

March 6, 2022

**Lent**

**First Sunday**



**Jesus Led By The Spirit  
Through The Desert**

**“Filled with the Holy Spirit,” Jesus leaves the banks of the River Jordan and goes into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. The devil tempts Jesus in the same way he tempts us daily. The Spirit helps Jesus, as the Spirit helps us, overcome temptation. The temptation in all three instances, is to misuse his power. Jesus however overcomes the temptation by using his power for good in the service of the Kingdom of God.**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Wednesday, March 9  
8:00 a.m. Matt Patek
- Friday, March 11  
8:00 a.m. Sister M. Ina Kenney, Roman Zidek
- Saturday, March 12  
6:30 p.m. Rose & Marvin Rothbauer
- Sunday, March 13  
6:30 a.m. Frankie Paul Simper  
9:30 a.m. Annie & Frank Mikulencak

**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 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 15:5-12, 17 -18**

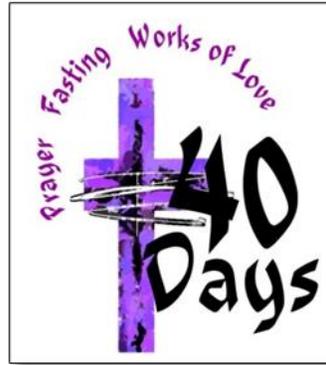
**Responsorial Psalm: 27**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

**Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

**Praha Pancake Sunday – Today**

**LITURGICAL ORIENTATION**



**Lent**

The First Sunday of Lent is an invitation to see the whole season before us. Lent culminates in the Celebration of the Paschal Triduum of the Death, Rest and Resurrection of the Lord. We are usually aware of this Holy Season as a

time of preparation and sacrifice. These attributes are underlined in the readings and in the Liturgical prayers throughout. The bad news is that sometimes the beginnings of Lent can be more about what I am giving up this year rather than a celebration of God’s renewed covenant, our conversion and the saving work of Christ, whose first steps after baptism encountered the wild beasts of the desert for our sake. We need to think broadly about Lent and where we would like to be at the celebration of Easter. This challenge could both be at a personal and parish level. What does it mean to recognize God’s covenant and renewal for me and my family Together, as a parish we will journey towards the mysteries hidden in Christ as we eagerly await the joys of Easter.

**ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH REPAIR FUND**

We thank the following for their continued support. Without their help and the help of many others our church building would have remained in bad shape:

**Rose & Carl Forbrich, Jr. - \$100**

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MONDAY Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., YMC
- WEDNESDAY – Christian Mother’s Prayers After Mass  
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- THURSDAY – Parish Lenten Mission , 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., ‘  
Family Room  
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament After  
Mass, Family Room  
– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Family Room  
– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5:00 p.m., Social Center  
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral  
emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.



**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Ben V. Darilek.**

## REFLECTION

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 91 Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13**

### *Salvation and Glory Near God*

At the heart of each of the Sacred Readings for today is a confessional statement. The Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy is the retelling of Israel's story. Through the action of God with Moses' assistance the Israelites were freed from slavery to become a people living in a covenant relationship with God. In the Second Reading – Paul's Letter to the Romans acknowledges the supreme debt we owe to Christ for defeating the enemy through confidence and faith in God – the same faith we ask for ourselves.

In the Gospel according to Luke each of Jesus' responses to his tempter is a direct quotation from the Book of Deuteronomy. Each recalls the desert experiences of Israel and shows that Jesus did not fall prey to the same weaknesses. With each quote (Deut. 8:3; 6:13; 6:16) Jesus refuses to concede to evil and to the popular expectation of a wonder-working messiah. For this reason, Jesus is held forth for us this First Sunday of Lent as a champion of humanity to imitate.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 6 – Jessica Fikac, Jacob Simper  
Mar. 8 – Toby Rothbauer  
Mar. 9 – Manuela Perez  
Mar. 10 – Larry Berckenhoff, Perry Kram  
Mar. 11 – Shelby Rothbauer, Patrick Wenske  
Mar. 12 – Dayton Mejias, Margaret Hanslik,  
Madison Rothbauer, Elizabeth Wenske

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – C.C.D.  
**Mar. 7** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program  
**Mar. 9** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program  
– 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.  
**Mar. 12** – C.C.D. Youth Leads the Saturday Evening  
Rosary  
**Next Sunday** – No C.C.D. (Spring Break)

**Catholic Daughters #2018** dues (\$25) are payable at this time. You may mail your dues to Dana Blahuta, 1330 CR 265, Moulton.

**Christian Mothers** dues (\$5) are payable at this time. You may mail your dues to Bernadette Fikac, 1201 CR 293, Shiner.

**Knights of Columbus** dues are \$25.00 for 2022 year.

**Remember the sick in your prayers  
this week especially, Ron Greening,  
and Ben Wenske.**

Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Sunday

## 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.*

### **Parish Lenten Mission**

Our first of seven sessions of our Parish Lenten Mission was well received. Fifty people from Moulton, Praha and parishes around participated. This is a good sign of our willingness to heed the call to conversion and renewal in preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery at Easter. It is not too late, join us this Thursday from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. You will be doing yourself a favor this Lent. Don't miss the opportunity God offers you this Lent. *Call the Parish Office if you need a ride.*



### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

An hour after Mass on Fridays of Lent.

### **Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent**

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 Family Room.

**Lenten Food Drive:** Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to the Parish Hall.

### **Lenten Fish Fry - \$12.00 Per Plate**

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

**\* We ran out of desserts on Friday. 25 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact the parish office to help.**

Our Parish Lenten Fish Fry is off to a good start. It offers our community the opportunity to eat fish on Fridays of Lent. This age-old fish-eating custom goes back to the earliest Christians. It fulfills the norm concerning abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent. This honors Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of the world. It also gives parishioners the opportunity to do something for others. Thanks to those who have been helping so far and to the parishioners who have donated cakes/desserts this week. – contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**We thank the following for their donations to the Fish Fry:**

*Dale Seifert - \$100  
Charlene Simper - \$100  
Shannon & L. A. Simper - \$100  
Tanee & William Colburn - \$75  
Phyllis & Kenneth Schoenfeld - \$50*