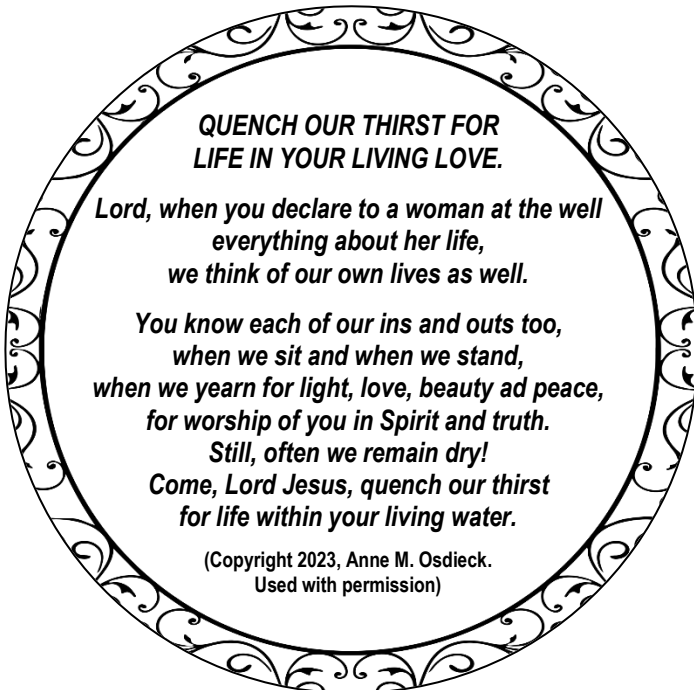


March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent



Water for Living or Living Water?

Water flows through this Sunday’s readings. In the passage from Exodus, the Hebrews cry out for the water so necessary for life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of living water that provides eternal life.

The exchange between the Hebrews and Moses is straightforward and startling. Physical thirst led them to question the divine care that miraculously delivered them from the hands of Egyptian oppressors. We shouldn’t be too quick to shake our fingers at them. How many times have we looked past blessings we take for granted, only to focus on lesser immediate needs? These desert people are our ancestors in more ways than one.

The Gospel of John is most interesting. Jesus is in Samaria, a land hated by the Jews. There he initiates a conversation with an inhabitant of the town of Sychar, someone who is an outcast in three major ways. She is a woman—no self-respecting man would be alone with a woman he didn’t know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman’s questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette (“Give me a drink” [4:7]), then in a theological exchange (“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst” [4:14]).

The Hebrews experienced God’s saving action in their exodus, but they lacked trust. The woman, hated by the Jews, was an outcast of her own people, yet she believed. How do we respond to the water? (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

March 12 – Harriet Kunz
March 19 – Lucille Simon
March 26 – Harry and Loretta Simon

MASS INTENTIONS

March 11 – Walter and Annabelle Busch
March 12 – Richard and Dolores Wagner
March 18 – Glenna Schuler
March 19 – Caleb Kramer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – March 18 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ella Wagner, Ava Wagner
Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
EM: Judy Steuri (*Hall*), Terry Harmeyer, Janet Wagner

Sunday – March 19 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Amanda Schutte
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
EM: Cindy Weisenbach (*Hall*), Leslie Hicks, Vicki Wagner

Saturday – March 25 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Sam Simon
Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Brian and Karen Horan
EM: Roseann Wirth (*Hall*), Judy Steuri, Rita Kress

Sunday – March 26 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Donna Harlemer
Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl
EM: Susan Schutte (*Hall*), Kevin Tunny, Katie Spreckelson

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$4313.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 13.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 332.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$4658.00
Church in Africa	\$365.00
Capital Improvement	\$500.00
Black & Indian	\$100.00
Catholic Relief	\$20.00
Pick Pockets	\$318.22

MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY

Electronic Giving for January	\$1,880.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/22 - 1/31/23)	\$120,884.90
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/22 - 1/31/23)	\$113,216.00

CEMETERY FENCING – As mentioned in last week’s announcements, the Council members are considering a privacy fence at the cemetery on the west side and possibly also on the east side. If you would like to express your thoughts or opinions and do not have the opportunity to do so after the Masses today, you are welcome to call the chairperson of the Parish Council, Greg Kinker, at 812-614-8121.

