

**Our Mission: To be disciples who know, love and serve God.**



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• CATHOLIC COMMUNITY •

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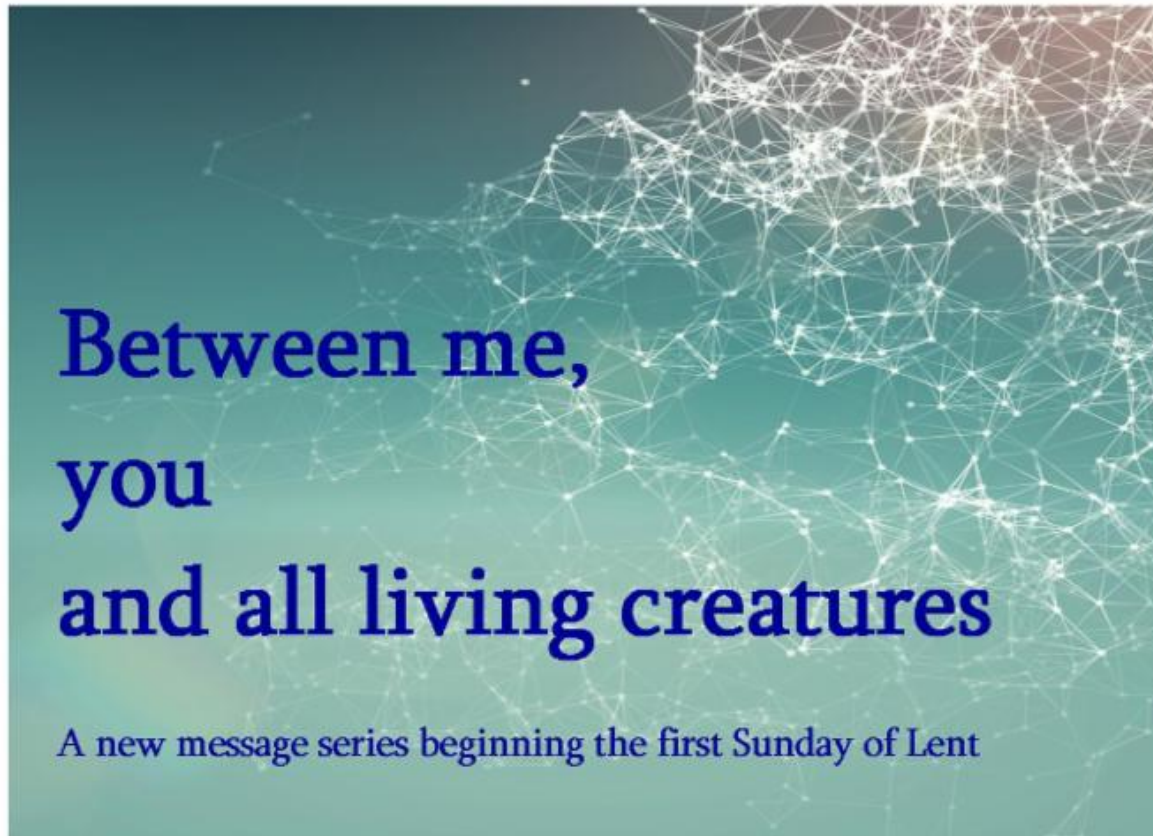
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## Message from Fr. Steve Pohl

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## **BETWEEN ME, YOU AND ALL LIVING CREATURES**

This Sunday we begin our Lenten message series titled, "Between me, you and all living creatures." This message series coincides with Lent 4.5 which you will find in each Sunday's bulletin. Lent 4.5, is a Lenten reflection on Christian simplicity that is produced by the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center here in Louisville.

Each Sunday of Lent there will be a Lent 4.5 insert in the bulletin which focuses on some aspect of Christian simplicity. It is not a coincidence that our message series and Lent 4.5 are running simultaneously. As you will soon discover our message series involves a sustained reflection on the nature of covenant and the deep interconnectedness of all creation. Lent 4.5 is based on a similar theological foundation.

It may be helpful for you to think of the message series and Lent 4.5 in these terms: The message series will reveal for us what it means to be part of God's covenant and Lent 4.5 will show us what it means to

live that covenant. This perspective is not part of a political ideology or a fringe environmental or social movement, it is at the center of our faith tradition. Conservation and stewardship of the earth is not about "going green" it is about being a faithful Christian. The earth is sacred. All of creation is sacred. All human life is sacred. All creatures are sacred. As heirs of the covenant between Israel, God and all living creatures we have a profound responsibility to care for the earth, to do otherwise is to reject the covenant with our God. To do otherwise is to commit a grave sin.

