

March 17, 2019

**Lent**  
**Second Sunday**



**Glimpses of Easter on the Way of Exodus**

The old rite of Covenant-making which God performs with Abraham mentioned in the First Reading today reminds us that God's covenant goes back before the covenant at Mt. Sinai. **Note!** It is only God who passes between the animals that have been split in two, while Abraham is overtaken by a trance. God's action turns our attention to the other *sealing of the Covenant* – the delivering of God's own Son for our salvation. It is the cross that stands among us as the pledge of that Covenant. It is toward the cross that we turn in time of crisis, to God who has already accomplished marvelous things for us.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Dennis Satsky Sr. in memory of Otto, Margaret & Donald Berckenhoff.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Wednesday, March 20  
8:00 a.m. Lydia & Joe Raab
- Thursday, March 21  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Dan Morales
- Friday, March 22  
8:00 a.m. Daniel Brom
- Saturday, March 23  
6:30 p.m. Sophie & August Kasper
- Sunday, March 24  
6:30 a.m. For the Welfare of the Parish  
9:30 a.m. Patricia Kuntschik

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.\*  
**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95**  
**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**Gospel: John 4:5-42**  
\* We return to the Cycle A readings of Lent on Sundays.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Christine Dierschke.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER**

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

- Donation In Memory of John Beran - \$25*
- Donation In Memory of Deacon Milburn Kram - \$25*  
Linda Muehlstein
- Donation In Memory of Gene Hrncir*  
Ann Hrncir - \$5,500  
(previously donated, \$5,000)
- Donation In Memory of Leroy Muehlstein*  
Theresa & Dennis Tousek - \$25

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$457,546.42. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND**

Nancy Hrncir Johnson \* Karen & James Thomas  
*In Memory of Lillie Anderle - Gladys Seifert*

2-28-19

Dear Fr. Gabriel,  
I was visiting my father's + grandparents graves on Valentines Day this year. I brought my mom to place some flowers on my father's grave. You have done such a wonderful job of taking care of the church and the grounds surrounding the church. I would like to make a small donation to acknowledge your hard work and to let you know it was much appreciated.  
Thank you so much!  
Sincerely,  
Nancy Hrncir Johnson

We thank the following for their dedicated service to the Church: Alma & Santiago Ibarra – Cemetery; Michael Blaschke – Church Grounds; Linda Pilat – Church & Parish Hall/C.C.D. Building; Maria Manzano – YMC; and the numerous parishioners who work behind the scenes to help make our parish a home for all of us.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MON. – No Gold Star Club Meeting (Spring Break)  
– CDA Rosary & Meeting, 6 p.m., Family Room
- TUES./THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRI. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament After Mass  
– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. Church  
– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5:00 p.m., Social Center  
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

## REFLECTION

### The Exodus – The Journey!

The Sacred Passages proclaimed today invite us to consider how and why the lives of Abraham, Jesus and Paul's converts in Philippi were transformed. Abraham, a wandering Aramean, a nomad, became the father of a nation after his encounter with God and his covenant with him. Transformed by his experience of Jesus, Paul continues to remind believers that commitment to Christ will one day result in transfiguration into glory. The disciples described Jesus' glorious transfiguration in physical terms. "His face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah speak of the exodus of Jesus "that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."

The exodus of Jesus, his journey from the manger to Easter has a two-fold character: on the one hand, humility, suffering, and death; on the other light, glory and life. Dramatic visions and spiritual experiences are balanced by huge demands. Mountaintop moments with God are not given to us for nothing. When we emerge from a moment during which God seemed close and God's love for us has become powerful and real, we then become better servants of God in the world.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 17 – Ann Koncaba, LaSae Rother  
Mar. 18 – Donna Perez, David Rothbauer  
Mar. 19 – Mary Michalec, Lynette Okruhlik  
Mar. 20 – James Anders, Fr. Gabriel  
Mar. 21 – Adolph Dziadek, Robert Fojtik, Grant Geissen, Michael Janecek  
Mar. 22 – Greyson Anderle, Julius Kloesel, Mildred Pilat, Tiffany Raab, Hannah Siegel  
Mar. 23 – Brian Beran, Moises Manzano

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 20 – B. & Lee Whittenborn  
Mar. 21 – Stephanie & Robert Fojtik

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – No C.C.D. (Spring Break)  
**Mar. 18** – No K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program (Spring Break)  
**Mar. 20** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program  
– 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.  
**Mar. 23** – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.; C.C.D. Teachers' Training

**Youth Ministry Center Donation**  
*In Memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak*  
Sheri & Glenn Grohmann - \$25

**Bookings Available:** Masses: March 27, 28, & 31 (6:30 a.m)

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

### Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

*Make a sacrifice this Lent. Give generously to the hungry in the second Collection, the Rice Bowl. Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope mailing.*

### Orientation: Transformed By God in Lent

Lent is to understood, celebrated and lived like the transfiguration, in the light of our faith as we make our journey toward the Celebration of Easter. It is a time granted to each and every one of us to again purify, and renew our faith in the Resurrection. In the measure in which we resolve to undertake this Paschal Journey, we shall be able to proclaim during the Holy Night – *Christ is Risen*. We have the practices of Lent that allow us to give their proper places Fasting, Prayer and Charity.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass for adoration and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent.

### Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent, 6 p.m.

Make an effort to join the Parish Family in Church.

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

### Lenten Fish Fry - \$10.00 Per Plate

*Next Friday's Menu:* Fish, Hush Puppies, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Dessert

**\* 25 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact Dolores Scott or the parish office to help.**

**Fish Fry Donation:** We thank the following for their contribution to the Fish Fry. *Dale Seifert - \$50*

Our Parish Lenten Fish Fry Project is off to a good start. We sold 367 plates on Friday (with an average of 330 plates per Fish Fry). The Fish Fry Project has a threefold purpose.

1. To offer parishioners the opportunity to do something for somebody by helping at the Fish Fry: washing dishes, donating dessert, cooking and serving others, helping fry the fish.
2. It helps our community to observe the Lenten fast by abstaining from meat.
3. As our Parish Lenten Project, all the proceeds from the Fish Fry are donated to charity and other worthy causes. We thank the many parishioners and members of the community who support the project.

### Parish Lenten Fish Fry Project

I will help by:

- Washing Dishes                       Helping Prepare The Meal  
 Donating Desserts:    \_\_\_ Mar. 22    \_\_\_ Mar. 29  
    \_\_\_ Apr. 5    \_\_\_ Apr. 12  
 Wherever Needed  
 Donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Fish and Food

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_