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AUGUST 16, 2020

20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

GREAT



Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

MATTHEW 15:28

“Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe!
Que se cumpla lo que deseas”

MATEO 15, 28

Pastoral Perspective

CHOOSE HOPE - A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY RYAN ARMBRUSTMACHER



With summer coming to a close and the beginning of my senior year at the University of Michigan looming on the horizon, the uncertainty and complications of the pandemic have begun setting in again. This past week, I was left saddened by the news of friends not returning to Ann Arbor for the year and the announcement of the majority of my

classes changing to completely remote settings. The realization of clubs canceling welcome week activities and many other highly anticipated social events has also made it very challenging to get excited about the new semester.

Through all these concerns, I found myself at the footsteps of St. Mary Student Parish for the first time in months, awaiting the start of the 5:10 Tuesday mass. Walking in the oh so familiar atrium doors nearly brought a tear to my eye as many memories associated with the parish filled my mind. Seeing the familiar faces of many resident parishioners I haven't seen since before the pandemic brought back the unmistakable welcoming feeling that the SMSP community radiates and left me filled with so much joy.

Although things looked different and the church was a little more empty than usual, kneeling before the altar brought me an incredible sense of peace and comfort. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit stronger than I have felt in any prayer experience the past few months. I became overwhelmed with gratitude for the many hours I have spent in that chapel and for the community and opportunities that St. Mary Student Parish has provided me over the past three years.

This week we celebrated the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We heard the reading of the Visitation of Mary with Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke where the infant in Elizabeth's womb leaps with joy at the presence of Jesus in Mary's womb.

When praying the rosary, the Joyful Mystery of the Visitation is always my favorite reflection. I think about how Jesus is present in so many hidden places in this world, just as he was in Mary's womb and how we also can be overcome with Joy by encountering him in these places, just as John the Baptist was.

This is how I felt walking into St. Mary's once again this week; Overcome with a joy that is only possible in the presence of Jesus. I was reminded of the uncertainty that Mary experienced while bearing Jesus and how she responded with faith and complete trust in God.

As we transition into the uncertainty of the fall, we must be reminded of Mary's example and remain hopeful. Let us lean on our parish's patron saint as a source of comfort, consolation and strength during these hard times and offer these graces to those around us.

FAREWELL FR. DENNIS

Join us as we bid farewell to Fr. Dennis, who will be retiring to Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI this September. Due to COVID-19 we are unable to host a traditional farewell reception, but we invite you to share your memories or well-wishes by Monday, August 24th here:

<https://form.jotform.com/202154878812055>

Please, no gifts, as Fr. Dennis is limited in what he can take with him to Colombiere.

All are also invited to save the date for Fr. Dennis' final parish event, when he will preach the homily during the live-streamed mass on Sunday, August 30, 2020.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON-FRI | 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

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.

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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.

PUBLIC MASS RESERVATIONS

SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 5:10 PM

St. Mary is open to the public for mass at **5:00 PM Sundays** and **5:10 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays**. **Our capacity is limited to 50 seats.** Click here to reserve your seat:

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

Please note, there are tabs at the top of the webpage for Sunday mass and daily mass.

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.

Masks and social distancing are required.

CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

No reservation is required. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street and follow the signs. Confessions will be offered both in the church and outside in the courtyard, weather permitting.

BAPTISM CLASS—ENGLISH

A baptism preparation class will be held once or twice a month. Classes are limited to 4 families, masks and proper social distancing is required. If you are able, we ask that you pick up a baptism preparation packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class. The packet contains articles and discussion questions for parents and godparents. During the class there is an opportunity to ask questions and schedule the baptism date. The class is required to be taken only once. It does not need to be repeated for additional children.

Class dates are: August 17, September 21, October 5 & 19 and November 2. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office to register: 734-663-0557 x 0.

Those wishing to have their children baptized at St. Mary Student Parish should be registered members here for at least three months and active, contributing members of the parish. To arrange a baptism and to begin the preparation, please contact the parish office.

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.

