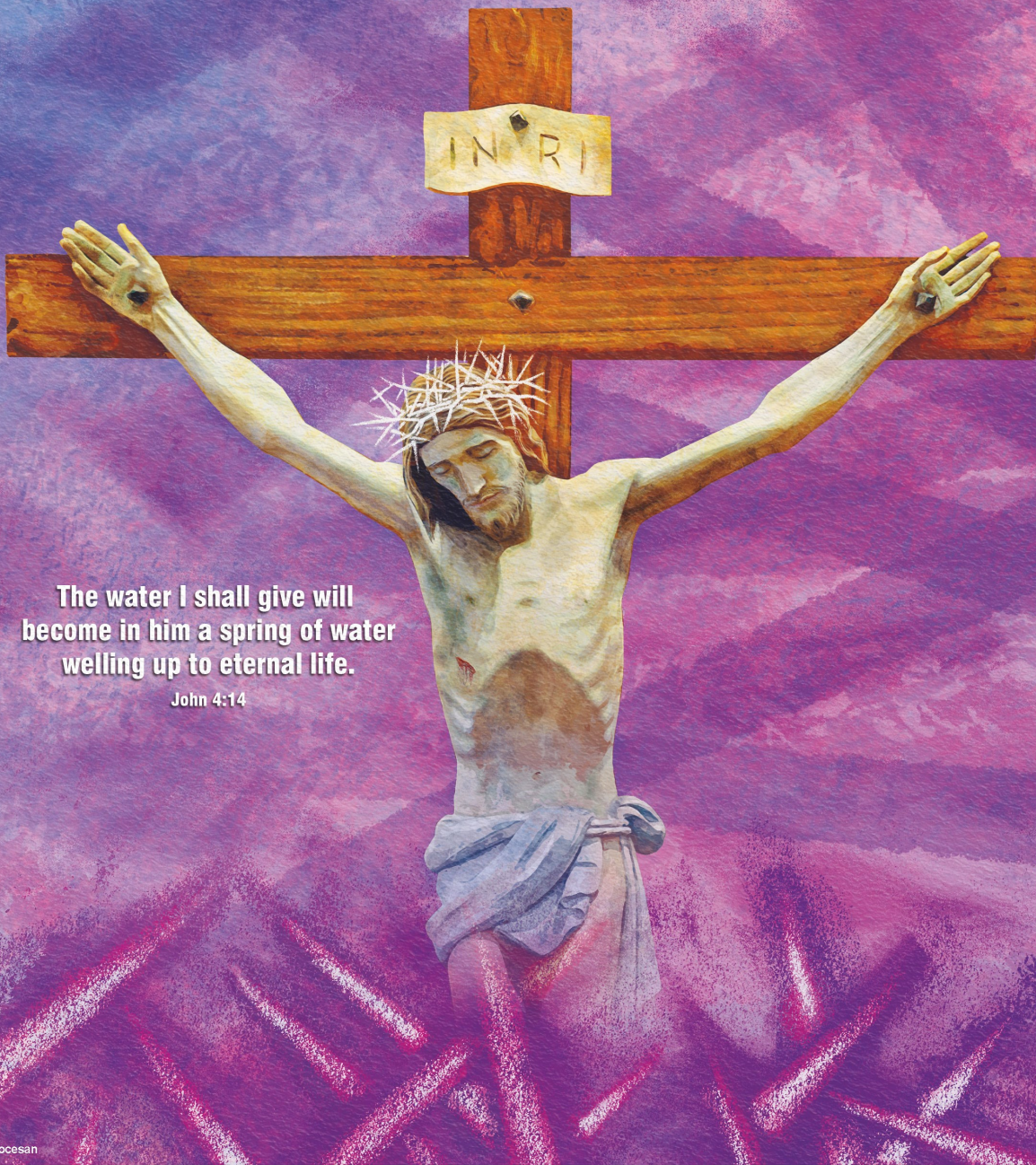


Third Sunday of LENT



The water I shall give will
become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14

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PERFECT TIMING IN SHARING GOODNESS

Late Monday morning, Ed Bucnis pulled in the driveway in front of the parish office door to drop off Kairos cookies. As he and Deb Danner came from placing them in the freezer, Margie Thorpe pulled up behind him and got out of her car carrying cookies! As Deb went to take hers, Josh Rauch pulled up behind Margie and got out of the car with his cookies! Deb was like one of the Chik-fil-A kids standing at cars taking people's orders. It was a delightful moment of shared goodness! Thanks to EVERYONE who baked!

READINGS FOR MARCH 19

Exodus 17:3-7 2

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

With heartfelt thanks
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 4 and 5**\$9,657.67****HELP NEEDED FOR HOLY THURSDAY**

This year we would like to return to the practice of taking turns washing one another's feet on Holy Thursday. If you are willing to have your feet washed and to be a facilitator at one of the stations (helping children, letting servers know when more water is needed, etc.) please contact Mary in the parish office for more details on this simple but important role!



