

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

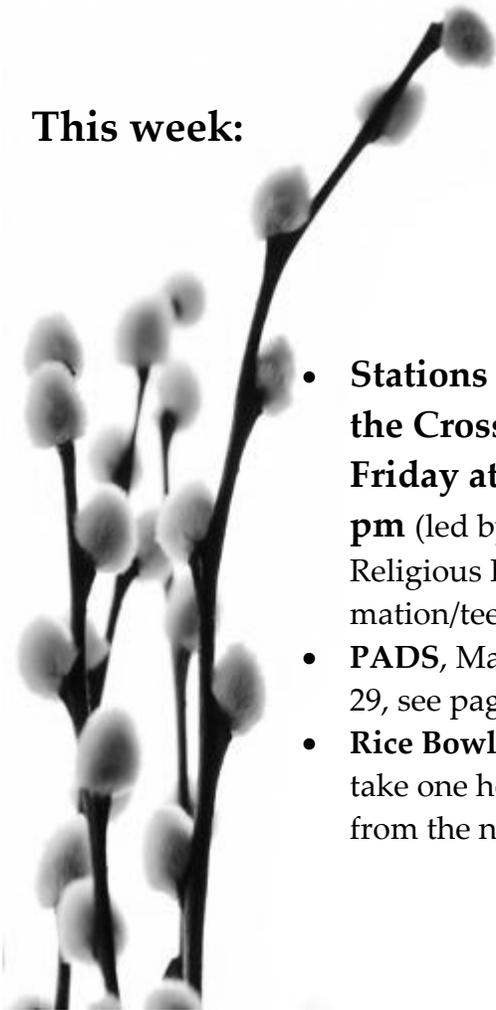
Third Sunday
of Lent

March 23, 2014

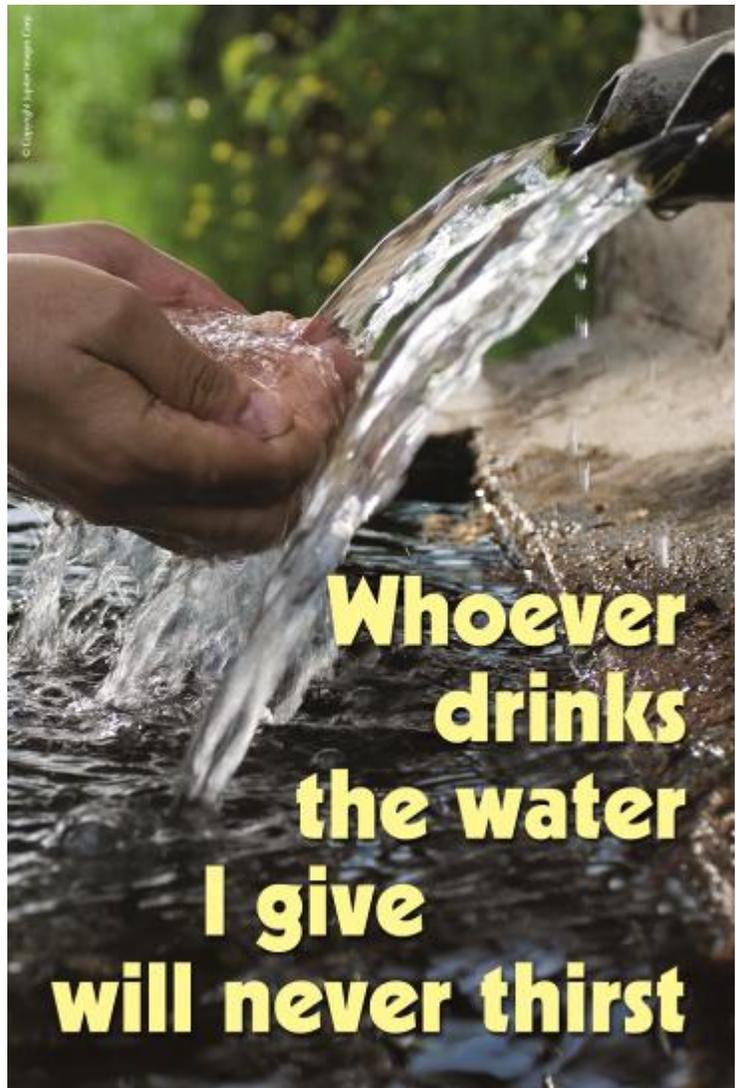
Our Mission

Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefully share and live the Eucharist, the inspiration of the Gospel, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to follow Christ's example in service of others.

