

February 28, 2021

Lent
Second Sunday



**Take Your Son, Your Only One;
You Shall Offer Him Up As A Holocaust**

This Sunday we hear the stories of the binding of Isaac and the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain.

Why would God ask such a thing from Abraham? How far will Abraham go in order to obey God, even when it utterly negates the divine promise guaranteeing numerous progeny? We are in line with Abraham who becomes the model of the utterly obedient listener of God. It is not coincidental that the moment of Jesus' transfiguration and revelation through Moses and Elijah also becomes the occasion for our own call to obedient listening of Jesus.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of
Emmie & George Michalec, by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 3
8:00 a.m. Adela Beran
Friday, March 5
8:00 a.m. Victor Jungbauer, Donald Michalec
Saturday, March 6
6:30 p.m. Gail Maskey
Sunday, March 7
6:30 a.m. Ervin Patek
9:30 a.m. Youth of the Parish

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.

PREPARING FOR THE 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 Cycle A Readings for Lent.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER

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

In Memory of Gail Maskey
Betty & Harry Maskey - \$5,000
Dolores & Ben Scott - \$25
Mary Lou Dierschke - \$25
Marian Kram - \$20

ORIENTATION

Mountain Experiences: In today's First Reading and Gospel, we are privy to two mountain experiences, that of Abraham and the one Jesus shared with Peter, James and John. Abraham's story is shocking, to say the least. He and Sarah had long awaited the birth of Isaac and had all but given up when three mysterious visitors, to whom Abraham offered generous hospitality, told them to expect a son in a year's time (Gen. 18). Isaac's birth was a miracle; he was a beloved only son, and yet God was asking for his life? And Abraham was ready to obey? The hard lesson here is to open ourselves in faith and trust to a God who cannot be understood, who is beyond all our scheming. Abraham was totally dependent on this God. He did God's will.

Lent is a time to pray quietly, fervently, seeking God's will and then asking for the strength to make it our own. On our *mountain*, we can rethink priorities, set goals and evaluate our relationship with God and with others. It is also a time for realizing that God is God and we are not. When we come to grips with that, we can surrender ourselves to the mystery, and, trust even when reason and common sense warn otherwise.

**Departing In Silence After Mass
On Sundays of Lent**



This year, as in the past on Sundays of Lent we return to the ancient tradition of departing in silence after the Good Friday Service. After the *Dismissal by the Priest or Deacon* there will

be no Recessional Song. All will pause for silent prayer and then depart in silence to emphasize the penitential nature of the Season of 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. – All Day Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.
– 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.

REFLECTION

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 116
Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

Listening To Jesus

The three disciples' experience and their responds to Jesus' transfiguration could be compared to their experience of Jesus agonizing in the garden. In today's gospel Peter, James and John wanted to build three tents and enjoy Jesus' transfigured glory as long as possible. These same three fell asleep and were of little support to Jesus in his most desperate hour. In telling us of these two moments in Jesus' life and of his disciples' varying responses to them, the gospel of Mark challenges us to consider our own responses to Jesus. How do we respond to him when all is wonderful? How do we respond to him in difficult situations? Are we not tempted like the disciples to "fall asleep" or retreat when following Jesus brings with it a share in his suffering? With these thoughts in mind, we turn for strength and guidance to the voice from the cloud to clarify the significance of the moment and the proper response to it. Jesus is both the Son of God, the agent of healing and God's glory and is at the same time the Son who will be betrayed, tortured and crucified. It is this Jesus, acting in both these roles that God instructs us to listen. It was only later through the resurrection that the disciples truly listened and understood. We who stand on this side of the resurrection are graced to do likewise.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 28 – Marvin Dornak, Daniel Jasek, Kenneth Zidek
Mar. 1 – Doris Foster, Donald Rothbauer,
Georgia Roznovsky
Mar. 3 – Lilia Hernandez
Mar. 4 – Eugene Kresta
Mar. 5 – Stephanie Fojtik
Mar. 6 – Jessica Fikac, Regina Kleihege, Jacob Simper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 5 – Roberta & Daniel Mejias

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Mar. 1 – K-2nd Grade Y.M.C. After School Program

Mar. 3 – 3rd-6th Grade Y.M.C. After School Program
– 9th-11th C.C.D.

Mar. 6 – 9th, 10th & 11th Grades will lead the Saturday evening Rosary

Next Sunday – *7th Grade Youth Mass; C.C.D

* **Youth Mass** – Due to COVID-19 protocol the C.C.D. students will not lead the procession into Church, nor will they sit together as a class. The students are asked to sit with their families as usual. Only the 7th Grade will sit as a group. Do please follow the social distancing protocol and wear a mask.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD



Second Collection This Weekend - Rice Bowl

Consider taking the money you save from fasting from your excess in life and put it in the Second Collection.

Be generous.

All-Day Eucharistic Adoration: Next Friday

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

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

Lenten Fish Fry: \$10 per plate

After the cancellation of the Ash Wednesday and last Friday's Fish Fry due to the winter storm we are back on schedule with our Lenten Fish Fry. We thank Donna & Tommy Perez for coordinating the event, all the volunteers who come out to help/make desserts and all those who support this worthy cause. All proceeds go to charity.

Fish Fry Donations

Dale Seifert - \$50

Betty & Harry Maskey - \$10

Carla & James Meisetschleager - \$20

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Dessert

* **25-30 desserts are needed for every Fish Fry.** Contact Dolores Scott or the Parish Office if you can help.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



8:30-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, *adorer needed*

9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck

11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, Donna Sturm

11:30-12:00 p.m. – Gussie Machalec. *adorer needed*

12:00-12:30 p.m. – Gussie Machalec, Mary Ann Wenske

12:30-1:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, James Wenske,
Scott Wenske

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *adorer needed*

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *adorer needed*

3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *adorer needed*

3:30-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske

4:00-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek *adorer needed*

5:00-5:30 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *adorer needed*

5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Dcn. Kenneth Fishbeck

Holy Thursday Meal
Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Picnic
Look out for details.

Praha Pancake Sunday – Next Sunday