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March 12, 2023

The Third Sunday of Lent

*We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic
community committed to being a welcoming
parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus
Christ throughout our community and into the world.*



THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday March 11	
Confession Available at 4:00 pm	
Mass 5:00 pm + Art Pieretti & + Denny Hennessy	
Sunday March 12	
Mass 8:30 am Bryn and Isabel Vanderstoep	
RCIA Second Scrutiny	
Mass 10:30 am Wayne & Roxy Schultz & Family	
Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
Monday March 13	
Mass 9:30 am Debbie Kirk and Kelly Wheelock	
Tuesday March 14	
No Mass - Office is Closed	
Wednesday March 15	
Mass 9:30 am Lola Gibbons & The Hemachandras	
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday March 16	
Mass 9:30 Gail Bowman & Fr. John Gibbons	
Adoration after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10 am	
RCIA Class 3:00 pm	
Friday March 17	
Mass 9:30 am Basil, Annabelle, Monica, Joseph and Raz Bowen	
First Communion Class 5 pm	
Confessions Available at 4:30 pm	
Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm	
No Greater Love video series & soup supper 6 pm	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Cathy McAllister, Gwen Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Ron and Marie Patterson, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Dorence and Sharon Cote, Diane Gant, Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey, Harold Stern, and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Emeritus Benedict XV!, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, and all those who have died recently and for those who have asked for our prayers.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Jerome Bader, Nancy Braukman, Maiana Cota, Fred Wright, and Patricia Baldock.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God's Holy Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. We assemble in the Church to drink this *water* of eternal life and salvation.

And we are invited by today's Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give.

The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel.

The Responsorial Psalm reminds that our hardened hearts need to be softened by God through our grace-prompted and -assisted *prayer, fasting and works of mercy which enable us to receive the living water of the Holy Spirit, and eternal life from the Rock of our salvation.*

In the Gospel, an ostracized Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the *living water*. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which he had come to satisfy.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

1) We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the *living water of the Holy Spirit*. Find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy Bible.

2) We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for "unwanted" people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

3) We need to leave the "husbands" behind as the Samaritan woman did. The Gospel message calls us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits and sinful addictions that keep us captive. Lent is our time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, gossip, resentment, greed, unkindness, or any other addiction that distances us from the *Living Water*.

Conclusion:

Where is Lent for us today? This woman was excluded from the early morning water brigade, because of her multi-marriage life style. Jesus addresses her first and by doing so begins helping her see herself. Then she leaves behind her old jar, (identity) and returns with a new "water welling up to eternal Life".

Whatever we are giving up or away this Lent, whatever "jar", it seems that it is Lent if letting it go allows for more going out, going into, bringing Light, Life and Jesus into community rather than doing a penance just for ourselves. The old "jar" is the symbol for our old image which keeps us less relational. Jesus invites and leads us to Easter!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

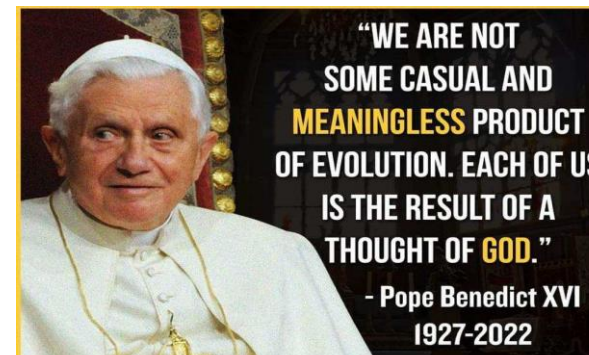
OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Please join us on our Lenten journey as we increase our faith through traditional prayer and reflection, and then joining together for an instructional video series titled **No Greater Love**. Every Friday in Lent, we begin with Stations of the Cross in the church at 5 PM, preceded by the opportunity to go to confession between 4:30 and 5pm. The Stations of the Cross will be followed by a soup supper and video presentation in the parish hall beginning at 6 PM. Join us for all or part of the evening. Let's join together to share God's love and have the best Lent ever!

MEMORIAL FOR NANCY: Next Saturday, March 18th at 11am we are having a Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Nancy McGillis. Nancy was a special member of our parish who used to sing and play the guitar at the Saturday and 8:30 Sunday Masses. If you are able to serve as a lector or Eucharistic Minister or help with the music, please let Doris know. After the Memorial Mass we are planning a simple reception in the Parish Hall. If you are interested or able to volunteer to serve or provide some snacks, please let Father or Doris know so we can complete the arrangements.

HEARING LOOPS: If you are hearing impaired or have difficulty understanding Father Akuti's homilies, please try our hearing loops located in the small cabinet next to the bench seating at the back of the church. They work extremely well!

THANK YOU from Donna Molendyke: I want to thank all of you for the many prayers while I was in and out of the hospital. A special thanks to Father Akuti for his prayers and visits to the hospital. You all hold a special place in my heart and may God bless all of you.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI



GIVING REPORT for 3/5/2023

Offertory Collection	\$3875.25
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$900.00
Votive	\$7.55
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$140.00

WINTER SURVIVAL FUND – Goal \$32,000.00
Total collected so far is \$19,437.52.
We are still needing \$12,562 to meet our goal.