

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.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, March 10

4:30 p.m. Hayden Garrett Hummel

Saturday, March 12

4:30 p.m. Louis Stryk

Sunday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Patsy Tydlacka

### 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.

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the 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**

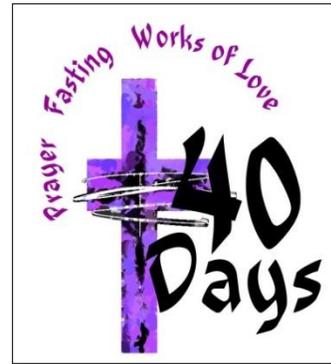
**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

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



**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Hayden Garrett Hummel.**

## 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. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

**Shantel & David Ferdman, Austin, TX - \$200**

### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY

#### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



*The Altar Society is hosting Praha Pancake Sunday starting at 9 a.m. Join us at the Praha Hall for a delicious breakfast, and fellowship. All are welcome.*



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

## REFLECTION

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

### *Salvation and Glory Near God*

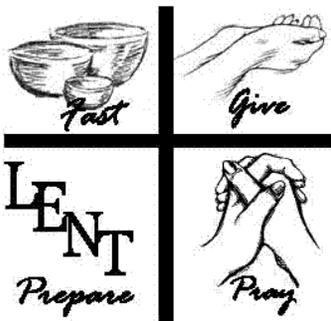
At the heart of each of the Sacred Readings for today is a confessional statement. The Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy is the retelling of Israel's story. Through the action of God with Moses' assistance the Israelites were freed from slavery to become a people living in a covenant relationship 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!



- March 7 – Lexie Noska
- March 5 – Addison Berckenhoff  
– Judith Kubecka
- March 9 – Michael Fishbeck  
– Bob Stryk
- March 12 – Margaret Hanslik  
– Rosemary Klekar



*Prayer* establishes a relationship with God in love.  
*Almsgiving* (charity) establishes a relationship with others in compassion  
*Fasting* establishes a relationship with my own self in humility.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Sunday**

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

### 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. at the Parish Hall in Moulton. 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.*

### 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.*

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays of Lent, 5:30 p.m.

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

### Abstinence From Meat on Fridays of Lent

The age-old custom of eating fish on the Fridays of Lent 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.

### Lenten Fish Fry

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

**Fridays of Lent**

5:00-7:00 p.m.,     \$12.00 Per Plate

Next Friday's Menu:

Fish, Hush Puppies, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn & Dessert



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

\*All proceeds go to charities.