

February 3, 2019  
**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 memory of the Deceased of the Simper & Darilek Families.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God and in honor of Janet & William Darilek on the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
 Friday, February 8  
 8:00 a.m. Tillie & Joe Schoenfeld  
 Saturday, February 9  
 6:30 p.m. Larry Seifert  
 Sunday, February 10  
 6:30 a.m. Robert Weitzel  
 9:30 a.m. Delia & Zachary Brigman

**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: Psalm 138**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**  
**Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially Ben Scott.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of the Deceased of the Simper & Darilek Families.



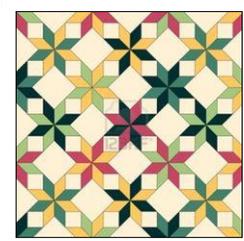
We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

- Donations In Memory of John Lewis Beran**  
 Nancy Sivyver - \$50  
 Dorothy Fojtik - \$25  
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 Gernadette & Phillip Geissen - \$50  
 Roseanne & Wallace Lindsey - \$50  
 Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25  
 The John Lewis Beran Family - \$2,000

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$451,346.42. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

**ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In Memory of John Lewis Beran*  
 Lucy Schoenfeld

**ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND**  
*In Memory of John Lewis Beran*  
 Gladys Seifert



**Quilters Needed**  
 Do you know how to quilt? Want to learn how? The Quilting Ladies have started a quilt for the Church Picnic Auction and could use your help. If you have a few hours to spare contact Betty Maskey (596-4590).

**THE WEEK AHEAD**  
 MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m. YMC  
 TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room  
 WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
 THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall  
 FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

## 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!



- Feb. 3 – Carlos Portales
- Feb. 4 – Kevin Bartos, Sandra Fisbeck, Wesley Rothbauer
- Feb. 5 – Diana Moeller Kloesel, Patricia Lombardo, Mary Ann Rother, Georgia Wagner
- Feb. 6 – Jamie Anderle
- Feb. 7 – Judy Barta, Karmyn Darilek
- Feb. 8 – Tom Lawrence, Madison Moeller, Marilyn Strmiska, Robert Pilat
- Feb. 9 – Brittanica Darilek, Phil Hosemann, Phillip Geissen, Michael Raab, Taylor Self

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Feb. 5 – Deana & Kenneth Bohuslav  
– Odilia & Everardo Fernandez
- Feb. 6 – Congratulations Tina & Eugene Trejo  
on your 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- Feb. 8 – Congratulations Rosalyn & Alvin Kocian  
on your 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner February 24, 2019

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



Proceeds from the Noodle Soup Dinner and Raffle 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. This is their only fundraiser of the year. *Make plans to come out and support the ladies. They do so much for the Parish.*

## 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.

## PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY



### ***ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH***

*The Praha Altar Society hosts Praha Pancake Sunday, starting at 9 a.m. in the Praha Parish Hall. All are welcome. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be appreciated.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – C.C.D.

**Feb. 4** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program

**Feb. 6** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program  
– 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.

**Next Sunday** – Youth Mass (Grades 3 & 4); C.C.D.  
– First Communion Parents Meeting