

March 12, 2017

**Lent
Second Sunday**



Listen To Him

The theme of the mercy of God seen in last Sunday's readings carries over to today's. As Abraham was called to be the source of blessing for all others, so too Peter, James and John are chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus. Once again, the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives and in the end they point to Jesus to whom we are invited to look for inspiration during this Holy Season.

MASS INTENTIONS



*** Thursday, March 16**

5:30 p.m. For the Welfare of Parishioners

Saturday, March 18

4:30 p.m. Benjamin Smolik

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Ernest Chaloupka

** The Lenten Mini-Retreat Mass and Class will be held in the School.*

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT

March 16 – 19, 2017

Remember the retreatants and the team members in your prayers.

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

February 21, 2017

St. Mary's – Praha

Dear Pastor,

Your goal for the 2017 DSA is \$7,670.

The diocesan goal for 2016 was \$1,936,221. The goal for 2017 increased \$58,079 for a total of \$1,994,300. Enclosed for your review is the DSA brochure for 2017 that will be mailed out to our list of registered households on Friday, February 24, 2017.

You will be receiving another letter around the 15th of March informing you of the amount collected towards your 2016 goal and whether you owe additional monies or will be receiving a refund.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Brown
Business Manager

**St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund
Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Louis, Mary & Robert Common - \$20

In Thanksgiving To God For Good Growing Weather

Ramon Alvarez, Rio Hondo, TX - \$20

In Memory of Mary M. & Charles A. Vana

Marcella & Henry Joe Henke Jr., Hallettsville - \$10,000

We received the follow note from the Henkes:

Father Gabriel,

The Church is truly beautiful!

I was baptized in the church on the day of my birth ... and on the day of our marriage on 5/3/1959!

Marcella Vana and Henry Joe Henke, Jr.

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To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

K.J.Z.T. District II Meeting Today, March 12 at the

Moravia Dining Hall, Moravia. Registration, 1:30 p.m..

Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Lunch following meeting. Hosting

Society is Moravia, the Annunciation Society #44. All

members are cordially invited to attend.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Marjorie A. Cernosek

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Following The Call

Abram's transformation from a wanderer to the blessed patriarch of many peoples is proclaimed to us today. Were it not for his faithful relationship with God, he may have lived out his life tending his flock in Haran, which may have proven to be a safer route for him to follow. Abram's willingness to risk being transformed by God into Abraham calls forth similar courage in us.

St. Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy acknowledges the hardships entailed in being transfigured by our relations with Jesus and the Gospel. He is however quick to point out that these hardships as well as inner transfigurations for believers are not purely human endeavors, but come through grace. The process of transfiguration begins by grace and it continues until we become clearer reflections of Jesus in the world. The voice from the cloud describes Jesus as one *with whom I am well pleased*. For that reason, the disciples are instructed, *Listen to him* – obey the obedient one so as to be transfigured like him through suffering, service and love.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 12 – Margaret Hanslik
– Rosemary Klekar
March 17 – Gary Greive
March 18 – Celine Kalina

LENTEN FISH FRY



St. Joseph's Church, Moulton
Fridays of Lent

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$8.00 Per Plate
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

Dine in the Parish Hall Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go

*All proceeds go to charities.



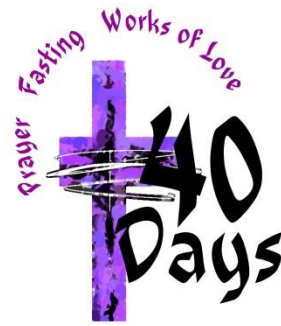
St. Rose Spring Festival Today

KC Hall, Schulenburg

Turkey Dinner, Live Auction, Cake Walk, Music ...

Proceeds to benefit St. Rose of Lima Church & School

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD



Parish Weekly Mini-Retreat

Thursdays of Lent: Mass 5:30 p.m., Class 6:00-7:00 p.m.

To participate, bring your Bible.

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

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving: 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 back of Church.

***Lenten Second Collection (Rice Bowl)**

Our Joyful Walk Toward Holy Easter See insert.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For the Sick
For Bob Coffin
For Laura Kaplas
Healing For Angel
For Safety in Travel
Prayers for My Family
For the Barber Children
Pray for my Aunt Shannon Battling Cancer
For Uncle George, Aunt Rita, Dad & Grandma
For the Soul of Frances Anderle: May She Rest in Peace
For Spiritual & Mental Health for My Daughter's Family
For Luke Tahma: Please Help Him Recover From Cancer
Pray for My Sons, Simon & Luc to Give Their Hearts to Jesus and Draw Close to Him

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued