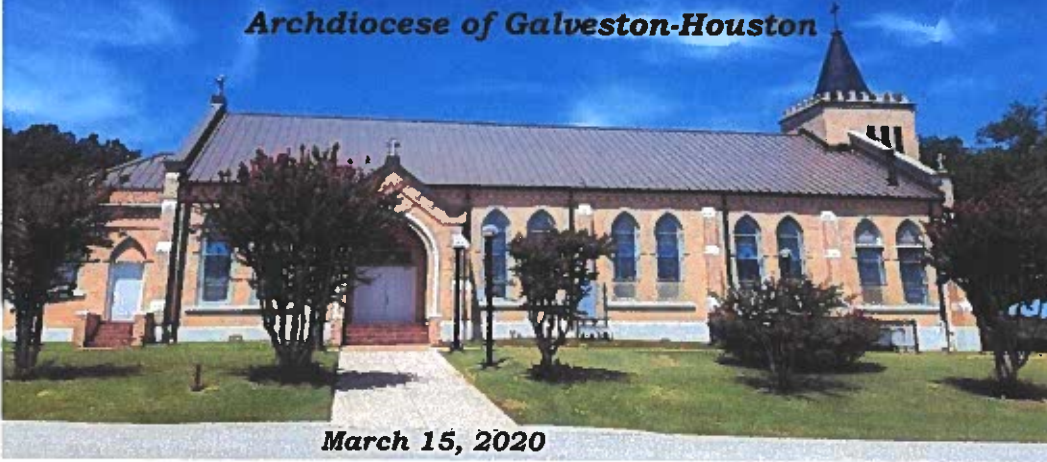


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Mass Schedule

Wednesday & Friday

reconciliation at 11:30

Mass at Noon

Stations of the Cross after Friday

Noon Mass and at 7:00pm

Saturday Vigil 4:15pm

Sunday 10:00am

March 15th, 2020

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

**The goodness and mercy of
Jesus is life-giving.**



In their fear and need, the Israelites grumble against Moses and the Lord. God responds by meeting those needs with water flowing from the rock. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that we *have been justified by faith* through Jesus – his death gives us life. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well and tells her he is the Messiah.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday March 18th Noon
Albert Mattern

Friday March 20th Noon
Living & deceased members of the
Baranowski, Conrey & Cook families

Saturday March 21st 4:15pm
Albert Mattern

Sunday March 22nd 10:00am
Marion Wroblewski

Traveling Elijah Cup Schedule

March 21st Chad & Theresa Guidry

March 28th Tim & Dana Busa

April 5th Leman Family

April 12th Contreras Family

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement



Saturday March 21st 4:15pm

Lectors: Susan Wisnoski ***Rosary:*** Dorothy Pasket

E.M.H.C Michael & Susan Wisnoski

Altar Servers: Philip Pasket, Brant Werner, Christina Hluchan

Ushers: Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Johnny Pasket Jr

Sunday March 22nd 10:00am

Lectors: Teen Ministry ***Rosary:*** Theresa Guidry

E.M.H.C Don & Gail Sowell, Gary Klodzinski, Diane Sechelski
& Robert Maggio (Choir)

