

March 7, 2021

**Lent**  
**Third Sunday**



**Water of Life**

**Moses in today's first reading is presented as frustrated with the incessant and ungrateful grumbling of the Israelites, yet God responds with patience, providing a supply of water from the rock to the thirsty wanderers. The gift of water in an otherwise waterless desert became a sign of God's perpetual presence in the midst of his people.**

**The Samaritan woman in the gospel will also be given to drink of the water of life; through her, Jesus will teach each of us how to similarly satisfy all our thirsts in him.**

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of  
Elsie & Henry Seidenberger by their family.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, March 10  
8:00 a.m. Judy Haase  
Friday, March 12  
8:00 a.m. Rose & Marvin Rothbauer  
Saturday, March 13  
6:30 p.m. Mary & Anton Pulkrabek  
Sunday, March 14  
6:30 a.m. Lucille Gold  
9:30 a.m. Patrick Kubicek

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

*We return to Cycle A Readings for Lent.*

**Mass Bookings Available: Mar 20, 24, 26 & 27**  
**Bulletin Sponsorship Available: April 11, 18 & 25**  
**To book a Mass or Bulletin contact the Parish Office.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND**



We thank the following for their donations. Without your help and the help of many others our church building would have been in bad shape:

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**Moulton Easter Picnic - April 4**

Plans are coming together for our annual Easter Picnic. There will be a Fried Chicken Dinner with sides, plates-to-go and dine inside the Social Center at \$10 per plate.

Various chairpersons have been contacted. If you would like to help in any way contact the parish office. Look out for the Meat Donation letter in the mail.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Mon. - Altar Society Meeting, no lunch, 2 p.m., Parish Hall  
- Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p. m., YMC  
Wed. - Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass  
- 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.

## REFLECTION

Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

### *Living Water, Gift of God*

Each year at this time the Gospels hold forth teachers to guide and inspire us on our shared journey. Our mentor today is a “*thirsty*” Samaritan woman. Because of her physical thirst, she initially misunderstood Jesus’ offer of living water. Jacob’s well had satisfied the physical life of his descendants for centuries, but Jesus supplemented Jacob in offering *living water* that would give eternal life. Even without a bucket, Jesus and his gift of living water was greater than Jacob. Jesus’ gift is the truth of his teaching and he invites the thirsty to be satisfied with the word of God proclaimed to us. His invitation and her encounter with him set in motion a process of transformation whereby the woman evolved from a sinner to a witness.

God continues to reach out to us, offering us what satisfies. Like the Samaritan woman we must first come thirsting for God.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 8 – Toby Rothbauer  
Mar. 9 – Georgia Berckenhoff, Manuela Perez, Ty Ramos  
Mar. 10 – Larry Berckenhoff, Perry Kram  
Mar. 11 – Shelby Rothbauer, Patrick Wenske  
Mar. 12 – Dayton Mejias, Margaret Hanslik,  
Madison Rothbauer, Elizabeth Wenske  
Mar. 13 – Shannon Baker

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Mass; C.C.D.  
**Mar. 8** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Y.M.C. After School Program  
**Mar. 10** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Y.M.C. After School Program  
– 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> C.C.D.  
**Mar. 13**– 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades will lead the Saturday evening Rosary  
**Next Sunday** – No C.C.D. (Spring Break)

## Praha Pancake Sunday Today

Come join us at 9 a.m. at the Praha Hall Pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice & coffee. All are welcome. A free will donation is appreciated.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

**Tanis Jimenez**

(the father of Elizabeth Jimenez of Houston)

**Jennelle Moeller**

(the mother of Diana Moeller Kloesel)

and for the comfort of their loved ones.

*May they rest in peace.*



**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14**

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

**Second Collection This Weekend - Rice Bowl**

Be generous.

**Prepare to Celebrate Easter  
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service**

**Monday, March 22 Moulton 5:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, March 25 Praha Mass at 4:30 p.m.**  
Confessions Follow

\* *No scheduled confessions in Moulton during Holy Week.*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** An hour after Mass on Fridays of Lent.

**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**

The Fish Fry is off to a good start. 405 plates were sold on Friday. We thank all those who the Fish Fry possible by: putting out the Fish Fry signs, volunteering to work, making desserts, making monetary donations, and all those who support this worthy cause. All proceeds go to charity.

Next Friday’s Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn, Dessert (*menu subject to change*)

\* **20-25 desserts are needed for every Fish Fry.**  
Contact Dolores Scott or the Parish Office if you can help.

**Fish Fry Donation:** Charlene Simper - \$100

## LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

### *The Third Sunday of Lent*

Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day? Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town came to the well? What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I avoid interaction with others? What are the noon day wells of my life? Can I imagine Jesus approaching me there?

Jesus tries to reveal his thirst to her - perhaps his thirst for intimacy with her - but she puts him off. She's not worthy. It won't work. When he offers to satisfy her thirst, she puts him off. He can't satisfy what she needs, at least with this well, and without a bucket. How do I put Jesus off, with excuses, with problems, with barriers? I don't have time; I haven't done this before; my stuff's too complicated; I don't know how to find you in this mess.

When he shows her that he knows her, she knows she's in the presence of someone special - perhaps the one she has thirsted for all her life. Do I let Jesus show me that he knows and understands me? Can I find the words to say he is the one I have thirsted for all my life? The grace will come when I see that I have been at the well a long time and have long been thirsty. When I can name the new thirst, the Water that now satisfies that thirst, I can overcome my remaining resistance to trust. When I see that Jesus reveals himself to me by revealing me to me, thereby showing me my need for him as Savior, I will rejoice and tell the whole world, too. – Creighton University