

March 8, 2020

Lent
Second Sunday



It Is Good That We Are Here!

The theme of the mercy of God seen in last Sunday's readings carries over to today's. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, so too Peter, James and John are chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus. Once again, the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives. They point to Jesus to whom we are invited to look for inspiration during this Holy Season.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
Grace Schoenvogel sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 11
8:00 a.m. Merwin Krejci
Thursday, March 12
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Mary Patek
Friday, March 13
8:00 a.m. Hertha & Herbert Dierschke
Saturday, March 14
6:30 p.m. Betty Martinez
Sunday, March 15
6:30 a.m. Patricia & Harold Kuntschik
9:30 a.m. Evelyn & Frank Darilek Family

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: 95
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Irene Portales.**

The Catholic Daughters Court #2018 meeting
scheduled for March 16 has been rescheduled for March 17.

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Jewel & Cecil Castro.**

EASTER PICNIC – APRIL 12

It is good to be back home with you all in Moulton. It seems like Lent has just begun, but the midpoint of Lent is almost upon us, and Holy Week, The Triduum and Easter will be here before you know it!

Last year we revived the Moulton Easter Picnic tradition - what a way of bringing families together to celebrate our roots. Many of the older guests reminisced about their childhood experiences and memories of the Easter Picnics. For others the Easter Picnic was their first experience. Everyone however, seemed to have enjoyed the day. The food was good – thanks to Terry Stevenson and Dennis Schacherl and their crews and it was a lot of fun. We plan having a Cake Walk, a Mini-Auction, refreshments, hamburgers and other picnic activities again this year.

Many are already working behind the scenes, preparing for the Picnic.

- I have been talking with David Simper about the music. We hope to finalize the booking of the band soon.
- Terry Stevenson is putting together the Chicken Frying crew. He needs volunteers to help prepare/fry the chicken. To help, contact Terry at 361-772-7099 or email terrywstevenson@gmail.com.
- Parishioners are asking if we need auction items and Meat Donations now. Hold your horses. We are working out the Picnic details. We will let you know what is going on.

Be on the lookout for more information about the Easter Picnic. Fr. Gabriel

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND

In Memory of Bob Olle: Sheri & David Beyer - \$20

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Helen Ulman: Elrose & Frank Migl

Knights of Columbus #3244

BBQ Chicken Plates-To-Go, March 11, \$10 per plate.

Tickets sold by advance purchase only.

Diocesan Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive

The Moulton KCs will be set up after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on March 15. Brochures will be available.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m. YMC
TUES./THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 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
– Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Following The Call

Abram's transformation from a wanderer to the blessed patriarch of many peoples is proclaimed to us today. Were it not for his faithful relationship with God, he may have lived out his life tending his flock in Haran, which may have proven to be a safer route for him to follow. Abram's willingness to risk being transformed by God into Abraham calls forth similar courage in us.

St. Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy acknowledges the hardships entailed in being transfigured by our relations with Jesus and the Gospel. He is however quick to point out that these hardships as well as inner transfigurations for believers are not purely human endeavors, but come through grace. The process of transfiguration begins by grace and it continues until we become clearer reflections of Jesus in the world. The voice from the cloud describes Jesus as one *with whom I am well pleased*. For that reason, the disciples are instructed, *Listen to him* – obey the obedient one so as to be transfigured like him through suffering, service and love.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 8 – Toby Rothbauer
Mar. 9 – Georgia Berckenhoff, Manuela Perez
Mar. 10 – Larry Berckenhoff, Emily Pilat
Mar. 11 – Shelby Rothbauer, Patrick Wenske
Mar. 12 – Dayton Mejias, Margaret Hanslik,
Madison Rothbauer, Rose Rothbauer,
Elizabeth Wenske
Mar. 13 – Shannon Baker
Mar. 14 – Sunni Hosemann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 12 – Rosalie & Timothy Koncaba

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Mar. 9 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Mar. 11 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9th-11th CCD
Mar. 14 – 6th Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Spring Break)
Lenten Coin Folders were distributed to all the C.C.D. students to help remind them of their Lenten sacrifice as they journey to the cross with Jesus.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Precautionary Measures for the Flu and COVID-19 directives issued by diocese. *See Insert.*

St. Michael's Catholic School, Weimar accepting applications for Principle Position.

Get In The Game! Men's Gathering March 21

For details go to www.vioctoriadiocese.org.

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 be 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, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn and Dessert

*** We need at least 25 desserts each Friday. Contact the parish office to help.**

The Fish Fry Project has a threefold purpose.

1. To offer parishioners the opportunity to work together 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: Putting Up/Taking Down Fish Fry Signs
 Washing Dishes Helping Prepare The Meal
 Donating Desserts: ___ Mar. 13 ___ Mar. 20
___ Mar. 27 ___ Apr. 3
 Wherever Needed
 Donating \$ _____ for the Fish and Food

Name: _____

Phone: _____