Altar Servers James Leman, Ben Leman Jr., Jonathon Ritchie

Ushers: Teen Ministry

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

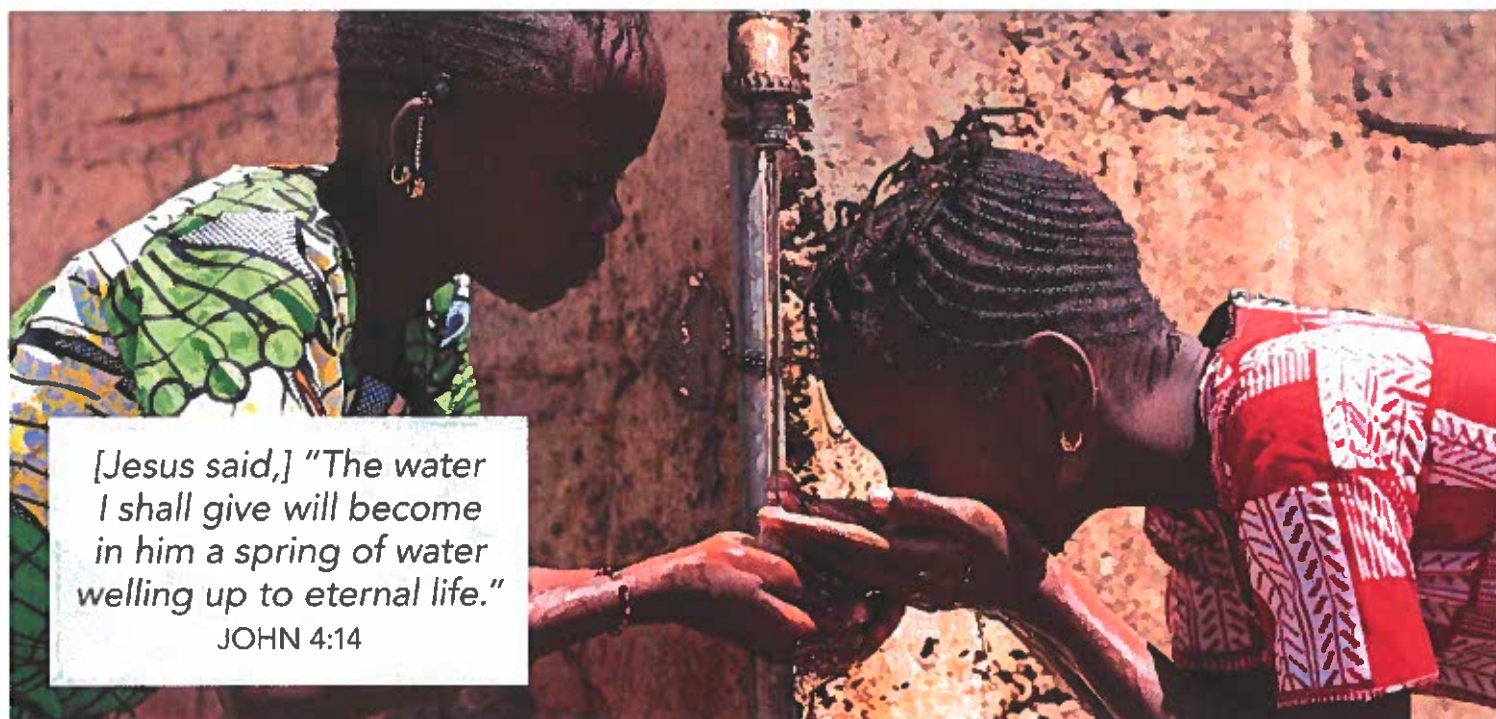
with a woman he didn't know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman's questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette ("Give me a drink" [4:7]), then in a theological exchange ("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

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Look at the deepest longings of your heart. What might quench your thirst?
- ★ The Samaritan woman may have been the last person we would expect Jesus to engage with. What does this say about us?



[Jesus said,] "The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

JOHN 4:14

Dear Padre,

For many of us older Catholics, our children have either left the faith or they don't belong to any church. Consequently, their children aren't baptized. We were taught that anyone may baptize in an emergency. Can we baptize our grandchildren? If so, how?

When necessary, "any person," even one who is not baptized, "can baptize provided that he has the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1284).

Church law permits baptism when at least one consenting Catholic parent or guardian plans to nurture the child in the faith and in the faith community. Some people—with the best intentions—may disregard these legal conditions and resort to baptizing a child in secret or against the parents' will. However, while the Trinitarian formula used while pouring water over a child qualifies as the sacrament even under non-life-threatening circumstances, it's also contrary to Church law. This has negative consequences both for the child being baptized and the grandparents doing the baptizing!

May you find consolation in these words: "Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament" (CCC 1257). Should a child die without baptism, we can trust in God's mercy, since the full proclamation of the gospel and request for the sacrament was not possible for the child. Moreover, Jesus' tenderness toward children allows us "to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism" (CCC 1261).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

This season of Lent is a good occasion to draw near to [Jesus], to encounter him in prayer in a heart-to-heart dialogue; to speak with him, to listen to him.... In this way we can renew in ourselves the grace of baptism, quench our thirst at the wellspring of the Word of God.

