

March 6, 2016

Lent

Fourth Sunday



To See As God's Sees

Jesus' anointing of the man born blind brought light and renewed hope into the man's darkened life.

Liberated from his blindness, the man began to see and to believe in Jesus. His seeing and his believing, challenge us to leave behind our personal darkness and live in the light of Christ. When he was blind, he posed no threat to anybody in his helplessness. Jesus' gift of sight and the man's willingness to use it made him both a target and a threat to others because he proclaimed Jesus as a man of God. Are you willing to follow Jesus into the light?

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 9
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Svetlik Family
Thursday, March 10
8:00 a.m. Alice & Albert Pilat
Friday, March 11
8:00 a.m. Frank & Floyd Castro, Georgie Okruhlik
Saturday, March 12
6:30 p.m. Mary & Anton Puklrabek
Sunday, March 13
6:30 a.m. Adolph C. Darilek
9:30 a.m. Vinklarek & Petru Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible. (*Cycle A Readings*).

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially Irene Gold and Brandon Smolik.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Annie & Bill Steinocher.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

February 18, 2016

St. Joseph's – Moulton

Dear Pastor,

The diocesan goal for the year 2015 was \$1,826,700. This year it is \$1,936,221. This is an increase of \$109,597. Your parish goal for 2015 was **\$17,015**. This year it is **\$17,080**. Enclosed for your review is the DSA brochure for 2016 that will be mailed out to our list of registered households on Friday, February 26, 2016.

You will be receiving another letter around the 15th of March informing you of the amount collected towards your 2015 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 Lillie & Henry Dornak
Lauren & Kelby Grohmann*

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

*In Memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak
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Orientation

Samuel is warned in the first reading not to judge by outward appearances, because God judges more deeply, what is in the heart. God seems to have a different way of seeing.



Seeing is the theme of today's Gospel as well. Jesus gives sight to a man born blind. The curing takes place on the

Sabbath which brings the Pharisees on to the stage.

The Pharisees remain blind by seeing only according to their former ways. The man (representing us) who was blind now sees Jesus, worships him and follows him. Our Lenten liturgies and religious practices are all intended to lead us to the "pool" to see Jesus in faith, to hear more clearly who we really are and to trust this Person of Light.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – K.J.Z.T. Society Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Family Room. Come, help us plan for our K.J.Z.T. District I Meeting which will be held in Moulton on April 10.
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURS. – KC Bingo, KC Hall
FRI. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament After Mass
– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church
– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5 p.m., Parish Hall
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13.

REFLECTION

On Trial For Jesus

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent we hear the story of Jesus who is the light of the world, the one who brings light by bringing sight to the man born blind.

This is the same Jesus who responds with living water to our thirst. This Jesus as we will hear next Sunday raises us as he raised Lazarus from the dead.

This passage of John is a sandwich – at the beginning and the end we hear about Jesus and the man born blind. In the middle of the passage there are four separate trial scenes where people are being questioned and judged about what they have seen and heard. The question in these trials is: What is the truth?

The first trial takes place after the man has been healed and goes home to his neighbors who do not believe it is him. All the man born blind does is tell the story of what he experienced: *I met a man and he healed me.*

The second trial happens before the Pharisees, who will not stand for the man born blind's story. For them anybody from God cannot break the Sabbath Law by healing on the Sabbath. The man again tells his story: *I met a man and he healed me.*

In the third trial, the Pharisees bring in the man's parents. They plead with Fifth. "We don't know! He is an adult ask him!" they say.

In the fourth trial, the Pharisees who would not take "No" for an answer because they thought they knew how God acts in the world, brought in the man for more questioning. "We know this man who healed you is a sinner." In all these trials the man is faithful to what he experienced. He tells the truth: *I met a man and he healed me.*

We learn from this story that when we accept the healing offered by Jesus, when we are baptized into him like the man born blind washes in the pool, we will undergo the exact same trials that Jesus had to undergo.

To be baptized is to be commissioned to take Jesus' place in the world. We remain faithful to our experiences of Jesus in our life as we are sent to give **water, light, and life** to a world that needs it badly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 6 – Jessica Fikac, Regina Kleihege
Mar. 7 – Judy Haase
Mar. 8 – Toby Rothbauer
Mar. 9 – Georgie Berckenhoff
Mar. 10 – Larry Berckenhoff
Mar. 11 – Shelby Rothbauer, Patrick Wenske
Mar. 12 – Margaret Hanslik, Dayton Mejias, Madison Rothbauer, Rose Rothbauer, Elizabeth Wenske

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 12 – Rosalie & Timothy Koncaba

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Rejoice Sunday

With this week we begin the second part of Lent. This Sunday is traditionally called *Laetare* Sunday, (Rejoice Sunday) the midpoint in the Lenten season when we desire to celebrate the approaching mystery of our salvation with greater freedom and greater joy. We are joyful because we are much closer to the renewal of our Baptism. The rose-colored vestments which replace the violet of the previous weeks mark our joyful disposition.

The covering of statues and art with purple for Lent is an old custom. Before 1970, crosses and other images in Catholic churches were traditionally covered with purple veils during the final two weeks of Lent for what was called Passiontide. When the missal was published in 1970 the option was given to Bishops Conferences to observe the custom or not. Although the U.S. Bishops, as a body have not taken up the particular question of covering images during the last two weeks of Lent, the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy stated in 2006 that parishes may carry on this tradition if they wish.

The cross on which Christ was crucified would be veiled during the penitential season. One of the purposes of the Lenten veiling is the joyful restoration of the Cross as a sign of victory during the Triduum, the three-day celebration.

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Be generous.

Easter Flowers: To make a donation in memory of your loved ones, drop your Easter Flower envelope in the collection basket or mail slot at the rectory. Extra envelopes available at the main entrance to church.

Easter Eggs Donations: Cal-Maine – 15 Dz. eggs
Pat & Tom Lawrence – 50 dz. plastic eggs & candy
To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: for an hour after Mass for adoration and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent.

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

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

Lenten Fish Fry: Next Friday's Menu - Fish, Hush Puppies, Broccoli/Rice, Corn, Dessert. \$8.00 per plate.

Insert: Lenten Penance Service, Triduum/Easter Schedule.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Mar. 7 – After School Program (K-2nd Grade)
Mar. 9 – After School Program (3rd – 6th Grade)
– 9th -11th Grade C.C.D.
Mar. 12 – 5th Grade Leads The Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (3rd & 4th Grades), C.C.D.