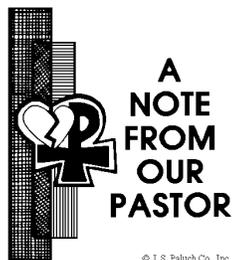
This week:



- Stations of the Cross, Friday at 7:00 pm (led by Religious Formation/teens)
- PADS, March 29, see page 3
- Rice Bowls— take one home from the narthex



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



If Lent is a journey, as we make preparations, what do we bring? I was always amazed when I chaperoned class trips and young people packed enough for an overnight stay as I would for a three week vacation. Hopefully, during our Lenten journey we can pack some intangible items, like a heart that is open to change. There are some tangibles that I would pack; a cross and a rosary would make part of my luggage. I am a big proponent of spiritual reading especially the classics, like “The Imitation of Christ,” St. Theresa’s “Story of a Soul”, Fulton Sheen’s books, etc. There are too many to list here.

On most trips there is an itinerary. What do we do when we are on the journey? The first thing I think is recognize the importance of daily mass. We need strength for our journey, and frequent reception of communion brings us that strength. If we cannot attend mass each day we at least need to prepare for mass. There are so many aids around that gives us the readings that we can look up ahead of time. It saddens me when people who are involved in the ministry of Lector don’t prepare ahead of time. They can read the wrong readings and not even realize it.

Along with mass follows the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation, which is something we should at least do once during Lent. Our Lenten reconciliation service will be on April 2—one at 1:00 pm and another at 7:00 pm. And, as always, every Saturday (except Holy Saturday), in my office, from 4:00-4:30 pm.

Rev. Frank Vitus



FROM BISHOP CONLON

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES APPEAL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On March 29-30, 2014, our diocese will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, the Catholic Relief Services Collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

During drought seasons, the only water available in Ethiopia and other areas of East Africa runs deep underground—often as deep as 1,000 feet. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) worked with other aid partners to bring in rigs that can drill down to these depths. Taking into account the nomadic nature of many people in this region, they made wells along community migratory paths so they can continue to graze their herds and move them according to their needs. These water sources make a tremendous difference in the community. Livestock stay healthier and produce more milk, which means that the people have more food and rely less on outside resources. However, more work remains to be done. Many of the wells serve double the population they were made for, and program managers fear that the communities will be unable to continue their pastoral work if more wells are not added.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) is a dedicated network of legal immigration programs that promote the dignity and protect the rights of immigrants. Religious Immigration Services (RIS), a department of CLINIC, assists Catholic religious workers with visas. In 2013, they helped a priest from Kenya enter the United States on a religious worker visa, so that he could serve as a chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor and St. Anne’s Home in San Francisco. The home gives elderly people of limited financial means a place to live with dignity. Since its foundation in 1901, the home has welcomed more than 20,000 elderly men and women of all faiths, nationalities, and backgrounds. Thanks to the CRS Collection, they now have a chaplain.

CLINIC and CRS are two of six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by the Catholic Relief Services Collection. These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to Jesus in the disguise of suffering people each day.

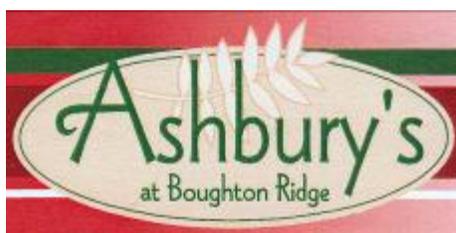
Please be generous in the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Lunch Out

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 1:30 PM at



335 E Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook

Contact: Donna M
or Shirley W

New members welcome!



**Hams for Easter
for our hungry
Neighbors in Need**

We will be collecting hams for Easter. Please bring them on Sunday, April 6, 2014 after the 8:30 and 10:00 am masses only, please. We do not have refrigeration for any that come on Saturday.

The hams will be picked up and transported to the West Suburban Community Pantry between 11:00 and 11:30 am on Sunday the 6th, stored at the Pantry until Sunday, April 13, when they will be distributed to some of the 1100 families served by the Food Pantry each month.

