SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (OF AND EF)

Clergy
Reverend Mark Moriarty, Pastor
Reverend James McConville, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Nathan Allen

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:15 pm (Vigil Mass that fulfills the Sunday obligation)
6:30, 7:30 am (Latin EF Low Mass), 8:30, 10:00 am (Latin OF High Mass), 12 Noon

Weekday Masses
6:30 am Monday through Friday
5:15 pm Friday, 8:00 am Saturday (Sung Latin Mass)
During the school year, there are Masses on most Wednesdays and Thursdays (and occasionally on another day) at 8:45 am

Holy Days of Obligation
Watch bulletin for Mass schedules

Confessions
Fridays 4:00-5:00 pm (Chapel)
Saturdays: 4:00-5:00 pm (Upper Church) and 8:00-9:00 pm (Chapel)
Every Tuesday following the 7:00 pm Novena (Chapel)

Adoration and Devotions
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Chapel)
7:30 pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary
First Fridays: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:15 am (Chapel)
Saturday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 p.m. until
5:00 pm Benediction (Upper Church)
Sunday: 2:00 pm Vespers (during Lent) during Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and concluding with Benediction (Upper Church)

Parish Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – Noon

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Death Part 1 - Accepting the Death God has Destined for Me

Accepting That We Will Die

Ironically, but correctly, our culture is called a culture of death since it so willingly devalues the lives of the unborn and those terminally ill. Yet, we live in a culture where so many people wish to deny death. They do not want to think about their own deaths or are quite convinced that they can cheat death or delay it significantly. The search for the fountain of youth will prove pointless. We do not get out of life alive.

St. Paul reminds us that the “wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23) Due to the Fall we have inherited the punishments of Original Sin, including death. However, our mortality can be a blessing because we could accept that this life comes to an end. We must ask ourselves: What is life about? What does it mean? What is the purpose? Our faith teaches us that we were made for more than an earthly life concerned only obtaining food, shelter and pleasure. Loving and serving God and neighbor are more important than worldly concerns. Eternal happiness should be our goal, not temporary enjoyments.

Accepting When We Will Die

Some live longer lives, up to the Old Testament limit of 120 years! Others live short lives. Not knowing if we have months or years allows us to value the time we have been given, especially the present moment. We work out our salvation in cooperation with the loving mercy and grace of Christ now, not yesterday or tomorrow. Consider the rich landowner Jesus refers to who was congratulating himself, while planning to store his immense harvest and enjoys the fruits of his labor. “But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you’”. (Luke 12:20) The brevity of life helps us to focus on serving God today and being ready every day to make an account to God for the gifts He entrusted to us.

Accepting the Manner of Our Death

Many of us, understandably, are more frightened of a particular manner of death. Jesus, on the night before he died, prayed, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.” (Matthew 26:39) This should be our attitude toward the manner of deaths of which we are afraid, including the deaths that are not very glorious, could be debilitating, humiliating, embarrassing, accidental, prolonged or sudden, not to mention painful. We need not seek out more pain and suffering but accept what is sent our way.

St. Paul says that he is making up for what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ! (Colossians 1:24) This does not mean that Christ’s sufferings were insufficient – they were more than enough! The Holy Spirit, through Paul, is telling us that there are many things that Christ did not suffer because he lived one life. We can sanctify the innumerable other ways of suffering and dying by uniting them to the saving death of Jesus. Let us imitate Christ’s loving obedience in accepting the death God has destined for us.

In closing, let us reflect on St. Alphonsus Liguori’s meditative prayer he composed for the Fifth Station, The Cyrenian Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross: “My most beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the Cross as the Cyrenian did; I accept it – I embrace it. I accept in particular the death Thou has destined for me, with all the pains that may accompany it; I unite it to Thy death - I offer it to Thee.”

Today at Saint Agnes

This is the first weekend of the month and the red envelope collection will be taken up for our outstanding school.

The blessing of expectant mothers will take place following the 8:30 am Mass at our Blessed Mother’s altar.

Enjoy beverages and pastries after Masses in Schuler Hall that are being served by members of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Chorale and Orchestra Notes

The Chorale traditionally does not sing during the season of Lent. The next Orchestra Mass will be on Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday, when the Chorale and Orchestra will present Joseph Haydn’s Große Orgelmesse).

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit organization that depends solely on the generosity of its patrons. Programs are available at the church entrances and are also posted on the Chorale’s website at www.catholicchorale.org.

This Week at Saint Agnes

2020 Lenten Lecture Series in Schuler Hall following Stations

Join us for our annual Saint Agnes Lenten Lectures every Friday evening in Lent following 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross. This year’s theme is The Sexual Revolution, The Catholic Church, and God’s Plan for Life and Love. These talks are meant to help all of us grasp the origins of the sexual revolution, what went wrong, and how we can rebuild a culture that values God’s plan for human happiness. The second of the series will be held this Friday evening March 6, following stations: From Contraception to Abortion-On-Demand will be presented by Dr. Deborah Savage.

