THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

This Sunday’s Gospel is filled with wonderful indicators of Christ’s divinity and more important, his game changing impact on human history. It is Christ that brings the Old Testament into its full meaning and who leaves very large bread crumbs for not only his apostles but those every day people he encounters in the New Testament which permits them to figure out exactly who this amazing man is… the Messiah!

So, about the woman at the well – She is a Samaritan, who branched off from the Jews hundreds of years earlier. It is important to understand the Samaritan’s and the Jews never, ever socialized. The Jews viewed the Samaritans as unclean people and not among God’s chosen people. Accordingly, this social ostracization of Samaritans made Jesus’s encounter here more amazing. For a Jew, to drink from a Samaritan well would not have been a possibility – yet that is exactly what Jesus does. He chooses this simple and incredibly unconventional encounter to touch the woman’s life. He can see into her heart and knows details about her life, such as the many marriages and divorces she has had. Instead of humiliating the woman he compliments her for her honesty and does not turn his back on her – a move his apostles certainly would have made.

Jesus’s encounter with the woman at the well makes us pose a personal challenge to the core of who we are; are we like Jesus when it comes to the treatment of those who do not look like us – those of a different race or culture? For instance, do we categorize people by their race? “Oh, he is such a nice black man” – rather than, “Oh he is such a nice man”. We do this with Hispanics, African Americans, individuals of Asian

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Calendar of Events

Monday, March 16
Mass 8:30 am
Regnum Christi 9:15 am
Confirmation Yr2 6:00 pm
Gr 1-7 FF Classes 6:00 pm
Parents – Videos during classes
Rosary Cenacle 6:30 pm
Angel’s Place 7:30 am

Tuesday, March 17
ST PATRICK’S DAY
Mass 8:30 am
Grief Group, 1:00 pm
Gr 1-7 FF Classes 5:00 pm
Parents – Videos during classes
RCIA – 5:30 pm
K of C General mtg 7:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 18
Doing What MATters 10:00 am
Sunday by Sunday 10:00 am
Scripture Study 12:30 pm
FF Gr 6/7 Classes 3:30 pm
Evening Prayer 6:30 pm
Ladies Small Group 6:30 pm
Youth Group 6:30 pm
Scripture Study 7:15 pm

Thursday, March 19
Scripture Study 10:00 am
Rosary 10:30
Mass 11:00 am
Lunch & Learn series 11:45 am
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, March 20
Mass 8:30 am
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 21
Called to Serve 9:00 am
Reconciliation 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 22
Masses: 7:30 & 9:00 am and 11:00am
Social after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses
Confirmation Yr 2 12:15 pm
Catholic Relief Scv. Collection

This Week at St. Daniel Parish
Activities, Volunteer Schedules & Sacramental Celebrations

Liturgical Ministers

March 14 – 5:00 p.m.
- Lectors: K. Marheine, M. Gemborys
- Servers: L. Donagndli, R. Majewski
- Ushers: D. & S. Chamberlain, P. Carpenter, T. Kwapisz, R. Stawarz, M. Zurek

March 15 – 7:30 a.m.
- Lectors: D. Schneider, Y. Wiedemann
- Servers: M. Schneider
- Ushers: D. & P. Blust, J.2 Rzetka, F. Ruggirello

March 15 – 9:00 a.m.
- Lectors: J. Pawlik, J. Cable
- Servers: D. & L. Walker
- Ushers: M. Gravel, G. Gipe, C. Turner

March 15 – 11:00 a.m.
- Lectors: J. Kupe, M. VanBuskirk
- Server: J. Ellis, A. Finnerty
- Ushers: E. Erickson, M. Gunderson, K. Williams

Readings for the Week

- Monday, Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6: 36-38
- Tuesday, Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23: 1-12
- Wednesday, Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20: 17-28
- Thursday, Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16: 19-31
- Friday, Gn 37:3-4, 12-28a/Mt 21: 33-34,045-46
- Saturday, Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Third Sunday in Lent
Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8/Jn 45-42

Important Note About Social!
Next Sunday, March 22, our Confirmation Prep students will be attending a special onsite workshop, which requires use of the social hall beginning at noon. As a result, Social (coffee and donuts/bagels) will only be served after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Please make a note of it!!

Sacraments

New Baby in the House?
Congratulations! To schedule the Sacrament of Baptism for your new addition, please contact the Parish Office at 248-625-4580! If a 1st time parent, the parents should plan on attending one of the baptism preparation classes here at St. Daniel, before the baptism takes place and preferably before godparents are finalized.

Just Got Engaged?
If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Daniel, please contact Fr. John Maksym at 248-625-4580 at least six months before the anticipated date – BEFORE any arrangements are made for reception facilities.

