

St. Cletus Faith Formation Newsletter



Friday, March 10, 2023

Dear Parents,

In Sunday's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria.

Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

[Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent](#)

Take Part in Our Parish Wide Survey

If you have not already done so, please take the Parish Survey. **Let your voice be heard!**

All family members are asked to complete the survey. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes, so please participate.

We are especially interested in having our young people – eighth graders and up, participating in the survey, so please participate.

Your opinions will be invaluable to Father Elmer and our various ministries as we plan for the future. Click on the link to access the survey.

You will have until March 31 to participate in the survey. Please take some time to participate.

[Take Survey](#)

Calendar

Just a reminder, Faith Formation Classes are in session this week. Sunday-Monday, March 12 & 13. Faith Formation classes will be in session next week, March 19 & 20.

A reminder for our all of our children who will be receiving their First Communion on May 6th; we will be hosting our First Communion Retreat on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.

Look for an e-mail to families involved going out early next week. The email will contain the plan for the day.

Lenten Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

As we prepare for Lent, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program. *We will have a table at the entrance of Morrissey Hall*

for any Faith Formation Families who have not received a Rice Bowl but would like to participate in the program.

Faith Formation Food Drive

Our Faith Formation will be sponsoring a food drive for the St. Cletus Food Pantry. We ask children to bring one or two non-perishable item.

Items that have been suggested as needing: Canned soup, boxes of pasta, cereal, and canned vegetables but all items are appreciated.

For Our Kids!

Sunday Readings and Resources especially for our children and families.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman: Jesus offers something better than physical water: He gives us Himself. Click on the link to hear the Bible story of: [The Woman at the Well.](#)

Fun Activities for Children

[Gospel Activity - Double Word Puzzle](#)

[Sunday Gospel Coloring Sheet](#)

You Tube Video – Learn about our saint of the week whose feast day is March 17th.

St. Patrick.

One of the customs on Fridays during lent is to participate in the special celebration of the Way of the Cross.

The Stations as we know them were born of tradition nearly as old as the Church. But where did this beautiful devotion come from?

We owe our thanks to the Blessed Mother. According to an ancient tradition, it was she who made the first Way of the Cross. Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, one of the Church's modern mystics and visionaries, relates to us some of the details, as they were revealed to her, of how this devotion came about.

After the Ascension, Our Lady immersed herself in the contemplation and remembrance of the Passion. Blessed Anne tells us that she went out daily and traced the route of the Cross through Jerusalem.

The Blessed Mother, relates Bl. Anne, was grave and shed "tears of compassion" as she walked the Way.

Bl. Anne goes on to explain that at first, the Blessed Mother made this Way alone. Later, she brought her maidservant with her to meditate on the Passion and praise Our Lord for it. After her Assumption, the site became well-known by Christians. They made access to the Way easier, beautifying it with both material and spiritual attentions.

Our Lady, in making the first Way, gave us a tremendous gift. The Stations of the Cross that are erected in every Catholic Church, and which are traditionally prayed by Christians on Fridays—especially during Lent—are a spiritual heritage given to us directly from Our Blessed Mother! This Lent, consider joining Our Blessed Mother in her daily contemplation of the Passion.

(Taken from *Get Fed Bite-Sized Faith*).

Have A Great Week!

God Bless,

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