

# ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

**JULY 26, 2020** 

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# TREASURE

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

MATTHEW 13:44

"El Reino de los cielos se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo".

MATEO 13, 44

# **Pastoral Perspective**

## THE POWER OF AN OPEN HEART

BY RITA ZYBER, RCIA COORDINATOR



"Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Most of us believe this, but why does it seem that God isn't listening sometimes? We don't always have an answer for that, but could it be that I'm the one who isn't listening?

If we have this kind of deep trust and open

heart (as King Solomon requested in our First Reading today), we will be able to recognize and receive so many gifts and blessings from the Lord. Praying for the desire to know God and to live closer to God's ways helps us to feel happier and more blessed. With God, so much more is possible - more than we even know to ask for.

In my years of assisting with RCIA groups (people who want to explore the Catholic faith and possibly enter the Church), I have been so privileged to witness the power of an open heart.

Our candidates come in each year with doubts and questions. Somehow, through God's abundant gift of grace, they see God's love and God's constant activity in their lives. God is present, even in what they may be questioning or resisting. Their open hearts allow the grace to pour right in. They discover how to listen and receive what God wants to give them.

When Solomon asked for an understanding heart, he was also tapping in to those gifts of the Holy Spirit. He sought Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment – those things that would make him a selfless, and just leader. He put God and others first and that greatly pleased God.

Philosophy professor Eleanor Stump (Center for Liturgy Study at St. Louis University) says that Solomon's open heart made him very great among the kings of ancient Israel. "And yet what Christ gives to each one of his own people is greater than the gifts God gave to Solomon. To each person who opens to Christ, Christ gives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit."

I can't think of a better way to live more fully, more freely, and more abundantly. For reflection this week: In what area of my life, or of the world, is God calling me to have a more open heart? Would someone's life, or some situation change for the better if I had a more understanding heart?

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or possibly joining the Church through RCIA this year, contact Rita Zyber or Fr. Joe Wagner.

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## **EXPLORING THE FAITH THRU RCIA**

Ever thought about becoming Catholic? First, pray and reflect a little on this step. What has God been trying to say to you? Then, give us a call to talk. Our RCIA gatherings help people explore the faith, and learn more about building a deeper relationship with God.

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), helps those who are considering adult baptism into the Catholic faith, those who may want to convert from another Christian faith, and those adult Catholics who want to complete their Confirmation.

Gatherings will begin in September (though we are not sure yet of our format). In the meantime, give us a call, or send an email.

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> "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you." -- St. Augustine

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St. Mary Student Parish is a welcoming, Inclusive, caring, and diverse Catholic community, uniting residents and

We are Christ-centered with the Eucharist as the source of holiness in our vibrant liturgical life.

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## **PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS**

SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM

St. Mary is open to the public for **5:00 PM Sunday mass** (in English).

Our capacity is limited to 50 seats. Click here to reserve your seat:

https://bit.ly/smsp-public-mass-reservation

To protect the health and safety of everyone at the mass, please note the following:

- Reservations will be limited to registered parishioners.
- Since we do not have pews, seating will be 50 individual chairs.
- If you make a reservation for more than one seat, you will be sitting alone and you may not be sitting near anybody else on your reservation.
- The moving of chairs will not be permitted.
- We strongly discourage those with compromised immune systems or families with small children from attending mass.

Masks and social distancing are required.

# LIVE-STREAMED SUNDAY MASS

We continue to live-stream Sunday masses as follows:

- 9:00 AM English Mass
- 10:10 AM Spanish Mass

Masses can be watched live on our website: stmarystudentparish.org. You may also watch a recording of mass anytime after the mass has finished.

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

SUNDAYS | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Communion will be distributed on Sundays from 11:30 AM-12:00 PM. If you arrive early, please wait in your car. The parish will remain locked until 11:30 AM. Enter through the William Street doors unless you require handicap accessibility through the Thompson side.

Masks and social distancing are required.

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

## 10:00 AM-2:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

During this time the office will be staffed to assist with scheduling, questions, donations, etc. You may also enter the church for individual prayer. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street.

Masks and social distancing are required.

# **GRAD/YP VIRTUAL DROP-IN SCC**

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM

If you haven't heard of them or participated in one before, an SCC (Small Church Community) is a group that meets weekly to read the upcoming Sunday readings, pray, and reflect on how those readings relate to our daily lives. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7pm and is hosted on Zoom. If you are interested in more information, please reach out to Colleen McClain colleen.a.mcclain@gmail.com.

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and lead your lives forward. May the body of Christ nourish and strengthen you as you walk together with your friend Jesus.

# Faith Doing Justice

# VIRTUAL EVENT: THE EFFECTS OF US ACTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH | 7:00 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Presented by Gail Presbey, Professor, University of Detroit Mercy and Hosted by the Circles at Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Christ Our Light.