Coming Soon to Saint Agnes

Food Packing Event

Saint Agnes will host as our Lenten service opportunity a food packing event facilitated by the Sodality of Saint John the Baptist. This event will provide packaged meals to Hope for Haiti, a relief organization that provides direct assistance to those impacted by natural disasters in our hemisphere’s poorest country. The food packing event will be Saturday, March 21, in Schuler Hall from 10:00 am to Noon. Please sign up at https://stjohnsodality.org/.

Almsgiving – Second Collection March 21 & 22 to Support Food for the Needy & Lenten Food Drive

In connection with our food packing event, there will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses on March 21st and 22nd. This collection will fund the food and the shipping costs associated with the food packing event. Whether or not you can participate, please consider supporting this effort by planning to contribute.

I am grateful to the Sodality of Saint John the Baptist for helping us put our faith and charity in action!

The Annual Lenten Food Drive, sponsored by the St. Anthony-Maria Hilf Council of CUF, for our needed Catholic Organizations, will take place through the weeks of Lent starting on March 1. Please bring your non-perishable donations to Schuler Hall on weekends or the Parish Office on weekdays. Thank you! Help is requested. Please call the parish office and let Gerrie know if you can help with the duties and chores for the food drive. 651-925-8800.
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Operation Andrew Dinner
March 3, 6–8 pm, Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul
Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men discerning the priesthood, ages 16–50, to dinner and conversation with vocations testimonials on priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a pastor, religious, or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Register online at www.10000vocations.org before March 2. For more information, email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651.962.6890.

Miriam Dinner
March 10, 6–8 pm, Holy Cross, Minneapolis
Archbishop Bernard A. Hebd and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16–35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us for a Miriam Dinner. Come for an evening of prayer and dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. It is typical for guests to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth / campus minister. RSVP before March 6 at 10000vocations.org. For more information, email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651.962.6890.

Archdiocesan Men’s Conference
March 28, St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights
Embrace the Challenge is the theme for the annual Archdiocesan Men’s Conference. This is a great opportunity for men of Faith to come together for good fraternity, good food and the opportunity to grow in faith. This year’s keynote speaker is priest, scholar, author, and son of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, Fr. Paul Scalia.

Catholic Studies Thought and Culture Lecture: God & Modernity
March 12, 6:30-7:30 pm, North Woulfe Hall, Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas
Can the world make sense without God? Prof. Msgr. Martin Schlag, Director of the John A. Ryan Institute, and Alan W. Moss, Endowed Chair for Catholic Social Thought, will explore man’s attempt to organize the world without God. Event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Vincent Ruiz-Ponce at 651-962-5713 or vincentrp@stthomas.edu.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY 23

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Saint Agnes School Open House – Sunday, March 8 - It’s never been more difficult to raise young people of faith, reason, and virtue than it is today. That’s why Saint Agnes has been partnering with parents to form Catholic hearts and minds. Your family is invited to come experience Saint Agnes! Stop by our Open House between 1-3 PM on Sunday, March 8. Tour our campus, meet with faculty members, and have all of your questions answered. For more information, please visit www.SaintAgnesSchool.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
(Regular, weekly Masses, Confessions, and Devotions are found on the bulletin cover.)

Sunday, March 1
RCIA Class (Bride’s).................................11:15 am
Monday, March 2
Friends of Bill W. (Bride’s).........................6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 3
TCCC rehearsal (Loft)...............................7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 4
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (School)...........9:30 am
Altar and Rosary Society (Bride’s)...............5:30 pm
Thursday, March 5
Parish Choir rehearsal (Loft)......................7:00 pm
Bible Study (Bride’s)...............................7:00 pm
Friday, March 6
Stations of the Cross (Upper)......................7:00 pm
Lenten Lecture (Schuler)..........................7:45 pm
Saturday, March 7
Legion of Mary (Bride’s)..........................9:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 2
6:30 am Kathy Lyons
Tuesday, March 3 | Saint Katharine Drexel
6:30 am Stephen and Margaret Andert †
Wednesday, March 4 | Saint Casimir
6:30 am Keagan Larson
8:45 am McKenna Larson
Thursday, March 5
6:30 am Gerald and Catherine McShane †
8:45 am Jade Elizabeth Fish †
Friday, March 6
6:30 am Jeff Larson
5:15 pm Dan Larson
Saturday, March 7 | Saints Perpetua and Felicity
8:00 am* Rosemary Roddy (A) †
5:15 pm Richard McNamara, Sr. †
Sunday, March 8 | Second Sunday of Lent (OF and EF)
6:30 am Patrick Powers †
7:30 am Peter Shutte
8:30 am Tom Larson
10:00 am* Leo and Judith Abraham †
12:00 pm Missa pro populo (for the people)
(B) birthday  (A) anniversary  † deceased  * sung Mass

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, March 7, 5:15 pm
J. Hintgen, P. Rother, P. Burns, J. & L. Macdonald
Sunday, March 8
7:30 am
C. Swanson & J. Alt
8:30 am
J. & T. Draganowski, L. & S. Scott, D. Mirick
10:00 am
A. Longman, A., A., & I. Washburn, A. & G. Lenzmeier,
P. Eileen, I. & J. Williams
12:00 pm
W. Kiehl, J. & J. Wernet, J. Nelson
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