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Minute-a-Month Mass Schedule

3/1	2nd Sunday of Lent Vocations Mass Celebrant: Bishop Mark Bartchak <i>Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9</i>
3/8	3rd Sunday of Lent <i>Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42</i>
3/15	4th Sunday of Lent <i>1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41</i>
3/22	5th Sunday of Lent <i>Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45</i>
3/29	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Celebrant: Bishop Mark Bartchak <i>Isaiah 50:4-7; 3:1-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14-27:66</i>

Fr. Matthew Baum - Celebrant
Fr. Canice McMullen, OSB
Deacon Rick Messina

A Lent Prayer

BREATHE IN ME, O HOLY
SPIRIT, THAT MY THOUGHTS
MAY ALL BE HOLY.

ACT IN ME, O HOLY SPIRIT,
THAT MY WORK, TOO,
MAY BE HOLY.

DRAW MY HEART, O HOLY
SPIRIT, THAT I MAY LOVE
ONLY WHAT IS HOLY.

STRENGTHEN ME, O HOLY
SPIRIT, THAT I MAY DEFEND
ALL THAT IS HOLY.

GUARD ME, O HOLY SPIRIT,
THAT I MYSELF MAY
ALWAYS BE HOLY.

I think anyone who has spent even a little bit of time in our diocese realizes that we have some incredible priests, some amazing characters with all kinds of different skills. Each of them has their own unique gifts that have helped to share the good news in our parishes and help our people grow in their faith. My predecessor, Fr. Crookston, amazes me at the care he has had for so many of our homebound. Just this week, as I was meeting with a family for a funeral, they told me how much their mother appreciated his visits, and being able to see him on the TV Mass. I've heard incredible stories of Fr. Chuck, both in building up our TV Ministry, but also how many people loved to go to him for confession. Yet, as these great men make their way into retirement and pass on, we are always looking for who God is calling for the next generation. This past November, we had our first "Called by Name" Sunday, as pastors from around the diocese told their vocation stories. Now, we're beginning to see some fruit from those efforts. This past weekend, we welcomed Bishop Mark to talk about vocations and meet with a number of young men who are beginning to discern where God might be calling them. Please join me in praying for vocations.

This month we also begin the season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer and penance, preparing for the great celebrations of Holy Week. In the next few weeks, we'll hear Jesus's temptation in the desert, the call of Abraham, the Transfiguration, the call of Moses, and more. As we walk through this journey of Lent together, let's take some time to reflect on our own self-sacrifices, to empty ourselves so that we can become more open and prepared to receive the grace that our Lord has to offer. Now in Lent, is a time for all of us to reflect on all those graces we have already received and how God calls each of us in different ways at different times to be of service to him in his plan for all of creation.

Please continue to pray for our priests and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life throughout our diocese.

God bless you all!

Fr. Matt

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"Proclaim TV – thank you for televising the 11:00AM Sunday Mass." ~Anonymous

"Love the Mass – you never disappoint!!" ~Judy C.

"I just have to write to commend the students in the choir, readers, servers, music ministry, and anyone I may have missed. They all did such a great job at mass for Catholic Schools Week! It is truly a reflection of their Catholic education." ~Monica B.

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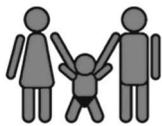
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