Professor Presbey will dive more deeply into the complicated history of the relationship between the U.S. and Central America. This event is part of a Summer Education series presented by Strangers No Longer.

Click here to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgPJrdsOV-pw40imB1h5f-gBd\_reur7vXwqhF\_VvCH1enNAw/viewform

Upon registration, the zoom link will be emailed to you. Contact Rosemary Insley with questions: 248-885-2406 or email: strangersnolonger11@gmail.com

# SCHOLAR TO SPEAK ON CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE

WEDNESDAY, AUG 4TH | 7:00 PM | LIVE STREAM

A talk on "Friendship in Troubled Times: Faithful Citizenship and the Consistent Ethic of Life" offers Christians a fresh look at their civic obligations through the lens of the Consistent Ethic of Life, which holds that human life is sacred from conception to natural death.

This virtual program is being offered by Weber Retreat and Conference Center via live stream at 7:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 4, 2020.

The talk is presented by Steven Millies, PhD, Associate Professor of Public Theology and Director of the Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. His most recent book is *Good Intentions: A History of Catholic Voters' Road from Roe to Trump* (Liturgical Press, 2018).

Originally part of Weber Center's 2020 Election Year Series, this presentation is free and open to all, and donations are appreciated.

To receive the live stream link, register at <a href="https://www.webercenter.org">www.webercenter.org</a>; click on "Programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing <a href="https://webercenter@adriandominicans.org">webercenter@adriandominicans.org</a>.

## **RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES**

This new column will feature resources in support of our mission to live a faith that does justice.

Featured this week is an article from February 2020 from the Jesuits Midwest Website, highlighting JARS: Jesuit AntiRacism Solidarity.

"Members of the Jesuit Antiracism Sodality (JARS) began 2020 by spending seven days on a pilgrimage from New Orleans to Mobile, Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham and Atlanta. They visited historical sites and met with black Catholic leaders, dedicating themselves to JARS' mission priority of racial healing and reconciliation, as well as the Universal Apostolic Preferences.

The pilgrimage was just one initiative of JARS' efforts to address the issue of racism both within the Society and its works and institutions. Committed to continued dialogue and action, the group aims for exposure and education not only in relation to the racism of today, but to the history that shaped our current racial conditions and those who have come before us in the struggle for justice.

The January pilgrimage began in the historically Catholic city of New Orleans, with participants learning how Hurricane Katrina disproportionately impacted the black community in the city. The Jesuits visited the Lower Ninth Ward, one of the hardest-hit areas during the 2005 hurricane, and toured the nearby Whitney Plantation.

Although JARS was begun as an initiative of Midwest Jesuits in formation, it is now sponsored by the province and open to Jesuits at every stage of formation and beyond.

Last June, JARS assembled over 70 Jesuits to discuss how the Society of Jesus continues to be influenced by racism and to pray for guidance to grapple with that reality.

The JARS discussion last June included a time of silent prayer where Jesuits reflected on 1 John 1:5 -10, "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

To read the full article, please visit <a href="https://jesuitsmidwest.org/news-detail?TN=NEWS-20200228035823MIDWESTPROV">https://jesuitsmidwest.org/news-detail?TN=NEWS-20200228035823MIDWESTPROV</a>

# Financial Update



## ONLINE GIVING - NEW!

Many of you have signed up for online giving, which is a great help to us. Thank you. Some of you may be open to doing so. We recently introduced a new "online giving portal" through ParishSoft. This will eventually be the only online giving program that we will use. You can sign up and allocate gifts to particular funds here: https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/smsp.

Contact Kristen kgowman@smspnewman.org with any questions about this new online portal.



## 2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

As Christian stewards we recognize Christ as the source of all our many gifts. efforts in our parish and across the wider church.

Thank you to those who have already contributed! Our parish goal for 2020 is \$97,785. If you are still prayerfully considering your contribution, more information can be found online at https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/DSA.

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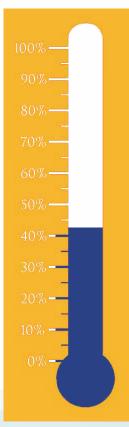
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August 8—Kerry Flannagan & Matthew Jackson

August 15—Maria Ciolo & Sean Shepard

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Ovidio Quiroz

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# Sunday Readings

# JULY 26, 2020

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I 3:5, 7-12 1Kgs

**Psalm** Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Reading II Rom 8:28-30

Gospel Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

# **AUGUST 2, 2020**

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I Is 55:1-3

**Psalm** Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 Reading II 8:35, 37-39 Rom

Gospel 14:13-21 Mt

Jesus has pity on the crowd and miraculously feeds them. In his compassion, the Lord answers all our needs, thus renewing his covenant of love with us. Nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ.

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