

December 9, 2018

Advent

Second Sunday of Advent



The Promise of Transformation

John the Baptist occupies center stage today. The preaching of John opens up a possibility of newness through repentance, the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Today's readings are filled with examples of changes that indicate such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendor of glory from God: every lofty mountain made low, valleys are filled, the way of God is made straight. This is the promise made to us today. As believers who continue to await Jesus' second coming, it is time to open ourselves so that God can accomplish his saving work among us. *Prepare the way! Make straight his paths!*

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Bernadette & Ben Marek, sponsored by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Joyce Kresta, sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, December 12
8:00 a.m. James Kolar
- Thursday, December 13
8:00 a.m. Olga Clare Bayer
- Friday, December 14
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Butschek Family
- Saturday, December 15
6:30 p.m. Margaret Satsky Berckenhoff
- Sunday, December 16
6:30 a.m. Lorine Dierschke
9:30 a.m. Annie & Herbert E. Anderle

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Dorothy & Laddie Maresh.

Parish Advent Penance Services



Moulton – Monday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.
Praha – Wednesday, December 12, 5:00 p.m.
Join other parishioners at the Penance Service. A good opportunity to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
See Bulletin Insert

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

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| 2018 Assessment | \$17,386.00 |
| Contributions So Far | \$ 14,359.00 |
| Amount Yet to be Contributed | \$ 3,027.00 |

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| No. of Families Who Have Contributed | 46 |
| No. of Families Yet to Contribute | 268 |

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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| <i>Eugene Schoenvogel</i> | <i>Richard Kalisek</i> |
| <i>Donna & Tommy Perez</i> | <i>Marilyn Strmiska</i> |
| <i>Phyllis & Ken Schoenfeld</i> | <i>Mary Lou Dierschke</i> |

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are counting on all who have not yet contributed to the fund so far to do their part so we can pay off our debt by year's end.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

Anonymous Donor - \$2,500

In Memory of Joseph Lombardo - \$1,000
Patricia & Kenneth Schultz

In Memory of Deacon Milburn Kram - \$100
Alice June & Richard Cernosek

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$407,549.42. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. – Altar Society Christmas Party, 2 p.m., Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Parish Advent Penance Service, see article.
- WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
– CDA Cookies to the Homebound, see article.
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Christmas Pageant Practice, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

THANK YOU

We thank the Knights of Columbus for voting to provide lunch for parishioners and visitors after Deacon Milburn Kram's funeral. Thanks also to the Catholic Daughters, Altar Society ladies and parishioners who helped serve and provided desserts.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Willie Mae Darilek

Rose Selzer Lucy Schoenfeld Mary Lou Dierschke

In Memory of Deacon Milburn Kram

Diana & Harvey Kloesel Mary Lou Dierschke
Mary & Charlie Bartos and Family

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Willie Mae Darilek: Gladys Seifert

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

In Memory of Willie Mae Darilek

Helen & Erwin Chaloupka

In Memory of Deacon Milburn Kram

Susan & Victor Kasper Nancy Siyver

In Memory of Mary Ann Lev: Nancy Siyver

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 9 – Marian Darilek, Harvey Kloesel, Ryan Koncaba, Sheridyn Nieto
Dec. 10 – Dale Fojtik, James Freytag, Eli Rother
Dec. 11 – Dolores Scott, Murlene Simper
Dec. 12 – John Machacek
Dec. 13 – Christine Wenske
Dec. 15 – Jodie Raabe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 10 – Cleo & Leroy Nieto, Sr.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Dec. 10 – Gold Star Club Meets (K-2nd Grades)

Dec. 12 – Champions Club Meets (3rd – 6th Grades)
– Christmas Pageant Practice
– 9th – 11th Grade C.C.D.

Next Sunday – 5th Grade Youth Mass; Breakfast w/ Santa

Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule

Dec. 12 – 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Dec. 18** – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Parents are asked to send a note to the school so that their child(ren) make be escorted to the Church for the practice.

Youth Ministry Fund Donation

In Memory of Willie Mae Darilek

Lisa & David Rothbauer

Thank You: We thank Linda & Rodney Petrek (Alley Bar-B-Q) for providing lunch for the youth at the Youth Rally, October 28th.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Retired Fund for Religious

The annual appeal for Retired Religious raises funds for aged nuns in need who ministered to the needs of so many all over the country for years. *Please be generous.*

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD



Dec. 10 – Altar Society Meeting/Christmas Party
– Parish Penance Service, Moulton

Dec. 12 – CDA Christmas Cookies to Homebound
– Christmas Pageant Practice
– Parish Penance Service, Praha

Dec. 16 – Breakfast With Santa

Dec. 18 – Christmas Pageant Practice

Dec. 19 – KC Christmas Party

Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

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

Christmas Cookies for The Homebound: CDA members, bring your cookies to the Parish Hall by December 12. Put your name and *CDA Cookies* on the container. The cookies will be packaged at 9:00 a.m., December 12 and delivered to the homebound.

Communion to The Homebound: All homebound parishioners who want to receive communion on Christmas Day please contact Mary Ann Wenske by December 21.

Annual Christmas Collection For The Poor: A Special Collection For The Poor will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses. You may use the attached envelope for this purpose. Drop the envelope in the collection basket, drop slot or mail any time during the month of December.

Youth and Adult Christmas Choirs: Come sing with the Choir. Contact Sharon Etlinger.

Advent/Christmas Concert Update: The concert was well received. We thank the Moulton High School Band, the Band Director and Moulton ISD for putting on the concert for the community. We also thank Charlie Bartos for making the bowl stew, Gussie Machalec for organizing the kitchen help and parishioners for providing desserts for the social after the concert.

Through the waters of Baptism

Winnie June Shands

child of Hallie & Lane Shands
has begun her journey of faith
in our Christian community.



* *Hallie & Lane Shands are newly registered parishioners.*
Do please welcome them to the community.