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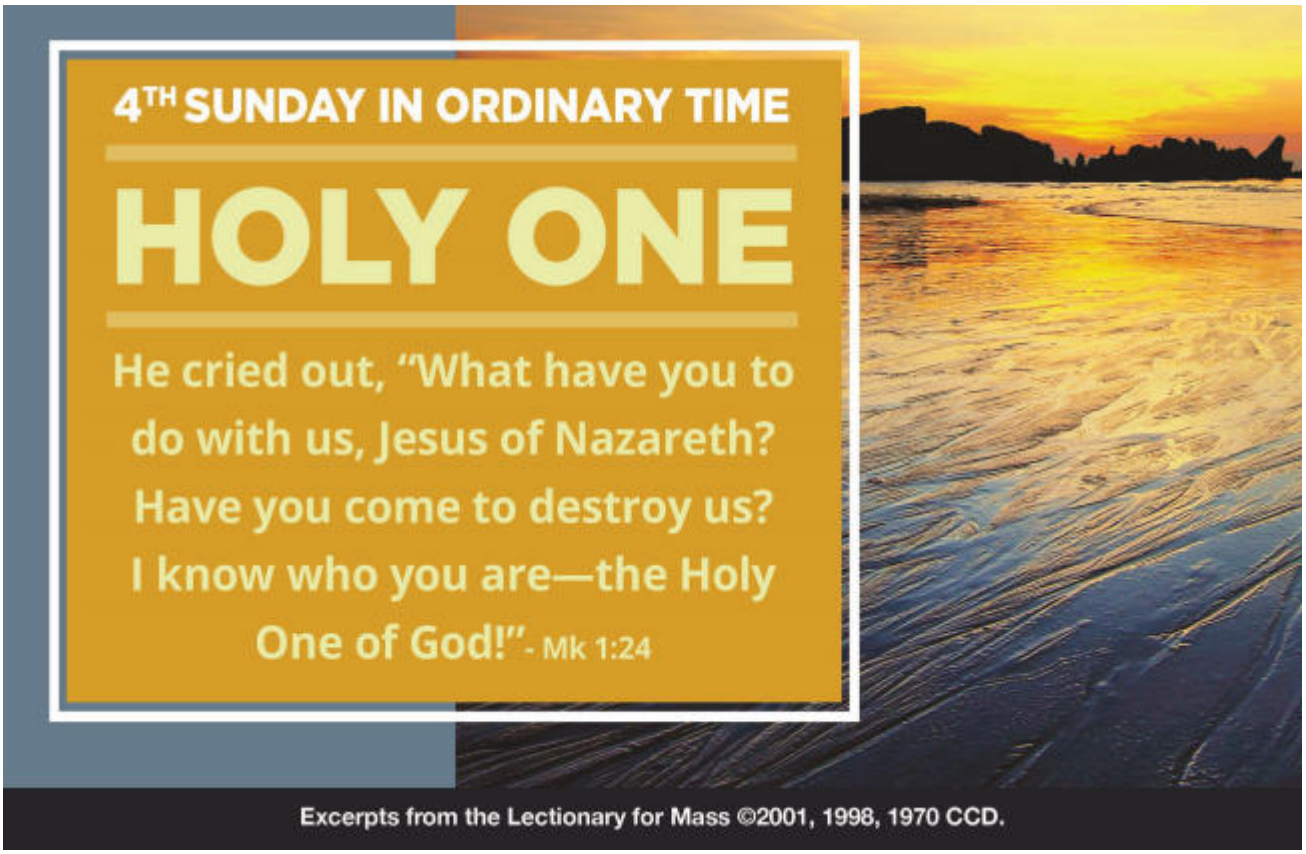

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT THOMAS MORE

Sunday, January 31

8:30am Mass †Harold Heiple by Steve and Deb Lewis
11:00am Mass People of the Parish
5:00pm Mass †Harold Heiple by Our Lady of Sorrows Grief Support Group
6:30pm Rosary for Life at 2453 Wilcox Drive, Norman

Monday, February 1

Noon Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the special intentions of the parish
5:15pm Mass Cancer patients and their families, followed by the Rosary

Tuesday, February 2

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Noon Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the special intentions of the parish
5:15pm Mass †Fred Teoli by Steve and Deb Lewis (Reserved for individuals 60 yrs. of age and older.)
7:00pm RCIA - Heiple Hall (Please wear a mask.)

