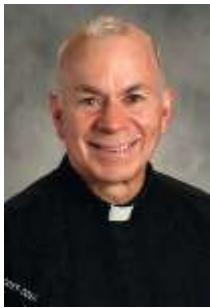


From A Grateful Heart

JESUS ASKS US TO OPEN UP!

*Thus says the LORD, your God:
 Say to those who are frightened:
 Be strong, fear not!
 Here is your God!
 He comes with human vindication; with divine recompense
 he comes to save you.*

Isaiah 35:4-5



Open up!

The word Jesus means *God saves*. This why the Angel tells Mary to name the child Jesus, because he will save God's people from death to sin.

The phrase, "Open up!" is used by kids to gain access to a building and by adults to gain access to reason.

Change seems to be the thing that happens most in our lives, yet we give it the most resistance possible as we try to retain control. It is not unexpected!

Growing up we all experience new facts, or call it change, whether in the facts of life, social order, customs, wisdom or faith. Children expect change as they gain wisdom. But as adults we decide when we are done acquiring new understanding and then stand our ground to maintain a position of authority or simple retain our pride.

The different forms of resistance to change can be:

- Stubbornness
- Ignorance without regret
- Intellectual rivalry (better to call it stubbornness)
- Resistance to God

All of these forms of resistance to change come out of the sin of pride. Pride is what caused the Pharisees to reject Jesus. Pride is what causes hoarding or monopolies in business, rivalries among professionals, scientists or intellectuals. Pride not only kills the progress of a whole society, it can ruin lives, families, and faith.

Jesus can save, but we need to OPEN UP to the message and saving power of that message. Our desire to be in control is a block to salvation if we do not let God become the change.

Open up to the God who has the power to save and be rewarded with a better life and a better society in which you live. Jesus can change hearts first and lives second!

May our Risen Savior bless you,

Fr. Pat Nelson, SDS



Ask Fr. Pat

Pretend you are a first time visitor to a Catholic Mass. Could you explain why we do what we do or would your response be, "That's the way we've always done it." If you have questions about the Catholic faith, about Catholic rituals, about Catholic Tradition, or about Scripture, ask Fr. Pat! If you are curious, others are, too!

Email: AskFrPat@gmail.com

Questions and answers may be featured in upcoming bulletins. Submissions will always remain anonymous.

PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

“But who do you say that I am? ~Mark 8:29

Isaiah, James, and Mark all invite us to consider how we answer the question, Who do you say I am? Isaiah, a suffering servant, declares, “The Lord God is my help, therefore, I am not disgraced...” (Is 50:7). James admonishes those whose actions do not support their words, questioning “What good is it...if someone say he has faith but does not have works” (Jms 2:14). And, in Mark, Jesus asks both who others, the community, think he is, as well as who the disciples know him to be. With so much attention on this question, we would be remiss if we did not consider our own answer.

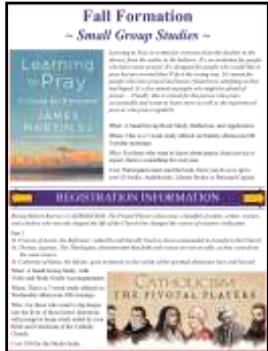
Have you ever wondered why Jesus asks this question? Why does it matter? Are the answers for his gratification or for our growth?

When I consider how I answer the question, I am forced to admit that the reply can appear to be fickle. Like Peter, I want to rebuke the idea of suffering, but Isaiah helps me to understand that God is the same benevolent parent, even in the suffering. In fact, if I am honest, it is in and through my suffering that I have moved forward in my relationship with God. There is no greater healer!

I must also confess that despite my best intentions, my actions often fall short of my words. One of the benefits of being so involved in my faith community and surrounding myself with other believers is that I have many James figures in my life who can lovingly admonish me when I need some redirection and perspective. Who are the James figures in your life?

Thanks to Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and a personal relationship with Christ, I am comfortable answering Mark’s question. The one that lingers for me, however, is, “Who does Jesus say I am?” Am I living as a believer? Does he recognize me as a disciple? ~Jacque

Fall Formation: Small Group Studies



There are two small group studies available this fall, beginning the first week of October. Both are 7-week studies and will require some at-home work. The first is a book study based on Fr. James Martin’s newest book, “Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone.” The second is video based study, prepared by Bishop Robert Barron, accompanied by a study guide.

Pre-Registration is required and spaces are limited. See the flyer, available in Church and on our website, for details and registration.

For more information and questions contact Jacque Kelnhofer at jkelnhofer@stmmp.org

Getting to Know You

Featuring Keith Omdahl, Principal

Over the next several weeks, we are sharing a little “Question and Answer” segment with staff to help us all become better acquainted and encourage you to reach out and let us know how we can best serve the community.



