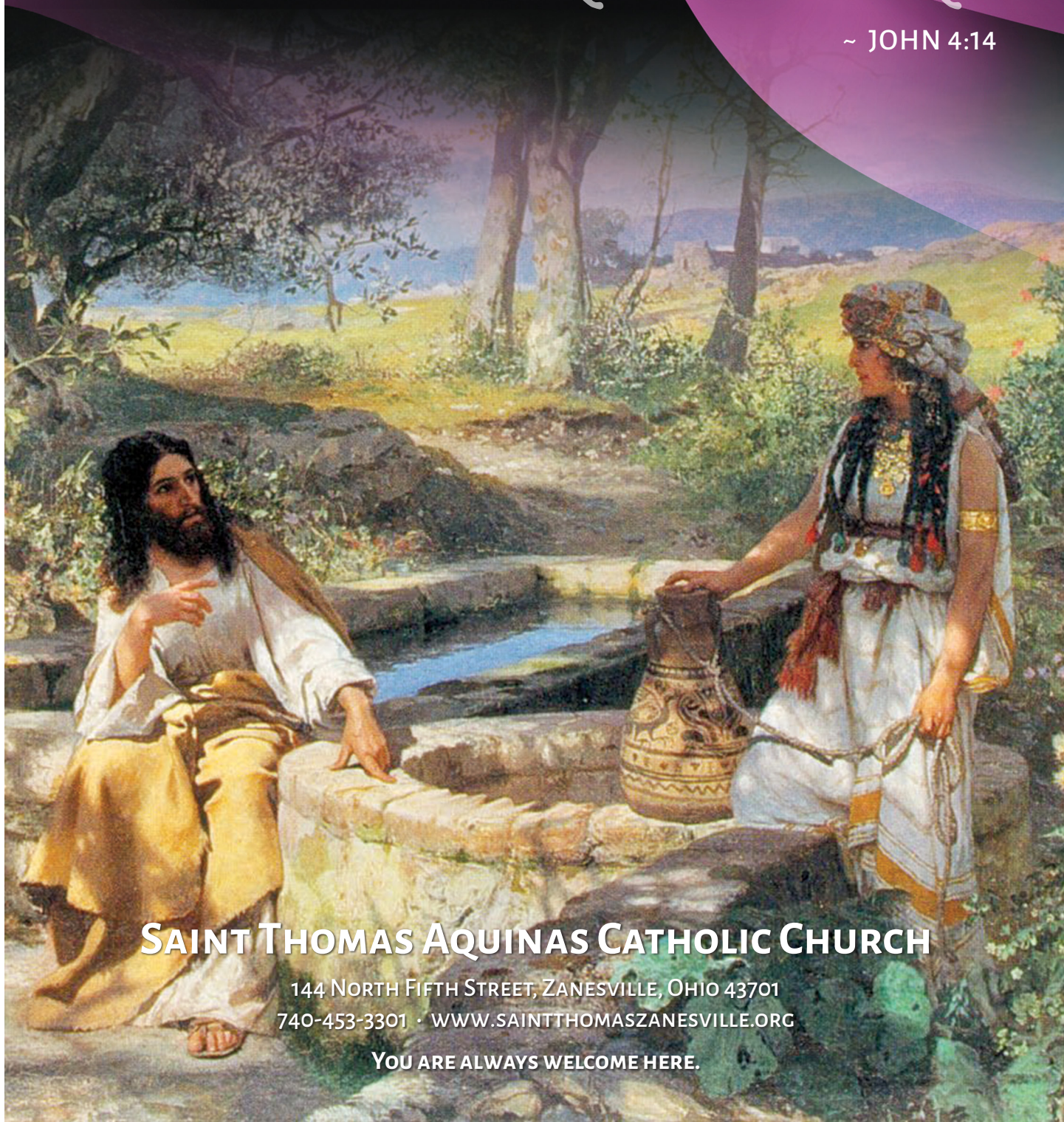


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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~ JOHN 4:14



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † Peg Mattingly
 7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † William Fisher
 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)
 9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