Pray for the Sick

Please Pray For…
Fr. Ron Babich Phyllis Marek
Emma Beltram Amy Martoccio
Linda Billette Sean McKain
Richard Brodnyke Carolyn Meleski
Valerie Carpenter Robert Miller
Carrie Cashmon Mary Lou Mulgren
Cindy Caitin Cookie Okros
Bill Chamberlin Larry Petz
Lewis Collins Greg Popelier
Cheryl Cucci Betty Rabat
Isaiah Dale Edward Sanford
Mike Daly Clare Schroeder
Cass DeFiore Keith Shereda
Irene Delasko Dennis Slavin
Pat Detkowski James Stewart
John Deibel Madalyn Stobbe
Todd Dorau Lynne Straney
Carol Druskinis Rita Timulak
Jerry Fields Jerry VanDeGienste
Renee Garavaglia Michael Walsh
Gary Garza Len Wasilk
Mary Godfrey Fr. Francis Weingart
Bill Goolsby Julie Wickett
Suzanne Gózdon Brian Wilhelm
Nancy Grimmer Marcus Williams
Dee Hall Laura Wilson
Greg Hall John Wolfgang
Charn Lee Haynes Thomas Zagsorki
Charlene Hernandez Fred Zyburski

Prayers for Our Military:
Joshua Goolsby – AirForce
Lt. Jamel Chokr – Coast Guard

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descent...anyone not like the
majority race of our nation.
We do this with those who
speak with an accent. Yet,
we should all reflect that
when we meet Jesus Christ,
we will not meet someone of
European descent. We shall
meet a Middle Eastern Jew
with dark skin whose English
would be heavily accented.
I mention this in conjunction
with today’s Gospel because
we live in a period of great
division. We need to remember,
especially during Lent, that
the glint of the Holy Spirit
is in every human being —
every one of us. Isn’t it
interesting that Jesus is
much more interested in what
the Samaritan woman has done
with her life — count them —
five husbands than he is in
her cultural background?
So, this Lent, in the weeks
that remain, let us commit
ourselves to seizing upon the
only key to undoing our own
prejudices — even the benign
ones...CHARITY! It is through
charity and mercy that we
find the footprints of Jesus
Christ. So, each of us must
go to the well and offer
Jesus some water...we do so by
serving the least of his
brothers and sisters and in
doing so, we shall certainly
find HIM.

Fr. John
Rite of Election
On Saturday, February 29, our RCIA participants and their sponsors celebrated the Rite of Election at the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit with Bishop Hanchon. The Rite of Election marks the time that catechumens – those who seek Baptism – become the Elect of God, those chosen by God to be his children through Baptism. He has moved their hearts, and they have responded with a “YES!” The catechumens have expressed their desire to continue the journey through Lent with the intent of entering the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Also in attendance were Candidates – those who have already been baptized but wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Eucharist and Confirmation.
Please pray for our RCIA participants as they prepare spiritually for Easter and beyond! Nicholas Bohon (not pictured), Colleen Courtney, Enzo Duvas-Rodriguez, Dorothy Garza, Jamie Meehleder, Regina Trevino, and Grace Young.

Attention High School Seniors!
St. Daniel Scholarship forms will be available March 22!
Pick one up on the table outside the Social Hall, at the Faith Formation office or on the St. Daniel website.
All completed applications must be submitted by April 27.

Faith Formation Class Church Tours
A few weeks ago as part of their Faith Formation classes, our 4th through 7th graders and their parents were treated to an up close and personal look at different areas in church. Parish members who are sacristans, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, choir members altar servers and lectors gave of their time to explain to students what their roles are during Mass. Students gained a greater understanding of what happens during Mass and how and why certain items are used. Thanks to all who participated!
Christian Service Opportunities

**Five Weeks of Giving**
During Lent, we are journeying through the “Five Weeks of Giving” together, focusing on our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and other local agencies that help our neighbors in need.

**FIRST OPPORTUNITY:** Cardboard “Self Denial” boxes are in church and the Cushing Center. Take a box and place the money you save by “giving something up” for Lent into the box. Or, just make an outright donation to SVdP! (Checks made payable to “SVdP St. Daniel Conference”.) Bring the filled box to Mass with you on Holy Thursday, or drop off at the Christian Service Office during normal business hours.

**SECOND OPPORTUNITY:** Items to benefit our SVdP Conference, Lighthouse Clarkston, and St. Anne’s (Ortonville), with a different theme each weekend. Simply bring the requested items to Mass each weekend and place in the labeled boxes/bins.
- **March 21/22 — You Say “Po-tay-to”, I Say “Po-tot-oh”:** Boxed/bagged potatoes and rice; canned beans.
- **March 28/29 — Gift Cards Galore!** Donations of gift cards to Kroger, Neiman’s, Speedway (fuel only), Meijer, Dollar Tree. SVdP reps will be at all Masses this weekend to accept donations.

