

February 26, 2017

Ordinary Time
Eighth Sunday



I've Got Your Back

Through faith and trust in God's providence, Jesus' disciples become better able to turn life's pages one by one, to live each day as if it were our last, to set aside yesterday's regrets and to deal with tomorrow's struggles only when tomorrow becomes today.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Betty Martinez and is sponsored by her family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are in memory of Betty Martinez, donated by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 1

- 6:30 a.m.** For the Welfare of Parishioners
- 8:15 a.m.** For the Youth of the Parish
- 7:00 p.m.** For the Welfare of Parishioners

Thursday, March 2

- 10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Willie Bartos

Friday, March 3

- 8:00 a.m. Robert Bohuslav, Agnes Marko, Donald Michalec, Dannis Wagner, Robert Weitzel

Saturday, March 4

- 6:30 p.m. Kobby Yebo-Okrah

Sunday, March 5

- 6:30 a.m. Dorothy & Eugene Barta
- 9:30 a.m. Ella & Frank Kloesel

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 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: 51

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Cathy Perez.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Trinidad & Marcelino Nieto.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner Today



Come out and support the ladies – they do so much for the Church. Raffle tickets available for a quilt and other prizes.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, Linda Pilat
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. - Anna & Michael Fishbeck
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, *open*
- 11:30 am.-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyver, *open*
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyver, James Wenske
- 12:30-1:00 p.m. – James Wenske, *open*
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *open*
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *open*
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, Cathy Wenske
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Angie Jalufka
- 5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent
\$8.00 per plate.

Ash Wednesday Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Roasted Red Potatoes, Dessert

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Dessert

* 20 desserts are needed for Ash Wednesday and for each Friday. Contact Nancy Tomek to bring desserts.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WEDNESDAY – *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:p.m., Parish Hall

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– Lenten Bible Study Begins, 7:00 p.m., YMC. All are Welcome. **The Lenten Bible Study sessions will be on Wednesdays for the remainder of the Season of Lent.*

– KC Bingo, former KC Hall

FRIDAY– First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Family Room

– 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.

Bulletin Sponsors Needed: March 5, 12 & 19

To sponsor the Bulletin contact the Parish Office.

REFLECTION

Trust In God

During these Sundays of Ordinary Time we have been with the disciples in the presence of Jesus, listening to his instructions about discipleship. From the Fourth to the Seventh Sundays, we heard the first part of the Sermon on the Mount, which ended with the command: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The second part of the sermon, begins by showing in what spirit the disciples must accomplish traditional good works, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them." We then skip the first 23 verses of Matthew 6 which picture Jesus teaching his disciples about almsgiving, about prayer – the "Our Father", about fasting, and about not storing treasures on earth. Today's Gospel reading begins when Jesus says, "No one can serve two Masters ... You cannot serve both God and mammon." To be a disciple of Christ one must make a wholehearted choice to serve God. Love of God must be the top priority. All other *loves* must not be in competition with the primary commitment. Jesus then teaches us as disciples that we have no reason to be overly concerned about material things, rather we should trust God to provide what is essential. Again, worrying doesn't help because we cannot by worrying add a single moment to our life-span. If we "seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness," everything else that we need will be provided. All is in God's hands, we only have to trust.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 26 – Cecil Wood Jr.
Feb. 27 – Stephen Moeller
Feb. 28 – Marvin Dornak, Daniel Jasek,
Antoinette Rothbauer, Kenneth Zidek
Mar. 1 – Doris Foster, Donald Rothbauer,
Georgia Roznovsky
Mar. 3 – George Cinadr
Mar. 4 – Eugene Kresta

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 26 – Donna & Thomas Perez

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Feb. 27 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Mar. 1 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
Mar. 4 – 6th Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Mark Your Calendars

May 7 – Last Day of C.C.D.
May 14 – First Communion
May 27 – Confirmation Retreat / Baccalaureate
May 28 – Confirmation
Jul. 10-14 – Vacation Bible School

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's, Moulton: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's, Praha: 5:00 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.

Parish Weekly Mini-Retreat

Tuesdays of Lent, Family Room

Mass – 6:00 p.m. Class – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

What does it mean for you to live as a child of God? Join other parishioners on Tuesday evenings this Lent for Lenten Reflection and Prayer. To participate, bring your Bible. Avail yourselves the opportunity of walking closer with God this Lent.

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., YMC. Bring your Bible. *Contact Anna Bartos.*

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. We have in the past helped with 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. Consider baking something for dessert or making a monetary offering to support this noble cause.