

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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Matthew 11:30: "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Sharing the Good

News

Thoughts from the Vicar, 10th edition: As I write this, I am hopeful that all our parishioners will be able to return to church safely and without worry on Sunday. As of last Friday, the State of Illinois has moved to Phase 4 of its reopening program, which allows gatherings of more than 50 people. This phase will continue for an undetermined length of time, as we can move on to Phase 5 only when a vaccine is developed. It will be necessary for us to continue

wearing masks in church during the current phase 4. I would very much like to resume Bible Study but at this point I am not in favor of increasing the time we spend in the church itself. I have the same feelings about coffee hour, but I am definitely opposed to congregating in the Parish Center. I am open to hearing your thoughts on these subjects. My final thoughts on the subject are these: If you return on Sunday, we will welcome you back. Masks must be worn. Social distancing must be kept. As of this time, there will be no singing and no coffee hour. Christian fellowship will be provided.

ACNA Prayer book – On Sunday, June 7, (Trinity Sunday), those in attendance agreed that we would use the **American Standard Text in traditional language** as our liturgy going forward. I am very comfortable with this choice. One of the strong points of the Anglican faith is the tradition and the beauty of the liturgy. While many of you did not indicate a preference, knowing each of you as I do, I felt that this was a choice with which you would be comfortable.

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday

Office hours 10 to 1 PM

1st Wednesday – 10 AM.

Church council mtg.

Thursday At his point, my schedule at South Park is in flux.

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The only changes that you notice in the liturgy that we used between Easter and Pentecost are in the Acclamation at the beginning of the service and in the Proper Preface.

Important schedule change: I am still not going to Holly Brook and South Park. My office hours at church have reverted to 10 AM to 1 PM on Wednesdays; I will still not be going to the church on Thursdays. However, I am available by appointment to anyone who needs to see me or to talk to me. a

Outreach – This Sunday, July 5, is Food Pantry Sunday. We will be blessing our donations at Sunday's service before the food is delivered to the local food pantry. If you wish to make a donation, you can drop it by (literally) church between 10 and 1 PM today (July 1) Please contribute humbly and lovingly to our donations so we will have a good amount to donate this month.

Bible Study – Our Bible Study on Revelation will resume when we are able to meet for discussion.

Board: St. Mary's advisory board has been unable to meet since the beginning of the sheltering in place period. Our first meeting since February has been scheduled for Wed., July 8, at 10 am in the church itself. Meanwhile, we remain grateful to those of you who remain faithful in your giving, as our expenses continue even when we cannot be together.

Since the Bishop has asked that one person do all the readings each week, our **REVISED** schedule for the summer will be:

July 5 – Elisabeth

July 12 – Diane

July 19 – Sylvia

July 26 – Kathy

August 2 – Diane

August 9 – Tressie

August 16 – David

August 23 – Elisabeth

August 30 - Diane

Important dates on our church calendar: We have two wedding anniversaries coming up in July:

July 16 – Graham and Diane; July 25 – Dcn. Tom and Elisabeth

Holy Hub continues to be in operation on demand. Please let Fr. Tom know if there is anything you need, such as consecrated hosts.

Could you please check over the prayer list below and let Fr. Tom know if there is anyone who needs to be added (or removed)?

Parish Prayer List

For those fighting cancer: Margie, Jody, David, Alan, Sherry and Penny

For those in need of uplifting prayer: Dr. Bill, Bruce, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Zac, Reise, Allan, Kathy, Bishop Jack, Karl, Tabita, Jim, Melinda, Sara, Joan, Danielle, Maryann, and Kevin

For those in long term care: Grace, Carol, Marilyn, the residents at Holly Brook and South Park

For the Church's ministry in Nepal: Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, Purna, their families and Churches; the pastors, and the Transformation Spiritual Church

For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission and St. Peter's Canton

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