loved ones. We need one more memorial donation before the next plaque is engraved. Memorialize your loved ones with a plaque at the Resurrection Chapel this Christmas. *To have your loved ones memorialized at the Chapel call the Parish Office.*

Gaudete Sunday: This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday* after the Latin word *gaudere*, to rejoice. Rejoicing is the theme of the day. Today's Entrance Antiphon says: ***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.***



It reminds us of the tone of joy that permeates the entire Season of Advent. The basis of our joy is this: "THE LORD IS NEAR". The use of rose vestments and the rose candle on the Advent Wreath underlies this day's special character. It expresses our joy at the Lord's coming.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD

Today – Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 12 – Altar Society Christmas Luncheon

Dec. 13 – CDA to deliver cookies to the homebound

Dec. 14 – Christmas Pageant Practice

Dec. 15 – Parish Penance Service, Moulton

Dec. 21 – Parish Penance Service, Praha

– KC/CDA Christmas Party

Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Dec. 24 & 25 – Annual Christmas Collection for the Poor and Needy

Christmas Altar Flowers Needed: You are encouraged to make a donation. Christmas Flower envelopes in church.

Altar Society Christmas Luncheon following a brief meeting. Members are asked to bring a dish, salad or dessert. Come for an afternoon of holiday festivities.

CDA Christmas Cookies Project: CDA members are asked to bring their cookies (marked with their name/CDA cookies) to the Family Room. The cookies will be packaged and delivered December 13. Anyone wishing to donate cookie tins is welcome to do so.

Be An Angel At Shady Oak Nursing Home: The Nursing Home is inviting the public to pick up an angel ornament and purchase a Christmas gift for one of the residents. What a way to spread the joy of our Savior's coming. Call the Nursing Home at 596-7373 to help.

Youth Choir / Adult Choir For Christmas Masses
Come sing at the Pageant and Mass.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Annie Schmidt.