Over the coming weeks of Lent please take the opportunity engage the materials we present and share them as a family, with your friends and acquaintances. We invite you to use the message series and Lent 4.5 as the center piece of your Lenten reflection.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I take a bird's eye view of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Community, wonderful things are happening on multiple fronts.



Preparations are well underway for First Communion in May with parent meetings and a packed Day of Reflection planned. I am getting great feedback regarding the new MENTORS program. Bible study classes on Monday and Thursday mornings are packed. Scout meetings are everywhere. The new Sacred Heart Spirituality Center stays booked most of the time with wonderful formation programs. Stations of the Cross and Fish Frys will start on February 20th. We will collect shoes for WaterStep on February 21/22. Our school Gala is on February 21st. We will have a seminar on Wills February 26th. Our Taize prayer service is scheduled for March 1st. We will have a women's and men's Christ Renews His Parish retreat in March. And we are finishing a great basketball season for our Mustangs. Whew... and that is not everything.

Added to that list are the many things that go on in the background. Visits are being made to the sick and homebound, communion is being ministered to parishioners in nursing homes, prayer blankets are being made, annulments are being processed, parishioners are being anointed, Baptisms continue, Marriage preparations are being made, a program for children whose parents are going through a divorce is being held, meals continue to be made for those in need and school continues to inspire our children.

Meanwhile, we are preparing for our new organ, studying our storage needs, renovating the concession stand, getting all the permits necessary to widen our West entrance and planning to replace the tile floor in church.

However, in spite of this wonderful busyness, my biggest desire is that each of us makes time to enter into the penitential season of Lent with a plan to slow down. Decide on intentional ways to make this season not only a time to pray, fast and abstain, but a time to be more introspective and discern on the paschal mysteries in our own lives. To meditate on the passion of Christ and what His dying and rising means to each of us. These can be such grace filled times when we grow closer and intimate with our God. But, we need to reserve the time to allow the Spirit in. Allow yourself that time.

Lenten blessings,

Donna Schmidt

## ECUMENICAL TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Ecumenical Taize Prayer Service on Sunday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. This service has its origin with the Taize Community of Burgundy, France, an ecumenical monastic order of brothers founded in 1940 which come from Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Catholic traditions.



Everyone is welcome to attend this ecumenical prayer service, which will include the proclamation of Scripture, veneration of the cross, incense and the lighting of many candles.

[Learn More](#)

## LIVING SIMPLY AS A SPIRITUAL PATH

A Personal Enrichment Program for Lent

Do you yearn for a more simple life? Do you feel a need to slow down? Are you looking for a way to gain control of the things in your life? Do you want to change your patterns that unintentionally harm yourself, our environment and vulnerable people?



LIVING SIMPLY will help you discover practical ways to live with a deeper sense of integrity. This five-session course will explore the spirituality of sustainability and intentional living, rooted in Gospel values. It's a matter of considering the signs of our times and applying Jesus' message of love and compassion toward all of God's creation.

Instructor: Tim Darst

Cost: \$100 early registration; \$110 after February 12, 2015. Some partial scholarships are available upon request.

Register online at [www.earthandspiritcenter.org](http://www.earthandspiritcenter.org) or use this form.  
Information: [info@earthandspiritcenter.org](mailto:info@earthandspiritcenter.org) or 502.452.2749

Text: "Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective" by Michael Schut  
See our website for refund policy: [www.earthandspiritcenter.org](http://www.earthandspiritcenter.org).

Enclose \$100 for reservations before February 12; \$110 for reservations after February 12. Make check payable to Earth & Spirit Center MAIL TO: Passionist Earth & Spirit Center \* 1924 Newburg Road \* Louisville, KY 40205

# #Calling all Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students and parents!

What's Young Neighbors In Action? Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this exciting high school service experience!



