

February 14, 2021

Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday



***If You Wish, You Can Make Me Clean
I Do Will It. Be Made Clean.***

These words of the leper were a proclamation of faith. While there were treatments for many ailments, the belief at the times was that curing leprosy required divine intervention. The leper believed Jesus could choose to wield divine power. In the leper's request, Jesus hears the cry of someone who has prayed and not heard an answer. In response to that suffering, Jesus violates society's taboos regarding leprosy. He reaches out and touches the leper and says: *I do will it. Be made clean.* Jesus not only heals but also gives the leper the freedom to live as the child of the Kingdom.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Larry Seifert, by his family.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 17

6:30 a.m. For the Welfare of the Parish

8:15 a.m. For the Youth of the Parish

6:30 p.m. For the Welfare of Parishioners

Friday, February 19

8:00 a.m. M/M Alfred I. Brandl, Robert Bohuslav,
Boyce John Michalec

Saturday, February 20

6:30 p.m. Lillie Beyer

Sunday, February 21

6:30 a.m. Emmie & George Michalec

9:30 a.m. Susan Jasek

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Monico Ramos (the father of Linda Petrek)
Ida Nell Starustka (the sister of Rosalyn Kocian)
and the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



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In Memory of Lillie Beyer
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In Memory of Janet Darilek: Mary & Charlie Bartos

Altar Society Raffle Tickets: Do please support the Altar Society Raffle Sale. The annual Noodle Soup Dinner was canceled because of COVID 19. Proceeds from the raffle sale go to purchase needed supplies for worship.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday – No Gold Star Club Meeting (School Holiday)
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting Canceled due to predicted inclement weather.

Tuesday – Knights of Columbus Meeting so that members can attend Ash Wednesday Mass.

Wednesday – ***Ash Wednesday, see Mass schedule.***

– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5:00 p.m., Social Center

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

Friday – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

– 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.

PREPARING FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

We switch from Cycle B readings to Cycle A Readings for Lent.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Not all lepers of Jesus' day had true leprosy. The disease was so dreaded and considered a punishment for one's sin that anyone who had any skin condition had to go to the priest to verify whether or not the person was *unclean*. If considered unclean, that precluded the person's presence at worship. Lepers were ostracized from the community, and made their abode outside the camp. They had to warn others of their disease by wearing torn garments, and unkept hair (both were signs of mourning). They warned others of their presence by ringing a bell and shouting *unclean*. The disease became an apt symbol for sin. While leprosy rendered a person ritually unclean, sin defiled the Spirit and required purification that comes from repentance and reconciliation. If forgiveness is considered a cure for what ails us, what wonderful power we wield in our interpersonal relationships. To forgive another person is to free them from a burden, to erase their sense of alienation and to extend the warmth of healing that restores their spirit. This is what Jesus did to make God's Kingdom present to the leper and other ostracized people. What an example to imitate this Lent.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 13 – Debbie Rother
Feb. 15 – Timothy Kleihege
Feb. 16 – Gladys Mikulencak
Feb. 18 – Wyatt Darilek, Carol Dvorak, Jennifer Rothbauer
Feb. 19 – Quinton Raab
Feb. 20 – Marcus Jalufka, Lisa Rothbauer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 14 – Congratulations Mava & Marcus Jalufka on your 40th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 18 – Congratulations Niki & Chad Chaloupka on your 15th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 19 – Congratulations Bernadette & Richard Kresta on your 55th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 20 – Beatrice & Wayne Krejci

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – 6th Grade Youth Mass; C.C.D.
Feb. 15 – No K-2nd Grade Y.M.C. After School Program (School Holiday)
Feb. 17 – 3rd-6th Grade Y.M.C. After School Program – 9th-11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.; First Communion Parents Meeting

**Holy Thursday Meal, Easter Picnic,
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
in planning stages.**

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule



St. Joseph's, Moulton
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's, Praha - 4:30 p.m.

Liturgical Orientation - Here Comes Lent

Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. The first three days of this week are the last of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time until the day after Pentecost Sunday, which will end the Easter Season.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to pray for simplicity and all the graces that flow from this gift. It means being like the little children Jesus embraced and called us to imitate. We take time to find areas in our lives that need greater simplicity. Part of our prayer comes out of a desire to be less complicated, to be less stressed by conflict and not to be pulled in



too many different directions.

A key focus, as we begin Lent is to remember that this is a season, not so much about what acts we will do for God, but how we can be open to the gifts God wants to give us. Making sacrifices this Lent is a means of getting rid of what gets in the way of our openness and trust in God and adding what can help us listen and receive what is being offered by God this Lent.

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 and all-day on the First Friday of the month. This could be a good substitute if you cannot participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

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

Lenten Fasting & Almsgiving: As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in need. Make this Lent count by being charitable.*

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

* **Lenten Second Collection (Rice Bowl):**

Begins next Sunday – First Sunday of Lent.

Lenten Fish Fry: As part of our Lenten sacrifice, we participate and support the Lenten Fish Fry. All proceeds from the Fry go to charity. It is a way of reaching out in compassion and ministering to others. Consider baking a cake(s) for dessert, making a monetary offering to support this noble cause.

Fish Fry Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent: \$10 per plate

Ash Wednesday Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Dessert

* 20-25 desserts are needed for every Fish Fry.