

December 13, 2015

## Advent

### Third Sunday of Advent



#### What Should We Do?

This question appears three times in today's Gospel. The question reflects the questioner's desire and readiness to do something, to enter into a relationship with the Coming One. To the crowds who asked, as well as to the soldiers and tax collectors, John's answers stood as challenges to conversion such that they would no longer live solely for themselves but for others and for God.

This question should be on the lips of those who are eager to be renewed in the Spirit and mind of the coming Christ.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Gene Schoenvogel in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Faith Nichols.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 16  
8:00 a.m. Martha Pavlicek  
Thursday, December 17  
8:00 a.m. Evelyn & Erwin Albrecht  
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – For Residents & Staff  
Friday, December 18  
8:00 a.m. Olga & Frank Brom, Elvin Mikulencak  
Saturday, December 19  
6:30 p.m. Helen Bohuslav  
Sunday, December 20  
6:30 a.m. Patricia Schultz  
9:30 a.m. Della Bujnoch

#### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.  
**First Reading:** Micah 5:1-4a  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 80  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Vinklarek-Hanzel Family Members .

#### 2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment ..... \$17,015.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$13,131.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$ 3,884.00  
No. of Families Who Have Contributed ..... 48  
No. of Families Yet to Contribute ..... 266

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Joyce Pavlicek*  
*Richard Kalisek*  
*Anonymous Donor*  
*Jeanette & Gus Targac*

*Our parish quota to the Bishop should be paid by the end of the year. We are behind in our contributions this year. We thank those who have contributed and we ask those who have not done so yet to consider making a donation so that we can meet our quota.*

#### Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday



This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday* after the Latin word *gaudere*, to rejoice. Rejoicing is the theme of the day. Today's Entrance Antiphon says:

*Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, Rejoice.  
Indeed the Lord is near.* – Philippians 4:4-5

It reminds us of the tone of joy that permeates the entire Season of Advent. The basis of our joy is this: "THE LORD IS NEAR". The use of rose vestments and the rose candle on the Advent Wreath underlies this day's special character. It expresses our joy.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Luncheon, Noon, Kloesel's Steakhouse  
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m. YMC  
WEDNESDAY – Christmas Pageant Practice, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
– KC/CDA Christmas Party, social hour 6:30 p.m., meal 7:30 p.m. Members, spouses, guests and children of members are invited.  
THURSDAY – Parish Penance Service, 5:30 p.m.  
– KC Bingo, KC Hall  
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially Gene Hrcir.

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Lillie Mae Dornak*  
and for the comfort of her loved ones.  
*May she rest in peace*



## REFLECTION

### We Proceed In Joy

John the Baptizer came preaching with great enthusiasm; his was good news and his excitement about the coming Christ was so contagious that it evoked in his listeners a willingness to be taught. "What should we do?" asked the crowds. In response, John set forth a program of conversion that would create disciples for Jesus. His responses were aimed at the injustices and inequities that he and Jesus' Gospel were to address.

Despite the element of urgency and the references to the coming separation of good from bad, wheat from chaff, these words of warning are accompanied by promises that repentance will be met with forgiveness. Our conviction of God's presence empowers us to be joyful with the very joy of God. It allows us to stop worrying and being anxious and to look ahead to the day when we will be content to live in God's presence forever.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 13 – Christine Wenske  
Dec. 15 – Jodie Raabe  
Dec. 16 – Amy Klimitchek  
Dec. 17 – Margaret Satsky Berckenhoff, Niki Chaloupka, Jill Moore, Angie Rothbauer  
Dec. 18 – Georgie Kalisek  
Dec. 19 – Margaret Hoepfl Berckenhoff, Margaret Molnoskey

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 17 – Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck Ordination Anniv.  
Dec. 18 – Jamie & Thomas Dornak  
Dec. 19 – Deacon Milburn Kram Ordination Anniv.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** - Youth Mass (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), Breakfast w/ Santa  
**Dec. 14** – Gold Star Club Meets (K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
**Dec. 16** – Champions Club Meets (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) – 9<sup>th</sup>– 11<sup>th</sup> C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – No C.C.D.



### Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule

**Dec. 16** – 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 23** – Dress Rehearsal 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. All participants, parent helpers and choir members must attend.

*The Christmas Pageant will be part of the Vigil Mass. A second collection will be taken up during the Mass for the Poor.*

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### Retired Fund for Religious

The annual appeal for Retired Religious raises funds for aged nuns who served ministering to the needs of others for many years. The Incarnate Word Sisters taught in St. Joseph's Catholic School here in Moulton for free for many years and after the school closed they continued to serve by teaching C.C.D. They need your help now.

*Be generous.*

## Parish Advent Penance Services



Praha – Wednesday, December 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Moulton – Thursday, December 17, 5:30 p.m.**

Come express your desire for holiness by embracing your brokenness. Join us celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
See Bulletin Insert*

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD



**Today** – Breakfast with Santa  
**Dec. 14** – Altar Society Christmas Luncheon  
**Dec. 16** – Christmas Pageant Practice  
– Parish Penance Service, Praha  
– KC/CDA Christmas Party  
**Dec. 17** – Parish Penance Service, Moulton  
**Dec. 23** – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal  
**Dec. 24 & 25** – Annual Christmas Collection for the Poor and Needy

### Christmas Altar Flowers Needed

You are encouraged to make a donation.

Extra Christmas Flower envelopes are available in church.

**Communion to the Homebound:** All homebound parishioners who want to receive Holy Communion on Christmas Day do please contact Hattie Olle by Dec. 21.

**Christmas Day Songs of Praise:** Join others parishioners at the 10 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. Contact Sharon Etlinger.

**St. Joseph's Altar Society Raffle Tickets for sale** after Mass, at the Parish Office and at local businesses.

### Praha Cookbooks For Sale After Mass This Weekend

They make great Christmas Gifts. Proceeds from the sale go to the St. Mary's Praha Restoration Fund.