

February 7, 2016  
**Ordinary Time**

Fifth Sunday



**God Calls, We Respond!**

Featured in today's Gospel are Peter, James and John, who thought they had found their place in life as fishermen. It all changed when they met the Lord. Their spiritual horizons were broadened and they realized that their lives' search had only just begun. They would help others experience God in Jesus. We continue their mission as we in our turn help others recognize the presence of God in their lives.

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

Flowers for the altar this weekend are in memory of Larry Seifert sponsored by his family.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Wednesday, February 10
  - 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 the Parish
- Thursday, February 11
  - 8:00 a.m. Robert Weitzel
- Friday, February 12
  - 8:00 a.m. Elvin Mikulencak
- Saturday, February 13
  - 6:30 p.m. Cole Kloesel
- Sunday, February 14
  - 6:30 a.m. Ronnie & Gladys Dodds
  - 9:30 a.m. Geraldine & Edward Toth

**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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 91**  
**Second Reading: Romans 18-13**  
**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially Betty Martinez and Brandon Smolik.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

**2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2015 Assessment ..... \$17,015.00  
 Amount Contributed ..... \$17,115.00

*We thank the following for their recent contributions:*  
 Diana & Harvey Kloesel Angeline Jalufka

**YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER DONATIONS**

*In Memory of Bynah Stallings*  
 B. & Lee Whittenborn Betty J. Janak  
 Shirley & Eugene Orsak Mary Lou Dierschke

**FR. GABRIEL BEREAVED**

Fr. Gabriel will be away in Ghana for the funeral of his friend Kobby Yebo Okrah. Do please remember him in your prayers. While he is away Fr. Bob Fisher, S.V.D. will be in residence to tend to your pastoral needs. The Parish Office will be open at regular hours.

**LENTEN FISH FRY**

**Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent**  
 \$8.00 per plate. See Flyer Insert

*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 each Friday.  
 Contact Nancy Tomek to bring desserts.

**Altar Society**

**Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle**  
**February 28**

Show your support for our Altar Society ladies who work so hard in their ministry to our Church. See insert.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room  
 – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- 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 begins at 5 p.m., Parish Hall
- THURSDAY – KC Bingo, KC Hall
- FRIDAY – 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.

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Bynah Francez Stallings**  
 and the comfort of her loved ones.  
 May she rest in peace.



## REFLECTION

### A Call From God

Each of today's readings recounts a "call" from God to one sent forth to speak in God's name: the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul and Jesus' disciple Peter. These are important figures in the history of God's dealing with people, yet each one's imperfections are paramount in these accounts. Isaiah laments his uncleanness when confronted with the majesty of God; Paul says he is the least of the apostles, one who had persecuted the nascent church. In the gospel, Peter, in the face of a miraculous catch of fish, recognizes his unworthiness. Jesus does not argue with Peter's claim to be a sinner; he does not assure Peter that he is "good enough" to be a disciple, a student of Jesus. Instead, he comforts Peter as though the decision had already been made, and he announces that Peter "will be catching people" instead of fish.

If God chooses to act through such admittedly impure individuals – even one who had persecuted God's people – then what excuse do we have for refusing to heed God's call? Certainly, we say, *someone* needs to speak up in the face of injustice, *someone* needs to spread the gospel, *someone* needs to minister to the followers of Jesus – but not me! Perhaps we are really afraid, not of being unworthy but of what God's calling will cost us. What will people think? Will I have to give up what I enjoy? How painful will it be? (Isaiah, after all, was purified with a burning coal to the lips!)

Perhaps most striking is the story told of Peter and his fishing partners: "They left everything and followed Jesus." This was no casual Sunday afternoon outing by the lake. These people gave up the sources of their livelihood; they quit their jobs to follow an itinerant preacher.

Speaking for God carries a price. It is demanding. It is uncomfortable. It is our calling, too.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Feb. 7 – Judy Barta
- Feb. 8 – Dylan Beyer, Tom Lawrence, Madison Moeller,  
Robert Pilat, Marilyn Strmiska
- Feb. 9 – Philipp Geissen
- Feb. 10 – Patrick Cinadr, Georgie Holub, Kyle Koncaba,  
Dianne Simper
- Feb. 12 – John Gomez, Heather Rebeck
- Feb. 13 – Linda Mikulencak

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Feb. 8 – Rosalyn & Alvin Kocian
- Feb. 10 – Annette & Jerry Fojtik  
– La Sae & Eric Rother
- Feb. 11 – Congratulations Lillian & Pat Kubicek  
on your 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- Feb. 12 – Barbara & Allen Hermes  
– Windi & Matt Michal

## 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.

*"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.

#### 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 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 electricity bills of members of our community, financially supported parishioners in difficult situations, made donations to L.A.M.B., to community organizations, reached out beyond our community to help Ebola patients and supported 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.