Wednesday, February 3

Noon Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the special intentions of the parish
7:00pm Confessions - Please wear a face mask or face shield and follow appropriate social distancing guidelines.
8:00pm Mass †Rev. Marvin Leven by Austin Sykora

Thursday, February 4

Noon Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the special intentions of the parish
5:15pm Mass †Fred Teoli by Our Lady of Sorrows Grief Support Group
6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting in the Library and via Zoom (E-mail pat.chojnicki@yahoo.com for the meeting code.)

Friday, February 5

5:15pm Mass †Quirico Posa by Tita Posa

Saturday, February 6

4:00pm Confessions - Please wear a face mask or face shield and follow appropriate social distancing guidelines.
5:00pm Mass †The Deceased Poor by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Sunday, February 7

8:30am Mass †Rev. Marvin Leven
11:00am Mass People of the Parish
5:00pm Mass for the healing of Marinell Guild by Irene Baltierra
6:30pm Rosary for Life at 2453 Wilcox Drive, Norman

♦ The Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. If you don't feel safe, you are encouraged to remain home.

♦ Due to social distancing requirements, our capacity will be reduced to about 50%. About 350 people will be allowed into each Mass. While family members can, of course, sit together, six feet must be kept between your family unit and other people in a pew.

♦ Face coverings (masks or shields) are required at all times inside the church.

♦ There will be no sign of peace offered during the Our Father.

♦ Daily Mass on Tuesday will be reserved for people 60 and over.

♦ Livestream Masses will continue on Sundays at 11:00am.

♦ Pews will be sanitized before and after each Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

SPONSOR COUPLES NEEDED

We are seeking married couples to serve as sponsors to STM engaged couples as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

Please consider applying if:

- ♦ You're a couple married in the Catholic Church or your marriage has been convalidated.
- ♦ You've been married for at least 5 years.
- ♦ You're active members of STM parish.
- ♦ You're willing to participate in this ministry together for 2-5 hours/month on a flexible schedule.

For more information about sponsorship or to help you discern if this ministry is for you, please contact Barbara Norton and Allen Hertzke at 628-8554 or **Barbara.L.Norton@gmail.com**.

CHANGES

This semester we will be offering all dinners to-go in brown bags!

When the weather gets warmer students will have an option to stay and enjoy their food outside social distanced.

Some ideas for sponsoring a meal include buying pizza, supplying ingredients for chips and sandwiches, chicken nuggets, or a monetary donation and we can take care of the planning and prep!

To sponsor a simple "to go" meal please: email alexsanchez@stm-ou.org or call the office at 405-321-0990

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JIM

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL AND WHY YOU SHOULD PLEDGE

The Archbishop has two main sources of funding his ministry throughout the Archdiocese. The first is an assessment on every parish based on yearly contributions and budgets. Most parishes find that they can fulfill their assessment (we do), but some poor parishes simply cannot.

The second way the Archbishop funds his ministry is through the Annual Catholic Appeal (formerly known as the Archdiocesan Development Fund). Every parish is assigned a goal, and pastors and parish leadership take the case to the parish.

Our goal for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal is $99,000. That's a bit less than it has been in recent years. If every family in the parish gave to this, it would be approximately $150 per family. Of course, it never works quite that way. Many elect not to give, and some are very generous. I hope we can expand the pool of givers this year.

