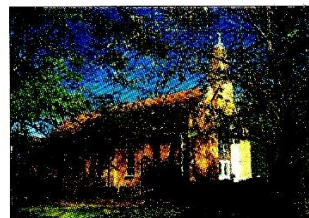




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Worship Times

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a
Holy Days 7:00p
Communion Service Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

March 15, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

We can pretend that we're nothing like The Woman at the Well. Yet there *are* similarities between The Woman, the Israelites and us in today's Word.

The Israelites, in their new-found freedom, are bellyaching to Moses. Faced with finding their way in the unmarked desert, they think they would be better off enslaved in Egypt. They preferred to be "married" to false comforts and a stifling servitude, rather than a genuine faith journey to The Promised Land.

The Judeo-Christians struggle to "marry" their Mosaic Covenant with their emerging understandings of their New Covenant in Christ. The first Covenant or "marriage" is the only one they have ever known. Now, they are being called to adapt their Judaism to *The New Way*, like a blended family.

This "blending" caused great hostilities and divisions among them. Paul calls them to focus only on boasting "in hope...the glory of God", in Christ, who died for them, even "while they were still sinners." This will deepen their faith in this New Covenant.

The unnamed *Woman at the Well* has been married many times. Her thirst to be known and loved has ended in five failed marriages. Again and again, she took to the risk to share herself. Again and again, she experienced rejection in her marriages and among her townsfolk.

We, like the Woman at the Well, "marry" someone or something in the hopes that our inner thirsts will be quenched. Many of us have had more than our share of unsuccessful "marriages."

Today, reflect on who or what you are espoused to and how these "marriages" negatively affect your relationship with Christ and others.

Are all your "marriages" valid, life-giving, and draw you closer to the life-giving waters that quench your spiritual thirst? Are some of your espousals "bad marriages", ones that keep you from living faithfully to Christ?

Today, spend some time in conversation with Christ at the Well of your heart. Reaffirm the grace-filled "marriages" in your life and pray for the grace to divorce yourself from anyone or anything that fails to quench your deepest thirsts or hinder your ongoing conversion.

As we pray **LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH.**
MAKE THEM BETTER.

God's blessings,

Janis

☪ Sunday Scriptures

Exodus 17:3-7	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9	John 4:5-42



☪ Reflecting & Acting on the Word

Week III: Woman At the Well

Name your deepest thirsts for faith, healing, forgiveness, or reconciliation.



Pray for the sustaining grace to divorce yourself from anyone or anything that leads you away from Christ.

☪ March Intentions

15	Katie Delanoy, Larry Liss Deacon Frank Aversa, Pat Brunner, Letty & Myron Kitts, Justin Flockhart, Stephanie Richard, Forgotten Souls, Ashley, Maria, Tony Torres, Eloisa Valdivia, Fr. Jerry Schere
22	John Jennings
29	+Kevin J. Jacobs; +Mona Schaufenbuel

Mar. 22

Acolytes	Gabby
Children's Liturgy	Morgan
Proclaimers	Theresa, Jason
Altar Linens	Zenaida "Rosa"
EM	S. Janis & Presider
Greeters/ Ushers	Wendy, Lukas

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✠ 15	3rd Sun Lent Rite of Scrutiny I	
🌻 16	Elkin Rescue Blood Drive, 1:30-6p Ladies' Guild St. Pat's gathering	
17	No Communion Service HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY!	☘
✠ 18	Music Ministry mtg., 4p; RCIA 6:30; Choir, 7p	🎵
19	Happy St. Joseph Day	
20	Stations of the Cross; Simple Supper, 6p	
✠ 22	4th Sun Lent Rite of Scrutiny II	
24	No Communion Service, 12:15p +St. Oscar Romero	
✠ 25	RCIA 6:30; Choir, 7p	🎵
27	Stations of the Cross; Simple Supper, 6p	
✠ 29	5th Sun Lent Rite of Scrutiny III	
31	No Communion Service	
Family Faith Formation & Communion Services are canceled until further notice.		

Tri-C Donations Store brands are best.	
MARCH	Small Laundry Detergent



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

17 Ruth Weibel

29 Eva Rose Reikowsky

19 Erika Espino & Ruben Ramirez

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65th Anniversary

At our Pancake Breakfast you were invited to offer your suggestions for celebrating our 65th Anniversary as a faith community. Those suggestions are being collated and will be shared with the parish for further input. Thanks to all the adults and Youth made suggestions and to Debbie & Phillip who are collating them. Send additional suggestions to:

parrishd1109@gmail.com



Whoever drinks the water I
give will never be thirsty

All Rites of the Church are meant for the spiritual growth of the entire faith community.

Rite of Scrutiny is a solemn Rite celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent.

During the Scrutiny, we pray for the Elect and ourselves, that God will purify and enlighten us through grace. Together, we pray *God will grace all of us* to uncover, remove, and heal all that prevents us from giving ourselves completely to Christ each day.

The Rite of Scrutiny is meant to deepen the desire of The Elect and the parish community for ongoing conversion and to hold fast to Christ by carrying out their decision to love God above all and your Dear Neighbor.

ST. STEPHEN TEMPORARY PARISH POLICY

Today's Word remind us: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." This is God's gift of Jesus to us through faith, that we might boast in hope of the glory of God.

You know the corona virus is serious. After we discussed this situation and the suggestions the diocese offered, so we make recommendations we believe are best for our parish as we take the following precautions:

First and foremost, if you are sick with any cold or flu-like symptoms please stay at home. Do not go to work, church, or school. If anyone in your family is sick, stay home until *you can be certain* they don't have the virus. We suggest you do not attend public gatherings or meetings if you or a family member aren't feeling well or if you suspect others may have the virus. Perhaps the best thing to do, at least for the time being, is to stay home. If you attend church please refrain from shaking hands when you arrive or leave; do not embrace or hug anyone. The virus seems to be spread by close physical contact.

During Mass, do not shake hands at the Greeting, Sign of Peace or hold hands at The Lord's Prayer. During Communion only the Body of Christ will be distributed for now. Sister Janis and the priest celebrating the Mass will distribute the Body of Christ *to protect you*. We ask that you to receive the Body of Christ only in your hand *to protect us and the other Communicants, and to avoid any risk of transferring the virus*.

We will continue to update you on the latest information and changes to insure the safety of our parishioners. Please feel free to ask us any questions or share any concerns you may have.

Fr. John *Janis*