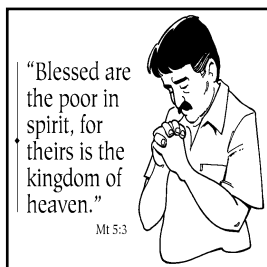


January 29, 2023  
**Ordinary Time**  
 Fourth Sunday



***"Blessed"***

What blessing is there in being poor? In sorrowing? In hunger or in being thirsty? These burdens are usually avoided. Jesus however pronounces these very burdens "blessed." Today, we come to grips with the struggle inherent in our calling as disciples. The Beatitudes are the great guide for Christian living.

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



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Betty Lou Maeker, sponsored by her family.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Friday, February 3  
 8:00 a.m. V. G. Supak  
 Saturday, February 4  
 6:30 p.m. Josephine & E. E. Darilek  
 Sunday, February 5  
 6:30 a.m. The Welfare of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Trent Roznovsky

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:7-10  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 112  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Irene Meisetschleager.**



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

**Praha Pancake Sunday – Next Sunday**

**Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner  
 February 26, 2023**

Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner may be purchased from Altar Society members, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.

**Help Needed:** Can you help sell Raffle Tickets at different locations in Moulton? Contact Bernice Ellinghausen at 361-596-7721 if you can help.

**CHURCH REPAIRS FUND**



*Helen & Ronald Kosler - \$60*

**ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND**

*In Memory of Flora Laura Nieto*  
 Charlotte Petrek Mary Lou Dierschke

**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
 February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We recall and honor the bringing of the infant Christ to the temple by Mary and Joseph for the prescribed offering. According to Jewish law, this was to take place 40 days after the child's birth. It is in the midst of this ritual action that two holy prophets, Anna and Simeon, beheld the Christ child and recognized him for who he was: the promised Messiah who would redeem and save all people.



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.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Mon. – Gold Star Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
 Wed. – Champions Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
 Thurs. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall  
 Fri. – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Family Room  
 – Parish Office Closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral needs call the Parish Office at any time.

## REFLECTION



**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13   Psalm 146**  
**1 Corinthians 1:26-31   Matthew 5:1-12a**

### *The Inescapable Way of the Beatitudes For The Disciple*

The first word of each Beatitude may be confusing for those who do not understand. The people called "Blessed" are people in a painful situation. To accept and understand this paradox, we must first turn to Jesus, because to be a disciple means to learn from the Master, follow his manner of life and his way of thinking. The Beatitudes could best be appreciated as a self-portrait of Jesus as well as an invitation to be like him in every regard. *It is Jesus who is* the poor in spirit, the meek, the one who hungers and thirsts for justice, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemaker, the persecuted – unto death. He is however exalted in glory and seated at the right hand of the Father, therefore – "Blessed." Therefore, those who share what he has been, who are identified with him in their poverty already share in his glory and are "Blessed." The reward is not delayed; it is already in this very identification. What remains to come is the manifestation of that bliss. Those described in the Beatitudes, already possess the earnest money and, in some way, the title to happiness.

*By contemplating Christ, we can understand that we are "Blessed" and why.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jan. 30 – Michael Blaschke  
 Jan. 31 – Bailey Petrek, Andrew Ramos  
 Feb. 1 – Kelly Nieto  
 Feb. 2 – Mary Ann Henry  
 Feb. 3 – Carlos Portales  
 Feb. 4 – Kevin Bartos, Sandra Fisbeck, Wesley Rothbauer

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 31 – Gloria & David Reindl

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – C.C.D.  
**Jan. 30** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program  
**Feb. 1** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program  
     – 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

## TODAY'S LITURGICAL READINGS

### **First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

*All the humble of the earth - seek the Lord. "They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue."*

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146**

*Response: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

*Paul instructed the people of Corinth to consider their own calling. Not many of them were wise by human standards, nor were they powerful, or of noble birth. God chose the foolish, the weak, the lowly.*

### **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**

*Jesus proclaims whom he considers "blessed". Jesus says the blessed ones are the humble and lowly, the faithful who pursue justice and who take refuge in the Lord. To them God promises the kingdom of heaven in which the last are first.*

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, Karin Filipp  
 9:00-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, **adorer needed**  
 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Mary Alice Lewkoski, **adorer needed**  
 10:30-11:00 a.m. – Hattie Olle, Mary Ann Owen, Martha Owen, Monica Escamilla  
 11:00-11:30 a.m. – Hattie Olle, Barbara Hermes, Donna Sturm  
 11:30-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Gussie Machalec, Hattie Olle  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Mary Ann Wenske  
 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, **adorer needed**  
 1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, **adorer needed**  
 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, **adorer needed**  
 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Cynthia Beran  
 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Michael Janecek, Marian Kram  
 5:00-5:30 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, **adorer needed**  
 5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Kathy & Dcn. Kenneth Fishbeck

*Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.*

## LENTEN FISH FRY

Plans are being finalized for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. In the past, some parishioners have expressed the wish to help with the Fish Fry but were unable to do so for various reasons. You could help by making a monetary donation or by baking a cake(s) for dessert. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

\_\_\_\_ Feb. 22    \_\_\_\_ Feb. 24    \_\_\_\_ Mar. 3    \_\_\_\_ Mar. 10  
 \_\_\_\_ Mar. 17    \_\_\_\_ Mar. 24    \_\_\_\_ Mar. 31

☐ My Monetary Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_