

March 5, 2017

Lent
First Sunday



Choose Christ

Today's readings lead us from the garden to join Jesus in the desert to be tempted by the devil. There we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. Jesus shows us we are not doomed. Our God reaches out to us by showing us his compassion and gives us Jesus as a model for our faith journey to new life.

Today's Bulletin is printed
in memory of Constance Jean Lawrence
and is sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 7

6:00 p.m. Welfare of the Parish

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Albina & Frank Novak

Thursday, March 9

8:00 a.m. Melvin Schanen

Friday, March 10

8:00 a.m. David & Mark Migl, Clarence & Edgar Raab

Saturday, March 11

6:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Anna & Frank Kalisek
Family

Sunday, March 12

6:30 a.m. Paul Machalec Jr.

9:30 a.m. Ross Jasek

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



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

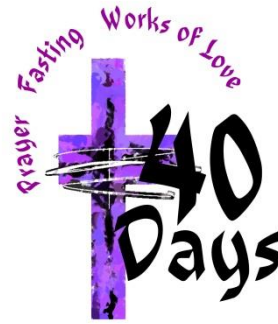
First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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



**Lent: Forty Holy Days – A Joyful Walk
Toward Holy Easter**
See insert.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Celestine & Rudy Darilek
Rose Rohlfing

In Memory of Johnny Meisetschleager
Rose Selzer
Mary Lou Dierschke

In Memory of Annie Schmidt
Lucy Schoenfeld
Mary Lou Dierschke

In Memory of Helen Vasek
Sheryl & Leon Vasek

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

In Memory of Annie Schmidt
In Memory of Lee Schoenfeld
Nancy Sivyver

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– Lenten Mini-Retreat, Mass & Class, 6:00-7:30 p.m.,
Family Room

WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers after Mass,
Family Room

– Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., YMC

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

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– KC Bingo, former KC 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.

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Ida Lee Koranek

John David "Johnny" Meisetschleager

and for the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Jesus, Way To Life

The story of Jesus' temptation immediately follows the story of the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Hunger is the occasion of the devil's first assault because Jesus has fasted for forty days and forty nights. Those days remind us of the forty years the people of God spent on their way to the Promised Land. The desert is a place of trials as well as of revelations: angels are near Jesus and serve him. Solitude places us humans in the presence of God and ourselves without any possible escape. It forces us to make radical choices. The choice of *yes* or *no* to God cannot be made without a struggle against ourselves and the solicitations of the devil. The devil departs and peace returns to us when we say *yes* to God's call. Lent is a time to withdraw into solitude in order to discern God's call. That is how Jesus did it. Let us follow his way to Life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 5 – Stephanie Fojtik
Mar. 6 – Jessica Fikac, Regina Kleihege
Mar. 8 – Toby Rothbauer
Mar. 9 – Georgia Berckenhoff
Mar. 10 – Larry Berckenhoff
Mar. 11 – Shelby Rothbauer, Patrick Wenske

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 5 – Roberta & Daniel Mejias

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Mar. 6 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Mar. 8 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.
Mar. 11 – 5th Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (7th Grade) / C.C.D.

Making a Difference This Lent



We often think of our inability to make a difference in people's lives. Have you been in the same room with one mosquito at night? You can tell the difference it makes. Think of something small you can do to make a difference in somebody's life.

Support the Fish Fry on Fridays and other charitable works. It is our Parish Family of making a difference in others' lives. All proceeds go to charity. 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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MARCH 12, 2017**

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.*

Parish Weekly Mini-Retreat

Tuesdays of Lent: Mass 6:00 p.m. Class 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join other parishioners for Lenten Reflection and Prayer.

Bring your Bible.

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, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn, Dessert

* 20 desserts are needed each Friday. Contact Nancy Tomek or the parish office.

Fish Fry Donations

We thank the following for their monetary donations:

Angie & Chad Rothbauer - \$20

Bernadette & Darren Fikac - \$30

We are off to a good start. We thank all those who are helping in various ways with our Fish Fry this Lent.

ORIENTATION

THE SUNDAY LECTIONARY

Overview

The First Sunday of Lent each year focuses on Jesus' fast and temptation in the desert. It immediately places before our eyes Christ's victory over Satan, whose dominion of humans he destroys, calling all of us to fight, with him, in a similar combat against the enemy of humanity.

The Second Sunday's focus is on the Transfiguration of the Lord. It imparts a certain character to Lent by offering for our contemplation Christ raised up into glory after suffering his passion.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays are the frameworks of the preparation for Easter.

- The Third Sunday: The Samaritan Woman.
- The Fourth Sunday: The cure of the man born blind.
- The Fifth Sunday: The raising of Lazarus.

We have here three baptismal teachings on Water and Spirit, The Light of faith, Death and Life.

These Readings are directed primarily to Catechumens and also rousing the baptismal faith of those around them. For the whole Christian community as well as those to be baptized (the Catechumens), Lent is a baptismal journal.

The Scriptures read during Lent proclaim the sorts of fasting and Lent that are pleasing to God and make us holy because they are inspired by the love of God and neighbor.