EXPLORING THE FAITH THRU RCIA

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

Faith Doing Justice

VIRTUAL EVENT: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH | 7:00 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Strangers No Longer invites you to join Father Dave Buersmeyer on Tuesday, August 25th at 7 PM on Zoom for a presentation regarding Catholic Social Teaching and our role in the transformational times in which we live. This presentation will include an opportunity for community prayer.

Fr. Buersmeyer is the pastor of St. Regis in Bloomfield Hills and a founding member of Strangers No Longer.

Click here to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekdpJVJ4Rz19GVodlI9k_myfXfjJvihtrnIhZLIHoYedTQ/viewform

Upon registration, the zoom link will be emailed to you. Email strangersnolonger11@gmail.com with questions or help with registration.

SPREAD THE WORD

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County (CSSW) is seeking prospective adoptive parents for newborns. Adoptions are up and families are needed! Adoption services are offered to families of any religious affiliation and who are committed to an open adoption.

For more information, please visit: <https://csswashtenaw.org/family-children/adoption/newborn-adoption/>

OUR MISSION

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

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

Inspired by Ignatian spirituality, we live a faith that does justice, reaching out to the marginalized.

As an apostolic parish, we are committed to ongoing formation of Christian witness, discipleship, and leadership.

RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

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

USCCB AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has recently redesigned their website and have added a robust Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism which seeks “to teach about and to witness the intrinsic dignity of the human person as an antidote to the grave sin of racism.”

From their website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism/>:

“Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father.” (Brothers and Sisters to Us, 1979). Racism lives in a particular and pernicious way in the United States, in part because of the complex history of slavery in the country, and the beliefs and policies that sustained it. African Americans have suffered intensely from those who have committed, and continue to commit, the sin of racism. But racism has also ravaged the lives and livelihoods of many other groups of people, and its targets and destructive manifestations are ever-evolving.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism seeks to teach about and to witness to the intrinsic dignity of the human person as an antidote to the grave sin of racism. The Committee explores and implements concrete solutions to address the racism that still pervades our society and our Church today, and works in collaborative ways to strengthen the response of all people to this evil.

Resources available on this webpage include:

- Statements & Letters from the USCCB
- K-8, High School, College/University, and Adult Educational Resources
- Parish Resources including bulletin inserts, pastoral aids, prayer resources, background documents, and support for Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities (September 9)
- Articles and Videos
- UCSSB and (Arch)Diocesan Statements on the Death of George Floyd and National Protests

Financial Update

ONLINE GIVING

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.

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Fiscal Year 2020/2021	
Year-to-Date Sunday Offering Report as of 08/10/2020	
Sunday Offerings Budget Goal	\$969,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal	\$95,400
Amount Collected YTD	\$114,759
Above (Below) YTD Goal	\$19,359
Sunday Offering Report as of 08/10/2020	
August Sunday Offerings Weekly Budget Goal	\$14,200
Sunday 08/10/2020 (Week 6)	\$23,134
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	\$8,934



2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

An update from Matthew Hufnagel, Vice President of Development, The Catholic Foundation

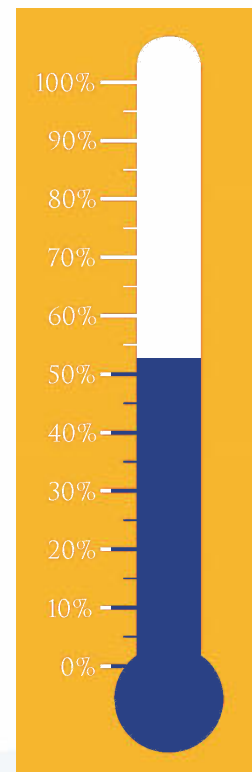
Our Catholic Church is hard at work. For that, I thank you! Because of you - even amid this pandemic - our Church has been able to sustain and expand its work with many new efforts and forms of outreach. Your hard work and creativity are inspiring and we - at the Diocese of Lansing and the Catholic Foundation - want to help you. We want to provide ideas, advice, training, programs, tools, and dollars that help to fuel the work of our Church in our parishes, school, and Catholic agencies and programs.

