

February 18, 2018

Lent
First Sunday



**The Desert,
A Place to Encounter God**

Today, we recall the temptation of Jesus in the desert. *He was among wild beasts.*

The rawness of our nature stares at us directly in the face as Jesus stares down the natural inclinations of the flesh. At the same time, God is present in the angels ministering to him. Yes, there is sin in the world. The wild beasts are at our door but the way into our home has been sealed by divine covenant. With repentance and belief in the good news, this flood of transgressions will be taken away. This is the coming of the Kingdom, now at hand.

Today's Bulletin is in memory of
Betty Martinez sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday February 21
8:00 a.m. Robert Bohuslav
Thursday, February 22
8:00 a.m. Ross Jasek
Friday, February 23
8:00 a.m. Special Intention of a Parishioner
Saturday, February 24
6:30 p.m. Alice Cinadr
Sunday, February 25
6:30 a.m. Robert Weitzel
9:30 a.m. Mrs. Daniel Hass & The Rudolph Haas Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116
Second Reading: 8:31b-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Betty Martinez.



**Support The Altar Society
Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle
Next Sunday – February 25**

Show your support for our Altar Society ladies who work so hard in their ministry to our Church.

Here is how you can help make it a success.

Desserts Needed: Members are reminded to bring desserts. Desserts from parishioners are always welcome.

Purchase Raffle tickets: Two tickets are attached for your purchase. Drop your donation at the Parish Office or the Dinner. A beautiful quilt and many other prizes could be yours.

Monetary Donations are accepted and appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Vera Berckenhoff: Annette & Vernon Meazle

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Vera Berckenhoff

*Shirley Welfl Angie Wagner
Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck*

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

In Memory of Vera Berckenhoff

*Laura & Leslie Wilson Bernice Zouzalik
Sheri & Glenn Grohmann Patricia Cox*

THE PROPOSED SOCIAL CENTER *(see insert)*

This is the initial plan we have been working on for some time now. The plan is to have a:

- covered pavilion for the auction
- storage barn attached to the pavilion
- stew and chicken frying kitchen
- regular kitchen
- dining area
- small multipurpose room for Bingo and other small events.

Hopefully, we will be able to move dirt next week to begin the project.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
TUES. & THURS. – Quilting Ladies Meet, Quilting Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Family Room
– Knight of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
THURS. – Men's A.C.T.S. Team Meets, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Hall
– 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., Church
– Fish Fry, serving starts at 5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Facing Temptation Aware of God's Presence

The Sacred authors encourage us to follow Jesus' lead and to regard the experience of temptation as a time and a place in which we meet and lean on God rather than a sort of jousting with Satan. While we cannot deny the existence of evil and the human tendency for instant gratification and self-aggrandizement so we cannot regard the experience of temptation as entirely negative.

The continuing struggle to choose between evil and good, between God and self, between self and others can be a graced and positive experience. To mention the forty days in reference to Jesus' temptation suggests that the presence and power of God was always with Jesus. He emerged from his struggle with temptation stronger and more given to the mission for which he was sent.

Encouraged by this we are encouraged to rely on God in our struggle and emerge from the experience more deeply aware of the presence of God in our thoughts, words and action.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 18 – Wyatt Darilek, Carol Dvorak, Pat Kubicek,
Jennifer Rothbauer
Feb. 19 – Quinton Raab
Feb. 20 – Marcus Jalufka, Lisa Rothbauer
Feb. 21 – Wayne Krejci
Feb. 23 – Lucille Gold, Leroy Mikulencak Sr.,
Henrietta Mican
Feb. 24 – Caroline Freytag

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 18 – Niki & Chad Chaloupka
Feb. 19 – Bernadette & Richard Kresta
Feb. 20 – Beatrice & Wayne Krejci
Feb. 23 – Loretta & Tony Janak

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Feb. 19 – K-2nd Grade After School Program

Feb. 21 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.

Next Sunday – *Youth Mass (5th Grade); C.C.D.

* All K-11th Grade C.C.D. Students are reminded to be in their classrooms by 9:15 a.m. so they can process into Church with their teacher and classmates.

Youth Ministry Center Donations
In Memory of Vera Berckenhoff
Barbara & Eugene Anderle
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today Rice Bowl



This fund helps bring drinking water, food, shelter and other essentials of life to people less fortunate than we are. *Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly*

envelope mailing. Be generous.

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays of Lent, 7:00 p.m., Family Room.

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.

Liturgical Orientation

First Sunday of Lent

The First Sunday of Lent is an invitation to see the whole season of Lent before us. All of Lent culminates in the Celebration of the Paschal Triduum (Three Days) of the Lord's Death and Resurrection. The good news is that we are usually aware of Lent as a time of preparation and sacrifice. The bad news is that sometimes the beginnings of Lent can be more about what *I am giving up this year*, than making it a celebration of God's renewed covenant, our conversion and the saving work of Christ, whose first steps after baptism began his paschal journey through the desert *driven* by the Spirit. There he confronted Satan and his temptations, the wild beasts of the desert. He empowers those who follow him to walk through baptism, on the way that leads to God, that they may arrive at eternal life and at the glory of his Resurrection.

This should lead us into thinking broadly about Lent and where we would like to be at the celebration of Easter. This challenge confronts us as individuals and as a parish. Ultimately, what does it mean for me to recognize God's covenant and renewal for me and my family?

Lenten Fish Fry - \$9.00 Per Plate

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn, Dessert

* 20 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact Nancy Tomek, Dolores Scott or the parish office to help.

Fish Fry Donations

We thank the following for their monetary donations:

Angie & Chad Rothbauer - \$30

Carla & James Meisetschleager - \$20

We are off to a good start. We thank all those who are helping in various ways with our Fish Fry this Lent.

MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – MARCH 8-11

Applications are available at the main entrance of church. For more information contact Joe Pilat (361.772.6420), Steven Blahuta (361.798.6968) or Kevin Bartos (361.772.5628).