

March 12, 2017

Lent
Second Sunday



Listen To Him

The theme of the mercy of God seen in last Sunday's readings carries over to today's. As Abraham was called to be the source of blessing for all others, so too Peter, James and John are chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus. Once again, the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives and in the end they point to Jesus to whom we are invited to look for inspiration during this Holy Season.

Today's Bulletin is printed
in memory of Grace Schoenvogel
and is sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 15
8:00 a.m. Alice Cinadr
Thursday, March 16
8:00 a.m. Helen Pesek
Friday, March 17
8:00 a.m. Sophie & August Kasper, Frank Kloesel
Saturday, March 18
6:30 p.m. Lydia & Joe Raab
Sunday, March 19
6:30 a.m. Robert Lukas
9:30 a.m. Mary Pavlicek

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Joyce Luksovsky.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Christine Dierschke.

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

February 21, 2017

St. Joseph's – Moulton

Dear Pastor,

Your goal for the 2017 DSA is \$17,303.

The diocesan goal for 2016 was \$1,936,221. The goal for 2017 increased \$58,079 for a total of \$1,994,300. Enclosed for your review is the DSA brochure for 2017 that will be mailed out to our list of registered households on Friday, February 24, 2017.

You will be receiving another letter around the 15th of March informing you of the amount collected towards your 2016 goal and whether you owe additional monies or will be receiving a refund.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Brown
Business Manager

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Ida Lee Koranek
Mary Lou Dierschke
Diana & Harvey Kloesel

SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society

The Altar Society members express their thanks to everyone who supported the Noodle Soup Dinner by donating prizes for the raffle, buying raffle tickets, bringing desserts and coming out to support our Annual event. Thanks also to Diana & Harvey Kloesel (Kloesel's Steakhouse) for providing equipment and coordinating the Noodle Soup Dinner, Alley BBQ for providing additional equipment for cooking the meal and to all those who helped make our annual fundraiser a success.

St. Joseph's Altar Society

Christian Mothers

The Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Bernadette Fikac, 1201 CR 293, Shiner, TX 77984.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m. Family Room

– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., YMC

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

– Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., YMC

– Knights of Columbus Meeting, Moulton Oaks Hall

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– KC Bingo, Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament After Mass

– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church

– Fish Fry, serving starts at 5 p.m., Parish Hall

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Following The Call

Abram's transformation from a wanderer to the blessed patriarch of many peoples is proclaimed to us today. Were it not for his faithful relationship with God, he may have lived out his life tending his flock in Haran, which may have proven to be a safer route for him to follow. Abram's willingness to risk being transformed by God into Abraham calls forth similar courage in us.

St. Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy acknowledges the hardships entailed in being transfigured by our relations with Jesus and the Gospel. He is however quick to point out that these hardships as well as inner transfigurations for believers are not purely human endeavors, but come through grace. The process of transfiguration begins by grace and it continues until we become clearer reflections of Jesus in the world. The voice from the cloud describes Jesus as one *with whom I am well pleased*. For that reason, the disciples are instructed, *Listen to him* – obey the obedient one so as to be transfigured like him through suffering, service and love.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 12 – Dayton Mejias, Margaret Hanslik,
Madison Rothbauer, Rose Rothbauer,
Elizabeth Wenske
Mar. 13 – Shannon Baker, Madeleine Wenske
Mar. 15 – Benjamin Siegel
Mar. 16 – Annette Fojtik, Jerry Fojtik, Lorene Koncaba,
Hannah Perez, Kay Pilat, Dalton Thomas,
Jeanette Tousek
Mar. 17 – Carolyn Arledge, Ann Koncaba, LaSae Rother
Mar. 18 – Donna Perez, David Rothbauer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 12 – Rosalie & Timothy Koncaba

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (7th Grade) / C.C.D.
Mar. 13 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Mar. 15 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.
Mar. 18 – 4th Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

THANK YOU FROM FR. RAMSEY

Fr. Ramsey enjoyed his stay here while Fr. Gabriel was away. He is grateful to the parishioners who paid for his dinners at Kloesel's Steakhouse and to all those who in various ways helped him with the weekend Masses.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Catalina (Cathy) Perez

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



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.*

Departing In Silence After Mass On Sundays of Lent



This year on Sundays of Lent we will adopt the ancient tradition of departing in silence after the Good Friday Service. After the *Dismissal by the Priest or Deacon* there will be no Recessional Song. All will pause for silent prayer and then depart in silence to emphasize the penitential nature of the Season of Lent.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

An hour after Mass on Fridays of Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Fish Fry - \$8.00 Per Plate

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Dessert

* 20 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact Nancy Tomek or the parish office if you can help.



We thank all those who are working behind the scene preparing for the Fish Fry; helping fry fish/cook; serving the plates; running the to-go line; helping with desserts; washing dishes and cleaning up each week. It is all part our Lenten sacrifice. We also thank all those who come out and support the Fish Fry. All proceeds from the Fish Fry go to charity.

Through the generosity of the volunteers and supporters we have in the past helped members of our community, financially supported parishioners in difficult situations, made donations to L.A.M.B., community organizations, and to many charities. It is a way of reaching out in compassion and ministering to others.

Lenten Day of Reflection and Adoration

Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's

Please join us for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. For more information contact Lorrie Adamek at 361-293-1300.