

February 21, 2021

Lent
First Sunday



**The Desert,
A Place to Encounter God**

Today, we recall the temptation of Jesus in the desert. *He was among wild beasts.*

The rawness of our nature stares at us directly in the face as Jesus stares down the natural inclinations of the flesh. At the same time, God is present in the angels ministering to him. Yes, there is sin in the world. The wild beasts are at our door but the way into our home has been sealed by divine covenant. With repentance and belief in the good news, this flood of transgressions will be taken away. This is the coming of the Kingdom, now at hand.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Betty Martinez, by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 24
8:00 a.m. Monico Ramos
Friday, February 26
8:00 a.m. M/M Alfred I. Brandl, Robert Bohuslav,
Boyce John Michalec
Saturday, February 27
6:30 p.m. Spec. Intention – Loretta & Tony Janak
Sunday, February 28
6:30 a.m. The Welfare of the Parish
9:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Altar Society

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.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Gail Maskey
(the daughter-in-law of Betty & Harry Maskey)
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment \$17,685.00
Contributions So Far \$16,570.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 1,115.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:
Lucy Schoenfeld Yahaira & Jose Perez Sr.
Sunni & Phil Hosemann

We thank all those who contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. With your generous support we should be able to pay off our remaining debt to the bishop. We are counting on all who have not yet contributed to the fund to do their part.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

Lent



The First Sunday of Lent is an invitation to see the whole season before us. Lent culminates in the Celebration of the Paschal Triduum of the Death, Rest and Resurrection of the Lord. We are usually aware of this Holy Season as a time of preparation and

sacrifice. These attributes are underlined in the readings and in the Liturgical prayers throughout. The bad news is that sometimes the beginnings of Lent can be more about what *I am giving up this year* rather than a celebration of God's renewed covenant, our conversion and the saving work of Christ, whose first steps after baptism encountered the wild beasts of the desert for our sake. We need to think broadly about Lent and where we would like to be at the celebration of Easter. This challenge could both be at a personal and parish level. What does it mean to recognize God's covenant and renewal for me and my family Together, as a parish we will journey towards the mysteries hidden in Christ as we eagerly await the joys of Easter.

PREPARING FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116
Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p. m., YMC
- 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.
 - 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our Covenant In Christ

The original followers of Jesus imitated him long before they worshipped him. Jesus' first disciples did not drastically change their lifestyles and follow him because they believed he was God, but because they saw the value in imitating the way he taught and lived. He not only focused on things and people they had never before noticed, he also showed them how to change the world in which they lived. Jesus did this by showing them how to integrate his unique insights into the faith. Just as Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the flood, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. We make a commitment to share in his righteousness. The first disciples were convinced that unless repentance takes place, unless we make people and their needs the most important part of our existence, we will never experience God working effectively among us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 21 – Wayne Krejci
 Feb. 23 – Leroy Mikulencak Sr., Henrietta Mican
 Feb. 24 – Caroline Freytag
 Feb. 25 – Richard Kalisek, Victoria Simper, Alicia Valadez
 Feb. 26 – Cecil Wood Jr.
 Feb. 27 – Stephen Moeller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Feb. 23 – Loretta & Tony Janak
 Feb. 26 – Donna & Thomas Perez

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.; First Communion Parents Meeting
Feb. 22 – K-2nd Grade Y.M.C. After School Program
Feb. 24 – 3rd-6th Grade Y.M.C. After School Program
 – 9th-11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

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.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today - Rice Bowl



This fund helps bring drinking water, food, shelter and other essentials of life to people less fortunate than we are. *Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope mailing. Be generous.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

An hour after Mass on Fridays of Lent.

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

The journey of the Stations of the Cross is a time-honored tradition in the Church. The Lenten Season affords us all a great grace moment to participate in the sufferings of Christ for our salvation. Make an effort to join the Parish Family at 6:00 p.m. in church.

Lenten Food Drive

Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

Lenten Fish Fry - \$10 Per Plate

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert (*menu subject to change*)
 * 20-25 desserts are needed for every Fish Fry.

Our Parish Lenten Fish Fry offers our community the opportunity to eat fish on Fridays of Lent. This age-old fish-eating custom goes back to the earliest Christians. It fulfills the norm concerning abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent. This honors Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of the world. It also gives parishioners the opportunity to do something for others. We always need help in putting out/taking down the Fish Fry signs, setting up, helping serve the food, working plates-to-go, washing dishes and cleaning up. Lastly, the proceeds from the Fish Fry are given away during the year for charity in our community and outside. Support the fish fry – it is a way of participating in the Lenten Pyramid of Right Relationships:

Prayer establishes a relationship with God in love.

Almsgiving (charity) establishes a relationship with others in compassion

Fasting establishes a relationship with my own self in humility.

