“Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.”

From the Rite of Anointing
PHOTOGRAPHY — The Cathedral welcomes all visitors to Mass today. We encourage those who wish to take photos of this sacred space to do so freely before and after Mass. Once the opening announcement is made, please refrain from taking photos and videos until Mass has concluded. Thank you.

During Lent, the Great organ is silenced, and the prelude and postlude are omitted.

OPENING HYMN

ERHALT UNS HERR

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

INTROIT (8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.)

Tibi dixit 

Gregorian Missal, Mode III

Tibi dixit cor meum, quæsívi vultum tuum, vultum tuum Dómine requíram: ne aveértas fáciem tuam a me. Ps. Dóminus illuminátio mea, et salus mea: quem timébo?

My heart declared to you: “Your countenance have I sought; I shall ever seek your countenance, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.” Ps. 27:8, 9, & 1

GREETING

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Resp. Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (or similar greeting)

Resp. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.

And striking the breast, all say:

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE (10:00 a.m. from Missa Brevis)

Andrea Gabrieli

All other Masses: Missa XVII, Kyrie salve

COLLECT Resp. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 794

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Grail, 1963

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Richard Proulx

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Kyrie “Orbis Factor,” adapt.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Resp. And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Resp. Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:


Resp.

HOMILY

DISMISSAL OF CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00 a.m.)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps 119:105

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please Stand

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, All bow while saying:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER Resp. Lord, hear our prayer.
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Hymn

424

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA
O Sun of Justice

Motet

(10:00 a.m.)

Sicut cervus
G. P. da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
As the deer longs for running water, so longs my soul for you, O God.

Psalms 42:1

ORATE, FRATRES

Intercessor: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the
good of all his holy Church.

Sanctus

Missa XVIII

Sanc-tus, Sanc-tus, Sanc-tus Do-mi-nus

De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra

Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Do-mi-ni.
Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Memorial Acclamation

Missa XVIII

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Agnus Dei

(10:00 a.m. from Missa Brevis)
Andrea Gabrieli

All other Masses:
Cantor: Agnus Dei,
Assembly:

Ecce Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away
the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the
supper of the Lamb.

Holy Communion

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion
are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are
invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal their desire to
receive a blessing.

Communion

Visionem quam vidistis
Gregorian Missal, Mode I

Visiónem quam vidístis, némini dixéritis, donec a mórtuis resúrgat Fílius
hóminis.
Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen
from the dead.
Mt 17:9

Communion Antiphon

Missa XVIII

This is my beloved Son; listen,
listen, listen to him.

Motet

(10:00 a.m.)

Lead Me, Lord
Samuel Sebastien Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before
my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.
Lead me, Lord, lead me in true holiness, teach me to love and trust in thee.
Thou art our God, the God of our salvation, all nations shall praise thy holy name.
Ps 5:8 & 4:9

Closing Hymn

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’Tis Good, Lord, to be Here

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**Cathedral Hours**

**Cathedral Campus**
- Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday - Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Offices: Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Mass**
- Anticipatory (Saturday): 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, & 5:00 p.m.

**Daily Mass**
- Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- Monday - Friday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration**
- Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Rosary**
- Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the Cana Chapel and at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin
- Weekdays at 4:40 p.m. in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin

**Office Hours (Rectory at 239 Selby Avenue)**
- Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Welcome Center Hours**
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Guided Tours**
- Offered Tuesday-Friday at 1:00 p.m. (except on holy days and national holidays). Please meet at the Tour Desk in the back of the church.

**Museum Hours**
- Call the Cathedral at 651.228.1766 for hours of operation.

**Virtual Tours**
- Visit [www.stpaulcathedraltour.com](http://www.stpaulcathedraltour.com) for a mobile app tour and to virtually “walk through” the Cathedral.