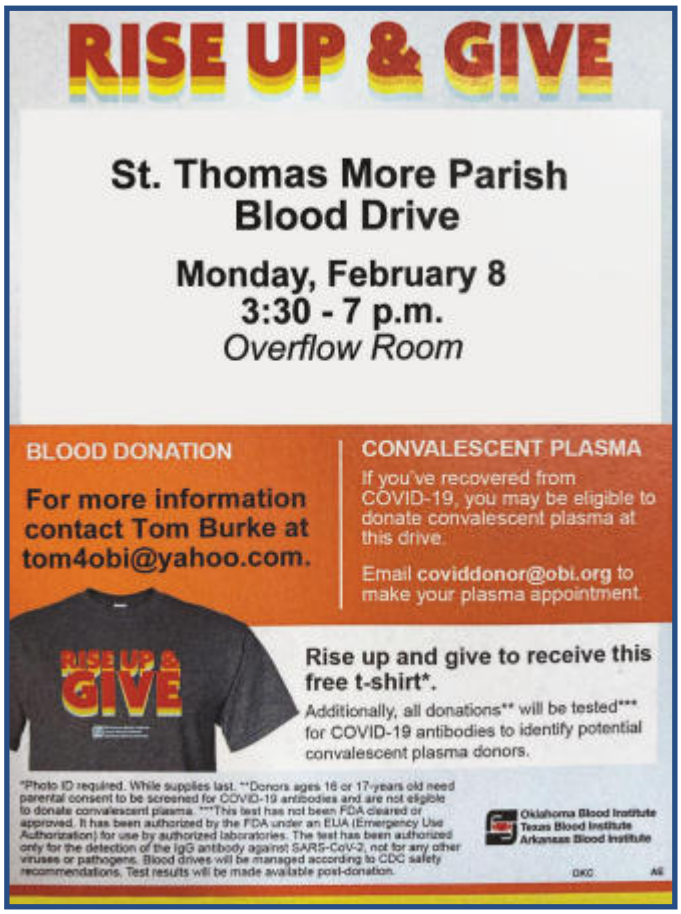
The monies raised through the Annual Catholic Appeal fund various ministries throughout central and western Oklahoma. For example, we receive a generous subsidy from the Archbishop every year, which enables us to keep the FOCUS missionary team here on campus.

A REMINDER OF THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE NOW THAT THE STUDENTS ARE BACK

- Monday: Mass at 5:15pm and Rosary to follow
- Tuesday: Mass at 5:15pm
- Wednesday: Confessions at 7:00pm and Mass at 8:00pm
- Thursday: Mass at 5:15pm
- Friday: Mass (*ad orientem*) at 5:15pm

THINGS NOT TO DO WHEN OFFERING YOUR CONFESSION

We are blessed with many penitents here at STM. These tips will help make sure everyone gets a chance to confess. **DO NOT** tell the priest long, involved stories. There is no time for that. **DO NOT** tell the priest the sins of other people in your life. Stick to ***your*** sins. **DO NOT** laugh after mentioning a sin. That is awkward. **DO NOT** feel you have to tell the priest ***why*** you committed the sins you confess. No justification is necessary. **DO NOT** treat the confessional like a free and lengthy counseling session. First, I am not really a counselor. Second, you can make an appointment with me if you need more time.

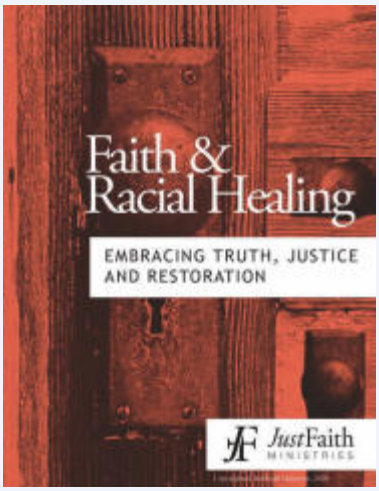


FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING

We are beginning a second module of the three-part series, *Faith and Racial Healing*, on Monday, February 22, at 7:00pm, and all STM college students, parishioners and friends are invited and eligible to participate. There is no charge to individual participants except the cost of the books that are used.

On Monday, February 8, at 7:00pm, we will host an online Information Session and Q&A about the series for anyone who is interested in knowing more about it from previous STM participants. More information is also available online at **justfaith.org/faith-and-racial-healing-embracing-truth-justice-and-restoration**.

If you have questions or to request the February 8 Zoom meeting number and password, please contact Dottie Morris at **DottieLMorris@gmail.com** or Lisa Schmidt at **LisaLSchmidt8@gmail.com**. Many thanks to Father Jim for his continued support of this faith formation opportunity.



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