

March 14, 2021

Lent
Fourth Sunday



From Blindness to Faith

After the Gospel of Jesus, Source of Living Water, today, Jesus, the Light of the World, opens the eyes of a man born blind. The healing itself is very brief but it provokes a whole series of reactions and questions. By contrast, it is only little by little that the man's inner eyes were opened, that he was brought to faith. The story illustrates our own journey toward faith, under the action of grace from beginning to end; the summit is reached when we prostrate ourselves and confess, "I believe, Lord, you are the light of my eyes."

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Rudy Simper, Jr. by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 17
8:00 a.m. Lydia & Joe Raab
Friday, March 19
8:00 a.m. Special Intention
Saturday, March 20
6:30 p.m. Welfare of Parishioners
Sunday, March 21
6:30 a.m. Sophie & August Kasper
9:30 a.m. Daniel Brom

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45
We return to Cycle A Readings for Lent.

Mass Bookings Available: Mar 26 & 28 (6:30 a.m.)
Apr. 9, 10, 14, 18 (6:30 a.m.), 21, 25 (6:30 a.m.), 28, 30
Bulletin Sponsorship Available: April 11, 18 & 25

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND

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

Forrest Kroschel - \$1,400

We also thank him for laying the tile in the narthex of the Church.

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.

Laetare Sunday - Rejoice Sunday

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Lent marks a joyful relief amidst the seriousness and somberness of the many weeks of preparation for Easter. Hence, today is called *Laetare Sunday*, a name that comes from the Entrance Antiphon of his Mass.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her ...
Be joyful, all who were in mourning ...

Even in Lent, we rejoice because we know that God is love, and our loving God will provide for all our needs. We are joyful because we are much closer to the renewal of our Baptism. The rose-colored vestments which replace the violet of the previous weeks mark our joyful disposition.

Fish Fry Donations

Quinton Raab - \$50 Lorrie & Michael Janecek - \$100
Bill Darilek In Memory of Janet Darilek - \$100
(Janet always baked a cake for the Fish Fry)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. – No Gold Star Club Meeting (Spring Break)
- Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 6 p.m., Parish Hall . Annual dues (\$25) are payable at the meeting or mailed to Dana Blahuta, 1330 CR 265, Moulton.
Wed. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- Knights of Columbus Meeting, George's Hall
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.

Today – No C.C.D.
Mar. 17 – 9th-11th C.C.D.
Mar. 20– 8th Grade will lead the Saturday evening Rosary
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Ben. V. Darilek
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Linda Muehlstein.

REFLECTION

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Liberating Light

The story of the man to whom Jesus gave the gift of sight is the sixth of the seven signs in St. John's gospel. The story is connected to today's first reading through the sacred action of anointing. Unlike human beings, who sometimes see no further than one's outward appearance, God looks into the human heart. God saw in David the person through whom the Messiah would eventually come among us. For that reason, Samuel was told to anoint David for his special role as God's regent. That anointing graced David with the Spirit of God.

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 23, celebrates the fact that everyone who is willing to be led and shepherded by God is also anointed. When a sense of helplessness holds us back, we are to remember our baptismal anointing, and know that we are not alone on our journey.

Blindness in the time of Jesus was regarded as a consequence of sin. As a result, the blind were doubly burdened, first by the disadvantages of their condition, and then by a culture that thought they were living in a darkness they deserved.

Jesus' anointing of the blind man in today's gospel, brought light and renewed hope into the man's darkened life. Liberated from his blindness, the man began to see and believe in Jesus. He not only gained his physical sight, he also began to see and accept Jesus with the Spiritual sight that is faith. Once he was healed by Jesus, the man was thrust into the light and exposed to the hostility of the Pharisees. His seeing and believing challenges us to leave behind our personal darkness and live in the light of Christ. This will require a daily, deliberate decision to emerge from the secure darkness of un-lived faith in order to live fully in the Light of Jesus' truth. This is what it means to be a disciple and a witness to others of the healing and salvation Jesus brings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 14 – Sunni Hosemann

Mar. 15 – Benjamin Siegel

Mar. 16 – Jerry Fojtik, Lorene Koncaba, Hannah Perez,
Kay Pilat, Dalton Thomas, Jeanette Tousek

Mar. 17 – Carolyn Arledge, Ann Koncaba, LaSae Rother

Mar. 18 – Donna Perez, David Rothbauer

Mar. 19 – Mary Michalec, Lynette Okruhlik

Mar. 20 – James Anders, Fr. Gabriel

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Congratulations

B. & Lee Whittenborn

on your Golden Wedding Anniversary

March 20, 2021

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

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

Easter Flowers: Use the attached envelope to make your donation in memory of your loved ones.

Easter Eggs: Donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for plastic eggs are welcome.

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

Update: 426 plates were sold on Friday. We thank all those who make this possible. All proceeds go to charity.

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Dessert (*menu subject to change*)

* **30 desserts are needed for every Fish Fry.**

Contact Dolores Scott or the Parish Office if you can help.

Moulton Easter Picnic Update: A lot has been going on behind the scenes, preparing for the Easter Picnic. Donations are coming in – look out for list next week.

We thank the following for chairing their books/work stations: **Chicken Fryers** – Steve Blahuta (1st crew 5:30-9:30 a.m.), Johnnie Hoffman (2nd crew, 9:00 a.m. until ???)

Cooking Crew – Dennis Schacherl, Leigh Ann & William

Darilek Jr (Co-CP), **Potato Cutting** – Silvia & Carlos

Tortolado, **Food Supply To Inside Plates Line** – Beth &

Aaron Gaertner, **Plates-to-go** – Sharon Etlinger & Karin

Filipp, **Inside Plates Serving Crew** – Faith Nichols,

Cake Cutters/Desserts – Dolores Scott, **Meal Plates**

/Cutlery – Roberta Mejias, **Dining Room Cleanup** – Tim

& Marcel Kleihege, **Change Workers** – April & Bobby

Simper, **Beer Tokens** – Lisa & Duane Fojtik, **Beer Stand** –

Tamara & Benji Siegel, **Auctioneers** – David Schoenfeld,

Justin Anderle, **Auction/Auction Bookkeeping** – Mary Lou

Dierschke & Lorrie Janecek, **Auction Spotting** – David &

Daniel Beyer, **Ball Throw** – Lorena & Mario Pinedo,

Country Store – Altar Society, **Refreshments** – Carol

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We still need CPs for these booths/work stations: Meal

Tickets, Coffee, Tea & Water, Dishwashing Crew, Cake

Walk, Hamburger Stand (*Bryan's [Nacho] will have*

everything set up), Face Painting, Kids Games, Law &

Parking, Money Tree, Signs Crew, Picnic Set-Up Crew.

Contact the above listed CPs to help. You may also

contact the Parish Office If you would like to help in any

way.