How long have you worked at STMMS?

This will be my 1st year! I am so excited!!!

What do you most enjoy about your work?

I enjoy building, developing, and maintaining positive relationships with the school, parish, and community.

What do you do for fun?

Things I like to do, but are not limited to, include exercise, travel, reading, and spending quality time with my family.

What is your favorite season, and why?

My favorite season is summer because there is much more opportunity to participate in outdoor activities and travel.

What is your favorite food/drink? Favorite place/brand?

My favorite food is buffalo wings, from pretty much anywhere

What is the best way to get in touch?

A phone call is best!

Favorite quote / life motto?

“As iron sharpens iron; so one person sharpens another” Proverbs 27:17.

What else should we know about you?

I have over 23 years within education and am a proud parent of two high school aged daughters.

SAVE THE DATE

Patron Saint Feast Day Festivities

October 16, 2021

Join us for Mass and stay for the fun. The Pastoral Council is hosting this year’s celebration. They are excited to serve and are looking forward to meeting you!



9:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Memorial of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Ice Social
- Games
- Activities
- Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Annette Kerner

Hildegarde "Hilde" Kiedrowski

Anne Simone

Little Library



Thank you to the generous contributions of our parishioners, the Little Library, for children 0 to 5th grade, is here!

Please continue to drop off new or gently used children's faith books and/or contact Jacque Kelnhofer to arrange a directed donation and/or gift card.



How Does the Library Work?

This is a library with no check-outs or check-ins! Choose a book when you arrive - Return it before you leave

For young children who can not yet read, and for children who would like to share the story with their families, you are welcome to take the book home and return it the following weekend. We encourage parents to use these books as an opportunity to share the Catholic faith with their children. It's also a wonderful way to begin modeling how we carry the knowledge we receive at church and carry it into our world!

Inside each book is a "Take Home Book Mark" that explains how the library works and includes a variety of prayers and formation on the back. Collect them all!



Archdiocesan Marian Shrine

The world famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has travelled globally since 1947 and will be coming to the Marian Shrine on Monday, September 13, located at: 141 N. 68th St. It will arrive at 3:30pm. Your petitions will be placed at the statue and a talk will be given on the Statue. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please join us!

St. Anne's Volunteers Needed

St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus, a nursing home and assisted living facility located at 3800 N 92nd Street in Milwaukee, needs assistance with pastoral care. We are looking for volunteers to make visits, assist as Eucharistic ministers, and lector at Mass. If interested, please call Richard Mason, SDS, Pastoral Care, at 1-262-910-1293.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please contact the Parish Center at (414) 461-6073 for all sacramental inquiries.

Infant Baptism

Baptisms may be celebrated at all Masses. Preparation work is required for parents.

Catholic Formation Classes *Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation*

Catholic formation classes are available for school-aged children and young adults. Contact us if you are interested in working with our parish to form your children in the faith as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Are you an adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a way to learn about the sacraments and understand how to live in Christ's teachings. We walk the path of formation with you!

The Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated most Saturdays of the year, with the exception of the seasons of Advent and Lent. The bride or groom must be registered as members of the parish and are expected to be attending Mass regularly. Weddings must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the actual date.

Ministry to the Sick or Dying

If you are going to have surgery or if you suddenly take ill and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Fr. Patrick at (414) 581-2397. Additionally, we have ministers who can call and pray with you if you are ill or as you recover.



- 11: Patriot's Day
- 7: The Hour of Great Mercy
- 17: Knights of Columbus
- 18/19: SVdP Second Collection
- 21: Fiber Fellowship
- 22: Bereavement Ministry Support Group
- 23: Morning Mass Social following Mass
- 24: The Hour of Great Mercy
- 25/26 In-pew CSA Second Collection
- 26: Contemporary Choir Plays at Sunday Morning Masses

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Sunday: | Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35 |
| Monday: | 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/
Lk 7:1-10 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35 |
| Thursday: | 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50 |
| Friday: | 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3 |
| Saturday: | 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15 |
| Next Sunday: | Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37 |

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 13

8:15 a.m.: Communion Service

Tuesday, September 14

8:15 a.m.: Living & Deceased of Heinz & Paprocki families

Wednesday, September 15

8:15 a.m.: + Melvin Kiedrowski & Jean Zavis

Thursday, September 16

8:15am: + Marie Thomas

Friday, September 17

8:15 a.m.: + Dolores Van Dillen

Saturday, September 18

5:00 p.m.: Mark Schroeder

Sunday, September 19

9:00 a.m.: + Ruth Diener

11:00 a.m.: + Vincent & Doris Ryan

7:00 p.m.: the members of our parish

Seventh Promise of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary:

"Lukewarm souls shall become fervent."