**Opportunity to Reach Out with Love**
During Lent, we are called in a special way to serve our neighbors, to give of our time, talent, and treasure to those who are in need. Each year, we have a group from St. Daniel’s that prepares and serves a meal to residents at HOPE in Pontiac. HOPE stands for “Helping Oakland’s People Everyday,” and they are committed to serving Pontiac’s homeless population, offering safe shelter and support services without judgment.

**THIS YEAR, WE ARE SCHEDULED TO REACH OUT WITH LOVE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3.**
Volunteer opportunities for this project include: Baking cupcakes at home and bringing them to the parish; preparing a hearty meal at the St. Daniel kitchen; transporting the meal to HOPE; setting up and serving the meal; and providing other support as needed at the Center. Opportunities for youth service hours here in the St. Daniel kitchen.

**THE SIGNUP GENIUS IS NOW AVAILABLE!** If you would like to share your love this Lent with the residents at HOPE, visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EA9AF2CA7FC1-hope1!!! As always, if you have any questions, contact Nancy Steele, Christian Service Coordinator, at christianservice@stdanielclarkston.org or 248-625-4583.

**Dine to Donate to SVdP!**
Our parish St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference helps those in need in our community with rent, utility, and other emergency assistance. Andiamo Trattoria (7228 N. Main St., Clarkston) is sponsoring a fundraiser for our conference THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MARCH!!! A portion of the customer’s total bill will go to help our conference help those in need. **NOTE: Please bring a copy of the fundraiser flyer with you to the restaurant.** The flyer is available in church, the Cushing Center, and on our parish Facebook page. Check it out, and we hope to see YOU there!!!

**Local Rosary Rally**
Parishioner Mary Moder-DeRycke has signed up to be a Rosary Rally Captain for America Needs Fatima, and would like to invite all to join her in saying the Rosary in front of Neiman’s on Saturday, March 21, at noon. For more information about America Needs Fatima, visit www.americaneedsfatima.org. For more information about the local Rally, contact Mary at 248-408-2808.

**Knights Fifth Sunday Rosary**
St. Daniel’s Knights of Columbus Council 15967 is inviting all members of the parish community to participate in our 5th Sunday Rosary Program. This service will be conducted March 29 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, using a finger Rosary. Knights will be providing all those in attendance with finger Rosaries. Participants may also bring their own Rosaries to use during the service. Please join us at the front of church near the lectern after Mass.
Parish Life

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 17th, 8:30 am Mass
++ John Babich
Requested Fr. Ron Babich

Friday, March 20th, 8:30 am Mass
Trevon Carter
Requested Cortney Wilmering

Sunday, March 22nd, 11:00 am Mass
++ Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLeod
Requested Patricia Miller

To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact Marsha Eagleton on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 248-625-1482 or meagleton@stdanielclarkston.org. There is a suggested donation of $10 per Mass Intention.

Parish Giving

February 22nd & 23rd 2020

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Thank you for your generosity! God Bless.

Spring is not far away

The long cold winter is melting away
A single red bird was spotted today

Through the mist the sun is peeking
Squirrels are about and acorn-seeking

New life has come to fields and woods
Kids venture out in sweatshirts with hoods

In just a few weeks the river will flow
Blossoms on trees will be starting to show

There’s still a chill in the springtime air
Winter is gone but the memory is there

Summer is waiting a few months beyond
To warm the air & the meadow and pond

A gopher peers out from the holes he makes
Springtime is when the whole world awakes.

“Where flowers bloom so does hope.”
- Lady Bird Johnson
**Spring Into Action**
This event to benefit our neighbors through My Habitat Clarkston will take place on **Saturday, March 21**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bowman Auto Center, 9603 Dixie Hwy. (near Davisburg Rd.), Clarkston. Ticket price of $60/person includes farm-to-table strolling dinner specially prepared by The Fed, wine/beer, silent auction, and live entertainment. Online sales on EventBrite, https://myhabitatclarkston2020.eventbrite.com.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**
Spring is in the air. It’s that time to clean out those closets.

**St. Daniel’s 3rd Annual Rummage Sale** is the first weekend of June; (Friday, June 5th through Sunday, June 7th).

Please start dropping off your items at the Cushing Center during working hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please no TV’s or computer, clothing (except clean baby clothes) and no bedding or broken items. Only sellable items. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more details to come.

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**Those we love don’t go away,**
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

**Connie Egler**

Please keep Connie and her family in your prayers.