

THIRDSunday OF Lent

MARCH 15
2020

HISTORIC
WATER WELL
TEL AVIV

Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in them
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

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The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

WATER FOR OTHERS

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, like the passage from Exodus, speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is

tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God's sustenance for her.

How might we, like Jesus, be water for others in our thirsty world? We can take some cues from Jesus here. Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. He first attended to her practical realities and concerns, which led to deeper dialogue. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus' example.

Today's Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

St. Isidore - Holy Family

COVID - 19 Update

March 13, 2020

Ongoing Liturgical Practices:

- Ministers of Holy Communion are expected to practice **good hygiene**, washing their hands before Mass begins and using hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- If you are **ill or demonstrating any symptoms** associated with the flu, a cold or other illness please remain at home. Our concern is both for your personal health and for the welfare of others who are at Mass. There is no obligation to attend Mass when you are sick. The Diocese of Lansing's Outreach Mass airs at 6:00 and 10:00 am on WLAJ Lansing TV53.

Temporary Liturgical Practices beginning now:

- During the **Lord's Prayer** participants are asked not to hold hands.
- The **Sign of Peace** will be omitted from all masses. Please refrain from exchanging a handshake at the Sign of Peace and after mass.
- The **Precious Blood** will not be offered during reception of Communion.
- Those who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are **encouraged**, for the time being, to receive Our Lord in the hand.
- All **holy water fonts** in the Church will be empty. Please note: there is a large container of holy water at both St. Isidore and Holy Family should you desire or need holy water.

Additional cautionary measures for two-weeks:

- Daily and weekend Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration will continue as scheduled. Office hours remain the same.
- Out of an abundance of caution, ALL non-liturgical activities (with the exception of AA meetings and the 3/23 Blood Drive) will be cancelled or postponed until after March 28. This includes REF, which will resume the first full week of April.
- Coffee and doughnuts will continue with modified serving.

Let us entrust ourselves to Our Lady of Lourdes, patron of the sick. Through her intercession, may God grant protection and healing to the people of our community and beyond.

Fr. Robert C. Bacik, Pastor

PARISH WIDE

March 14—St. Patrick’s Dinner— **Postponed**
March 18—Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
March 19 –WINGS Gathering— **Postponed**
March 20—Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm
(Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

REF Classes Cancelled until April 5th

WINGS GATHERING

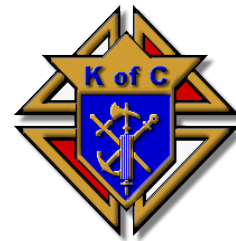
The women of the parish will gather on **Thurs, March 19** (feast of St Joseph) at **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm** in St Isidore small hall for a Baked Potato Bar and a talk on St Joseph’s Trian tradition. Please bring a topping to share and diced ham, cheese and suggestions: a topping to share and diced ham, cheese, sauce, shredded cheese, diced green onion, sour cream, butter, chili, salsa, chopped broccoli, & mushrooms and 2

POSTPONED

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

March 15—Pancake Breakfast—**CANCELLED**
March 21—New Knight Exemplification-**Postponed**
March 23—Red Cross Blood Drive –1 to 6:30 pm
March 25— Planning Meeting— 7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Joe Tejkl
Family of the Month: Mike & Aloise Bachelder



EXEMPLIFICATION FOR NEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Directly after Mass on Saturday, March 21, there will be a ceremony to induct new Knights into our parish council. Snacks will be provided after-

POSTPONED

55 & BETTER GROUP
March 17—at Holy Family Church

The of start Mass third Tuesdays every month with at 12:10

POSTPONED

St Patrick’s Dinner
March 14—6:30pm

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Fish Fry

LENTEN FISH FRY
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Season of Lent

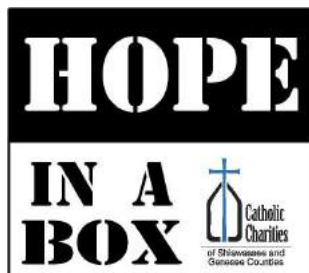


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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — March 14	5:30 PM	† Anna Hurst by Steve & Mary Ann Izdebski
SUNDAY — March 15	9:00 AM	† Katie Russell Walters by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Harriet Delaney by Bruce & Barbara Martin
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Carol Slingsby
Friday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
SATURDAY — March 21	5:30 PM	† Phyllis Izdebski by Mary Lou Smith
SUNDAY — March 22	9:00 AM	† Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie & Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUŠO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - DAWN WROBEL, - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE JUSTICE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY & DEBBIE EARL), - BERRY DECKER (JESSE ANGUIANO), - CHRISTIAN GARZA (DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, GRANDSON OF MARY STEIN), DON NEGUS (SON OF MARY STEIN), - FRANK & NANCY DUKES, - MEREDITH MIERSEN (GRANDDAUGHTER OF RON & LANA MIERSEN), - JENN HILL MCCAUSEY, - HELEN STELZER, - JOSEPH NEUMANN



Need for the month of March

Hand Soap & Body Wash



OFFERTORY March 7 & 8, 2020

70 Adult Envelopes	\$3,432
Loose Collection	\$1,231
Children's Offertory	\$20
18 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,430
Total Weekly Offertory	\$6,113

DSA COLLECTION STARTS - MARCH 7 & 8

Happy The One Who Trusts In The Lord!

DSA continues. Informational brochures are available in the entryway to the church.

Envelopes are available near the bulletins. Please put all donations into the collection baskets.

This years goal for St. Isidore is \$18,516



Catholic Relief Services Collection Next Weekend - March 21 & 22

Collection supports six Catholic agencies that serve the vulnerable and marginalized at home and abroad. Envelopes are in the Offertory boxed sets and near the bulletins.

