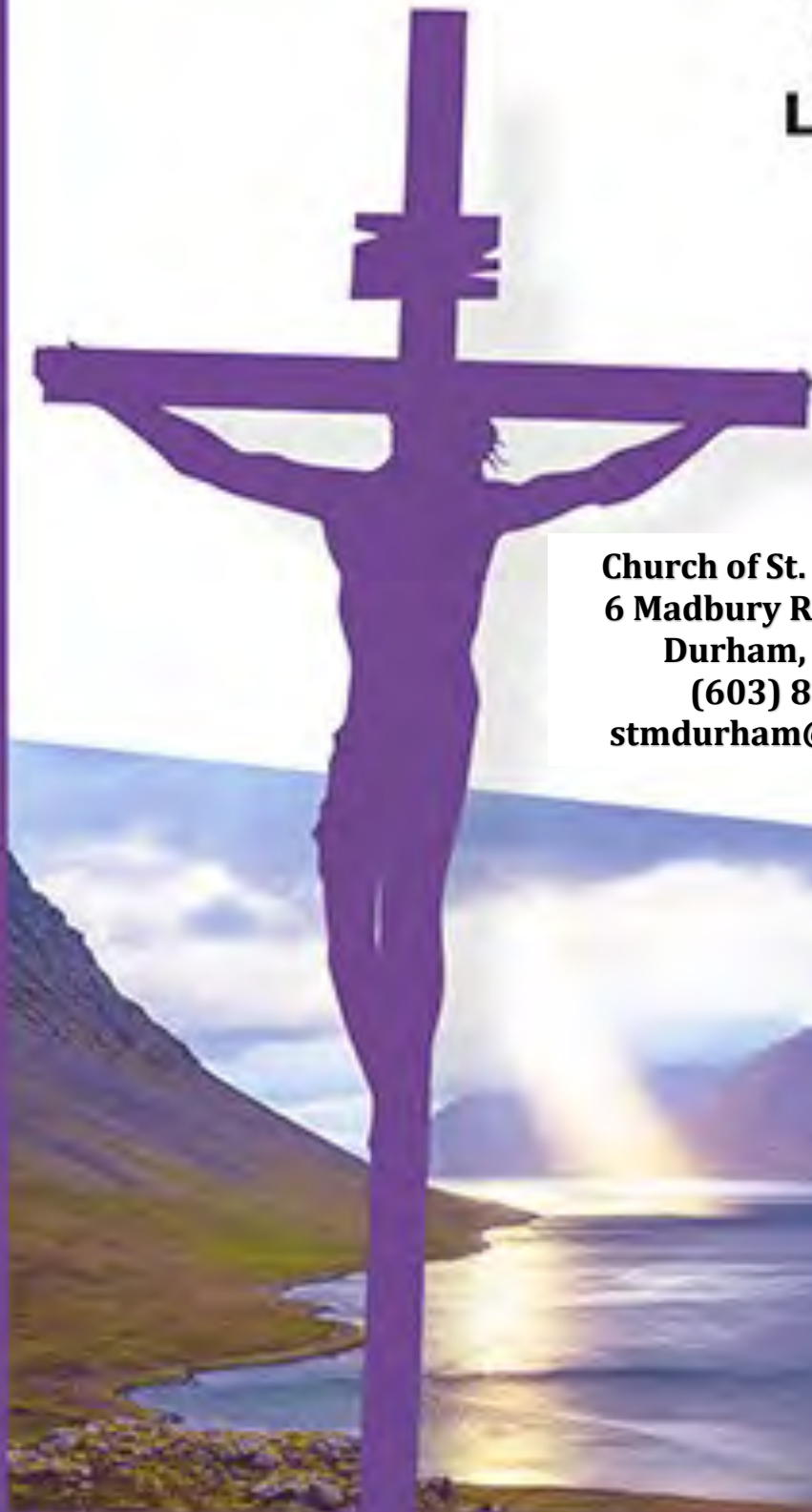


Second SUNDAY OF **LENT**

**This is my Son,
whom I love.
Listen to him!**

MARK 9:7

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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome Child of God!

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.*

*Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*



During World War II in France, some soldiers with their sergeant brought the body of a dead comrade to a cemetery to have their friend buried there. The priest told them gently that it was a Roman Catholic cemetery, and he was bound to ask whether their comrade had been a baptized adherent of the Roman Catholic Church. They said they did not know. The priest said that he was very sorry; but, if that were the case, he could not permit burial in his churchyard. So the soldiers took their comrade away and sadly buried him just outside the fence of the churchyard.

The next day, they came back to see if the grave was all right; and to their astonishment, they could not find it. They knew it was only six feet from the fence of the cemetery; but search as they might, they could find no trace of the freshly dug soil. As they were about to leave in bewilderment, the priest came up to them. He told them that his heart had been troubled because of his refusal to allow their dead comrade to be buried in the churchyard, so early that morning he had risen from his bed and, with his own hands, had moved the fence to include the body of their fallen soldier friend.

*In Christ,
Fr. Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 9am & 11:15am and 5:00pm Student Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 1st in the Church 8-9pm (after Stations)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9-3pm Wed 9-1pm **Closed Friday**

February 24th-25th; Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

March 3rd-4th; Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



February 24th-25th; Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Rev. Mark Rundzio

Sunday 9am – ✠ Patricia Slavin

Sunday 11:15am – ✠ John A. Rosson (20th Anniversary)

March 3rd-4th; Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Paul Cardarople

Sunday 9am – Veronica Monteyro

Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Joyce Nelson



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation (K-5th grade)

Grades Kindergarten-1st During the 9am Mass—Church Hall
Grades 2 & 3 (Student Center) & Grades 4-5 Church Hall

No Faith Formation February 25th-March 3rd

Next Faith Formation Class March 10th-Whole Family

For more information please contact Ann McGurty
stmfaith@comcast.net or call 603 868-2666 X110

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

Whole Family in the Gym on Sunday, March 10th

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

stmfaith@comcast.net or 603-868-2666 EXT #110

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Next class Sunday, March 3rd from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information

stmmsfaith@gmail.com

High School Youth Ministry

High school students, please contact Felicia Sperry for more information on class schedule.

