Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship is putting our faith in action through the use of the gifts given to us by God. It is becoming a true disciple of Jesus Christ. The Lord did not want us to be passive in our approach to living. He wants more from us than just being quietly holy.

Remember that stewardship is a call from God to recognize that all of our blessings and talents have been given to us for a purpose. As baptized Catholics it is our obligation to share these gifts willingly in order to serve the Church and our parish community. As we have pointed out many times, stewardship is much more than financial support. It is, as stated, putting our faith in action with the key word there as “action.” In that way we can become, also as stated, a true disciple of the Lord.

In today’s Gospel reading from the Book of Matthew Jesus calls us salt and then light. He tells us, for example, that we are the light of the world, reflecting His light. Specifically He says to those who choose to be His disciple, “Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, “To keep a lamp burning you have to keep putting oil in it.” If we see ourselves as lamps as Jesus told us we should be, we need to keep the oil in it and that requires action on our part.

Your support of the annual Catholic Sharing Appeal is critical to the mission of our parish and our diocese. Please don’t forget to make your gift today. Your participation makes a difference in the quantity and quality of ministry we are able to provide.

Thank you.
St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. Thank you, and may the peace of God be with you.

After Mass this weekend, we will be collecting donations to help us help those in need. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Nursery

During the 10am Mass on Sundays, St. Thomas More offers fellowship and fun for children up to age 4 in our nursery. Volunteers have met the diocesan requirements and look forward to overseeing the hour of play. If you’d like more information about this ministry, including how to become a volunteer, email Kim Smith at rae.kimberly@gmail.com.

CCW Valentines Bake Sale

February 8-9

The annual Valentine’s bake sale in support of the STM Council of Catholic Women is this weekend (Feb 8-9). The proceeds from this sale will be used to support our parish. Please stop by the table and get a goodie for your Valentine!
Religious Education

Sunday Feb. 23 at 8:45 am in O’Brien Hall

Annual Stations of the Cross Shadow Play performed by our 3rd grade R.E. students Please join us for this inspirational devotion.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

The New Eve: Episode 1 of Lectio: Mary

This CD was featured as the November 2019 CD of the Month! Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, this audio presentation of the first episode of Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary. By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

Stewardship of Treasure

February 2020 Dates: 2/01– 2/02

Weekly Need: $20,000
Weekly Giving: $20,103
Year-to-Date Need: $90,000
Year-to-Date Giving: $94,376

To give online, visit www.cocathedrall.com and go to the “Giving” page.

2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal

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Prayer Requests

The staff of Saint Thomas More prays for you each Friday during designated prayer time. If you have a specific intention that would like us to pray for, please submit your request at our website.

Formed

1. Go to: Formed.org
2. Enter code: PXFZ3Q (All Caps, Please!)
3. Create your own account
4. Enjoy!
Trinity Catholic School

Trinity Catholic School will begin accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year on February 18th! To schedule a personal tour, call 850-222-0444 or email Jody Sheppard, Admissions and Public Relations Specialist at sheppardj@trinityknights.org

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year and there are only a few spots left for enrollment! Did you know that we offer financial assistance and accept several scholarships? For more information and to schedule a tour or a shadow day for your child, please call (850) 201-5744 or e-mail Jillyann McGowan, Director of Enrollment at jmcgowan@jpiiichs.org

Jubilee Marriage Celebration

Sunday March 1 at 11:45AM - Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Married couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2020 are invited to participate in a special liturgy. Bishop Wack will lead participants in a special commemoration of vows, prayers of blessing, and public recognition of individual couples during this liturgy. A reception will follow the Mass with light refreshments for couples and their guests.

Visit ptdiocese.org to register. Contact Chez Filippini at 850.435.3553 or filippinic@ptdiocese.org for more info.

Priesthood Discernment Retreat

March 6, 6PM - March 8, 12PM

Do you feel called to serve God in the priesthood? If so, plan to attend this free weekend retreat! This event is being held to guide and inform any single men ages 18 or older who are discerning a call to the priesthood. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Tim Holeda | 850.222.9630 | frtim@cocathedral.com.
Passion and Resurrection Series
Led by Dr. Sonya Cronin
Tuesday, March 21st & Mar 31st
7-8pm

Deepen your Lenten Journey with these special offerings:

March 21: Passion of Christ and the life of Joseph. This is an examination of the Joseph story in Genesis as a parallel of Christ’s sacrifice in the Gospels.

March 31: Virtue of Friendship and the Resurrection. As currently planned, this will begin with Genesis, touch on Job, and land in the Gospels with the resurrection.

Dr. Sonya Cronin is a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies. One of her primary research areas is the Gospel of John and Catholic biblical interpretation. She has taught at FSU for 18 years.
Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 9
8:30am † Jimmy Rooney by The Howard Family
10:00am † Antoine Spacagna by Holly Thomas
11:45am For the people of Saint Thomas More
6:00pm Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida by Heather Jordan

Monday, February 10
7:00am Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida by Heather Jordan
5:15pm † Robert Wensing by Karen Wensing

Tuesday, February 11
7:00am † Natalie Nickchen by STM
5:15pm Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida by Heather Jordan

Wednesday, February 12
7:00am Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida by Heather Jordan
5:15pm Suzanne Deutsch by Mary Fran Strickland

Thursday, February 13
7:00am Ivey Green by STM
5:15pm Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida by Heather Jordan

Friday, February 14
7:00am † Mr. Thomaszewski by Chris Merrill
5:15pm Zellie Egger by Chris Merrill

Saturday, February 15
8:00am † Rosalind Cayer by STM Staff
5:15pm † Jim Pridgeon by CCW

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Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.