To read the *Letter from the Catholic Conference of Ohio* addressing a proposed amendment to protect the sanctity of human life of the Ohio constitution please visit:

<https://catholicaoc.org/news/from-the-archbishop/letter-from-ohio-catholic-conference>

The woman at the well is too ashamed to look at Jesus at first.

Unrelenting in his call to her, it is to this judged and dismissed woman that Jesus says, "I am he, [the Messiah], the one who is speaking to you ..."

And many people came to believe in Jesus because of her testimony.



Photo credit Mary Heider The Woman at the Well, University of Notre Dame

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 am Andy Heil (The Heil Family)

MONDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 am Al Torres (Torres Family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 am Kris Kessel Thurman (Maryann Kessel)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 am Eloise Hilgefard (Jenni Hilgefard)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 am Richard Strathearn (Family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 am Paul Cassidy

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:30 pm IC Patricia Jankay (Diana Glassburn)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 am Amanda Crosthwaite (McGarry Fam)

Weekday and Saturday Intentions are remembered at the Masses at Immaculate Conception

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Fitz (live streamed)

10:15 am—Religious Education

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 13-17

MONDAY, MARCH 13—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 14—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer—HR

6:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Tony

6:30 pm—St. Vincent de Paul Society Mtg—SJ1

7:00 pm—Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 16—Fr. Uriel

6:00 pm—Reconciliation **at IC**—Fr. Tony

6:30 pm—First Reconciliation SH 2nd Graders

FRIDAY, MARCH 17—Fr. Len

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

11:00 am—Franciscan Formation—SJ1

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes Mass at IC—Fr. Satish

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Fitz (live streamed)

10:15 am—Religious Education

Priests' schedules are tentative

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FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR 2ND GRADERS

Our 2nd graders will make their First Reconciliation this Thursday. Please keep these little ones in your prayers!

March 18 & 19	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector
Saturday, 4:30 PM at IC	Kathy Hendrixson (P) Tom Mahle (P) Mary Jane Middleton (C) Leann Som (C)	Caroline Tucker	Pat Schneider (1) Mark Sheets (2)
Sunday, 9:00 AM at SH	Bryon Betsinger Becky Cleaver April Lezanic Lynn Middy Abigail Randall Grace Randall Trenton Randall	Jules Ikuzo Jolee Isaro Harper Robbins Lilly Shepherd	Lester Small (1)

St. Joseph's Table

On March 19, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. St. Joseph dedicated his life to the care of the Blessed Virgin and Jesus. To honor him, there is a classic Catholic tradition we know as St. Joseph's Table where food is set aside for the poor. Here at St. Helen Parish, we have the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry and the "Feed the Spirit" ministry to assist those in need. The "Feed the Spirit" ministry provides specific items used to feed hungry children in the surrounding communities of Riverside, Dayton and Beavercreek.

In honor of St. Joseph, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church from March 12 – 20. We will bless all the donations during the evening prayer scheduled in his honor on March 20.

Please place your donation by the statue of St. Joseph in the Holy Family Chapel. If you bring them during the week and the church is not open, please take it to the church office.



For more information, contact Tom Lewis, talewis@sbcglobal.net, 937-238-0986.

Here are some of the most popular and needed items for the food pantry

Shelf stable cartons of milk, Soups of all types, Pancake mix/ Syrup, Canned Ravioli Canned spaghetti & meatballs, Jello/Pudding mix, Breakfast cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pork and Beans/Baked beans, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese, Canned fruit, Spaghetti sauce, Canned Chili/Beef stew, Breakfast cereal, Canned meats (tuna, chicken breast etc), Saltine/ Graham crackers.

Here are some of the needed items for the "Feed the Spirit" ministry:

Breakfast foods in individual bags or containers (oatmeal, cream of wheat, breakfast bars, pop tarts, cereal cups). Individual packs of snacks (raisins, crackers, pretzels, goldfish). Fruit or Vegetable individual cans (pop top) or cups (easy open) or applesauce. Shelf stable white milk in single serve (small) cartons. Easy open individual meals (must have pop top if a can) i.e. pasta meals in cups, mac-n-cheese in cups, cup-o-soup, any soup can with pop top, ramen in cups, and small jars of peanut butter.

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NAIM MEMBERS will be **"Wearing the Green"** at the March 13, St. Patrick's themed gathering in the **St. Henry PAC, 6660 N. Springboro Pike**. NOTE: THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7 PM followed by cards & lots of conversation. for more information, contact.....Agnes Laux @ 937-256-2086.

FIRST FESTIVAL TICKET TURN-IN

Our first ticket turn-in receipt totaled \$6,525 compared to \$6,440 last year. The Early Bird winner of \$50 was **Darlene Ross!!** Congratulations!

The next turn-in will be **Monday, April 3**, in the Smith Building between **6:30-8 p.m.** *Sell those festival tickets and get them turned in for your chance at an easy \$50!*

CJ FISH FRY Saturday, March 18 • 6 p.m.