Monday, March 13

Scripture Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)
 for † Dennis McLoughlin

Tuesday, March 14

Scripture Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

7:15 a.m. Mass at Genesis Hospital (Chapel)
 9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)
 for Charles & Leotta Schaumleffel Family
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evenings of Faith & Fellowship (Activity Center)

Wednesday, March 15

Scripture Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)
 Noon Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Ann Tallarico
 1:00-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)
 5:30 p.m. Rosary (Activity Center)

Thursday, March 16

Scripture Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Madeline Bronkar

Friday, March 17 - Saint Patrick, Bishop

Scripture Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas Facebook Page)

Saturday, March 18 - Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Scripture Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

3:30-4:15 p.m. Confessions (Activity Center)

Sunday, March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † Ginny Long
 7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † George Niggemyer
 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)
 9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

SPRING CLEANUP AT CEMETERIES:

Soon, the grass will be green again which means that Mount Calvary Cemetery will be in “spring cleanup” mode. Just a friendly reminder that all winter decorations needed to be removed prior to March 1. During the mowing season (March 1-November 1), artificial flowers are not permitted, and if you place flowers for a holiday, they must be off the grave five days afterward. Also, the cemetery gate continues to be open from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

LENTEN EVENINGS OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP:

Join Father Sullivan on the Tuesday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school cafeteria, as we consider Bishop Robert Barron’s *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed*. Each evening will consist of a video by Bishop Barron, Questions for Reflection and Discussion, and an opportunity to grow in the Catholic Faith with one another. The Nicene Creed was authored by the Bishops of the Catholic Church gathered at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The Creed was written to proclaim the Catholic Faith, in its essentials, concerning the Incarnation of the Eternal Word of the Father, made flesh in the Virgin’s womb, and the nature and relationship of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith that all believing Christians profess. In 2025 we will celebrate the seventeen hundredth anniversary of its promulgation. Father Barron’s book was a Christmas gift from Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish to everyone who attended Mass here in celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Almost 400 books were distributed. A few remain. Please feel free to pick one up after Mass. Father Sullivan will facilitate each Tuesday evening session. Come join other parishioners as we grow in faith and understanding during this year’s Lenten journey.

2023-2024 OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS:

The Catholic Schools of Zanesville is searching for a teacher for Grade 5 (Social Studies and English), two teachers for High School English and two teachers for High School Upper Level Math. For more information or to apply, please contact Kelly Sagan at ksagan@cducation.org. You may also complete the application online at <http://education.columbuscatholic.org/careers>.

Parish Lenten Penance Service**Monday, March 27th****Beginning at 7:00 pm****Reconciliation Monday****Confessions April 3rd****From 5:00 - 7:00 pm****No Appointment Needed****STEWARDSHIP**

(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

March 5, 2023

Mass Collection	\$	9,752.00
EFT	\$	0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$	1,046.80
Total Offertory	\$	10,798.80
YTD Collected	\$	344,293.46
YTD Budgeted	\$	360,000.00
Deficit	\$	-15,706.54

*Pray the Stations**Of the Cross**with Father Sullivan on
Fridays of Lent at 7 P.M.**via our Facebook Page**St Thomas Aquinas
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As you prepare for Easter, remember the 40 days and nights that Christ spent in the desert without food or water, praying and preparing for His sacrifice on behalf of all mankind. Your small sacrifice can make a big difference in the lives of others. Proceeds will benefit both our food pantry and other local pantries.

Place items at the designated space in the Activity Center or bring them to the parish office M-Th 8am-3pm

This Lent, we ask each family to donate one non-perishable item per day, beginning on Ash Wednesday, for each of the 40 days of Lent.

FOOD ITEMS THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:

Rice A Roni Products Canned Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Boxed Cereal
H2O Flavor Packets Coffee bags Lima Beans Band-Aids Individual Kleenex Packs

ITEMS NOT NEEDED:

Tea Individual Snacks Pudding

FISH FRY:

Fish dinners will be offered by the K of C each Friday throughout Lent. For \$10.00, you will receive fish, french fries, cole slaw, and a dinner roll. The hall is located at 275 Sunrise Center Drive, Zanesville and will open at 5:00 p.m.

