St. William

March 14, 2020



All are invited to join in the celebration of the Mass of Chrism at Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday, March 31st at 12:00 noon. During the Mass, the Oils of Catechumens, of the Sick, and of Chrism will be blessed in preparation for Easter Sacraments and those of the coming year. It is a very special event, open to all Catholics. There will be NO other scheduled Masses in the City of Superior on the day of the Chrism Mass. It is an important diocesan celebration and hope you will be able to attend.

If you plan on attending and staying for the luncheon, please call the office at 715-394-7919 by March 18th so we can have a luncheon ticket ready for you.

http://stwilliamparish.net/sw.htm



Weekly Contributions March 7, 2020

| Adult Envelopes\$ | 720.00 | |
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| Loose\$ | 38.00 | |
| Online Giving\$ | 210.00 | |
| Candles\$ | 41.00 | |
| Flowers\$ | 105 .00 | |
| Thank you for your generosity | | |

Pray for Their Health and Welfare

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| Krista Hudacek Lambert | Mary Kuntz |
| Julia Dalbec | Patricia Lindqu |
| Fr. Ron Olson | Erma Harty |
| Judy Ross | Wendy Johnson |
| Bill Ross | Carolyn Ward |
| Francis Hall | Jon Bristol |
| Maryann Grymala | Carl Schulz |
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Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

Nathaniel Grymala Nathan Blair

Joe Austin **Brandon Anderson**



Third Sunday of Lent

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:9a, 10

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



St. William is having Stations of the Cross on Saturdays at 5:30 pm (before the 6:00 pm Mass). They will run through March 28th.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

As we enter into the heart of Lent, we encounter two readings that speak of a fundamental human need: to satisfy our thirst. We have all known moments of thirst, accompanied by the profound satisfaction of a cool drink of water. The relief is tangible, and the sensation reveals in a direct way how our bodily needs can be fulfilled.

In the first reading the people are grumbling to Moses in their thirst for water. A miracle is performed by the power of God, and the people once again witness the Lord's presence in their lives.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is standing by a well and strikes up a conversation with a Samaritan woman. Here, however, there is more than just physical thirst; the Lord speaks to her heart and satisfies a deep longing for spiritual life. In turn, she goes back to the villagers and brings them to Jesus...so that their spiritual thirst might be quenched as well.

Today we reflect on the reality of physical thirst to help us understand the longing in our souls. What's missing in our lives? Do we have an ache, an emptiness that longs to be fulfilled?

There are many temptations and distractions in the world that promise fulfillment: drugs, alcohol, sex, money, power, fame, beauty...but all of these ultimately leave us empty. They are pleasing for a moment, but we long for something lasting.

Jesus Christ is the answer. The Lord comes to us in our need, knows our sins, and invites us to draw into his grace. Christ speaks to the deepest longings in our hearts and offers the love, joy and peace that reign supreme in the halls of Heaven.

May we draw close to the Lord today in our need, trusting in his compassion and mercy to quench our spiritual thirst!

Fr. Andrew

Question for Children: How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

Question for Youth: Jesus revealed himself to an outcast of society. How can you be "living water" to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

Question for Adults: When you are tempted to try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ's power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer? Others?

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17: 3-7 / Rom 5: 1-2,5-8 / Jn 4: 5-42 or 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Monday: 2 Kgs 5: 1-5b / Lk 4: 24-30 Tuesday: Dn 3: 25, 34-43 / Mt 18: 21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4: 1, 5-9 / Mt 5: 17-19 Thursday: 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Mt. 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a Friday: Hos 14: 2-10 / Mk 12: 28-34 Saturday: Hos 6: 1-6 / Lk 18: 9-14 Sunday: 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In ancient times, people would make a pilgrimage to the nearest cathedral on a holy day. This may have required a journey of ten, twenty, fifty miles. With modern transportation, such a journey is easily accomplished....Drive there, spend a little time in that holy place, and drive home....There is something about travel that reminds us that we are just passing through this place we call earth. It is easy to forget this essential truth, and when we do, our values and lives become distorted. We are pilgrims on a journey."

REDISCOVER THE SAINTS ~ by Matthew Kelly Soon, people from the diocese will travel to the Cathedral for Chrism Mass. How easy it is for us to come to the Cathedral - on Thursday between 2:00 and 5:00pm and spend time with Jesus - just sit in silence and adore - or do some spiritual reading - or walk the stations - or say a rosary or just be still and know that He is God. Come when you can; leave when you must. A Lenten pilgrimage. .

