



**Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

**Mon. 03/24**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
*Feast*             Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Denise Keagy, M/M Ray Kelly

**Tues. 03/25**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
*Feast*             The Annunciation of the Lord  
8:00 AM Mass     Stanley Wilinski, Janice Jorkasky

**Wed. 03/26**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
*Feast*             Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Janet Pufka, Sue, Bob and Ryan Baranik  
6:00 PM Mass     Crystal Cochran, Mrs. Kate Burr and Family

**Thur. 03/27**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
*Feast*             Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Lois J. Riley, Husband Jim

**Fri. 03/28**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
*Feast*             Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Ted Zaczek, B/day, Brother and Sister  
6:00 PM             **Stations of the Cross followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sat. 03/29**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
*Feast*             Fourth Sunday of Lent  
4:30 PM Mass     David C. Riley, Helen Marie Force

**Sun. 03/30**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
*Feast*             Fourth Sunday of Lent  
9:00 AM Mass     Fran Moses, B/day, Carol and Lorraine  
11:00 AM Mass     Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

**Lord  
Jesus  
Christ  
Son  
Of  
God  
Have  
Mercy  
On  
Me  
A  
Sinner**

**Happy Birthday:**  
03/26 Helen Watters  
03/27 Bernie Fabian  
          Catherine Mincin  
03/28 Nicole Wall  
03/29 Tom Levine  
03/30 Joan Hirt  
          Fran Moses  
03/31 Megan Sral



Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray  
the Holy Rosary  
Daily  
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately  
from 8:30am to 7:00pm



**MONEY MATTERS**  
**(Second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014)**  
188 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,608.00 of which \$ 173.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	189	# Used	83	# Unused	106
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2,046.58

Third Sunday of Lent

# TRANSFORM US, O LORD!

Reflections for the  
Season of Lent

## Water, Word, and Witness

John 4:5-42

The stories in today's Gospel center on different but interrelated themes: food and water. Food and water are essential for human life. We can survive without food for about three weeks, but only three days without water. It is not surprising, then, that Jesus uses our physical dependence on nourishment to teach about "the gift of God" that can satisfy our spiritual needs.

Jesus sends the disciples to buy food, but when they return with it, he confuses them by stating that he already has food of which they do not know — that is, "to do the will of the one who sent me" (Jn 4:34). Jesus is the Word made flesh, offering us spiritual nourishment while he himself is sustained by doing God's will.

**1** How can I deepen my appreciation for Scripture, the living word of God?

While Jesus waits for the disciples at the well, he encounters a Samaritan woman and crosses several social boundaries by engaging her in a long discussion. The woman consistently misunderstands Jesus only to be led to gradual understanding. As a result, her suspicion turns into belief that spurs her on to become a witness. Life-giving, life-sustaining, life-changing water is at the center of their conversation. Jesus says, "The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:14).



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**2** What opportunities do I have to engage in life-giving conversations?

In her eagerness to tell about the Messiah to the town's people, the woman leaves her water jar behind. Her invitation to "come, see" and her words of testimony to the Samaritans plant seeds of belief in Jesus among the people. And after hosting Jesus for two days, they own their conversion: "We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world" (Jn 4:42).

**3** How eager am I to invite others to come and see? What might keep me from extending this invitation?

# LENTEN PRACTICES

Ideally, our Lenten practices and observances lead us to conversion, a change of heart. We often “give up” certain things as a way of fasting. Lent is also ripe for “giving more”: more of our time, treasure, talent — of ourselves. One way to reach out is to think of people with whom you lost touch over the years. Rekindle relationships by writing a note to let the person know that he or she is in your thoughts and prayers.

**Lenten Reflection:** Which aspect of “giving more” is the most challenging for you? What would it take to meet that challenge?

## Catechism CONNECTION

“As ‘by one Spirit we were all baptized,’ so we are also ‘made to drink of one Spirit’ (1 Cor 12:13). Thus the Spirit is also personally the living water welling up from Christ crucified as its source and welling up in us to eternal life”  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 694).



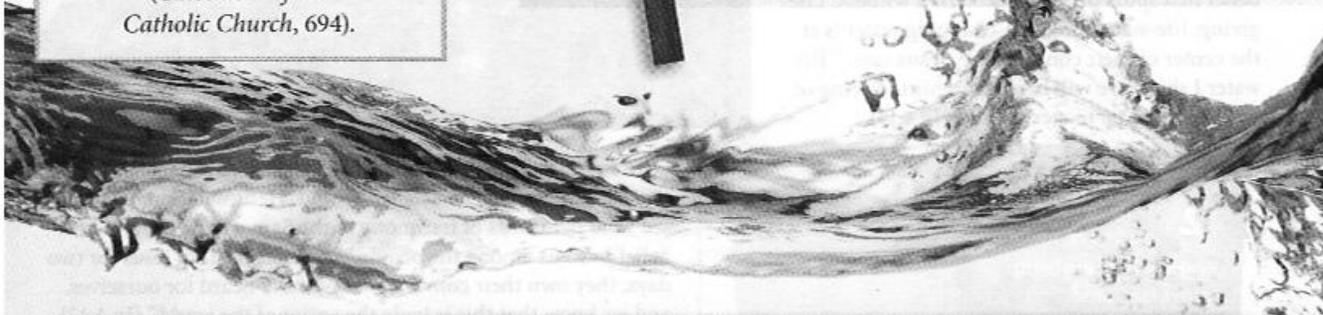
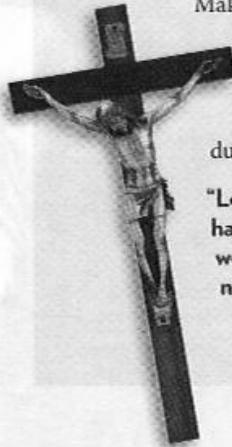
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## FamilyTime