If you cannot bring a ham on that Sunday, please know that you could either donate cash (which the Food Pantry can convert to a LOT of food—much more than the retail value of each article) or you could take a ham directly to the Food Pantry, located at 6809 Hobson Valley Dr, Unit 118. This is just north of Hobson Road, west of Highway 53.



**Worried about
identity theft?**

**Manna cards are the
closest thing to cash—
no personal information to lose!**

Manna Order Forms are Available

Here is how Manna works: you **complete the order form** (both sides), and **return it with your payment by 11:00 am, March 30.** (Checks are made payable to Christ the Servant.) On April 5/6, you pick up your order!

Respect for All Life

Lent: Discovering God's Will

"This is the will of God: that you be saints."

~1 Thessalonians 4:3



God wants you to be a saint, and it is critical for modern Catholics to hear this call to sanctity. We all need to be reminded that holiness is possible. We need to set aside our prejudices against the idea of holiness and embrace a new vision of what it truly means. Sanctity means sainthood, which means loving God by seeking His will and becoming all God created you to be. There are two main differences between leaders, champions, saints...and us: 1) a singleness of purpose that penetrates every activity of their lives; 2) the formation of habits that helps them achieve their goal. For sainthood, it's the life-giving habits that lead to excellence and holiness. In the decision-making of life, the saints concluded that whatever would help them draw nearer to God, they would embrace it. In this modern era, people have been seduced by the dark lie that it's impossible to know the will of God. The shining truth is that God sends the Holy Spirit to guide us toward His will in every moment of every day. The spiritual life gives clarity about what matters most—to live a life of holiness by developing a singleness of purpose, and by turning our backs on the self-destructive, superficial activities of this modern culture.

*From Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Catholicism"
What Sets Them Apart.*

"You have been told what is good and what Yahweh wants of you. Only this, that you live justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God."

~ Micah 6:8
submitted by Dave A



The Rice Bowl program is an extension of the Catholic Relief Services collection. There are still "Rice Bowls" available in the narthex—they are an excellent way to turn your prayer and fasting into almsgiving for Lent.

The Catholic Relief Services (envelopes) collection is next week. We are asking you to return your Rice Bowls to church on Palm Sunday, April 13.



**PADS—Public Action
to Deliver Shelter**

Our PADS weekend is upon us! We will be serving the needs of the homeless overnight this coming Saturday, March 29 at Community Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills. A strong core team helps on a regular basis, but new faces are always welcome to help our neighbors in need. Please **contact Greg P** for information on how you can help set up, greet and serve guests, and/or help clean up after the guests are dismissed.

Religious Formation

Community Events



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation

Next Classes:

Session A—Sunday, April 6th

Session B—Sunday, April 13th



Our Confirmation Classes will be packing meals at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on March 29th. Can you donate money to help

pay for the meals that the kids pack? There will be Hunger Jars in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Thank you!

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.

— Proverbs 22:9

Service Opportunity:

Please contact Liz Jesse liz@ctswoodridge.org if you would like to serve our faith community as we celebrate these Lenten traditions: Friday March 28th 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross Teen Leaders needed.



Catechist Get-Together

Sunday, March 23rd, 1-3pm.

We'll be sharing fellowship and classroom ideas; exploring techniques for praying with children; evaluating this past year; and planning for next year.



It's not too late for a Spiritual tuneup!

"Catching Fire: Becoming Flame" is a series of video presentations by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM. Find what you need to ignite the spark of God in your life - and then fan it into flame until you are set ablaze.

We will meet at 11:15am-12:45pm on Sundays: Mar 30 and Apr 6, 2014, in the Meeting Room. Contact Liz Jesse for more information.

Community Events

Easter Egg Hunt and Party set for April 5 at St. Scholastica

The Knights of Columbus Council 5918 will host an Easter Egg Hunt and Party featuring the Easter Bunny performing for the children. Families from St. Scholastica and Christ the Servant are encouraged to attend. The party will be on Saturday, April 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the gym at St. Scholastica. The Easter Bunny will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the egg hunt. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, milk, juice and cookies. The Knights of Columbus are hosting this event at no cost; we ask that you RSVP to joe.testolin@ameritech.net by March 31 with the number of children and adults attending.



