SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
SECOND 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 pm until
5:00 pm Benediction (Upper Church). Vespers (in Lent) at 4:40 pm
Sunday: 2:00 pm Vespers (in 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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**Pastor's Column**

The Four Last Things & Purgatory

Homily on Death, Part 2—Preparing for a Holy Death

“He who fears the Lord will have a happy end; even on the day of his death he will be blessed.”

-Sirach 1

Prepare for a Holy Death Now, Not Later

Death is not our obliteration. In fact, it is the end of time and mutability, but the beginning of eternity and entrance into what God had planned for us all along. Preparing for a holy death is mainly about being good and virtuous now! Since death catches most unawares, we have today or the remains of today to grow in loving service of God. Do not put off conversion. Those who plan on making a deathbed conversion at the eleventh hour might die at the tenth hour.

Perseverance

St. Bonaventure advises us to persevere until the end: “In the race of the spiritual life all virtues run, but only perseverance “receives the prize” cf. 1 Cor 9:24. It is not the beginner in virtue but “he who perseveres until the end who shall be saved” cf. Mt 24:13...Practice and increase in virtue up to the very moment of death. Then, when your last moment comes and your life is brought to a close, God will give you the crown of honor and glory as the prize and reward of your labor. Your most beloved Lord Jesus Christ has assured you of this. These are his words, written for your instruction by the inspired writer...”Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life”’ cf. Rev. 2:10. Never give up! Keep turning back to our loving and merciful Father in the Sacrament of Confession. Keep up your daily prayers and Sunday Mass even when you might be experiencing spiritual dryness. Keep doing good works even if the results are not that great.

Pray for a Happy and Holy Death

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton emphasizes the importance of praying for a happy death: “I hope you won’t be negligent about your prayers. You know death soon takes us, and often unawares, from the greatest pleasures this world can bestow...Don’t forget to say your prayers...for a happy death. We ought, you know, to take a little trouble to prepare for that which should be the concern of our whole life. Oh, my dear ones, when we consider how soon death will cut us off, we ought to forget everything, to gain the one thing necessary...” A happy death does not refer to the ease with which we may die, but that we are in the state of grace and in right relationship with God when we die. Ask St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, that you have the blessing of the Last Rites or the blessing of having gone to Confession and Communion before a sudden death.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Mark Moriarty

Reminder:

- **Friday, March 13th**
  - Stations of the Cross at 8:45 am and 7:00 pm
  - Lenten Lecture following 7:00 pm Stations
  - Regular Friday afternoon Mass and Confession schedule

**Comming 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/](https://stjohnsodality.org/).

There will be a second collection at Sunday Masses on March 22nd, which will fund the food and the shipping costs. Whether or not you can participate with packing, please consider supporting this effort with a contribution.

Church Cleaning for the Holy Days

Save the date......Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 am to Noon. Thank you in advance for your help.

Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society

Sunday afternoon, March 29. Open to all parishioners and friends. Attend Vespers at 2:00 pm in the Upper Church, enjoy refreshments and snacks in Schuler Hall followed by a short talk on Benedictine spirituality. We will have recitation of the Rosary and the final talk on Blessed Columba Marmion. End time about 4:30pm.

**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 Gross 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](http://www.catholicchorale.org).

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, March 14, 5:15 pm**

P. Rother, W. Kiehl, J. & L. Macdonald

**Sunday, March 15**

7:30 am

D. & X. Adkins

8:30 am

D. Heesch, J. & J. Pepin, W. Murphy, J. Adkins

10:00 am


12:00 pm

G. Lennes, J. Hintgen, C. Heffron, J. Nelson
The Annual Lenten Food Drive at Saint Agnes, sponsored by the St. Anthony-Maria Hilf Council of Catholic United Financial, 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.

Friday, March 20 is opening of 40 Hours. Exposition and Adoration will take place on Friday following 8:45 am Mass and Saturday following 8:00 am Mass. Sign up sheets are available in the Church and Chapel for holy hours during the designated times on both days.