

March 8, 2020

**Lent**  
**Second Sunday**



***It Is Good That We Are Here!***

**The theme of the mercy of God seen in last Sunday's readings carries over to today's. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, so too Peter, James and John are chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus. Once again, the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives. They point to Jesus to whom we are invited to look for inspiration during this Holy Season.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, March 14  
4:30 p.m. Edith Pavlicek  
Sunday, March 15  
8:00 a.m. Gary Greive

**Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the 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: 95**  
**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

**Update on Altar Society Members**

The Altar Society continues to welcome new members. We welcome Henrietta & Elton Moeller to the Altar Society. It's not too late for you to join. Dues are \$5.00 and you may place yours in the basket. Please include your name, address, email address and birthdate.

**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Ludmila & Paul Pokluda.**



**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There has been a growing interest in having the Living Stations of the Cross at Praha this Lent. The date has been tentatively set for April 5. The plan is to have the Last Supper and entering of Jerusalem followed by the 14 Stations. A lot of volunteers will be needed to make this happen. Everyone is invited to participate - parishioners and non-parishioners alike. We will need 16 captains, one for each scene. If you desire to be a lead captain please let Lori Janecka know as soon as possible - you will be responsible for getting people, props, etc. for your scene. A meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss the plans for putting it all together. Please contact Lori Janecka 361-772-4307 or [lorijanecka@gmail.com](mailto:lorijanecka@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up to part of this very beautiful and powerful evening for St. Mary's, Praha and the surrounding community.

**ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND**

*In Memory of Josephine Mikulik  
Angeline Jalufka*

**K.J.Z.T. DISTRICT II SOCIAL – MARCH 22**

The K.J.Z.T. Family Life 2020 District II social, for members and their families will be held on Sunday, March 22 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Flatonia. Registration 11 a.m. followed by a meal and social. R.S.V.P., with the number attending social, to Jeanette Zouzalik (361-865-3890) or Ann Bratton (361-865-2489) by March 16. *Little Flower K.J.Z.T. Society #38, Flatonia is hosting the Social.*

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Precautionary Measures for the Flu and COVID-19** directives issued by diocese. *See Insert.*

**St. Michael's Catholic School, Weimar** is currently accepting applications for Principle position. Applications are available at the Diocese of Victoria website [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org).

**Get In The Game! Men's Gathering, March 21** with Bishop Cahill and Damon West. Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. – noon, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Tickets \$10 each, includes breakfast. To Register: Text name & email to 321-217-1117 or email name & number to [jreyes@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:jreyes@victoriadiocese.org) or go to [www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game).

*Walk ins welcome.*

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Michael Fishbeck.

## REFLECTION

### *Following The Call*

Abram's transformation from a wanderer to the blessed patriarch of many peoples is proclaimed to us today. Were it not for his faithful relationship with God, he may have lived out his life tending his flock in Haran, which may have proven to be a safer route for him to follow. Abram's willingness to risk being transformed by God into Abraham calls forth similar courage in us.

St. Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy acknowledges the hardships entailed in being transfigured by our relations with Jesus and the Gospel. He is however quick to point out that these hardships as well as inner transfigurations for believers are not purely human endeavors, but come through grace. The process of transfiguration begins by grace and it continues until we become clearer reflections of Jesus in the world. The voice from the cloud describes Jesus as one *with whom I am well pleased*. For that reason, the disciples are instructed, *Listen to him* – obey the obedient one so as to be transfigured like him through suffering, service and love.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- March 8 – Addison Berckenhoff  
– Judith Kubecka
- March 9 – Michael Fishbeck  
– Bob Stryk
- March 12 – Margaret Hanslik  
– Rosemary Klekar
- March 14 – Jim Jasek

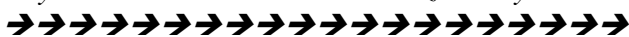
## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

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 Family*
- For Leah Templeton*
- Pray For My Health*
- Pray for Justin McCormick*
- Prayers For Grohman Family*
- Pray For My Brother David M.*
- For My Brother To Come Home*
- For Johnny's MRI To Turn Out Good*
- For My Brother – May He Rest In Peace*
- For All The Needs of All Family Members*
- Prayer For The Benavides - Martinez Family*



## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD



### Second Collection Today Rice Bowl

*Make a sacrifice this Lent. Give generously to the hungry in the second Collection, the Rice Bowl.*

*Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope mailing.*

### Orientation: Transformed By God in Lent

Lent is to be understood, celebrated and lived like the transfiguration, in the light of our faith as we make our journey toward the Celebration of Easter. It is a time granted to each and every one of us to again purify, and renew our faith in the Resurrection. In the measure in which we resolve to undertake this Paschal Journey, we shall be able to proclaim during the Holy Night – *Christ is Risen*. We have the practices of Lent that allow us to give their proper places Fasting, Prayer and Charity.

### Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent, 6 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

We are once again collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. You may leave your canned goods at the back of Church.

### LENTEN FISH FRY

**St. Joseph's Church, Moulton**

*Fridays of Lent*

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$10.00 Per Plate  
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert



***Dine in the Social Center Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go***

\*All proceeds go to charities.

### More Votive Candle Intentions

- For Health*
- For Larry Marusih*
- For Melisa's Peace*
- For Special Intention*
- Prayers For a Job In My Field*
- Repose of The Soul of Vickie Kaatz*
- In Memory of Wilbur A. Stavinoha*
- Pray For Melvin Voigt & Judy Baker*
- For The Needs of All Family Members*
- For My Gang-gang & My Granny Urban*
- For Justine Velasquez & Ruben Velasquez*
- Pray For Peace & Acceptance For All In The U.S.*
- In Thanksgiving For Gaby's Job, Emilio Safe Return*
- For My Deceased Parents – Theresa & Alvin J. Steffek*
- For Alejandra Tyeda, Vilmita Rodriguez, Jamie Jejela*
- Votive Candle Intentions to be continued