**Radio Broadcast on Relevant Radio® 1330 AM**
- The 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass is recorded and aired on Relevant Radio 1330 AM Sundays: 9:00 a.m.
- Weekday Masses are recorded and broadcast at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Campus**
- Twin Cities Hmong Catholic Community
- Located at 651 Virginia Street, Saint Paul
- Sunday Mass (Hmong and English): 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Stewardship**

**Contributions for February 23, 2020**
- Sunday Envelopes: $7,606.00
- Member EFT/Credit Card: $8,692.34
- Plate: $4,229.80

**Total Sunday Contributions**: $20,528.14

**February Fuel Collection**: $12,849.81

*Thank you for your tremendous generosity!*  
Saint Vincent de Paul Campus: $1,091.00

**“Let Them Send for the Priests”: Anointing of the Sick in the Church**

When the emergency line rings through to my cell phone, it is often a request from a hospital to anoint someone. Even 50+ years after Vatican II, this sacrament produces bewilderment among the faithful. After a recent hospital anointing, a family member inquired of me, “You did just give her the Last Rites, right?” The confusion commences with its very name—Extreme Unction, Last Rites or Anointing of the Sick—which is it? Great question. Following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, its bestowal was made more easily available. In the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, we read: “‘Extreme Unction,’ which may also and more fittingly be called ‘Anointing of the Sick,’ is not a sacrament intended only for those who are at the point of death… [A]s soon as any of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, this is already a suitable time for them to receive this sacrament.” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 73)

The revision of the Code of Canon Law, also called for by Vatican II, was promulgated only in 1983. Canon 1004 §1 states: “The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger by reason of illness or old age.” Not surprisingly, much ink has been spilled over what constitutes danger. Notice, it does not explicitly say “danger of death.” This is intentional. It says *in periculo*. This slight discrepancy is not lost on me. While not treating the sacrament except in a cursory manner, Vatican II’s SC #73 maintains a more direct link between the sacrament and bodily death, even while stating it is not only for those at the point of death. This seems to reveal continuing development of doctrine. Any senior going in for surgery could face unknown complications, even for a routine surgery. The Church does not desire to withhold the sacrament in that situation just because there is no imminent danger of death. It is not to be administered indiscriminately.

Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to preach, and “they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them” (Mark 6:13). The Epistle of James is even more explicit: “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.” (Jas. 5:14–15). Early Church documents recognize this sacrament’s role in the life of the Church. In the early 3rd century, *The Apostolic Tradition* of Hippolytus (215 A.D.) described how a bishop blessed the oil of the sick (olive or another plant oil) at Mass, praying that the oil would bring strength to all anointed with it. Now called the Chrism Mass, it is traditionally celebrated on Holy Thursday morning.

Around A.D. 250, Origen wrote that the penitent Christian “does not shrink from declaring his sin to a priest of the Lord and from seeking medicine.” He then immediately cites James 5:14 (2:4). The sacrament was reserved to priests only. But in the 5th century, some who held that only priests could anoint were also inferring that this excluded bishops! Sorry Archbishop Hebda! Thus, the first document of the Magisterium that speaks explicitly of this sacrament was from Pope Innocent I (hey, it was gutsy to be the first to take that papal name!) on March 19, 416 A.D. He clarified that indeed bishops too can anoint. For goodness sakes, bishops are priests too, after all!

Centuries later, different questions arose. In a 2005 response to queries about whether deacons or lay persons could anoint, Cardinal Joseph...
Ratzinger offered a definitive “No” citing the text from James 5:14-15: “In this text, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church has identified the centuries the essential elements of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which the Council of Trent (Sess. XIV, ch. 1-3, cann.1-4) systematically proposes: a) subject: the seriously ill member of the faithful; b) minister: “omnis et solus sacerdos” (ed. note: “every priest and only a priest”); c) substance: the anointing with blessed oil; d) form: the minister’s prayer; e) effects: salvific grace, the forgiveness of sins, the relief of the sick person.” The Council of Trent dogmatically defined the sacrament to be “instituted by Christ and promulgated by blessed James the apostle.”

Many parishes hold an annual Anointing Mass in which the infirm and elderly receive the sacrament. Many years ago, several of us were enlisted for a communal anointing at a parish mission. People of all ages were present. Soon, my worst suspicions were realized as the visiting priest invited everyone to come forward. I recall him saying, “even if you have a headache or had a very bad day.” Wrong! That was a terrible misuse of the sacrament and I was justifiably furious. “A prudent or reasonably sure judgment, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness; if necessary, a doctor may be consulted.” No, it is not only for those actively dying, but the illness ought to be serious or done preventatively before surgery due to possible complications, sometimes even for routine surgery. When someone enters hospice care, I respond immediately – I do not delay. Priests are permitted to carry the holy oils with them for emergencies–most keep them in their car for just such situations.