FINANCE MEETING – Thursday, March 16, 6:00 PM.

PICK POCKETS – We are most grateful to our Pick Pockets, Evan and Audrey Siebert, Sam and Molly Schoettmer, Gabe and Gwen Moorman, and Christian Stier, for their help in raising **\$318.22** for the Ripley County Food Pantry. I am sure God smiles upon them for helping those in need!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will NOT meet on Wednesday, March 15, due to Spring Break. Enjoy!

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – There will be NO classes next Sunday, March 19, for Grades 6 through 12.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – St. Mary, Aurora, is having the Batesville Deanery Eucharistic Adoration this week.

EVENING OF LENTEN REFLECTION – Fr. Jim Farrell will present reflections on the Eucharist: “Do This in Memory of Me” on Sunday, March 12, 4:30 PM, at St. Mary Church in Greensburg.

HISTORY OF ST. MAURICE PARISH – **Founding of St. Maurice:** Before 1848, the Catholics of the Napoleon area visited neighboring missions or were attended by priests who traveled from Oldenburg and Hamburg. From 1840 until 1848, Napoleon Catholics were part of the Millhousen congregation. A separate parish, made up of 20 families, was established in Napoleon in 1848 when the first church was built (at what is now the corner of Hwy. 229 and Harrison St.) on land donated by Dr. Mullen, an Irish physician.

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of this parish, let us remember all the donors who have “gifted” this parish in so many ways.

Finding Redemption

As John narrates the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well, we witness one more fascinating conversation that seems circuitous, but by the end, homes in on the truth.

It begins in the heat of the day, the point at which the light is strongest, and into this light, steps a woman. An ordinary chat turns into a moment of profound self-knowledge. She is confronted with her flaws and comes away with understanding. How instructive that, faced with embarrassing and awkward news about her life, she experiences it as good. Good news. She meets Jesus as she is, and in that truthful, painful space she finds redemption.

A friend fought cancer for years. At some point between her diagnosis and her death she said to me with complete conviction, “Thank God for my cancer.”

Cancer had ravaged her body and was cutting her physical life short, but my friend felt strongly that cancer had also stripped her of pretense and forced her to confront herself and God on spare, honest terms. There, in that bright, painful light, she was brought face to face with Jesus through a winding, wandering path. She saw herself as she really was, flawed, yes, but most of all, loved.

LENTEN SEASON

+ **Adoration:** Friday, March 17, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

+ **Way of the Cross and Holy Communion:** Friday, March 17, 6:00 PM.

+ **Confessions:** Before and After Mass.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

March 18 – Brian Horan, Steve Gilland
March 25 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner


10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

March 19 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny
March 26 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – During the “time for children” at the morning worship at Hoytville United Methodist Church, the pastor was explaining that Christians are the “light, salt, and leaven” of the world.

The children understood “light” and “salt,” but when the pastor asked them what “leaven” is, they were silent. Finally, young Michelle Williamson spoke up: “It's what comes after ten.” (via Rev. R. Vernon Babcock, Franklin, OH, The Joyful Noiseletter)

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p>  <p>For Victims of Abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.</p>			<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>175th Meeting 8:30 AM</p> <p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>BP Checks</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p>		<p>"Church's Ministry of Exorcism" by Fr. Vincent Lampert in Parish Hall 6:00 PM</p>	<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Penance Service for Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5</p> <p>Adoration at Millhouse begins at 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Adoration at Millhouse continues until 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>NO RE Classes - Spring Break</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>			<p>NO RE Classes Spring Break</p>	<p>Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p> <p>FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH</p>	<p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p>		<p>NO RE Classes Spring Break</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Louis, Batesville (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Louis, Batesville (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
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<p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p>			<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Nicholas, Sunman (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Nicholas, Sunman (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	