FROM FARMING TO FISHING:

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

<i>NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 18/19</i>	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	CANTORS
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Brian Hunt	Mike Morris Amy Morris	Karen Lyon	Debbie Apperson
Sunday, 7:45 a.m.	Paul Hoffman	Andrew Joseph	Mike Ryan	Christopher Urbiel
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	Dalton Frame Andrew Stark	Julie Guinta	Jenny Snode	Joe Nezbeth

The Third Week of Lent

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent



“Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendor and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties.”

— EVANGELII GAUDIUM
("THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL"), 167

Faith Stories

John 4:5–42

Today's Gospel shows us a different kind of encounter with Jesus. Unlike last week's story of Nicodemus, who sought out Jesus, or the disciples who accompanied Jesus to the mountaintop, the woman in today's reading meets Jesus by accident when she goes to the well to get water.

At first she is shocked that Jesus would even speak to her. But, as their conversation progresses, the woman wants the living water that Jesus tells her about. When Jesus reveals everything about her past, she recognizes that he is no ordinary human being. When he tells her that he is the Messiah, she runs back to the town and encourages other people to meet Jesus.

This woman's encounter with

FOR REFLECTION

- › Who are the people that invited you to encounter Christ during your life?
- › In what ways were you changed through your encounters with Christ?
- › How can you invite others to encounter Christ?

Jesus not only changed her life, but it changed the lives of others. She accomplished this simply by sharing her story. We are also called to share our faith stories. How many lives would be changed if we had the courage to tell our stories and invite others to encounter Christ?

LENT TRIVIA ?

1. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
2. Name the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
3. During what days of the week do we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary?

Answers on
reverse.



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Almsgiving

Giving alms has always been an important part of Lent. For many people, it means giving money to the parish or some other good cause. But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need — not just with our money but also with our time and talents. Almsgiving allows us to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share with other people what we have and who we are. It helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Think carefully about how you will share your time, talents, and treasure during Lent this year.

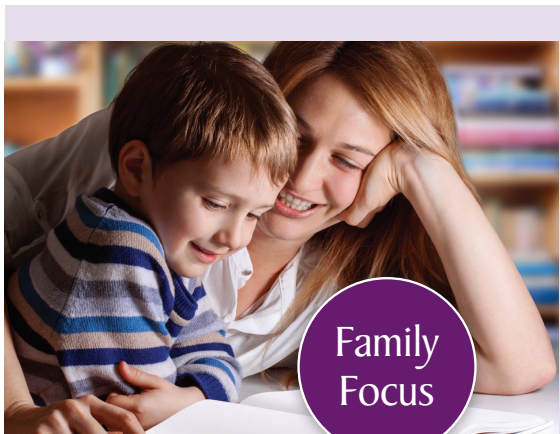


Lenten Prayer



The Prayer of St. Francis is a powerful way to ask God for the graces we need to share his love with others:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.”



Family
Focus

Tell your children stories about their baptism, the faith of their grandparents, and your faith experiences as you were growing up. Visit the church where you made your first Communion or confirmation. Show them photos from your faith milestones. By sharing your faith stories, your children will learn how to tell their own faith stories.

Extending an Invitation

We all know people who have drifted away from their faith for one reason or another. Lent is the perfect time to invite them to come to Mass with you. Or you could invite them to a Lenten lecture, Stations of the Cross, or some other Lenten event at your parish. It doesn't have to be something religious. Maybe your parish is having a fish fry or a spaghetti dinner. Inviting someone to meet other parishioners is often the best way to help them reconnect. There are people out there just waiting for an invitation to come back to the Church. You could be the one to help transform their lives!



Catechism CONNECTION

“The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as *witnesses of the Gospel*. ... This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2472

Answers: 1. There are 14 Stations of the Cross. 2. The sorrowful mysteries are the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, Jesus Carrying His Cross, and the Crucifixion. 3. The sorrowful mysteries are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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