Please contact Felicia Sperry stmHSYM@gmail.com

LIFE— Living In Faith Everyday



Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on **Friday, March 1st, at 8:00pm (After Stations of the Cross)**.

Come spend some time in the “Real Presence” of our Lord in prayer and reflection.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Last reminder of the Christmas Give Away at our Food Pantry. You are invited to come help yourself on Tuesdays between 1:00 and 2:00pm, Thursdays between 2:00 and 3:30pm and after all Masses through Feb. We have stockings, bows, universal light clips, shingle speed tab for lights, ornament hooks and more. If you know of a place or person who could use these holiday decorations, please contact me.

As part of your Lenten journey, add some service to the Ashes to Easter season, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net. We can match your availability with our opportunities to volunteer.

This week, at the pantry, we have an increasing need for:

- Paper towels
- Hand cream
- Granola bars



CHILDREN LITURGY
OF THE WORD

There will be
no Children's Liturgy
of the Word this week.

We will resume on
Sunday, March 10th.

JOURNEY
in Lent



OUR JOURNEY FROM
ASHES TO EASTER
CONTINUES

Stations of the Cross on Fridays 7pm

Reconciliation is available Sat. 4pm and after Stations
or by appointment.

I will
bless
you

abundantly



CYBER SECURITY/PHISHING/ SCAMS

Have you been hacked or scammed? Would you like to know more on how to protect yourself when using the internet?

We will be offering a session for all parishioners on **Cyber Security, Phishing and Scams**, presented by **John Ashworth King** from the Diocese on:

Sunday, March 17th, at 1pm in the Student Center (gym)

(Refreshments will be provided)



“This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Avis Bennett
Barbara Farrington
Peter Farrington
Mary Golab

Carol Johnston
Eddie Mazur
Dot Meneghin
Carol Ober

Susan Whitworth

*For all our homebound and residents of our
local nursing homes and care facilities.*



Prayer Shawl
Ministry

KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Are you interested in
volunteering for our Prayer Shawl
Ministry?

Prayer Shawls are prayerfully
made for the sick, shut-ins,
bereaved & newly baptized.

Prayer pockets/ bookmarks are
made for our students who make their First Eucharist and
Confirmation. Praying for the individuals who receive these
items is truly a gift!

Please contact **Roberta MacBride** at 603-868-2666 EX #
115 or stmpastoralmin@comcast.net.



Food
Pantry

Food Pantry is looking for drivers to pick
up food from stores; stock shelves, setup,
& clean up; help, on Thursdays from
4-6pm. Please Contact Regina Smick-
Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net



Fellowship
Meeting

STM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Fellowship Committee is responsible for
hospitality and parish community activities.
We are looking for new members. If you are
interested in building community and sharing
fellowship within our parish please **call the
parish office at 603-868-2666.**



IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Call Ann McGurty (603-868-2666) or
email (stmdurham@comcast.net) the
parish office if you would like a **tax letter**
for your **2022 STM Contributions**

Statement. Please let me know if you want the
statement mailed, emailed, or if you are going to pick it
up in person. It may take a few days to process, but I
will try to get them out in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation!



The **Environment Group** is looking for
individuals who would like to join a team and
help with organizing materials
and spaces, and decorating the
Church for changes in the
Liturgical Seasons.

Please Call **Roberta MacBride** for more
information at 603-868-2666 EXT 115 or
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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A
MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR
LITURGY CELEBRATIONS?**



We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on
Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please contact the office at
868-2666. Training will be provided.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF
GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?**

Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666
Or contact Roberta MacBride at
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(Training will be provided)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 26th-March 3rd

MONDAY 2/26	CSO Board Meeting 6pm-Student Center
TUESDAY 2/27	Bible Study, 6pm, Student Center Men's Group, 6pm Lighthouse
WEDNESDAY 2/28	CSO Meeting, 7pm, MUB 338
FRIDAY 3/1	Stations of the Cross, 7pm STM Adoration, 8pm STM
SATURDAY 3/2	Social, TBD

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 25th	5pm
Sunday, March 3rd	5pm
Sunday, March 10th	5pm
Sunday, March 17th	SPRING BREAK

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

A Friendly Reminder to Abstain from Meat on Fridays During Lent!

May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.



CSO
SAINT
CORNER



March 1—St. David (d. 589) Patron saint of Wales. Known for numerous miracles. Founder of a monastic order of profound strictness. His symbol is the leek.

March 3— St. Katharine Drexel (d. 1955) Heiress who gave away her large fortune to the poor. Devoted her life to missions with Native Americans and African Americans.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2024 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our Campus Minister,

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Tyler Johnson tyler.johnson@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
February 28th at 7:00pm at the MUB 338/340

Sunday Mass
March 3rd at 5pm

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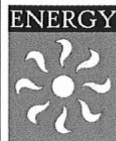
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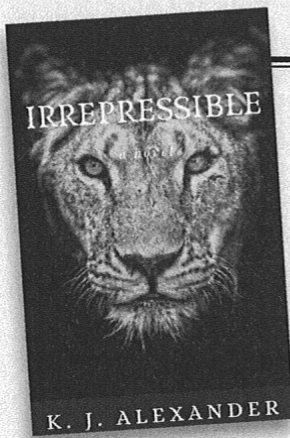
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save them all.

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