Mission Possible Summer 2015

**RESCHEDULED PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY**

## Workshop for Coaches

Coach's Workshop is March 17th

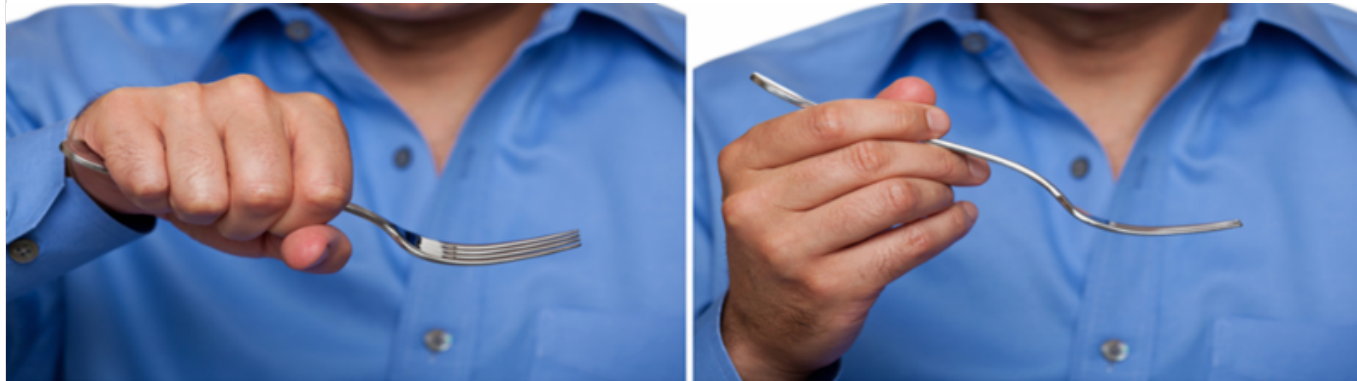
Anyone planning to participate in our 2015-2016 athletics ministry as a **coach** is required to attend the Coach's Workshop March 17th 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Play Like a Champion Today incorporates all the stakeholders in Catholic education - parish leadership, school administrators, athletic leadership, coaches, parents and athletes. The goal is for all members of a parish community to work together to make our athletics ministry at St. Margaret Mary the spiritual and character-building experience that it is meant to be.

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**PLAY LIKE  
A CHAMPION  
TODAY**

  
Character Education Through Sports



**Never**

**Always**

Are you raising a young man that knows the difference?

**MEN.T.O.R.S.**

MEN, Teaching, Ownership of Faith and Service, Responsibilities to Self-Development, and Social Awareness

# JOIN US!

For 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys and their fathers.

Sunday February 22, 2015  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
SMM Cafeteria

## February's topic is: Manners/Etiquette/Social Awareness

Guest speaker Mrs. Peggy Noe Stevens

Becoming the man the world NEEDS you to become!!!

Snacks will be served!

Sign Up or RSVP to the February Meeting by emailing: [Mentorsprogramstmm@gmail.com](mailto:Mentorsprogramstmm@gmail.com)  
Contact Eric Thomas with questions @ 718-1776.

## YOU ARE NEEDED!

There are many in our community who are in need of our care and support.

Please consider a ministry of caring; here are just a few needs:

- Ministry to those with Cancer
- Ministry to those who have lost a loved one
- Ministry to those who are divorced and their children
- Ministry to our older parishioners
- Ministry to those who are experiencing chronic illness



If you feel called to help with any of these ministries, please contact Denise Ruiz, 426-1588 or [druiz@stmm.org](mailto:druiz@stmm.org)

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving Committee is pleased to offer a seminar on wills

The Saint Margaret Mary Planned Giving Committee will be holding an event on February 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room that will focus on several aspects of wills. The program is designed to be informative for all families, regardless of whether you already have a will providing for the future welfare of your children. A will can help you provide a lasting legacy to your family in accordance with your wishes. The presentation, with a question and answer session, will last approximately one hour. Free babysitting will be provided. If you know in advance you need childcare, please email [childcare@stmm.org](mailto:childcare@stmm.org). If you



have any questions, please contact Susan White in the Parish Office at 690-2828.



## NEED A RETREAT?

**Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Southern Indiana offers a regular schedule of inspiring and thought provoking retreats.**

### **March 3-5, 2015: Fully Alive at Mass: Putting the Most in to Get the Most Out**

Do you find yourself going to Mass and leaving unaffected by the Word of God and His love poured out? Explore the rich history and meaning of the words of the Mass, with a commitment toward participating more intelligently in the greatest mystery of the Church. Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, is the retreat leader. (\$235 single, \$395 double)



### **March 6-8, 2015: The Way of the Cross According to the Gospel of Mark**

Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB, will lead the retreat. (\$235 single, \$395 double)

### **April 1-5, 2015: Holy Week Retreat**

Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB - The retreat will foster the faith and devotion of participants in the liturgies of Holy Week. (\$425 single, \$680 double)

### **April 17-19, 2015: A Weekend with St. Teresa of Avila**

Fr. Mark O'Keefe During this weekend we will look at the life of this 16th century Carmelite, as well as her works and her invitation to a life of deeper prayer. (\$235 single, \$395 double)