Youth News

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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LEAD STORY HEADLINE:

I AM THE MESSIAH

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  “You are the light, the fountain of life. Your love is true and sets us free. You give us water that lets us live.”
  Psalm 36
ONE day, as Jesus was going through the country of Samaria, he stopped at a well called Jacob’s well. He sat down to rest because he was tired from his journey. It was about noon. A woman from the town came to the well to get some water. Jesus said to her, “Please give me some water.” The woman said, “I am surprised that you are asking me for water. You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan.” She said this because, at that time, Jews and Samaritans were enemies and did not speak to each other. But Jesus said to her, “If you only knew the gift that God offers you and who is speaking to you, you would be asking me for water. And I would give you living water.” The woman said, “But this well is deep, and you don’t have a bucket. Where will you get this living water?” Jesus said, “Anyone who drinks from this well, will be thirsty again. But anyone who drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty again. The water I give will be like a spring of flowing water inside of them. And this water will give them eternal life.”

This is the Good News of the Lord.


WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What do you know about Samaritans?

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2. Who in your life tells you about Jesus?

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3. How do you experience Jesus in your own life?

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NOW ACT…

Although it may be hard, try and give up some of your favourite foods during Lent. Particularly foods that come from animals. During this time of Lent, animals are giving birth to their new young. There are new eggs from chickens, calves and milk from cows, and new piglets. If you refrain from eating milk, meat and eggs, even just for a few weeks during Lent, you allow all the new Spring babies to have a chance to start their new life healthily. As you do this, think about some of the hungry people in the world that don’t have the option of eating because they can’t get food. What can you do to give these people some food? Talk to your parents about some of the local food banks or soup kitchens that you can take food to or volunteer at. Make taking care of these people a priority in your life during Lent and after Lent.
Kingdom Builders…

Jesus said in today’s gospel that anyone who drinks the water that he has, will have eternal life. Can you find examples of God’s kingdom in the world tonight? How can you build up the kingdom that is here on earth and prepare people for eternal life? The woman in the gospel is surprised that Jesus asks her for water when he is a Jew and she is a Samaritan. Why do you think this is? Have you ever notices something like this happen in your own life? Do people sometimes think that they can’t talk to each other if there is something that makes them different from each other? Why would this happen? What do you think you can do to help people see that we are all different but despite this, we can all still interact and be friends with each other? This is one way that you can help to build up the kingdom. Think of some ways you can show your friends and classmates that you can all be friends with each other even if you are all a little bit different.

“\textit{I am surprised that you are asking me for water. You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan.}”
\textit{John 4:9}

CHECK IT OUT…

Head to Ascension Presents and look for Father Mike Schmitz’s video about the purpose of Lent! Go to the website and search “Lent” in the search bar and look at some of the other videos too! Learn a little bit more about Lent as we start heading towards middle of this church season!

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