—ANGELUS, MARCH 19, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1–15b

Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4–5a,

12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a

or Lk 2:41–51a

Friday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2–10

Mk 12:28–34

Saturday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 22

Fourth Sunday
of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a

Eph 5:8–14

Jn 9:1–41 or

Jn 9:1, 6–9, 13–17,

34–38



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.
936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Announcements

Station of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent after the noon mass and at 7:00pm until April 3rd.

Lent Penance Service

March 26th 6:30 at St. Stanislaus

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference – Catholic Social Doctrine in Medicine.

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Catholic Healthcare Professionals of Houston, and Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, present the 5th annual *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** from 9:15 am to 6:45 pm at the offices of the St. John Paul II Foundation. The conference theme is Catholic Social Doctrine in Medicine, and **continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.**

To register or for more information, visit convergingroads.com.

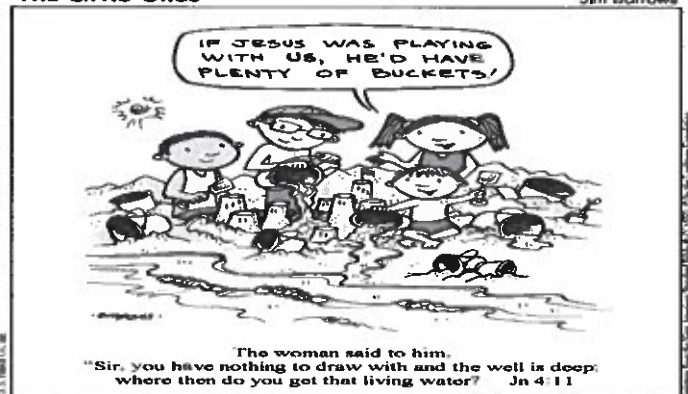
College Scholarships

Knights of Columbus Fr. William Kelly Memorial Scholarship." For the 2020-21 Academic Year, up to eight (8) scholarships will be awarded to eligible applicants from the parishes affiliated with Council #4054 (St. Stanislaus, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's,). Information and applications may be obtained by calling St. Mary's (936-894-2223) or St. Stanislaus (936-873-2291) Last day to submit completed applications April 13, 2020.

Lent, with its disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity, is all about repentance, renewal and healing from sin. The Gospel tells of Jesus' encounter with a woman who had a long history of brokenness and isolation. As she meets Jesus and experiences his life-changing mercy, so, too, can we receive new life and living water from the Word and sacrament in which we encounter Christ.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday April 2nd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Anointing of the Sick : Every 3rd weekend of the month. Anointing of the sick will be held in the church following the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Anointing of the sick is for people who are seriously ill or preparing to undergo surgery. It is also for the elderly who are suffering from the infirmities

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions of concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Thursdays at 6:30 in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information. And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information . Next Breakfast Sunday April 5th, please plan on joining us.

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

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- New date for the St. Stanislaus Festival benefiting the CCE program is March 29, 2020 from 11 am to 2 pm.
- The tickets are \$2 each and \$10 for a book of 6 so purchase from any CCE student.
- We are also asking for live Auction and Silent Auction items for the Spring Festival.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to David Borski at 832-530-9173 or dab81@yahoo.com

Sacrifice of Praise

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41



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The Blessing of a Thankful Heart

In today's Gospel, the disciples questioned Jesus if sin caused the man's blindness. Did he or someone in his family warrant this punishment by their offense to God? The disciples listened and accepted Jesus' explanation that the man's lack of sight was not due to sin but instead was to show the glory of God. Meanwhile, the Pharisees refused to accept Jesus' teaching and in essence became the blind ones. Ironically, their inability to see could be directly attributed to sin — specifically, the sin of pride.

They refused to believe in the miracle which had occurred right before them and would never be able to see the miracles Jesus could perform in their lives. Their metaphorical blindness remained because they were unwilling to believe in any truth other than their own. Jesus has the power and authority to open anyone's eyes, to break through anyone's darkness, but first we have to be willing to see.