<u>TENEBRAE</u> Sponsored by the Franciscan Apprentices Holy Thursday – 5:00 AM Good Friday - 5:00 AM Holy Saturday – 5:30 AM (Held in the Cathedral Eucharistic Chapel) Please use the side door of the church Everyone Welcome!

NORTH STAR PRAYER GROUP

The North Star Prayer Group meets on the first and third Mondays at 6:30 PM at Cathedral in Kress Hall. All are welcome!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

.Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at the Catholic Charities Building ~ 1416 Cumming Avenue. All are welcome! Come and learn how you can serve. 715-398-4069.

RESPECT LIFE

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

Bishop James P. Powers will celebrate the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 22nd at Cathedral of Christ the King. The Mass will include a Blessing of the Child in the Womb. All pregnant women are invited to attend and receive this special Blessing.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA – is a process of the Catholic Church designed to help adults to become fully initiated, practicing Catholics. The next session is Thursday, March 19th. The group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Kress Hall.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool Registration

Cathedral Preschool registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. Cathedral Preschool offers a 3 year old and a 4 year old program. Cathedral School is also a site for Superior Community Preschool. For more information about any of our preschool programs please contact Kristen Revering at 715-392-2976.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Have you considered Substitute Teaching? Do you love working with children of all ages? Does your busy schedule keep you from working full-time? Would you like to supplement your current income? Cathedral School is looking for qualified substitute teachers. If you answer yes to the question, we need you!! A 4 year degree is required but the degree does not need to be in education. If you are interested, please contact Melissa in the main office for more information 715-392-2976.

First Grade Service Project Pop Tab Collection

Our first grade is collecting pop-tops to help Shriners Hospital purchase children's wheelchairs a collection container is located down on first floor by room 100 and in the 1st grade classroom, room 206.

Thank you for your support!

OTHER NEWS

HOLY ASSUMPTION BREAKFAST UPDATE

Sunday Morning Breakfast at Holy Assumption is cancelled on March 15th but there **will be one on March 22nd.**

CLEANING SUPPLIES COLLECTION

The Catholic Daughters and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are co-sponsoring a cleaning supplies collection for families establishing a new home. There will be collection boxes in the back of the churches from March 7th through March 22nd. Among the items needed are: laundry soap, dish soap, bleach, paper towels, sponges, brooms, dust pans, and household cleaners.

Your support and donations are greatly appreciated.

SOMETHING YOU CAN DO FOR OUR PRIESTS, BISHOP, AND DEACONS

Would you be willing to do something easy and yet incredibly powerful and helpful for our priests, bishops, and deacons (and seminarians and religious)? Recently, this idea was mentioned on Real Presence Radio, to do every day, and it only takes 15 seconds:

For our priests, every day stop and say:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

OBSERVE LENT AND CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WITH EWTN

Learn more about your Faith during the holiest time of the year with EWTN's first-rate movies, documentaries, musicals, children's programs, and much more! Join in the celebration of Mass from Rome and Washington, D.C. Get program details at <u>www.ewtn.com</u> and visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder to find a station near you!

Also, during Lent, be sure to visit the special Lent website by EWTN, <u>www.ewtn.com/lent</u>

You may also contace the Cathedral's EWTN Media Missionary, David Dusek at <u>the22rosaries@gmail.com</u> or text or call David at 715-392-9326

EASTER HAM BINGO ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH 325 East 3rd Street ~ Duluth SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 Lunch begins at 11:30 A.M. Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs (with chips, dessert and choice of pop, coffee or tea) BINGO STARTS AT 1:00 pm Boards: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 SILENT AUCTION EASTER BASKET RAFFLE \$1.00 Raffle: 1st Prize - \$500; 2nd Prize \$300, 3rd Prize - \$200 gift card for gas;

4th Prize: \$200 cash

SDCCW Mary Jane Morancyk Hennessy Scholarships

The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will award four (4) \$500 scholarships to women completing their second year of post high school education or continuing their education for career advancement, or returning to the work field.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the SDCCW Scholarship Committee, Mary Werner, W5490 County Road O, Medford, WI 54451. Telephone ~ 715-748-4709. Email ~ <u>werner@tds.net</u>

The Committee will notify the winners by phone or email. The recipients will be recognized at the 70th Annual Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention at St. Joseph Church – Rice Lake, WI to be held on June 15th & 16th, 2020. Applications will be accepted starting February 1st and postmarked no later than April 15th.

| St. William CSA Parish Goal Summary 2020 as of March 4, 2020 | | |
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| CSA – 2020 Goal Total Payments & Pledges: | \$ 5,129.00 2,665.00 | |
| Remaining to Raise | \$ 2,464.00 | |
| Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic Services Appeal obligation. | | |