We are working hard to assure the proper funding of our diocesan ministries and services, and, like you, we have faced some challenges. This year's Diocesan Services Appeal began just at the Pandemic hit. We've had to relaunch the appeal and initiate new efforts on our own. Now, with gratitude for the pledges received thus far, we work toward a successful conclusion of this year's appeal.

Together - through our collective support and with perseverance in prayer - our beloved Catholic Church will emerge from this pandemic fortified and strengthened in pursuit of her divine mission: to bring the love of Jesus Christ to all whom we encounter. "Happy the one who trusts in the Lord!"

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>.

\$51,140 RAISED



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 AM Mass for +Jessica Hatten-Mexico
10:00 AM Mass for People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

5:10 PM Mass for +William Louwek

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Harrison Morton, Orlando Averion, Zenaida Averion, Victoria Tomalia, Maryjo Lum, Ric Chapman,, Nathalie Ertel, Therese Sheffield, Dan Karczewski, Brianna Liker, Elpido Adrian, Marcelo Alvarez, Eddie Smith, Joan Lesneski, Daniel Leung, Francyn Chomic, Katie Bischoff, Mark Kintz, Benjamin Besa, Brian Weard, Joan Brown Alexander, Alicia Patterson, Shawn Brown, Jamie Ballew, Patrick Geary, Bob Schoeni, Rosemary Callahan, Ron Lesneski, Christopher Brown, Scott Alexander, Paul Schnackenberg, Wilmer Zhinin, Juan Ibarra-Gonzalez, Adam Lesneski, Stacey Simpson Duke, Walter Moilanen, Joanna Vuylsteke, Julia Zhinin, Wilmer Zhinin, Maria Ayauaca, Manuel Zhinin, Liz Groulx, Michael Patterson, Filiberto Zamorano, Nikolas Block, Rosemary Rodriguez, Sally Parrish, Cristina Magsino, Kate Hanson, Maria Delores Monicibas Aleman, Luis Mario Riano, Joesph Puttrich, Colin Beaumier, Monica Terhar, April Schack, Senior Rivas, Maria Hernandez, Hilda and Henry Willis, Joan Benzie, Joe Ladago, Jan Buhler, Brent Horvath, Alicia Patterson, Marianna Hann, John Burns, Pablo Angiano Flores, Christine Geoghegan, Shawn & Laura Brown, Christopher Brown, Trinh Piper, Cindy McPherson, Gloria Grisales, Aurora Kobalz, Amaris Bolanos Luna, John Lanzatta, Curran Lawrence, Fred Metry, Tom Forner, Brian Cronin, Phil Simmons, Charlotte Jenkins, Theresa Bontekoe Deprest, Nancy Harknett, Matthew Casey, Amby Gallagher, Sara Zuleta, John Dunne, Clifton Chippewa, Nic Steadman, Bonnie Dean, Debbie Nigh, Arthur O'Neil, Jim Wolney, Augusto Silvino Garduno Esquivel, Kaylah Misiuk, Paul McNamara, Rosemary Callahan, Terri White Kaufman, Joseph D. Schwartz, Annie & Justin Siciliano, Bryan Tucker, Cynthia Lear, Barb Garren-Stratman, Guillermo Foncerrada, Dianna Nati, Geoffrey Riches, Pedro Osorio Soriano, Maria Enriqueta Ramirez Flores, Elena Galano, Donna Osborne, Ernie Jones, Tina Jones, Art Lamey, Cora Horgrow, Flora Corrales, Juanita Esquivel, Julio Ramos, Hugo Lombardo, Sara Zuleta, Art Lamey, Jeanne McAree, Anne Dwyer

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To add or remove a name: stmarys@umich.edu or call 734-663-0557.

WEDDING BANNES

August 21—Brooke Szymanski & Blake Bogart

Sunday Readings

AUGUST 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	Is	56:1,6-7
Psalm	Ps	67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Reading II	Rom	11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel	Mt	15:21-28

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God's gifts and his call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

AUGUST 23, 2020

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	Is	22:19-23
Psalm	Ps	138:1-3, 6, 8
Reading II	Rom	11:33-36
Gospel	Mt	16:13-20

As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory forever and ever!

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