

March 20, 2022

Lent
Third Sunday



**A Samaritan Apostle Encounters Jesus,
the Water of Life at the Well**

The Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well had come there because of her physical thirst. She would however leave that well with all her thirsts satisfied. Like Moses and the Israelites, she would learn that God knew and loved her and that her life could be different if she would let herself be transformed by her encounter with Jesus. With her physical and spiritual thirsts satisfied, she witnessed to others of God's power to change lives.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Evelyn & Frank Darilek, sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, March 23
8:00 a.m. Minnie Lee Fisbeck
- Friday, March 25
8:00 a.m. Victor Jungbauer, Agnes Marko
- Saturday, March 26
6:30 p.m. Daniel Brom
- Sunday, March 27
6:30 a.m. Shirley & Gene Orsak
9:30 a.m. Agnes Jasek

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Cycle A Readings)*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Responsorial Psalm: 23
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Support the Benji Siegel benefit organized by the Fire Department this Sunday, March 20, Social Center. Fried Chicken & trimmings, \$12 per plate, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone's life. Be generous.

Prepare to Celebrate Easter
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 4	Moulton	5:00 p.m.
Friday, April 8	Praha	5:00 p.m.

Priests from the area will be assisting.

** No scheduled confessions in Moulton during Holy Week.*

Parish Lenten Mission: Thursdays of Lent, 6:00 -7:30 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity God offers you this Lent.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass for adoration and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent: Make an effort to join the Parish Family, 6:00 p.m., Family Room.

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

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

Lenten Fish Fry - \$12.00 Per Plate

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Red Potatoes, Beans, Dessert

*** 30 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact the parish office to help.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 6 p.m., Family Room
- WED.– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- THURS. – Parish Lenten Mission , 6-7:30 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., 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.



Moulton Easter Picnic – April 17



See inserts for more information about the Picnic.



The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Agnes Jasek.

REFLECTION

**Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42**

Journey of Faith to A Destination Unknown

Each year at this time the Gospels hold forth teachers to guide and inspire us on our shared journey. Our mentor today is a *thirsty* Samaritan woman. Because of her physical thirst, she initially misunderstood Jesus' offer of living water. Jacob's well had satisfied the physical life of his descendants for centuries, but Jesus supplemented Jacob in offering *living water* that would give eternal life. Even without a bucket, Jesus and his gift of living water was greater than Jacob. Jesus' gift is the truth of his teaching and he invites the thirsty to be satisfied with the word of God proclaimed to us. His invitation and her encounter with him set in motion a process of transformation whereby the woman evolved from a sinner to a witness.

God continues to reach out to us, offering us what satisfies. Like the Samaritan woman we must first come thirsting for God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 20 – James Anders, Fr. Gabriel
Mar. 21 – Robert Fojtik, Grant Geissen, Michael Janecek
Mar. 22 – Greyson Anderle, Julius Kloesel, Anne Raabe,
Tiffany Raab, Hannah Siegel
Mar. 23 – Brian Beran, Moises Manzano
Mar. 24 – James Filipp, Shirley Koudelka
Mar. 25 – Gloria Manzano, Nallely Martinez
Mar. 26 – Nancy Tomek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 20 – B. & Lee Whittenborn
Mar. 21 – Congratulations Stephanie & Robert Fojtik
on your 30th Wedding Anniversary
Mar. 24 – Christy & Ronnie Bohuslav

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Mar. 21 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Mar. 23 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Mar. 26 – 3rd Graders Lead the Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday Next Sunday - March 27



The March Pancake Sunday has been rescheduled for March 27th (Fourth Sunday of the month) due to the Fire Department's Fundraiser for Benji

Siegel on March 20.

ORIENTATION

The Midpoint of Lent

Are you at the midpoint of Lent and not much is going on? Maybe you began with the best of intentions, but you are not sure what you're doing or what you want to be doing. ***Can your Lent be rescued? Yes. It doesn't take long for God, when you are ready.***

The first step to beginning again has already begun. You have the desire for something real during Lent. What you need is a real desire – a real sense of expectation that God has something for you to hear, to learn, to change, and you want to be ready to listen. This desire can co-exist with fear, with resistance, with bad habits that have been obstacles in the past. God doesn't need much of an opening to begin to free us and show us a transforming love. Once we say we want to make something of these precious days remaining in Lent then we can start naming some more specific desires.

It usually takes a little reflection, a bit of honest examination of conscience to really see what is getting in the way of being a follower of Jesus. It may be a streak of stubbornness or impatience or harshness that keeps putting us at odds with people. Perhaps there is an old wound or a fresh experience of hurt or loss that has turned into a festering anger that robs you of simple joys and sorrows or compassion for suffering of others.

Maybe you are obsessed with how you look or you may be compensating for some emptiness or loneliness or sadness or insecurity by trying to fill in what is missing with quite temporary satisfaction – over-eating, drinking too much, etc. Perhaps your conflicts with your spouse are getting to a bad place and you refuse to die to yourself in loving him/her.

Maybe you really have not paid attention to the needs of the poor. After some reflection you may just realize you're not very grateful for what has been given you, and therefore, you're just not very happy, generous or free.

Lent begins when you can say, "Help Me Lord!" Now you can turn to the Lord with some real concrete desires. You can practice waking up each morning and naming your desire. If you have a plan, you are more likely to follow it.

- *What are you going to give up each day?* Something you need to fast from, abstain from every day. Whenever you feel the temptation to do something that is a bad pattern, recognize it quickly and refrain from doing it. Practice some response that will replace it. It is basically training in self-discipline, for the purpose of letting God's grace have a chance to work in you.

- *How can you be generous today?* Almsgiving is an important part of Lent. For most of us it involves being more generous to the poor. It is again, all about de-selfishing ourselves, so that God can free us to be more comfortable with the graces of gratitude and generosity.

Give Lent a new start in the days ahead.

God is offering you more than you can ask or imagine.

– Culled from Praying Lent, Creighton University