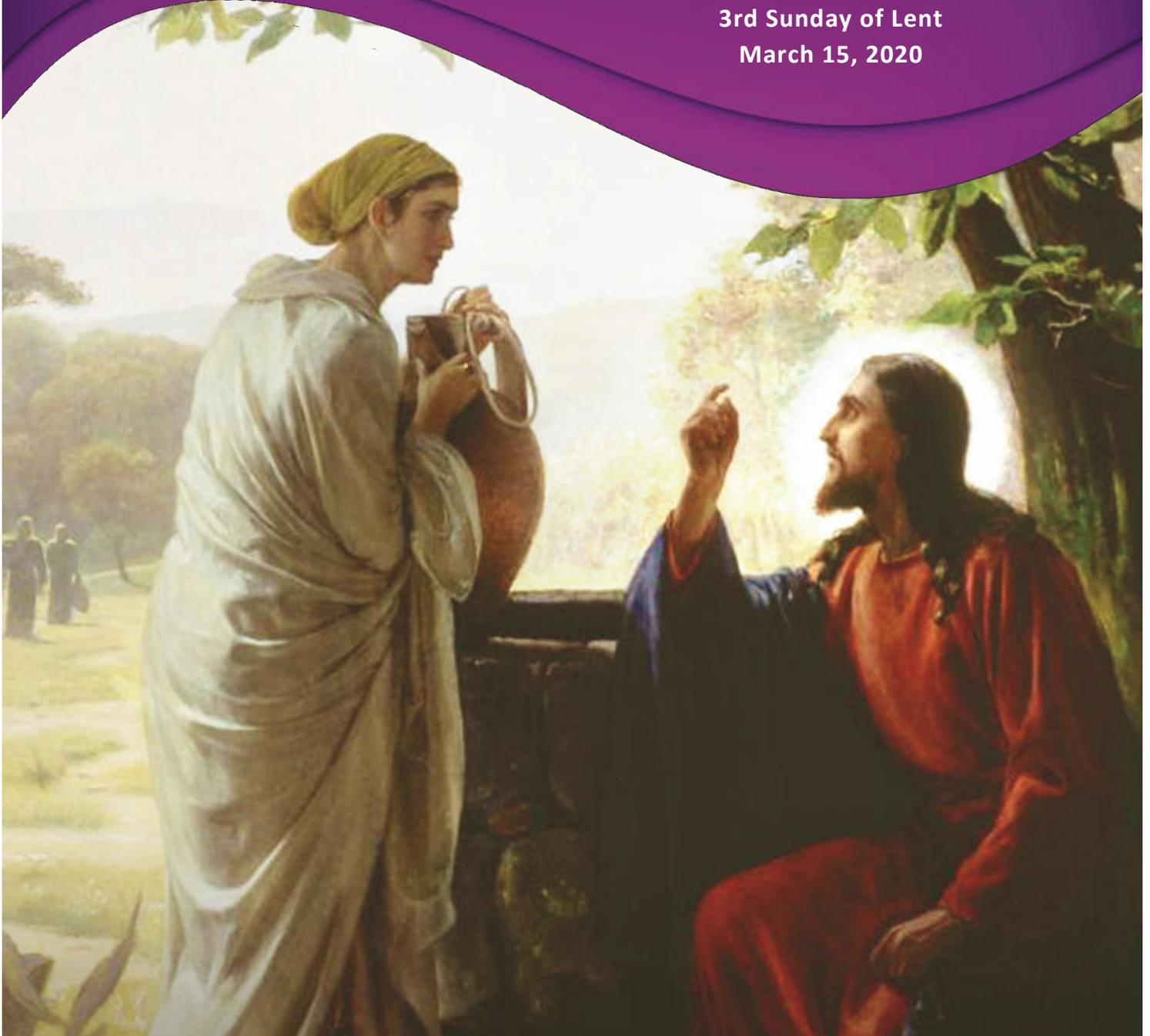


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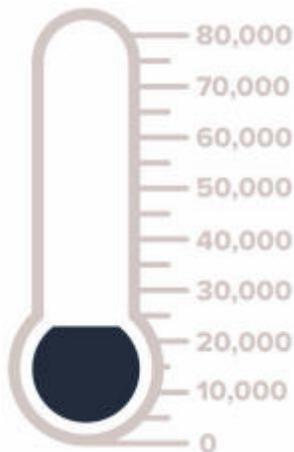
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We are currently at 28% of our \$81,000 goal (as of 3-12-20) to meet the financial needs of our students for this school year! Thank you so much for your generosity. If you haven't yet, we ask you to please prayerfully discern donating to our Sponsor A Student fund. Give the invaluable gift of a strong Jesuit, Catholic education. Consider joining one of our giving circles!



GIVING CIRCLES (2020-2021 TUITION RATES)

Ignatian Circle	Full Tuition & Fees	5,814 + 440 = \$6,254
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AMDG Circle	1/4 Tuition & Fees	1,453 + 110 = \$1,563
1904 Circle	Fees (Lunch, Tech, Supplies)	\$440

We have created a GoFundMe for this fundraiser, but you can also donate by check, or through our online giving platform (OSV). If you can't sponsor a full tuition, know we appreciate donations of all sizes!