Sometimes we face circumstances truly beyond our control, which make

FOR REFLECTION

- Make a list of all the things you are grateful for. Spend time in prayer thanking God for each one.
- In difficult situations, are you able to recognize reasons to be thankful?
- What burdens keep you free from embracing a hope-filled life in Christ?

us wonder what we've done to be abandoned by God or what may have angered him. It is imperative to understand an important truth about God: He does not bring hardships; these exist as a result of the Fall in the Garden of Eden. God has given each of us free will so that we may be able to freely choose to enter into a relationship with him — one based on love, not coercion.

Trusting in God's promises that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28), or that "for human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible" (Mt

19:26), can be difficult in the midst of a tragedy, trial, or difficulty. However, one who continues to pray in thanksgiving maintains a grateful heart and remains hopeful, like the man born blind. Although Jesus' method of curing the man's blindness may have seemed strange, the man, thankful for a chance at healing, followed Jesus' instructions.

Lent is the perfect time to rub mud in our eyes, figurately speaking, and allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. Whether currently struggling through a difficult time, or scars from past battles that are hard to forget, prayers of thanksgiving can mold those experiences into blessings. Clarity of vision of the cumulative experiences in our lives belong only with God; apart from him, we will never make sense of them. Remaining close, thankful, and open to seeing his hand in all that happens in the world, keeps our hearts safeguarded from growing hard. Lent is a time to reflect on what blinds us from saying, "Lord, I believe," and a time to refocus on following the Light of the World.

PRAYER TIP

When do you find time for prayer within a typically busy day? Some days do not lend themselves to dedicated or uninterrupted prayer time. Instead of skipping prayer, find ways to build it into the things you are already doing. Here are a few suggestions:

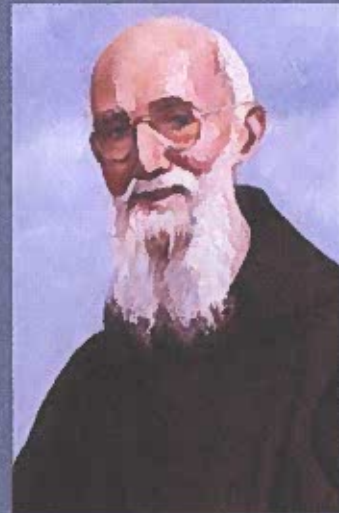
- Use your morning coffee time to read a Scripture verse.
- Recite the Rosary on your drive to work.
- Bring joy to your chores by thanking God for the food that dirtied the dishes, the clothes that now fill the hamper, and a floor that requires vacuuming.
- Offer a Hail Mary while brushing your teeth.
- Pray before (and even after) each meal.

“Give thanks to the Lord ...
whose love endures forever.”

— 1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Thank God Ahead

Blessed Solanus Casey was a simple Capuchin friar from Oak Grove, Wisconsin. Blessed Solanus is an extraordinary example of how a person can foster devout faith amid an ordinary life. Through his many hardships, he learned the blessing of maintaining a heart of gratitude, regardless of current circumstances. Solanus often counseled people to consider the good God would do in the future for them, and to “Thank God ahead of time!”



Portrait of Blessed Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

CATECHISM CONNECTION



“The inexhaustible richness of [the Eucharist] is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called:

“Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim — especially during a meal — God’s works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1328

“Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for his glory. The thanksgiving of the members of the Body participates in that of their Head.

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2637



Prayer

Lord Jesus, may I remember each day this Lent to thank you for each blessing and each cross. May the devotion I offer you be from a place of great love and not hinge on my happiness, but instead on the blessed hope found in Easter. Our blessings are abundant; so should our thanks to the One who bestows them. Lord, this week, I will pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances.

Weekly Collections:

March 7th \$1,407.00

March 8th \$2,500.30

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

March 22nd

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Good Friday April 10th

Holy Land Collection



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Travis Klawinsky, Joe A. Lopez,
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for daily prayer
during office hours.

Office hours are
Tuesday-Friday
8 to 4

Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound:

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