

December 10, 2017

ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent



Shaken To Advent Awareness

On this Second Sunday of Advent the sacred texts proclaimed in our hearing speak a message intended to shake us into a renewed awareness of God's coming into our lives. We are reminded the coming of God in Jesus will demand that crooked ways of sin be made straight and that the rough places in our lives be shaken into smoothness. The prospect of Jesus' coming should shake us also with the realization of our need for penance and prayer, with a renewed resolve toward holy conduct and devotion.

Today's Bulletin is printed in thanksgiving to God.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Joyce Kresta by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, December 13
8:00 a.m. David Migl
- Thursday, December 14
8:00 a.m. James Kolar
- Friday, December 15
8:00 a.m. Agnes Marko, Tillie & Joe Schoenfeld,
Larry Seifert, Emily & Johnnie Wagner
- Saturday, December 16
6:30 p.m. Edith Beran
- Sunday, December 17
6:30 a.m. Agnes Moeller
9:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Hanzel-Petru Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

- First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- Responsorial Psalm:** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
- Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Darcy Fisbeck
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Rosie, Joe W., Allen & Leroy Fishbeck.

Parish Advent Penance Services



Moulton - Tuesday, December 12,
5:00 p.m. - ??
Praha - Wednesday, December 13,
4:30 p.m. - ??
Join other parishioners at the Penance Service. A good opportunity to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming.

*Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
See Bulletin Insert*

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment	\$17,303.00
Contributions So Far	\$15,745.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 1,558.00

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. With your generous donations we should be able to pay off the remaining debt to the bishop before year's end. We are counting on all who have not yet contributed to the fund so far to do their part.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Annette Fojtik
Mary Lou Dierschke Donna & Tommy Perez
In Memory of Claudette Fojtik: Mary Lou Dierschke*

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

*In Memory of Annette Fojtik
Gladys Seifert
Shirley Welfl
Angeline Jalufka
Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck
In Memory of Helen Machart: Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck*

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

*In Memory of Annette Fojtik
Beth & Aaron Gaertner
Lorrie & Michael Janecek*

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY - Altar Society Meeting/Christmas Party, 2:00 p.m., Family Room
- Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- TUESDAY - CDA Cookies to the Homebound. See article.
- Quilting Ladies Meet
- WEDNESDAY - Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
- Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- Christmas Pageant Practice, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Family Room
- THURSDAY - Quilting Ladies Meet
- KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY - Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Our God Who Comes To Save Us

John the Baptist, like his predecessors made his announcement to people who were struggling to maintain the hope that God would hear their prayer and send them a savior. His contemporaries had a great spiritual hunger. Despite the harshness of his call to repentance, they flocked to him, acknowledged their sins and were baptized. John's camel-hair clothing and leather belt identified him as a prophet. John's diet underscored the two-edged nature of his message as well as the good news that Jesus would bring. Those who accepted the Gospel of Salvation in faith would know blessings (signified by the honey); those who did not were planting the seeds of their own destruction (symbolized by the locusts).

John's voice speaks of making preparations for one who is not only greater than he, but is greater than even the emperor. He is the Lord whose way is prepared not with stones that pave a new road, but with hearts whose faith has created a welcome for him. Hearts that have turned from all else to God – this is the welcome that will receive the One who comes to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 10 – Dale Fojtik, James Freytag, Eli Rother
Dec. 11 – Dolores Scott, Murlene Simper
Dec. 12 – John Machacek
Dec. 13 – Christine Wenske
Dec. 15 – Jodie Raabe
Dec. 16 – Amy Klmitchek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 10 – Cleo & Leroy Nieto, Sr.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (4th Grade)/Confirmation Enrollment,
– Breakfast With Santa

Dec. 11 – After School Program, K-2nd Grade

Dec. 13 – After School Program, 3rd-6th Grade
– Christmas Pageant Practice
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.

Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Christmas Holidays)

Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule

***Dec. 13** – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

***Dec. 18** – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 23 – Dress Rehearsal *time to be announced.*

* **Parents are reminded to send a note to the school informing the school officials that their child(ren) will be**

going to the Church after school on December 13 & 18.

The Christmas Pageant will be part of the Vigil Mass. A second collection will be taken up during Mass for the Poor.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Retired Fund For Religious

The annual appeal for Retired Religious raises funds for aged nuns who served ministering to the needs of others for many years. The Incarnate Word Sisters taught in St. Joseph's Catholic School here in Moulton for free for many years and after the school closed they continued to serve by teaching C.C.D. They need your help now. *Be generous.*

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD



Advent Transforms Us

The Season Sharpens Our Waiting, Deepens Our Hope

The Season is a new time for us to wait for God's entry into our world. This is the cause for celebrations and the Church invites us to make adequate preparation to mark the event.

**Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight his path. (Mark 1:2-3)**

Advent / Christmas Schedule

Today – Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 11 – Altar Society Meeting/Christmas Party

Dec. 12 – CDA Christmas Cookies to the Homebound
– Parish Penance Service, Moulton

Dec. 13 – Christmas Pageant Practice

– Parish Penance Service, Praha

Dec. 18 – Christmas Pageant Practice

Dec. 20 – KC/CDA Christmas Party

Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Dec. 24 & 25 – Second Collection For the Poor

Christmas Altar Flowers Needed: You are encouraged to make a donation. Extra Christmas Flower envelopes are available in church.

Christmas Cookies For The Homebound: The Catholic Daughters will once again be delivering cookies to be homebound. CDA members are asked to bring their homemade cookies (we have quite a few delivers to make) to the Parish Hall kitchen, December 9-12. Put your name and *CDA Cookies for the Homebound* on the container. The cookies will be packaged and delivered on December 12.

Youth/Adult Christmas Choirs: Come sing with the Choir. Contact Sharon Etlinger.

Communion To The Homebound: All homebound parishioners who want to receive communion on Christmas Day please contact Mary Ann Wenske by December 21.

Annual Christmas Collection for the Poor: A Special Collection For The Poor will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses. You may use the attached envelope for this purpose. Drop the envelope in the collection basket, drop slot or mail any time during the month of December.