

January 31, 2016

Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday



Called To Be God's Voice

Jesus' own struggle to speak for God began in Nazareth – and like Jeremiah, Jesus was ill-received. Jesus' statement, "no prophet gains acceptance in his native place" proved to be true for him as it has been true for prophets throughout the centuries. The prophet's rejection by his own is simply part of what it means to be a prophet. Jesus has to establish his authority as God's prophet outside Nazareth and outside the circle of family, friends and neighbors.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in thanksgiving to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Spiritual Welfare of Parishioners

Friday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Justine & Emil Beran

Saturday, February 6

6:30 p.m. Larry Seifert

Sunday, February 7

6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Josephine & E.E.
Darilek Family

9:30 a.m. James Hoepfl

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm: 138

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Remember the sick in your prayers,
especially Betty Martinez.

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

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:30 – Doris Foster, Angie Jalufka, Sharon Etlinger

9:30-10:00 a.m. – Cleo Nieto, Jimmy Bustos,
Anna & Michael Fishbeck

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck

11:00-11:30 a.m. - *Adorers Needed*

11:30-12:00 p.m. – Gussie Machalec, *open*

12:00-1:00 p.m. – Eleanor Wagner, *open*

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *open*

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*

3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*

3:30-4:00 p.m. – John Wenske, Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske

4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*

4:30-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Rose Rothbauer

5:00-5:30 p.m. – John & Jack Cinadr, Mike Janecek

5:30-6:00 p.m. – Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck, Cindy Cinadr

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of James Hoepfl

Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner - February 28

Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner may be purchased from Altar Society members, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.

Proceeds are used to purchase the hosts, altar wine, oil for the candles, altar linens, vestments, and other items needed for Liturgical celebration. The Altar Society also provides altar flowers when needed and monetary support for Church projects and programs.

Catholic Daughters Court #2018 dues of \$25 are due and can be paid to Gussie Machalec, P.O. Box 97, Moulton.

Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 can be paid to Bernadette Fikac, 1201 CR 293, Shiner, TX 77984.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

THURSDAY – KC Bingo, KC Hall

FRIDAY – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration,

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Family Room

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the souls of

George Adolph Bartos

Irene Lillie Heinrich

and the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Call To A Deeper Level

Last week's gospel stopped short with Jesus' interpretation of the prophetic passage read during the synagogue service. This week we see the shocking reaction of those who heard Jesus' words.

In our moments of fervor we might wholeheartedly answer yes to the word of God, but in reality that yes is seldom uncomplicated. Even those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words but then later sought to throw him off a cliff. They turned quickly from their initial appreciation of him. Their acceptance was shallow. So many times we behave in ways we wish we would not, or what we want to do we fail to accomplish. In other situations we might stand in awe of others and yet turn against them.

Our motives and our reactions are generally quite complicated, even if our desires to be faithful are straightforward. Despite the struggles that accompany the proclamation of God's word, despite the misunderstanding it might cause, the word of God cannot be silenced. Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image placed before us as an example for us to follow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 31 – Bailey Petrek
Feb. 1 – Kelly Nieto
Feb. 2 – Mary Ann Henry
Feb. 3 – Carlos Portales
Feb. 4 – Kevin Bartos, Wesley Rothbauer
Feb. 5 – Diana Moeller Kloesel, Pat Lombardo,
Mary Ann Rother, Georgia Wagner
Feb. 6 – Jamie Anderle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 31 – Congratulations Gloria & David Reindl
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 1 – Janet & Bill Darilek
– Marian & Ben Darilek
Feb. 5 – Deana & Kenneth Bohuslav
Feb. 6 – Tina & Eugene Trejo


YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Feb. 1 – After School Program (K-2nd Grades)
Feb. 3 – After School Program (3rd - 6th Grades)
– 9th - 11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – February 10

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.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays of Lent, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

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.

Second Collection (Rice Bowl)

Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

ORIENTATION

No Prophet Is Accepted In His Own Native Place

Why does it seem like no prophet is accepted in his native place? It is indeed easier to accept God's truth from a stranger than from a familiar face? Sometimes our idea of integrity gets in the way. We know a person too well to allow them to speak God's truth authoritatively, because we recall a time when they themselves made mistakes. Who are they to preach? At the same time, God calls all of us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, the joy and hope of which outshines the imperfections of those who proclaim it. The proclamation of the Good News, through our imperfect lives, words, and deeds, is a testimony to God's grace working in our lives. Familiar prophets, whose pasts make us wonder about their right to preach, are in fact witnesses of God's healing grace, transforming those among us with checkered pasts into witnesses of the Gospel.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Plans are being finalized for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. In the past, some parishioners expressed the wish to help with the Fish Fry but were unable to do so for various reasons. You could help this year by making a monetary donation or by baking a cake(s) for dessert. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.

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Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

___ Feb. 10 ___ Feb. 12 ___ Feb. 19 ___ Feb. 26

___ Mar. 4 ___ Mar. 11 ___ Mar. 18

My Monetary Donation: \$ _____