Create a Lenten centerpiece. Use a purple cloth as a base (a cloth napkin or place mat will do fine). Add a small bowl of holy water, crucifix, prayer book or Bible, and rice bowl — this is a visual reminder of Lent’s baptismal and penitential character, as well as its customary practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Make a priority to sit down as a family for a meal as often as possible. Place your Lenten centerpiece on the table. After you catch up with each other over the meal, offer a prayer of gratitude for all your blessings and a prayer of petition for your needs that surfaced during the conversation. Grasp hands and say:

“Loving God, we thank you for all of the blessings you have given our family [each person says a blessing] and we ask for your special blessing upon our hopes and needs [each person says a need].”



**PRAYER:** “Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Do not harden your hearts” (Psalm 95:7-8).

# Where Does Your ACA Gift Go?

The following information is a summary of the Diocesan Central Fund for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2013. All diocesan proceeds from the Annual Catholic Appeal provided partial funding for the ministries and services marked with an asterisk (\*). Thank you for your generous sacrifice.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Annual Catholic Appeal</b>	<b>\$2,630,724</b>
Education & Evangelization Assessment (EEA)	2,139,779
Cathedralicum Assessment	1,566,868
Program Revenues	1,229,089
Other (including transfers)	376,956
Other Contributions	222,975
<u>Investment Income</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$8,166,391</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2013</u>
Catholic Charities *	\$659,826
Chancery *	536,963
Campus Ministry *	456,266
Finance Office *	383,972
Development Office *	358,063
Information Technology/IS Office *	349,664
Chaplaincy Program *	344,697
<i>The Catholic Register</i> *	329,354
Buildings & Grounds *	243,993
Education Office *	212,696
Priests' Vocations *	190,103
Family Life Office *	175,724
Youth Ministry *	165,649
Diaconal Formation *	137,503
Ongoing Formation of Clergy *	100,870
Parish Life Office *	100,533
Dmitri Manor Senior Priests' Residence *	94,122
Communications *	87,051
Fulton County Catholic Mission *	81,484
Tribunal *	77,150
Liturgy Office *	74,490
Religious Education *	42,457
<i>Proclaim!</i> TV Ministry *	32,675
Senior Priests' Nursing Home Expenses *	12,000
Diocesan Shrines .....	4,072
<b>Ministerial Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,251,377</b>

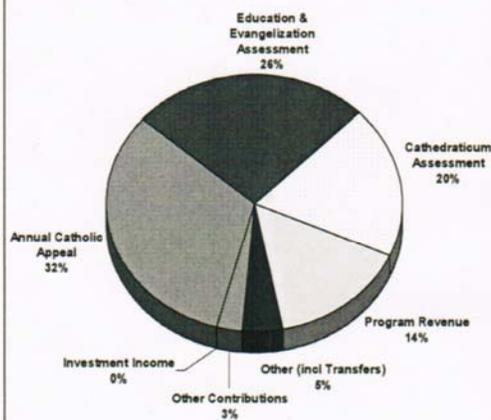
<u>Other Expenses</u>	
Catholic High School Subsidies (from EEA)	1,458,114
Transfers including Capital Expenditures *	908,509
Subsidy to both Cathedrals *	258,606
Write-off of Uncollectible Billings	191,410
Elementary School Subsidies (from EEA)	176,750
Assessments to Vatican, USCCB, PCC .....	85,056
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,078,445</b>

**Total Expenses** **\$8,329,822**

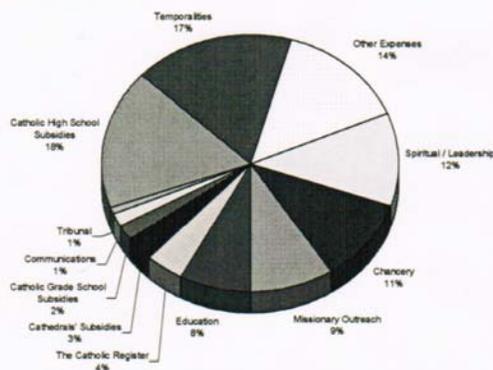
Change in Net Assets (\$163,431)

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## Revenue (FY ending June 30, 2013)



## Expenses (FY ending June 30, 2013)



Complete audited financial data for all seven Diocesan Accounting Funds is available for review at:

**Office of Finance**  
**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown**  
 927 S. Logan Boulevard  
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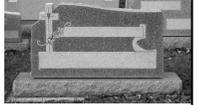
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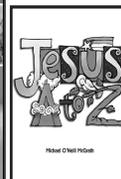
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