More info: www.morecommunity.org/sponsorastudent

GoFundMe: www.charity.gofundme.com/stthomasmore



Environmental Tip from Care for Creation

Switch to bar dish soap, bar or refillable hand soap, refillable dish/laundry detergent, etc. Co-op bulk aisles often have refill stations, but if you aren't able to get to them choose natural detergents/soaps that come in paper or compost-able packaging.

Coronavirus Precautions

Fr. Warren, guided by the Archdiocese Office of Worship, is implementing the following precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19/coronavirus. We ask you to please be vigilant in following these precautions to slow down the spread of the virus.

- Stay home if you feel sick or have flu-like symptoms. You are relieved of your Sunday obligation if you are ill or are caring for someone who is sick.
- Refrain from touching/shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
- Refrain from hand-holding during the Our Father.
- Refrain from receiving the Eucharist on the tongue.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to sanitize their hands before and following distribution of the Eucharist.
- Holy water fonts have been emptied.
- Communion from the Chalice is suspended.

Global Solidarity Sunday Next Weekend

On the weekend of March 21/22, a special collection will be taken for four global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and let your light shine for your brothers and sisters around the world.

It's Festival Choir Time!

Join the Festival Choir for our 10:30 am mass on Easter Sunday. In fact, you're welcome to sing for any and all of our Triduum liturgies that your schedule allows. Festival Choir Practice will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church (enter through the ramp door off the parking lot). Let us know you're coming so we can prepare your Festival Choir Folder: leave a message for Lucas at 651-227-7669 x 306 or email Mary Ann at msexton@morecommunity.org.

COMMUNITY & OPPORTUNITIES

Knitting/Crocheting Group

MARCH 16, 7-9 PM, PARISH CENTER

Our STM knitting and crocheting group makes prayer shawls for our community members experiencing difficulties and blankets for children baptized in our parish. We meet on the third Monday of every month! Knitters of all abilities are welcome. There are experts who can guide you.

Questions? Call Carol in the parish office or email Mary Pat at jmclysdale1@gmail.com.

St. Paul Area Interfaith Immigrant Rights Coalition - Community Book Conversations

You are invited to join with folks from STM and with members of the other St. Paul Congregations who provide or support Sanctuary efforts. It is a great opportunity to read this book and discuss from an interfaith perspective what we have learned. This is not a book about the politics of immigration but rather about homelessness, not in the traditional sense but in the unsettled, unmoored psychological state about undocumented immigrants coming to America.

Books are available through STM for a subsidized cost of \$12 if you attend ONE of the following discussion groups:

- **March 18, 5:45-8 pm (Unity Unitarian Church)**
- **March 22, 1-3 pm (Mount Zion)**
- **March 23, 7-9 pm (Gloria Dei Lutheran Church)**
- **Possible discussion post Easter at St. Thomas More**

For further information, questions, BOOKS, contact Kate Cole at 652-270-1405 or kateanncole@gmail.com



Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 5 PM

Join us for Stations of the Cross from 5-5:30 every Friday during Lent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at 4:30 pm prior to Stations.



Bach's Birthday Bash

MARCH 21, 1-2 PM, CHURCH

St. Thomas More will be one of the featured stops on this organ crawl of epic proportions! Come hear young talent from the Twin Cities and St. John's School of Theology and Seminary as they give voice to the treasury of J.S. Bach. Concert is free and open to the public!



Lenten Fish Fry

MARCH 27, 5:30-8 PM, SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Join us for our last Lenten fish fry! The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 5-12, and free for ages 4 and under.



**Let's Depolarize
America.**

Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop

MARCH 31, 6-9 PM, PARISH CENTER LIBRARY

You are invited to a Red/Blue workshop at our church! Come learn how to better understand each other and ultimately recognize our common humanity. We need 7 Democrats and 7 Republicans to participate. Here's what you can expect to get out of the workshop:

- Better understand the experiences and beliefs of those on the other side of the political divide
- Find areas of commonality in addition to differences
- Learn something that might be helpful to you and to others in your community and the nation

More info / Sign up: www.morecommunity.org/red-blue

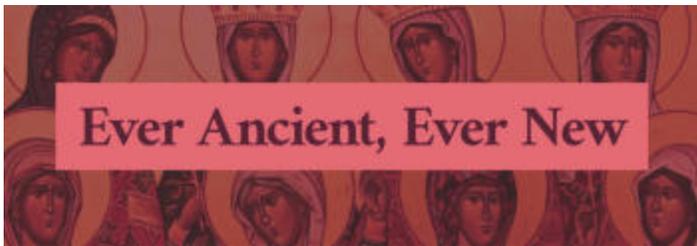


STM Spring Silent Retreat for Women

APRIL 23-26 OR MAY 12-14 (BUFFALO, MN)

Registration is now open for our spring Ignatian Silent Retreats for Women at Christ the King Retreat House. The April retreat will be led by our own Sr. Catherine Michaud, CSJ, and the May retreat will be led by Fr. Christopher Johnson, SJ. Sign up on our website or find a registration forms in the Community Corner in the church by 3/25/20.

