

## **GOOD NEWS: What's your spiritual thirst?**

What are you thirsty for? Thirst is what happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for our physical survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water -- the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life. This living water is a holy water that enables us to have abundant life in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her whatever she needed to repent and receive salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want.

And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?





stations of the God of love and hope be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers, especially: Michelle Kapell, Wanda Dorosz, Darren Polasek, Stan Mickalishen, Jeannie Lemieux, Don Sturgeon, Michael Clemens, Laurette Fradette, Eileen Walkeden, Carmelo Lozada Clase, Lynn Koloski, Tom Deutscher, Joe Maas, Roy Sidloski, Graham Dean, Yvonne McNeil, Alex Halyk, Tanis VanDeSype, Tony Seitz, Rose Schultz, Ida Hoffart, Joanne Wormsbecker, Larry Stadler, Alice Kot, Vic Tremblay.

<u>The Filipino Mass</u> will be celebrated this **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM.** A potluck will follow at McKenna Hall. All are welcome to attend!

**<u>Please join us for the Stations of the Cross</u> on <b>Friday evenings during Lent** @ **6:30 PM**. The Rosary will be prayed at 6 PM and Mass will be celebrated after the Stations.

**Lenten Soup-er Fridays** – sponsored by P.L.U.R.A. churches, will be held **at Grace United Church** on Fridays throughout Lent. There will be a brief worship service with singing and mediation, followed by a light lunch donated by participating churches. Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be taken. Mar. 24 – Zion Lutheran, Mar. 31 – Knox Presbyterian, Apr. 7 – Grace Untied.



**Movie Showing: The Original Image of Divine Mercy:** The Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee is showing The Original Image of Divine Mercy movie on **Sunday, March 19 at 3pm and 7pm** at McKenna Hall. This documentary recounts how the painting was commissioned under the eye of St. Faustina as well as its "lost" years during communist persecution of the Church. Features interviews with Bishop Robert Barron, Jim Gaffigan, Harry Connick Jr., Cardinal Dziwisz of Krakow and many other prominent Catholic personalities. Free admission, all are welcome! Watch the trailer here: <u>www.divinemercyfilm.com.</u>



<u>A Lenten Fish Fry</u> will be held by the Knights of Columbus on **Thursday, March 23rd** from 5 PM – 7 PM at McKenna Hall. \$15/person, \$7.00/ Under 10, Under 3 Free. Proceeds to the K of C Sask Wheelchair foundation.



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**Drivers are needed** to help bring the Warda family to the **11 AM Mass on Sundays**. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Thank you in advance!

<u>The Parish AGM</u> will be held on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, following the 11 AM Mass. Please join us for lunch at the hall, with meeting to follow. AGM booklets can be picked up in the church foyer.

**Parish Council seeking new members.** The terms of **FOUR** Parish Councillors are ending this month and Parish Council is actively seeking new members. This is your opportunity to be a leader in our Parish community. Please prayerfully consider if you, or someone you know, may be called to serve in this capacity. More information on what Council does along with nomination forms are available for pick up from the church foyer.



Volunteers are needed with events taking place at McKenna Hall on March 21, 22, 24 & 26. Sign-up sheets can be found on the table near the font. Please see where you may be able to lend a hand. Thank you!!



<u>CWL</u> – The General Meeting will be held on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for Mass at 7 PM at the church and meeting to follow at McKenna Hall.



<u>K of C</u> – The general meeting will be held on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for Mass at 7 PM at the church and meeting to follow at McKenna Hall.



Celebrate 100 Years of Fatima! For the months of May to October on each evening of the 13th at 7:00, we will have a special night of prayer and learn about our Blessed Mother's Apparitions at Fatima, Portugal and how it relates to our lives. The Blessed Mother has asked us to pray for the world! Our own lives are changed and are blessed when we pray for others.



**Buy** – A – Shingle: Thank you for your generous donations totaling \$44,929.55! Donations for the roof fund will graciously be accepted until the end of March 2017.

**Funeral Lunch Groups**: The following groups are next in line for upcoming funerals: Marilyn & Ev, Rose & Emily and Shirley & Theresa.

The Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 4 @ 7:00 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina. Archbishop Don Bolen has extended an invitation to all parishioners in the Archdiocese to partake in this special celebration, especially those involved in parish ministries.

**Responding to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide** - A series of short locally-prepared videos about "Finding the Gifts in a World of Choices" was produced in Saskatchewan under the direction of the Saskatchewan bishops' advisory committee, thanks to financial support from the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation. The first two videos – one focused on Palliative Care and another focused on Care for the Elderly – can be found online on the Archdiocese of Regina website, Reverence for Life page: https://archregina.sk.ca/pastoral-services/reverence-life

'Surviving Transitions' is a conference for anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one. It is hosted by the Regina Deanery Pastoral Council and will take place at Holy Trinity Double herwood Dr. It begins Friday March 31st at 7:00 pm with a session entitled the place at Hory Human There is no charge for Frie CANCELLED DUE TO LOW NUMBERS Ily Walker, our conference speaker. - saturday's sessions is \$25.00 and includes lunch IF registered by Monday, March 27th Late/last minute registrations DO NOT include lunch. To register contact: isufferedloss@gmail.com or 306-352-1651. Saturday's sessions begin with registration/coffee from 9 - 10 am, followed by the conference.



5/6 Club meets Weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm 7-9 Club meets Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm. Spiritual Paint Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4-5 pm in the Youth Room. Youth Service Team meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4 - 5 pm in the Youth Room. The Teen Timeline Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 4-5 pm in the Youth Room.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

Parish Council Co-Chairpersons – Lynn Colquhoun and Ken Kot Parish Finance Chairperson – Marcy Labbie

Parish Council Members: Omer Marcotte, Bernie Kot, James Richards, Lynn Colquhoun, Pat Wolensky, Ken Kot, Don Vatamaniuk,

Jim Wanner. Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of each month, excluding July. K of C Grand Knight: Randy Schiller (861-1863) K of C Faithful Navigator: Jim Wanner (842-4014) Weyburn K of C Mtgs: Executive & Directors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, General Mtg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month (Sept.-June) CWL President: Fran Messer (842-6259) Weyburn CWL – General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month (Sept. – June)

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Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?