TICKETS: \$22 online presale; \$27 day of; \$16 online order carryout. CJ invites you for traditional food fare of fish, sausage, sides and desserts hosted by CJ's Blue Green Club. Enjoy games, a silent auction and sport games on the big screens. Must be 21 or over to attend. Visit cjeagles.org for details and ticket information

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2023? -

Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2023 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses: • Saturday, August 5 at 4:30 p.m.: St. Paul, Englewood/North Dayton (Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr) • Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m.: Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati (Celebrant: Rev. Jan Schmidt) Couples should register to attend one of the Masses by completing the online anniversary certificate request form at: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources>. Questions? Contact the Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.

NE7 FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS



Wed. March 15 St. Mary 7pm

Evensong is a meditative service that includes the singing of hymns, canticles, and anthems, the intoning of the creed, and the Lord's Prayer. The service of Evensong is an opportunity to worship through music.



Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. -Psalm 103:12

Thursday March 30, 2023 — 6:30pm

at St. Anthony for our Family of Parishes

Prayer service begins at 6:30pm. Individual confessions will continue until all penitents have received the sacrament. There will be no reconciliation at Immaculate Conception on Thursday March 30th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays St. Anthony
6:30 pm March 15, 22 & 29

Wednesdays St. Mary 7:00
pm Bilingual
March 22 & 29

Thursdays Holy Angels
6:00 pm March 16, 23, &
30

Fridays St. Helen 7:00 pm
March 17, 24 & 31

Good Friday, April 7, at
Immaculate Conception at
2:30 pm Bilingual

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

Liturgy of the Hours On Tuesdays, at
7:00 p.m.

Please join us Tuesdays, as we pray the Liturgy of the Hours. The prayers should last about 45 minutes. Please come and join us. For more information on the Divine Office
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours>

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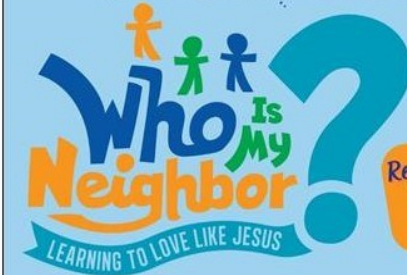
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NE7 FAMILY OF PARISHES LENTEN ALMSGIVING:

Our donations will go to support the victims of the earthquakes located in Syria through the [Sharing Bread Project](#) operated by the "Blue Marists of Aleppo." The Blue Marists are a branch of the Marist Brothers, a Catholic religious order which has been functioning in Syria for many years. The Sharing Bread Project is providing meals and food assistance to those who have been displaced by the earthquakes. As of the writing of this letter, they have provided **15,000 hot meals** to over **3,600 people**. The Blue Marists have been aiding between **500-700 people a day** at their location in Aleppo. They have also been providing diapers, blankets, and heating fuel as they have been able to.



You may contribute to this Almsgiving project in multiple ways...

- ❖ **CHECK:** payable to your parish, please note "almsgiving" on the memo line.
- ❖ **CASH:** placed in an almsgiving envelope or another envelope with "almsgiving" clearly labeled on it.
- ❖ **ONLINE:**
 - St. Anthony – [WeShare](#) go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-1894> (select almsgiving from the menu)
 - St. Helen – [FaithDirect](#) go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH790/50913>
 - Holy Angels - [WeShare](#) go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001459> (select almsgiving from the menu)
 - Immaculate - [FaithDirect](#) go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH796/28110>.
 - St. Mary – [WeShare](#) go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001279> (select "second collections" then select "almsgiving")



Love in Action

March 2023

Updates from Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley

A SPECIAL BOND

"Steven," a volunteer with Catholic Social Services' Caregiver Relief Service, visited "John," a homebound senior in Miami County with multiple health issues, from 2014 to 2021. The two watched movies together during visits and developed a bond. When John passed away in January of 2023, his wife asked Steven to be a pallbearer. Steven said, **"If it wasn't for Catholic Social Services, I would have missed out on knowing this wonderful couple."**



Staff Spotlight

Therapist Denetta Harris is enrolled in the accredited post-master's curriculum at the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) to become a Trained Adoption Competent Clinician. The C.A.S.E. website lists **only five TAC-trained mental health professionals in Ohio**, so Harris will be part of an elite group. We are so proud of Denetta!



Denetta Harris



Catholic Chaos for a Cause!

Know a lot about college basketball? Or not? Either way, join Catholic Social Services' bracket pool to learn about our programs and help us raise awareness! The winner will receive a bottle of New Riff single-barrel bourbon, two tickets to our Shine Dayton Celebration on Oct. 6, and a night's stay for two at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Dayton - **total value over \$350!** Visit cssmv.org/events to enter between March 12-16. You must be 21 or older to win.



MONTHLY POPE QUOTE

Acts of charity towards our brothers and sisters – as expressed by almsgiving, a practice which, together with prayer and fasting, is typical of Lent – is rooted in this **common belonging.** - Pope Benedict XVI

40 Days of Lenten Thank-Yous

Find Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley at @CSSMV on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, for our daily Lenten Love in Action thank-yous!

To learn more about these updates or about Catholic Social Services, visit cssmv.org or contact Parish Relations Coordinator Brendan Dillon at 937.223.7217 x1141 or dillonb@cssmv.org.



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