- Cheers! Kudos to the “Catholic Beer Club,” a group of young adults whose monthly gatherings of fellowship and faith have caught fire. Last week’s Catholic Trivia Night at Finnegan’s Brew Co. in Minneapolis was a blast. My team consisted of two priests, a deacon and two seminarians– we named ourselves “The Roman Collars.” While we held our own, Fr. Pavlak’s team won. Congratulations— but I’m jealous! Best of all, the evening’s proceeds were directed towards defraying our heating costs. The CBC contributed $1,692 to the Cathedral. Many thanks!

- The installation of security cameras in the Church and on the grounds is nearly complete. Thanks to your generosity, the bill is paid! It is highly labor intensive, and they did a great job burying conduit as discreetly as possible. The high-quality cameras also benefit our organists, who can observe movement in the sanctuary (e.g. incensation of the altar), coordinating their accompaniment.

- The USCCB has published a helpful one-page backgrounder about the “Sinicization” process in China, about which I have written with such grave concern. You would do well to read it (here online) for yourself. Please continue to pray for Catholics in China.

- I feel sorry for Pluto, my favorite diminutive planet— even smaller than the moon! Its “discovery” was formally announced on March 13, 1930, 90 years ago this Friday. Sporting a brisk surface temperature of -360 F°, it unceremoniously lost its status as a planet in 2006 because all planets must “clear the neighborhood around its orbit.” Not quite sure I understand, but I’ll always root for the little guy!

- While nothing is envisioned at this time, we are monitoring the coronavirus situation with respect to any protocols that could potentially be useful in preventing its spread. As a matter of principle, if you are ill, it is advisable to stay home from Sunday Mass.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. John L. Ubel,
Rector

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**On the Cover**

The Cathedral’s Ambry is tucked behind the lector’s bench in the sanctuary, out of view. The Catholic Culture online dictionary defines ambry as “a box in which the holy oils are kept in Catholic churches. It is either affixed to the wall or inserted in the wall of the sanctuary.” The sacred oils (Olea Sancta) kept there are used in the sacraments—Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick and Sacred Chrism.
**Mass Intentions**

Saturday - Sunday, March 7 - 8
5:15 p.m. Archconfraternity of the Apostle Paul
8:00 a.m. Patricia A Thompson †
9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
12:00 p.m. Alan Gene Sandkamp †
5:00 p.m. John Leo Coleman †

Monday, March 9
7:30 a.m. Deirdre Murphy
5:15 p.m. Francesca Lobaido †

Tuesday, March 10
7:30 a.m. Anthony J Ruppert †
5:15 p.m. Joseph M Abdo †

Wednesday, March 11
7:30 a.m. Pete Augustine
5:15 p.m. John Woutat (B)

Thursday, March 12
7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors
5:15 p.m. Jasmine Wolf

Friday, March 13
7:30 a.m. Virginia Blossom †
5:15 p.m. Gary Johnson †

Saturday, March 14
8:00 a.m. Richard Floeder †

**Mass Readings**

Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 56:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:45-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Cathedral News**

**Minnesota, Our Common Home – A Lenten Series**
Join us as our Lenten Series continues on Wednesday, March 11, 18, 25 April 1, 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Hayden Hall as we study Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato si’, learn what “integral ecology” is and realize what it means for us as Minnesotans. This series is open to everyone and is brought to you by Minnesota Catholic Conference and Cathedral Young Adults. A suggested donation of $8.50 is encouraged to cover materials.

**CMA Screwtape Letters Review, March 14**
The Cathedral Men’s Association will meet after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 14 in Hayden Hall. We will view a short video presentation on chapter ten of C.S. Lewis’ remarkable book The Screwtape Letters, followed by a discussion of the chapter. Free copies of The Screwtape Letters will be available to those needing one. We’ll have coffee and donuts, too!

**The Bill Kenney St. Patrick’s Day Pancake Breakfast March 15**
The Cathedral Men’s Association, with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, will be providing a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast with all the trimmings on Sunday, March 15, after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Irish music and dancing will entertain you as you join in with your fellow parishioners in this annual event. The breakfast will be served until noon in Hayden Hall. Prices for this event are $6 for adults, $3 for children under 12 and a family package deal for $15. Come and join the fun as we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!

**Lending Library Canceled, March 15**
Due to the St. Patrick’s Day Pancake Breakfast, the Lending Library is canceled for March 15. Please visit us again on April 19!

