

March 24, 2019

Lent

Third Sunday



Living Water – Gift of God

Moses in today's first reading is presented as frustrated with the incessant and ungrateful grumbling of the Israelites, yet God responds with patience, providing a supply of water from the rock to the thirsty wanderers. The gift of water in an otherwise waterless desert became a sign of God's perpetual presence in the midst of his people.

The Samaritan woman in the gospel will also be given to drink of the water of life; through her, Jesus will teach each of us how to similarly satisfy all our thirsts in him.

Today's Bulletin is in memory of Grace Schoenfeld sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Bertha Schutz, Clara Zeisberg

Thursday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Hermina Motal, Dolores Tousignant

Friday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Jim, Rosalie & John Kubicek

Saturday, March 30

6:30 p.m. Ernest & Steve Kubenka

Sunday, March 31

6:30 a.m. Delia & Zachary Brigman

9:30 a.m. Parish Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

* We return to the Cycle A readings of Lent on Sundays.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Emmie & George Michalec.

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$17,333.00
Contributions So Far \$ 310.00

We thank the following for kicking off the 2019 Appeal:
Barbara & Eugene Anderle Betty & Harry Maskey
Floris Ann & David Simper Niki & Chad Chaloupka
Catholic Daughters Court #2018

Do please consider making a donation.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone's life. Be generous.



**Prepare to Celebrate Easter
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service**

Monday, April 8 Moulton 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10 Praha 5:30 p.m.

Priests from the area will be assisting.

* No scheduled confessions in Moulton during Holy Week.

Easter Eggs: We need 15 dozen eggs for the baskets to the homebound and the Eater Egg Hunt. Plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for the eggs are also welcome. To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

An hour after Mass for on Fridays of Lent.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent, 6 p.m.

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

Lenten Fish Fry - \$10.00 Per Plate

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Red Potatoes, Beans, Dessert

* 25 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact Dolores Scott or the parish office to help.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TUES./THURS. – No Quilting Group This Week

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

THURS. – 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 begins at 5:00 p.m., Social Center

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral

Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Journey of Faith to A Destination Unknown

Each year at this time the Gospels hold forth teachers to guide and inspire us on our shared journey. Our mentor today is a “thirsty” Samaritan woman. Because of her physical thirst, she initially misunderstood Jesus’ offer of living water. Jacob’s well had satisfied the physical life of his descendants for centuries, but Jesus supplemented Jacob in offering *living water* that would give eternal life. Even without a bucket, Jesus and his gift of living water was greater than Jacob. Jesus’ gift is the truth of his teaching and he invites the thirsty to be satisfied with the word of God proclaimed to us. His invitation and her encounter with him set in motion a process of transformation whereby the woman evolved from a sinner to a witness.

God continues to reach out to us, offering us what satisfies. Like the Samaritan woman we must first come thirsting for God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 24 – James Filipp, Shirley Orsak

Mar. 25 – Gloria Manzano

Mar. 26 – Nancy Tomek

Mar. 27 – Seth Beyer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 28 – Kathy & Marvin Dornak

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D. (Spring Break)

Mar. 25 – K-2nd Grade After School Program

Mar. 27 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.

Mar. 30 – C.C.D. Students Lead the Saturday Evening Rosary (make-up day)

Next Sunday – C.C.D.



Moulton Easter Picnic – April 21



Plans for The Easter Picnic are gradually coming together. There will be a **Picnic Chairpersons Meeting next Sunday in the Family Room after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** See inserts for more information about the Picnic.

Work is steadily progressing on the Social Center. Since the Church Picnic the inside has been taped, floated, textured and primed. The restrooms have been completed. The serving area, cooking area and part of the stew/chicken frying room have been tiled. We will continue working on it as funds are available. Amy & Chuck Greive have donated an additional 30 tables for the Center. We thank them for their donation. To make a donation contact the Parish Office.

ORIENTATION

The Midpoint of Lent

Are you at the midpoint of Lent and not much is going on? Maybe you began with the best of intentions, but you are not sure what you’re doing or what you want to be doing. ***Can your Lent be rescued? Yes. It doesn’t take long for God, when you are ready.***

The first step to beginning again has already begun. You have the desire for something real during Lent. What you need is a real desire – a real sense of expectation that God has something for you to hear, to learn, to change, and you want to be ready to listen. This desire can co-exist with fear, with resistance, with bad habits that have been obstacles in the past. God doesn’t need much of an opening to begin to free us and show us a transforming love. Once we say we want to make something of these precious days remaining in Lent then we can start naming some more specific desires.

It usually takes a little reflection, a bit of honest examination of conscience to really see what is getting in the way of being a follower of Jesus. It may be a streak of stubbornness or impatience or harshness that keeps putting us at odds with people. Perhaps there is an old wound or a fresh experience of hurt or loss that has turned into a festering anger that robs you of simple joys and sorrows or compassion for suffering of others.

Maybe you are obsessed with how you look or you may be compensating for some emptiness or loneliness or sadness or insecurity by trying to fill in what is missing with quite temporary satisfaction – over-eating, drinking too much, etc. Perhaps your conflicts with your spouse are getting to a bad place and you refuse to die to yourself in loving him/her.

Maybe you really have not paid attention to the needs of the poor. After some reflection you may just realize you’re not very grateful for what has been given you, and therefore, you’re just not very happy, generous or free.

Lent begins when you can say, “Help Me Lord!” Now you can turn to the Lord with some real concrete desires. You can practice waking up each morning and naming your desire. If you have a plan, you are more likely to follow it.

- *What are you going to give up each day?* Something you need to fast from, abstain from every day. Whenever you feel the temptation to do something that is a bad pattern, recognize it quickly and refrain from doing it. Practice some response that will replace it. It is basically training in self-discipline, for the purpose of letting God’s grace have a chance to work in you.

- *How can you be generous today?* Almsgiving is an important part of Lent. For most of us it involves being more generous to the poor. It is again, all about de-selfish-ing ourselves, so that God can free us to be more comfortable with the graces of gratitude and generosity.

Give Lent a new start in the days ahead.

God is offering you more than you can ask or imagine.

– Culled from Praying Lent, Creighton University