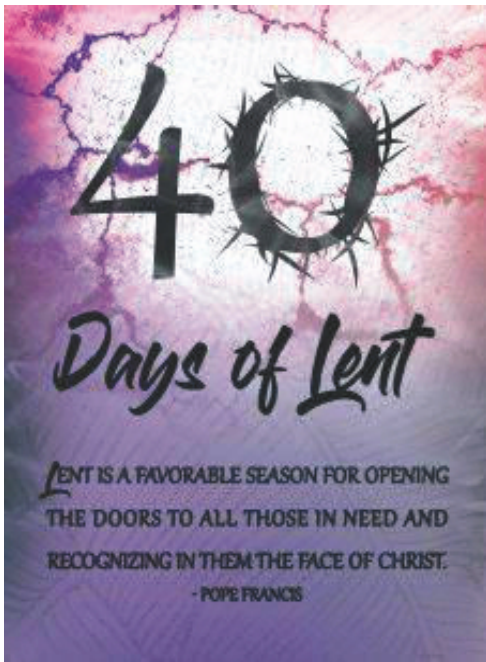


MARCH 15, 2020

# Saint John *the* Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Third Sunday of Lent



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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Third Friday of the Month 10:00 am  
(At Liberty Village Nursing Home)



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Jn 4:9a, 10

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, March 16th**  
**8:00 am + Rick Ramirez**

*Tuesday, March 17th*  
 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

**Wednesday, March 18th**  
**8:00 am + George Sweazy**

*Thursday, March 19th*  
 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

**Friday, March 20th, Liberty Village Nursing Home**  
**10:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors**

**Saturday, March 21st, Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**4:00 pm + Joel Hendricks**

**Sunday, March 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**8:30 am + Deacon Steve Tamburini**  
 10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



### Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Don Jackson, Marie Riegel.

### Prayers for the Sick

Janet Ashby, Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Mary Hirsch, Steve Lighthall, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Bill Sargent, Steven R. Smith, Angie Walden, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Guy Wisegarver.

Collection Counters this week are **Mike Rakers and Paul Nothnagel**. Thank you for serving in this way.



### CCD K-7 Classes

CCD Classes meet today, March 15th following the 8:30am Mass.

**RCIA** - Class meets this Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30pm in the Library.

**Lenten Adult Ed Class** - Class meets this Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Join us!

**Choir Practice** - Lent/Easter Choir practices are now underway. Sunday music at 6:30pm; Easter music at 7:15pm. It's not too late to join us!

### Liturgical Ministers Training Sessions

Extraordinary Minister training this **Thursday, March 19th from 6:30-7:30pm** or **Saturday, March 21st from 2:30-3:30pm**. You are only required to attend one of these trainings. This training is for new and veteran ministers.

Lector training on Thursday, March 26th from 6:30-7:30pm or Saturday, March 28th from 2:30-3:30pm. You are only required to attend one of these trainings. This training is for new and veteran lectors.

### Fatima-Lourdes Trip

Msgr. Paul Showalter, Vicar General Emeritus, will be hosting a pilgrimage to Spain October 13-23, 2020. The trip will feature Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona. October is the month of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and we will be visiting some of the most sacred shrines and places of prayer and devotion in Europe. There is a wealth of history to be seen and felt in the places we will be visiting. There will be daily Mass as well as time to relax and enjoy the true experience of Portugal, France and Spain. Msgr. Showalter looks forward to sharing the experience with you. For a brochure or for more information, contact Karen Small at (309) 677-7001 or by email at [ksmall@cdop.org](mailto:ksmall@cdop.org).



**Saturday, March 7th 4:00pm and Sunday, March 8th 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes.....\$2,341.00  
 Loose .....\$187.00  
 Total Collection.....\$2,528.00

Outreach Collection \$1,401.00  
 Easter Flowers Donations \$160.00

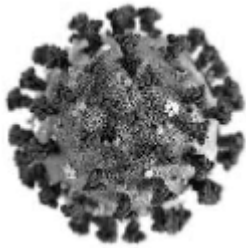


### Lenten Fish Frys

Join us on all Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) in the Parish Hall. Serving begins at 5:00pm. Meal includes choice of fish or shrimp, two sides, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$9 for adults; \$4 for children.

### Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent

St. Patrick Wapella 5:00pm  
 St. John Clinton 5:30pm  
 Sacred Heart Farmer City 6:00pm



## Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands

Human coronaviruses, first characterized in the 1960s, are responsible for a substantial proportion of upper respiratory tract infections in children. Since 2003, at least 5 new human

coronaviruses have been identified. Human respiratory coronaviruses are typically found in temperate climates. Respiratory coronavirus infections occur more often in the winter and spring than in the summer and fall.

Scientists from China said they've identified two strains of COVID-19 linked to the recent outbreak. Coronaviruses are a large family of RNA viruses, and when RNA viruses replicate quickly, they often mutate.

**There is no vaccine for coronavirus. To help prevent coronavirus infection, do the same things you do to avoid the common cold:**

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Keep your hands and fingers away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are infected.

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March 2020

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and providing legal advocacy services for migrants, the Catholic Relief Services Collection allows us to see every encounter with a person who is suffering as an opportunity to help **Jesus in disguise**.

It is important to remember our humanitarian obligations as Catholics. Our theme of *Jesus in disguise* reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer-and in those who respond compassionately to their needs. **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** supports important Catholic organizations that carry out God's work around the world.

In our Peoria diocese, The Catholic Relief Services Collection is scheduled for the weekend of **March 21-22, 2020**. This is the perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity.

Please be generous in the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
BISHOP OF PEORIA

*A second collection will be taken next weekend for the support of Catholic Relief Services. Please use the envelopes that were distributed this weekend. And thank you for your generous financial support of the work that Catholic Relief Services does for the poor around the world.*



Whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty

## Water Please

This week we will hear from the Gospel of St. John and a famous encounter of Jesus with a woman of Samaria. This is an important message for us to hear as we approach the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. - Easter.

As part of this period of preparation, the Church will celebrate the Rites of Scrutiny. For the next three Sundays, those people who have been attending classes in order to receive the Easter Sacraments will be presented to the gathered Christian Community. Today's Scrutiny will stress the importance of water.

At a well in Samaria Jesus approaches a woman who had come to draw water. In this encounter, Jesus offers this woman the life-giving waters of rebirth. He offers her life through the saving waters of Baptism. At first she is distracted by the offer thinking that the water Jesus is offering will help in her daily task of drawing water. Only after further conversation with Jesus can this woman realize that He is offering her the gift of Baptismal water.

All who desire to share in Christ's gift of eternal life need to approach the saving waters of Baptism. Through the rebirth of Baptism, we are offered the hope of eternal life that comes to us when we are washed clean in the saving waters of Baptism.

The story shows us that a well of grace is ready to refresh the soul parched by sin and suffering and that Jesus comes to save the sick and to serve those who still need both physical and spiritual healing. Her story is also relevant because it becomes an antecedent of Christian practices — that one may seek God's forgiveness for wrongdoing. In some Christian religions, including Catholicism and Orthodox, seeking forgiveness is the basis for the sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). Every faith has a teaching and belief that God forgives sin and that repentance is always possible. The Jewish feast of Yom Kippur and Islam's Ramadan are also examples of seeking forgiveness and showing atonement for sin. The woman at the well had her sins "washed away" by Jesus. The story shows that Jesus offers divine mercy in the living water of grace, which washes away sins and cleanses souls. The woman went to the well to get a jug of water. Instead, she got much more, including a cleansed and refreshed spiritual life.



ADA Weekend  
Coming Soon

In two weeks our parish will be participating in the ADA for the Diocese of Peoria. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese. Please give generously as God has given to you.

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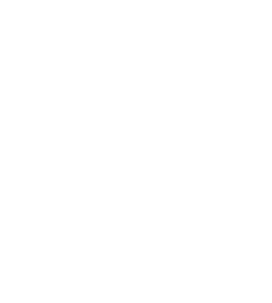
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