**24 Hours for the Lord Begins Friday, March 20, Noon**
Confessions will be heard in the Church continuously from Friday, March 20 at 12 noon and end at 12 noon on Saturday, March 21.

**Lenten Regulations: Fasting and Abstinence**
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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**Serve the Poor Support Life Strengthen the Faith**
How will you give alms this Lent? Help those in need – go to GiveCSAF.org and donate today! Thank you from the 20 Designated Ministries of the CSAF!
Questions about where exactly your dollars go when you give to the Appeal? Donated dollars come in and checks directly to the 20 Designated Ministries go out – it’s truly that basic. Independent audit reports are available online at www.csafspm.org (under “About”, “Financial Reports”).
Still have questions? Email us at info@csafspm.org or call 612.294.6622.
VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

. . . by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world. . .

From the floor plan of the Cathedral to the top of the lantern, the cross is everywhere—in the Cathedral and outside the Cathedral. The granite cross on the façade identifies the building. And those who enter identify themselves by dipping their fingers in holy water fonts marked with small crosses. This building and these people have been signed with the Cross of Salvation. And when they enter and walk down the middle aisle, they see the cross hanging high above the altar under the dome of the baldachino.

But it was not always that way. When Archbishop John Gregory Murray entered the Cathedral for the first time in 1931, he saw a crucifix, about four feet high, set on the tabernacle. It is reported that the Archbishop glanced at the altar for a long time, turned to Msgr. Lawrence Ryan and asked, “But where’s the crucifix?” At that moment Archbishop Murray decided to replace the small crucifix, the gift of Georgianna Slade Reney, daughter of Charlotte Hill Slade, granddaughter of James and Mary Hill. (The small crucifix donated by Georgianna Reney is in the sacristy.)

In preparation for the 1941 Eucharistic Congress, Archbishop Murray added gradines for the 7-foot high candlesticks and redesigned the marble exposition throne and marble base; the tabernacle and candlesticks were embossed and polished. The present large crucifix was placed under the dome of the baldachino. Archbishop Murray found this crucifix at the 1933 Chicago World’s Fair. It was the centerpiece of the Italian Pavilion, and Murray commissioned Daprato Studios to purchase it for him.

In 1947, then Rector Msgr. George Ryan received provenance for the crucifix from Daprato: “Regarding the large bronze Crucifix . . . at the rear of your main altar: The original of this Crucifix is in the Cathedral at Pietrasanta, Italy. It was sculptured by Ferdinand Tacca in the year 1649. The one you have is a reproduction which was cast in Italy.”

The cross of the crucifixion is the subject of three important paintings that show Christ’s final hours: the Crucifixion by Nicholas Brewer on the south pier, The Descent from the Cross by Karl-Ernest Lehmann on north pier, and The Entombment by Theodule Ribot on the north wall of the sanctuary.

Note: Walk the Stations of the Cross during Lent every Friday at noon. ACSP.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross in the Main Church each Friday during Lent.

February 28 - April 3 at 12:00 Noon & 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 10 12:00 Noon

SOUPL SUPPERS

March 13 RCIA/Religious Ed
March 20 Cathedral Youngs Adults
March 27 Cathedral Choir School
April 3 Knights of Columbus Baked Penne with Red Sauce

RITES

BAPTISM

We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ.

John Louis Confal

MARRIAGE

Please join us in praying for all couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers those who are in grief because of the loss of a loved one.

Matthew James Gagen Joan Marie Salyers

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Parents must attend a preparation class. Call Gail Wood at 651.357.1325.

First Reconciliation/Holy Communion, and Confirmation

Registered parishioners are encouraged to register for preparation for the sacraments. For more information regarding catechesis for children ages 3 through Confirmation, call Stephen Hilgendorf at 651.357.1340.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Curious about Catholicism? Considering becoming Catholic? RCIA, a process of learning and formation, is modeled on how people were brought into the Church in the first centuries. Visit cathedralsaintpaul.org/rcia and call Stephen Hilgendorf at 651.357.1340.

MATRIMONY

To be married at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be an active, registered Cathedral parishioner for six months prior to requesting a wedding date. For more information about wedding policies, call Gail Wood at 651.357.1325.

Monday, March 9 - Parish office is closed from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
for staff participation in a Synod related event.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD:
UPCOMING PRAYER & LISTENING EVENTS

Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard.

Visit archspm.org/synod for event locations.