THE PASSION

For Parents of Special Needs Children

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

7:00 PM

St. Isaac Jogues Church 4th and Clay Streets, Hinsdale, IL 60521

A moving rendition of the Stations of the Cross from the viewpoint of the parents of children with disabilities. This liturgical experience is open to all, and no pre-registration is required.

Refreshments to follow in the Narthex

CONFERENCE

FOR THE DIVORCED & WIDOWED on April 5

"Calm after the Storm, Peace after the Loss"

Father Dick Mevissen, CSsR, well-known speaker and retreat leader, will be featured at this popular day-long conference. Father Dick's reflections flow from his long association with persons grieving the loss of their marriage due to death or divorce. The day is intended to offer spiritual nourishment, enrichment, encouragement, resources, and community building for those who have suffered the loss of a spouse. The event will take place on April 5 at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, to register or for a conference brochure, call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334.

Would you like to participate as a minister, but afraid that you would be assigned times that don't work for you?

Each minister/family has the opportunity to block out certain dates and times by completing an "Availability Sheet". This sheet lists the upcoming schedule, and gives you to opportunity to block out certain dates and times. You can also request to be scheduled only once per month, or once per schedule. Every minister helps! 630-910-0770.



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
March 29
4:45 PM

W Family

Deacon F
Joanne F
Deb G
Jim G
Alie P

Ramon J
Barb K

Donna M
Shirley W

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
March 30
8:30 AM

Bill C
Mathew M

Donna C
Michael L
Jose S
Melania S
Lee W

Therese K
Rita W

S Family
Marijane T

Sunday
March 30
10:00 AM

Maria F
Gayle H

Judy E
Maureen N
Jim N
Dan R
Rita S

Paul M
Kristen M

T Family

St. Joseph Catholics for Life present:

40 Days for Life

Mid-Point Celebration!

A dessert feast for the Feast of the Annunciation!

Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church basement

All are invited—please spread the word!

There will be a short prayer service, great fellowship, and activities! We will provide ice cream, toppings, and drinks; if you can, please bring a baked dessert to share or a donation (monetary or material (diapers, wipes, formula, shampoo, soaps, lotions, etc.)) for a local pregnancy resource center.

Help us plan—let us know how many are coming!

Contact Bob LeMay, 630-464-5344 40DaysDG@gmail.com

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone over 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Sisters schedule 'Come and See' weekend

Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., for their annual "Come and See" weekend, scheduled for April 11-13. According to Sister Editha Ben, vocations director, the weekend is intended to help women discover what life would be like as a Sister of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Each year, the event has a theme. This year, it is "Living on the Margins: A Call to Religious Life." During their stay, women will be housed in Owens Hall. There is no charge for the event, and meals will also be provided.

Those interested in attending are asked to register. For more information or to register, call Sister Editha at 812-535-2895 or email eben@spsmw.org.

Are you interested in applying for an instructional position in a Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Joliet?

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Joliet has successfully converted to an AppliTrack online application system. As a result, all instructional and administrative openings and their locations are now available for review by potential applicants. Individuals who are interested in pursuing these positions are encouraged to apply online at:

www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp/

We anticipate that 80-100 teaching positions and 12-14 administrative positions will be available for the 2014-15 school year. For detailed information about the application process, see the Catholic Schools Office employment webpage at <http://www.diocesefjoliet.org/cso/employment.asp>. Thank you for your interest in pursuing a career in the Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese of Joliet, where "**We TEACH More.**"

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

James Crockett

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 22

4:45 PM Richard Mraz, *r. Eleanor Myczek*

Sunday, March 23

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Bill, Laura & Sarah Kerfin*
Henry Borkowski, *r. Donna Mays*

10:00 AM Leoncio Bacani, Sp. Int., *in gratitude*

Monday, March 24

8:30 AM Thomas & Jeanne Hotchkin, *r. Bill & Kathy Willett*
James Dennis, *r. Pat Savage*

Tuesday, March 25

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 26

8:30 AM Pauline Dennis, *r. Pat Savage*

Thursday, March 27

8:30 AM Eileen Nemecek, *r. Jackie Nemecek*

Friday, March 28

8:30 AM Donald Kowalski, *r. wife*
Larry Carroo

Saturday, March 29

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 30

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski,
r. Barbara & Steve Hile and Jean & Joe Scolaro

10:00 AM People of the Parish

To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.



