

February 11, 2018

## Ordinary Time

### Sixth Sunday



### No Outcasts in Jesus' Eyes

Leprosy in the ancient world was a dreaded fatal disease that rendered its victims not only desperately ill but also outcasts in a society that referred to lepers as the "living dead." Their contemporaries thought that the sickness was a consequence of sin.

Rather than recoiling in horror and blaming the leper for breaking the law requiring him to keep his distance, Jesus was moved with compassion. He touches the leper, cures him and sends him to the authorities to legally affirm the healing. Jesus restores the man to health and full participation in society. Jesus' example challenges us to rethink our attitude toward the outcasts in our midst and how we would each act in a similar situation.

Today's Bulletin is printed  
in memory of Larry Seifert by his family.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday February 14

8:15 a.m. For the Youth of the Parish

7:00 p.m. For the Welfare of the Parish

Thursday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Geraldine & Edward Toth

Friday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Boyce John Michalec

Saturday, February 17

6:30 p.m. Lillie & Henry Dornak

Sunday, February 18

6:30 a.m. Annette Fojtik

9:30 a.m. Frank, Floyd & Cecilia Castro

### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

**First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Larry Seifert.

### Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner February 25

Mark your calendar. See insert for more information.

### ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Vera Berckenhoff*

*Mary Lou Dierschke*

*Lynette & Myron Danz*

*Shannon & L. A. Simper*

### RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

*In Memory of Vera Berckenhoff: Nancy Sivyer*

### THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church,

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of 22 boxes of food to the Manna Food Pantry. It will be a gift of love for many qualified, low income families in our community. It is gratifying to know that we as volunteers can count on your support to face the many challenges for our organization to meet the needs and provide the support or guidance to help families during difficult times.

The Manna Food Pantry is a 501(c) (3) and all donations are tax deductible according to the IRS regulations. Since we are an all-volunteer organization, 100% of your donation will be used strictly for our clients.

With your gift you give many new hope. We pray that God will continue to bless you for sharing with us and we thank Him for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
**Christie Wheelock**, Volunteer

### MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – MARCH 8-11

We would like to invite you to join us for a life-changing weekend. It will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. Applications are available at the main entrance of church. *For more information contact Joe Pilat (361.772.6420), Steven Blahuta (361.798.6968) or Kevin Bartos (361.772.5628).*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TUES. – Quilting Ladies Meet, Quilting Room

WED. – *Ash Wednesday, see Mass schedule. Distribution of Ashes to the Homebound and to the Residents of the Nursing Home.*

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

– Fish Fry, serving starts at 5:00 p.m., Parish Hall

THURS. – Quilting Ladies Meet, Quilting Room

– Men's A.C.T.S. Team Meets, 7:00-9:00 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., Church

– Fish Fry, serving starts at 5:00 p.m., Parish Hall

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any

Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

**Preparing for the Season of Lent:** See insert.

## REFLECTION

### *"I Do Will It"*

The curing of the leper today by Jesus is very touching. Jesus not only demonstrates his power over illness, he asserts his authority over the law. He touches the unclean. Then, as if to make up for his boldness, he asks the former leper to observe the law by offering to the priest what Moses prescribed.

The second part of the passage deals with Mark's concern about the "secret" of Jesus' real mission. The warning to the healed leper is Mark's way of showing us that Jesus is far more than a miracle worker, and that healing at this point is a mere foreshadowing of the ultimate healing he will accomplish on the cross. Likewise, the leper's inability to keep the secret is Mark's way of showing us how great the secret is. Jesus is becoming such a well-known figure, (and often for the wrong reason). The ultimate horror of the cross and the wonder of the resurrection will establish his true identity for his followers. Then the choice to follow him becomes more challenging. To ride on the coattails of a wonder worker is a thrilling experience. To follow in the footsteps of a crucified Messiah is quite another. To be a disciple of Jesus is not to be free of wounds and scars, but to be, like him, a wounded healer.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 12- John Gomez, Heather Rebecak  
Feb. 13 – Linda Mikulencak  
Feb. 14 – Agnes Jasek, Debbie Rother  
Feb. 15 – Timothy Kleihege  
Feb. 16 – Gladys Mikulencak

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 11 – Lillian & Pat Kubicek  
Feb. 12 – Barbara & Allen Hermes  
– Windi & Matt Michal  
– Cleo & Leroy Nieto  
Feb. 14 – Mava & Marcus Jalufka

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – Youth Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade); C.C.D.;  
– First Communion Parents' Meeting  
**Feb. 12** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program  
**Feb. 14** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program  
– 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

**Youth Ministry Center Donation**  
*In Memory of Margaret Satsky Berckenhoff*  
*Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck*

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially  
Cynthia Beran, Delia Brigman, Margaret Chudej,  
Daniel Kresta and Maggie Mejias.

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's, Moulton: 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's, Praha: 5:30 p.m.

*"Come and admit you are a sinner in need of redemption"* is hardly an invitation the typical American would find favorable. The power of Ash Wednesday however, calls believers to their place of worship in droves to confess their sin, and even to wear a public sign of their repentance.



The blessing and administration of ashes opens this season of sorrow and mercy. Ash Wednesday has been observed throughout the universal church for over nine hundred years. It invites the baptized faithful into a spirit of repentance. Even those who do not frequent the Mass come to express their sorrow and to receive the symbol of repentance. This is a day of fast and abstinence. The faithful are asked to abstain from meat today. That includes poultry but not fish and seafood. Still, the idea is to eat simply, not lavishly as a sign of self-denial and repentance.

### 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 and all-day on the First Friday of the month. This could be a good substitute if you cannot participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

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

**Lenten Bible Study:** Wednesdays of Lent, 7:00 p.m., Family Room.

**Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving:** As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.\*

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

\***Lenten Second Collection (Rice Bowl):**  
Begins next Sunday.

**Lenten Fish Fry:** As part of our Lenten sacrifice we participate and support the Lenten Fish Fry. All proceeds from the Fry go to charity. It is a way of reaching out in compassion and ministering to others. Consider baking a cake(s) for dessert making a monetary offering to support this noble cause. *See Insert for more details.*

**Fish Fry Donations:** We thank the following for their contributions to the Fish Fry.

Irene & Steve Nieto - \$50 Gladys Seifert - \$100  
James Pfeil & Tracie Holub - \$100 Dale Seifert- \$50

**Fish Fry Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent - \$9 per plate**

Ash Wednesday Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Dessert

\* **20 desserts are needed for every Fish Fry.**

Contact Nancy Tomek or Dolores Scott if you can bring a dessert.