

3rd Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Softening the Heart

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the Samaritan woman "living water which shall become a fountain within her, leaping up to provide eternal life." The liturgy on this Lenten Sunday places Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock of Horeb.

The Responsorial Psalm 95 refers both to the "Rock of our salvation" and also to hardened hearts. On the one hand, there is the Rock from which the water of eternal life flows (God). On the other hand, there are rocks (our hearts) which we seek to soften in Lent by "prayer, fasting and works of mercy."

We believe, with Paul, that "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit." That love of God should make us a forgiving people, one that enables the world to "be brought together in unity and peace."

Our goal is to "harden not our hearts:" to be concerned for the poor and suffering, to forgive the criminal, to welcome the stranger, to love our enemies.

"If only you recognized God's gift. ... "By becoming for people a model of merciful love for others, Christ proclaims by his actions even more than by his words that call to mercy which is one of the essential elements of the gospel ethos.

In this instance it is not just a case of fulfilling a commandment or an obligation of an ethical nature: it is also a case of satisfying a condition of major importance for God to reveal himself in his mercy to man: "The merciful ... shall obtain mercy."

Pope John Paul II, Dives in Misericordia, 1980: 3

Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Website



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMEBERS



My Name is Jerry Cecchi. I have been a member of St. Paul for many years. I have a son Jeremy and two grandchildren Nathanyel & Gianna.



My name is David Zmuda SR. I have been a member of St. Paul since 1986. I am retired from East Perry Lumber after 35 years. I have two kids Rachel and David and seven grandchildren.

VOCATION CORNER MAR 12, 2023

"Father Pat York is the Dean of Students and Vice-Rector at Conception Seminary College. Father Pat recalls he considered the priesthood during his eighth grade year. He credits his parents as having the biggest influence on his priestly vocation. They encouraged their children to be open to God's call as a priest or religious in the Church. The seed of his vocation took root in his family and grew from there. He would ask his parishioners, "Pray for the priests of our diocese. Support your parish priests. Pray fervently to the Lord for more religious vocations." Fr. Pat also encourages parents to set an example for their children in practicing their faith, "do not treat it as a burden or obligation, but as a gift that is enriching."
(The Tower Topics, by Fr. Paul Sheller, O.S.B.)

10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Schedule of Masses

Sun Mar 12 8:00 am Mass- *Robert Morgan & Allen Long*
Wed Mar 15 5:30 pm Mass
Sun Mar 19 8:00 am Mass -*Shaun Saltzman & Kristin Morgan*

BIRTHDAYS

Matt Slife 3/13
 Christine Ross 3/15
 M. G. Jones 3/15
 Evelyn Bergmann 3/17

Liturgical Ministers

Mar 12 **Lector** PSR Students **Greeter** PSR Students **EM** A. Dueker **Servers** Vol **Ushers** PSR Students

Gift Bearers PSR Students **Cantor** Z. Garrett

Mar 19 **Lector** S. Widowski **Greeter** L. Coleman **EM** P. Widowski **Servers** M. Palmer E. Zmuda **Ushers** *Mike McMahan R. Weeks

Gift Bearers Joe & Marsha Nelson **Cantor** Z. Garrett

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Mar 5, 2023

General (20) \$2170.00
 Loose \$114.00
 Dio Collection(2) \$550.00 (CSMA)
 Other \$156.03 (refund)
Total \$2990.03
 BUILDING MAINTENANCE \$10.00
Total \$10.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN MAR 12 7:30 AM *Stations of the Cross*
SUN MAR 12 8 AM *Mass- Robert Morgan & Allen Long*
WED MAR 15 5:30 PM *Mass*
SUN MAR 19 7:30 AM *Stations of the Cross*
SUN MAR 19 8AM *Mass- Shaun Saltzman & Kristin Morgan*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH SUNDAY

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

ST. PAUL FISH FRY

March 17 & March 31 4:30-6:30 pm

Place your CarryOut/ Dine-In Order Reservations the Thursday before. Call **217-714-4568 or 618-697-1694**

Hand battered fish, baked potato, vegetarian baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert & drink \$12

Children 8 years and under (**children under 3 eat free**) *Fish, chip bag, drink & dessert or grilled cheese w/ bag of chips, drink & dessert \$5*

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CSMA

Our parishes along with all other parishes in the diocese are conducting our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for 2023. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our timelimitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.

HELP IF YOU CAN

Cairo Daystar Food Pantry begins 2/22- 4/9. Daystar is asking for household supplies such as paper towels, laundry and dish detergents, sponges, toilet paper, etc. **There will be a tub in the entryway.**

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION

Today our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 15 Parish Council 6pm
Mar 17 Fish Fry at St. Paul 4:30-6:30pm
Mar 25 CCW South Vicariate Meeting (St. Paul Hall) 10:30am- 2pm
Mar 30 Reconciliation 6pm
Mar 31 Fish Fry at St. Paul 4:30-6:30 pm

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