Sign up: www.morecommunity.org/womens-retreat



Ever Ancient, Ever New: Exploring the Female Diaconate

APRIL 30, 7-8:30 PM, CHURCH

Join us for an evening of dialogue about the ministry and leadership of women in the Catholic Church, specifically the history of women deacons and the contemporary practice and theology of the permanent diaconate. This topic has emerged at 3 consecutive global synods in Rome and has been a recurring theme in our own Archdiocesan synod. We have invited Rev. Luke Hansen, S.J., and Casey Stanton, M.Div. to lead this discussion.

More info: www.morecommunity.org/diaconate-dialogue

Free Store Opportunities

2nd & 4th Wednesdays (10 am - 12 pm): Process donations and set up shop. To sign up, email Dan at dankatecole@gmail.com.

1st & 3rd Saturdays (12-3 pm): Open and run shop. To sign up, visit www.morecommunity.org/free-store, email STMfreestore@morecommunity.org, or call Mary (612-432-2422) or Mary Beth (708-805-0151).

Give Up Waste for Lent: Week 3

THEME: DAMAGE TO OUR PLANET

Making paper as a craft project is fun: shred old paper into small pieces, add water, blend until smooth, and pour the slurry into a form to dry. The result can be a piece of art. But the commercial making of paper requires huge amounts of materials such as wood products or recycled paper, lots of water, chemical additives, and lots of energy to power the machinery. In the 1990s, there was a prediction that within a decade or so, we would be a paperless society. The reality is that we now use more paper than ever, despite the use of instant messaging, email, and other e-communications. Newspapers, magazines, snail mail, junk mail, wrapping paper, food boxes, paper plates and cups, and corrugated boxes are just a few types of paper that we receive or buy and use. Some of us joke about "saving a tree" when we decide to print a document double-sided, or to print our meeting agendas on half sheets, or to buy an e-book to read. But making small changes does contribute to the saving of trees and protecting our environment. Pope Francis writes that pollution and waste are closely linked to a throwaway culture which "quickly reduces things to rubbish." A thoughtful response to the need to care for our common home is to minimize our use of paper, maximize our reuse of paper, and to recycle when possible. "All it takes is one good person to restore hope." (Pope Francis)

Readings: *Laudato Si*: 20-22, 53-59, and 112-114

Questions for reflection/discussion:

1. Which type of paper product s most reflects our "throwaway" culture for you?
2. Pope Francis distinguishes between "personal sin" ("wrongful" actions of us individually) and "social sin" ("wrongful" actions of the society of which we are a part). How do you "label" the various usages of paper products that come into your home?
3. How can you minimize your use of paper, maximize your reuse of paper, and increase your proper recycling of paper products?

Specific Suggestions:

1. Observe how much paper you use this week. Recycle as much as possible using suggested guidelines.
2. Convert one monthly bill to an ebill; sign up for electronic notifications/statements from financial institutions.
3. Giving a gift this week? Instead of wrapping in paper, use a container or wrappings that are part of the gift such as baskets, scarves, towels, decorated mason jars, or tins. (Note: wrapping paper and tissue paper cannot be recycled. Kraft paper can be recycled.)
4. Use backs of already used paper for rough drafts, etc.

QUICK CONTACTS

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CALENDAR

Saturday, March 14

Reconciliation	3:30-4 pm	Church
Mass	4:30 pm	Church

Sunday, March 15

Mass	8 am	Church
Mass	10:30 am	Church

Tuesday, March 17

Mass	7:15 am	Church
Centering Prayer	5:30 pm	Church

Wednesday, March 18

School Mass	8:30 am	Church
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Thursday, March 19

Mass	7:15 am	Church
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Friday, March 20

Mass	7:15 am	Church
Stations of the Cross	5 pm	Church

Saturday, March 21

Free Store Drop Off Hours	12-1 pm	School
Free Store Open Hours	1-3 pm	School
Bach's Birthday Bash Concert	1-2 pm	Church
Reconciliation	3:30-4 pm	Church
Mass	4:30 pm	Church

Sunday, March 22

Mass	8 am	Church
Mass	10:30 am	Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14 - STM Community

Sunday, March 15

8 am - Gloria Wilkie
10:30 am - † Fr. Jonathan Haschka, SJ

Tuesday, February 17 - † Phil Soucheray

Wednesday, February 18 - † Nancy Mori Longley

Thursday, February 19 - David Wilkie

Friday, February 20 - † Joan Hargarten

Saturday, February 21 - † Bill Strub

Sunday, March 22

8 am - Katie McClure
10:30 am - STM Community

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass: Saturday, 4:30 pm, Sunday, 8 & 10:30 am.

Tuesday-Friday, 7:15 am; *during the school year*, an 8:30 am Mass is also celebrated on most Wednesdays.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30-4 pm or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the Month, flowing from 7:15 am Mass, concluding at noon with Midday Prayer and Benediction.

Centering Prayer: Tuesday, 5:30-6:15 pm.

Baptisms: First Sundays of the month during 10:30 am Mass or at 9 am by appointment (no baptisms offered during Lent or Advent).

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