

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Jesus is always ready to speak the truth about each of us and pour divine love into our hearts. Is your heart hardened, are your ears closed to the whole truth? Are you sharing the living water that you have received?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 16, 2020

Monday, March 16
8:15AM Rev. Richard Mohr
Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick
8:15AM Student Reconciliation – NO MASS
Wednesday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
6PM Communion Service in church
Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph
NO MASS
Friday, March 20
8:15AM Paul Schmerbauch by Glenn & Mary Long
Saturday, March 21
5PM Paul Schulein by Martha Kempf
Sunday, March 22
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 15 THRU MARCH 22

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM Lenten Study after 9AM Mass 1PM PTO Spring Bingo in gym
Monday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Baked Ham/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Student Reconciliation-No Mass
Wednesday	10:30AM Com. Service at Three Springs 1-5PM Preschool/Daycare Registration 6PM Lenten Com. Service in church
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5 & 6) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS 4:30PM Auction Fish Fry at K of C
Saturday	4:30PM Stations of the Cross 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: As the Samaritan woman approaches the well, what was she expecting? Would it be another dry and empty day as the pariah of the town? Then she encounters a Jewish stranger asking her for a drink from *her* bucket. Jesus tenderly pokes and prods and speaks to her until she opens up. He hold out to her an abundance of the water of life, greater than she has ever imagined. And she takes it. She drops her bucket and runs to tell the news about the stranger. When she comes back, she doesn't bring a bucket; she brings a whole village! Some of us are preachers, some are teachers. Whatever our ministry in life, when we seek to help people come to God, it is that tone of tenderness that crosses divides. More important than words, come into the space with gentleness. Living water will flow.

TITHE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,513.00
\$534.00 Improvement; \$200.00 Donations; \$7.00 Votives;
\$40.00 Child Env.

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithes: \$6,399.00

Fiscal Year Week: 36

YTD Actual Giving: \$230,364.00

YTD Budget Need: \$252,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$21,636.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$601.00)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The Israelites' cry for water during their desert journey is a "test" of God's trustworthiness. Are you testing or trusting God?

SERVERS SCHEDULE for March 21 & 22: 5PM, Jack Heffernan, Kolton Jany; 9AM, Gene Bicket, Nathan Jany, Nolin Crain

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU to each and every person who gave of their time and money to help make this year's Gala Dinner Auction a success! We cannot express enough our thanks for all of your help! From the students, faculty and staff, the school parents, core auction committee, the guests, workers, and all of our donors-you are simply amazing! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to St. Mary's School! An accounting will be given after the final proceeds have been received. Don't forget to support the Auction's fish fry on Friday, March 20, at 4:30PM.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES collection will be taken up next weekend, March 21 & 22. Funds collected provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SMS PTO SPRING CASH & QUILT BINGO will be held Sunday, March 15, at 1PM. Doors open at 10:30AM. For a delicious lunch the cafeteria will open at 11AM.

BDCCW will meet at the K of C Hall on Wednesday, March 18, beginning at 9AM. Cost is \$9. For more information, contact Joan Derringer (618-534-6697).

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, March 20, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the SMS Dinner Auction. The fish fry on March 27 will be for St. Mary's PSR.

ST MARY'S PTO is selling Butter Braids in time for Easter. Orders are due by Tuesday, March 24 and delivery will be on Thursday, April 2. Please call the school office (826-3120) to request an order form or place an order.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING of food, fun, and friends at the SMS Quarter Auction that will be held in the gym on Saturday, March 28. Doors open at 5PM. The 8th grade food stand will have some delicious treats. Visit with our vendors before the Auction which will begin at 6:30PM.

THE THIRST OF ETERNAL WATER: Our salvation is a crystal clear theme that flows from this weekend's reading from Exodus where complaints and distrust over no water in the desert abound to the woman at the well searching for truth in John's gospel. The theme of living water for thirsty souls is quenched by an encounter with Christ in person and for Moses, his prayers to God. Asking for a drink, Jesus' real thirst was for her faith. When he said, "Give me a drink," it was the beginning of a life-altering conversation of love and healing for this isolated woman caught up in past and present sin. God's thirst for her was satisfied when she finally believed. Recall your baptism and the saving grace that God has poured into your life every day when making the sign of the cross with holy water. Seek out confession to be separated from sin to fully enjoy God's love and to be restored like pure, life-giving water to those you meet at the well.

DRINKING IN CHRIST: Let us not grumble like the people in the desert. For we stand in the grace of God who pours divine love into our hearts and being. Let us stay in conversation with Jesus just as the Samaritan woman did at the well through our prayer and Lenten reading. What grumbling & complaining will I stop doing? How will I make time each day to pray and converse with God? How will I be a sign of Christ's light and life?