

March 19, 2017

**Lent**  
**Third Sunday**



**Choosing Christ**

**The readings of today clearly place before us the choice we have to make. It is a choice between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognize the grace being offered to us and make the right choice? It is a choice made in faith.**

Today's Bulletin is printed  
in memory of Benito Briseno Sr.  
and is sponsored by his family.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Wednesday, March 22  
8:00 a.m. Daniel Brom
- Thursday, March 23  
8:00 a.m. Alice & Albert Pilat
- Friday, March 24  
8:00 a.m. Hertha & Herbert Dierschke, Victor Prasek
- Saturday, March 25  
6:30 p.m. Paul Leininger
- Sunday, March 26  
6:30 a.m. Geraldine Tousek Jochen  
9:30 a.m. Mary & Anton Pulkrabek

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**



Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

- First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**
- Responsorial Psalm: 23**
- Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**
- Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,  
especially Joyce Luksovksy.

**The Sanctuary Light**  
**will be lit this week**  
**in memory of Benito Briseno Sr.**

**2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2017 Assessment .....	\$17,303.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$ 635.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$16,668.00

*We thank the following for kicking off our DSA Appeal:*

- Richard Kalisek*
  - Mary Ann Henry*
  - Karin & Kenneth Filipp*
  - Niki & Chad Chaloupka*
  - Catholic Daughters Court #2018*
- Do please consider making a donation.

**ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND**

- In Memory of Paul Leininger*
- Lorine & Dennis Fishbeck*
- In Memory of Cathy Perez*
- Irene & Eugene Cerny*

**ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND**

- In Memory of Leslie Haas*
- Gladys Seifert*
- Mary Lou Dierschke*
- Elrose & Frank Migl*
- Charlotte & Thomas Sitka*

**RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND**

*In Memory of Cathy Perez: Nancy Sivyer*

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**

St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus, the man entrusted with his care and upbringing. St. Joseph, husband of Mary is the patron saint of workers especially of carpenters and the patron of our church.

*This Solemnity normally falls on March 19 but has been transferred to March 20 this year since it falls on a Sunday.*

**The Christian Mothers** dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Bernadette Fikac, 1201 CR 293, Shiner, TX 77984.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MONDAY** – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., YMC  
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7 p.m. Family Room
- TUESDAY** – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- WEDNESDAY** – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
– Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., YMC
- THURSDAY** – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room  
– KC Bingo, Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY**– Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament After Mass  
– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church  
– Fish Fry, serving starts at 5 p.m., Parish Hall  
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Emergency, call the Office at any time.

## REFLECTION

### *Journey of Faith To a Destination Unknown*

Today, we hear the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus proclaimed again in our hearing. We are reminded that her experience is also our own. Washed with living water at baptism, blessed with the holy waters of the Easter vigil, we are washed, forgiven and transformed as she was.

Unfortunately, however, some of us continue to doubt that such a radical transformation is possible and we enter hesitantly into the life-altering season of Lent. To guide, prompt and prod us on our way toward the goal, Henri Nouwen once offered the following encouragement: "Do not despair, thinking you cannot change yourself after so many years. Simply enter into the presence of Jesus as you are and ask him to give you a fearless heart where he can be with you. You cannot make yourself different ... Let Jesus give you a new heart, a new spirit, a new mind ... let Jesus transform you by his love."

This is what the woman of Shechem did. Let us follow her lead.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 19 – Mary Michalec

Mar. 20 – James Anders, Fr. Gabriel

Mar. 21 – Robert Fojtik, Grant Geissen, Michel Janecek

Mar. 22 – Greyson Anderle, Julius Kloesel, Mildred Pilat,  
Tiffany Raab, Anne Raabe, Hannah Siegel

Mar. 23 – Brian Beran

Mar. 24 – James Filipp, Amy Kloesel, Jacob Novosad,  
Shirley Orsak

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 20 – B & Lee Whittenborn

Mar. 24 – Christy & Ronnie Bohuslav



Congratulations

**Stephanie & Robert Fojtik**

on your Silver Wedding Anniversary

March 21, 2017

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – C.C.D.

**Mar. 20** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program

**Mar. 22** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.

**Mar. 25** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary

**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

## Lenten Day of Reflection and Adoration

**April 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's**  
Please join us for a day of reflection as we pray for our families and our nation. For more information contact Lorrie Adamek at 361-293-1300.

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

### Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Today as we hear the Israelites grumbling that they will die of thirst and Jesus offering living water to the woman at the well, we remember the people throughout the world who do not have clean and safe water to drink. Consider sharing your blessings with those in need of the basic necessities of life.

*Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone's life. Be generous.*



### Prepare to Celebrate Easter

#### Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 5                      Praha                      5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7                              Moulton                      5:30 p.m.

*Priests from the area will be assisting.*

*\* No scheduled confessions in Moulton during Holy Week.*

**The Mid-Point of Lent:** We are nearing the mid-point of Lent – a good time to reflect upon our Lenten journey thus far. On Ash Wednesday we were invited to grow in our relationship with God through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. At this half-way mark we ask ourselves: "Are we faithful in praying, fasting and giving to the poor? Are we spending more time in prayer and doing so more devoutly? Are we steadfast in what we gave up and more diligent in doing good deeds? Are we turning away from sin and increasing in the love of God?" *We still have time to reform our lives.*

**Easter Flowers:** It is the tradition in our parish to have Easter Lilies for our Easter celebration. Use the attached envelope to make your donation in memory of your loved ones. Drop the envelope in the collection basket of mail slot at the rectory.

**Easter Eggs:** We need 15 dozen eggs for the baskets to the homebound and the Eater Egg Hunt. Donations of individually wrapped candy for plastic eggs are also welcome. To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass on Fridays of Lent and all-day of the first Friday of the month.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

**Lenten Food Drive:** Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.



### Lenten Fish Fry - \$8.00 Per Plate

*Next Friday's Menu:* Fish, Hush Puppies, Potato Salad, Brown Beans, Dessert

\* 20 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact Nancy Tomek or the parish office if you can help.