

March 5, 2017

Lent

First Sunday



Choose Christ

Today's readings lead us from the garden to join Jesus in the desert to be tempted by the devil. There we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. Jesus shows us we are not doomed. Our God reaches out to us by showing us his compassion and gives us Jesus as a model for our faith journey to new life.

MASS INTENTIONS



* Thursday, March 9

5:30 p.m. For the Welfare of Parishioners

Saturday, March 11

4:30 p.m. Allan Wiedemann, Katherine & John
Pokluda, Hattie & Rudy Wiedemann

Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Louis Stryk

* *The Lenten Mini-Retreat Mass and Class will be held in the School.*

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



MARCH 12, 2017

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment \$7,618.00

D.S.A. Contributions For 2016 \$7,820.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Ruth & Clarence Metzger

Pat Masek

We thank all those who have contributed towards our 2016 D.S.A. assessment.

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Frances Anderle

Liz & Leo Janak - \$20

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ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Frances Anderle

Georgia Cerny

Stazy Hajek

K.J.Z.T. District II Meeting Next Sunday

The 2017 District II meeting will be held March 12 at the Moravia Dining Hall, Moravia. Registration, 1:30 p.m.. Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Lunch following meeting. Hosting Society is Moravia, the Annunciation Society #44. All members are cordially invited to attend.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For My Family

For Baby Simon

Patrick Neumann

For Alice G. Heavin

For My Daughter & Family

For The Sick People In Our Lives

For A Happy Long-lasting Godly Marriage

For our Children, Grandchildren & Nephew

For Ann & John Motal, Michelle Trammell & Kids

To Find My Compatible Match & Love, Get Married &

Have Children

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

REFLECTION

Jesus, Way To Life

The story of Jesus' temptation immediately follows the story of the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Hunger is the occasion of the devil's first assault because Jesus has fasted for forty days and forty nights. Those days remind us of the forty years the people of God spent on their way to the Promised Land. The desert is a place of trials as well as of revelations: angels are near Jesus and serve him. Solitude places us humans in the presence of God and ourselves without any possible escape. It forces us to make radical choices. The choice of *yes* or *no* to God cannot be made without a struggle against ourselves and the solicitations of the devil. The devil departs and peace returns to us when we say *yes* to God's call. Lent is a time to withdraw into solitude in order to discern God's call. That is how Jesus did it. Let us follow his way to Life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 7 – Lexie Noska
March 8 – Addison Berckenhoff
– Judith Kubenka
March 9 – Michael Fishbeck
– Bob Stryk

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Frances Anderle
Dorothy Dieringer
and for the comfort of their loved ones.
May they rest in peace.



LENTEN FISH FRY



St. Joseph's Church, Moulton
Fridays of Lent

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$8.00 Per Plate
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

Dine in the Parish Hall Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go

*All proceeds go to charities.

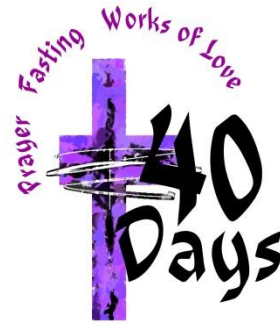
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Making a Difference This Lent



We often think of our inability to make a difference in people's lives. Have you been in the same room with one mosquito at night? You can tell the difference it makes. Think of something small you can do to make a difference in somebody's life this Lent.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD



Parish Weekly Mini-Retreat

Thursdays of Lent: Mass 5:30 p.m., Class 6:00-7:00 p.m.
To participate, bring your Bible.

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

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving: The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

***Lenten Food Drive:** Leave your canned goods for the needy at the back of Church.

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

**Lent: Forty Holy Days – A Joyful Walk
Toward Holy Easter** See insert.

ORIENTATION

THE SUNDAY LECTIONARY

Overview

The First Sunday of Lent each year focuses on Jesus' fast and temptation in the desert. It immediately places before our eyes Christ's victory over Satan, whose dominion of humans he destroys, calling all of us to fight, with him, in a similar combat against the enemy of humanity.

The Second Sunday's focus is on the Transfiguration of the Lord. It imparts a certain character to Lent by offering for our contemplation Christ raised up into glory after suffering his passion.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays are the frameworks of the preparation for Easter.

- The Third Sunday: The Samaritan Woman.
- The Fourth Sunday: The cure of the man born blind.
- The Fifth Sunday: The raising of Lazarus.

We have here three baptismal teachings on Water and Spirit, The Light of faith, Death and Life.

These Readings are directed primarily to Catechumens and also rousing the baptismal faith of those around them. For the whole Christian community as well as those to be baptized (the Catechumens), Lent is a baptismal journal.

The Scriptures read during Lent proclaim the sorts of fasting and Lent that are pleasing to God and make us holy because they are inspired by the love of God and neighbor.