Sacramental Information

rites of Christian Initiation Adults seeking sacraments are invited to contact the parish office.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS Call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the Parish Office to set the date and reserve the church. Reserve the church before you reserve the reception hall.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking of being a priest? Email Fr. Burke Masters at frburke23@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm or by appointment with Fr. Frank.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Please contact the parish office for a visit from a priest when sickness occurs or death is imminent for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. To arrange for Communion to be brought to the sick/homebound members of the parish community, call Deacon Tom F.

FUNERALS Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact Fr. Frank for pre-planning of funerals.

Baptism Preparation Class:
Thursday, April 10, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Hannah Jahn	Dan Ryan
Jeff Coole	Linda Lagman	Dick Rosenbeck
Sophie Czajka	Art LaMarre	Ron Rydzewski
Holly Derrico	Anna Lang	Harry Spatero
Bob Epstien	Sr. Suzanne Lesniewski	Chris Templin
Jamie Filippini	Gene Mroz	Gene Tester
Cindy Giannini	Julie Nelson	Kim Transon
Don Heinrich	Larry Nicioli	Maribeth Wall

Names remain on this list approximately three months.

To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

Sam Persin, nephew of Joe & Mary Testolin

Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Jesse

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.

Mark Your Calendar

On April 5, at 11:00 am, we will meet at the church to brainstorm ideas for celebrating our 25th anniversary as a parish. All ideas are welcome at this brainstorming session. Please plan to come! No RSVP required.



Bible Readings—Mar. 23-Mar. 30

SUNDAY: Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2,5-8 /

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

MONDAY: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY: Is 7:10-14;8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY: Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY: Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY: Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

SUNDAY: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 /
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday...8:30 AM

The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.

Saturday.....4:45 PM

Sunday.....8:30 and 10:00 AM

Holy Days....consult bulletin or call

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday...4:00—4:30 PM or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Frank K. Vitus, Pastor *Ext. 15*
 email: frfrankv@ctswoodridge.org

Tom Fricke, Permanent Deacon

Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*

Liz Jesse,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*

Donna Kovarik, Music Director

Commission Chairpersons

Debi Savage, Pastoral Council

Barb Kosiek, PPC Co-Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Jerry Fialek, Christian Service (scribe)

Tony Abellera, (interim) Parish Life

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Good Stewards

Many thanks to the adults who organized the pizza dinner for the confirmation students, and to the Worship Commission for the generous hospitality after the mission.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 23

8:30 am—RCIA

10:00 am—CLOW

1:00 pm—Catechist Get-Together

Monday, March 24

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, March 25

4:45 pm—RF Grades K-4

6:30 pm—RF Grades 2-3,5-7

Wednesday, March 26

4:45 pm—RF Classes

6:30 pm—RF Classes

Thursday, March 27

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29

1:00 pm—Wedding

9:00 am—Feed My Starving Children, *offsite*

overnight—PADS, *offsite*

Sunday, March 30

8:30 am—RCIA

10:00 am—CLOW

11:00 am—Manna Orders Due

Upcoming Events

Mar 29: PADS; *offsite*

Apr 2: Lenten Reconciliation Services;
 1pm & 7pm

Apr 5: 25th Anniversary Brainstorming;
 11am

May 10: Electronic Recycling, 9-noon

Jun 7/8: Clothing Drive

Parish Giving

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Mar. 15/16:

Sunday	\$ 7,187.11
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Debt Reduction	<u>108.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,300.11
This week's deficit	\$ (2,869.89)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

General Fund	\$ 715.00
Debt Reduction	5.00
Ash Wednesday	30.00
Restricted gifts	200.00
Debt to Diocese as of 2/28	\$704,366

Registered Households—735

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... This year, we split the Ash Wednesday collection—half for the collection for Eastern Europe, and half for Parish Mission expenses.

Leave a Legacy. You want your heirs to have an estate, not a tax bill. Consider a charitable lead trust. It's a way to Leave a Legacy by benefiting our parish or diocese while you reduce the taxes on your estate. Call the Development Office at 815-221-6100.

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