

December 6, 2020

ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

Good News, Ever Now!



On this Second Sunday of Advent the sacred texts proclaimed in our hearing speak a message intended to shake us into a renewed awareness of God's coming into our lives. We are reminded the coming of God in Jesus will demand that crooked ways of sin be made straight and that the rough places in our lives be shaken into smoothness. The prospect of Jesus' coming should shake us also with the realization of our need for repentance and forgiveness.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Adela & John Lewis Beran by their family.

Flowers for the Altar are donated by the Altar Society.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7

6:30 p.m. The Deceased of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16

Tuesday, December 8

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Koranek

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Harvey Barta & Paul Machalec

Friday, December 11

8:00 a.m. James Kolar, Helen Pesek

Saturday, December 12

6:30 p.m. Msgr. Robert Schmidt

Sunday, December 13

6:30 a.m. Lorine & Erwin Spaniel

9:30 a.m. The Youth of the Parish

PREPARING FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY – Immaculate Conception. See Mass schedule.

WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass.

– Christmas Pageant Practice, Parish Hall, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any

Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Altar Society December Meeting/Christmas Luncheon Canceled for concern and safety of our members.

DECEMBER 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation: In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. The feast celebrates Mary as the first one redeemed by Christ; we might think of her as the first fully human person in history, the one who fulfilled all her potential as a child of God, a fully self-giving collaborator with the plan of God.

Mass Schedule

Vigil Dec. 7 – 4:30 p.m., Praha 6:30 p.m., Moulton

Mass of the Day, Dec. 8 - 8:15 a.m., Moulton

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their donations:

Loretta & Tony Janak - \$10,000

In Memory of Patsy Michna: Nancy Sivyver - \$25

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

2021 MASS BOOK OPENS DECEMBER 8

Mass Stipend: It has been a long-standing tradition of the Church that an offering is made by parishioners when Mass (prayers) is requested. The donation given is an offering to God not a payment for the Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to be generous in their offering. To make it possible for even the poor to request Masses, a donation of at least \$5 is to be made when Mass is requested. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Mass they request.

** Owing to the large volume of Mass requests for loved ones each family is limited to 3 Masses per year. One weekend, 2 weekdays including Fridays. The Mass can be for a married couple, one person, or two individuals.*

Sanctuary Light and Bulletin: In addition to booking Masses or offering flowers for the Altar, you may also sponsor the Sanctuary Light (the red candle burns by the Blessed Sacrament for a week) or sponsor the Church Bulletin for a weekend. It could be: *in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving, Special Intention, etc.*

Sanctuary Light - \$20; Bulletin Sponsor - \$35

To book a Mass, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Light or Bulletin call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket, drop slot or mail. *Called in requests will be honored only upon receipt of donation.*

REFLECTION

Our God Who Comes To Save Us

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 85 2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8**

John the Baptist, like his predecessors made his announcement to people who were struggling to maintain the hope that God would hear their prayer and send them a savior. His contemporaries had a great spiritual hunger. Despite the harshness of his call to repentance, they flocked to him, acknowledged their sins and were baptized. John's camel-hair clothing and leather belt identified him as a prophet. John's diet underscored the two-edged nature of his message as well as the good news that Jesus would bring. Those who accepted the Gospel of Salvation in faith would know blessings (signified by the honey); those who did not were planting the seeds of their own destruction (symbolized by the locusts).

John's voice speaks of making preparations for one who is not only greater than he, but is greater than even the emperor. He is the Lord whose way is prepared not with stones that pave a new road, but with hearts whose faith has created a welcome for him. Hearts that have turned from all else to God – this is the welcome that will receive the One who comes to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Dec. 6 – Bryan Fernandez, Ann Hrcir, Betty Kloesel, Jayden Raabe
Dec. 7 – Odilia Cantu Fernandez, Isabella Fikac, Gene Schoenvogel
Dec. 8 – Mitchell Blaschke, Madison Raab
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 – Jillian Kuehn, John Machacek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Dec. 8 – Delores & David Raab
Dec. 10 – Congratulations Cleo & Leroy Nieto, Sr. on your 55th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- Today** – Confirmation Enrollment; C.C.D.
– 7th & 8th Grade Confessions
Dec. 9 – Christmas Pageant Practice; 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
– 9th Grade Confessions
* **Next Sunday** – Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 16 – 10th & 11th Grade Confessions
* **Youth Mass Postponed:** The 8th Grade Youth Mass scheduled for Dec. 13 has been postponed until a later date.
Youth Ministry Center Re-opens January 11.
Look out for registration forms this week.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Retired Fund For Religious - Be generous.

Parish Advent Penance Services



**Moulton - Monday, December 14,
4:30 p.m. – ??**

**Praha – Thursday, December 10,
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 17,
5:00 p.m. - ??**

Join other parishioners at the Penance Service. A good opportunity to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD

Advent Transforms Us

The Season Sharpens Our Waiting, Deepens Our Hope
The Season is a new time for us to wait for God's entry into our world. This is the cause for celebrations and the Church invites us to make adequate preparation to mark the event.

***Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight his path. (Mark 1:2-3)***

Advent / Christmas Schedule

- Dec. 9 & 17 – Christmas Pageant Practice
Dec. 13 – Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 15 – CDA Christmas Cookies to the Homebound
Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 24 & 25 – Second Collection For the Poor*

Christmas Flowers: Those who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church could do so in memory of their loved ones. Extra Christmas Flower envelopes available at the main entrance to the Parish Hall.

Christmas Cookies For The Homebound: CDA members have quite a few deliveries to make. They need homemade cookies to fill the tins. Each member is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to the Family Room kitchen, by Tuesday morning, December 15. Put your name and *CDA Cookies for the Homebound* on the container. The cookies will be packaged and delivered on December 15.

Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule

- ***Dec. 9** – 3:30-5:30 p.m. ***Dec. 17** – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 – Dress Rehearsal *time to be announced.*

* **Parents are reminded to send a note to the school informing the school officials that their child(ren) will be going to the Church after school on Dec. 9 & 17.**

The Christmas Pageant will be part of the Vigil Mass. A second collection will be taken up during Mass for the Poor.

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

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.