

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, FAITHFULLY ANGLICAN SINCE 2012

For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.
Psalm 103: 14

FEBRUARY 1, 2021 LENT BEGINS

Sharing the Good News

Important February Dates: Please add the following to your calendars:

Sunday, February 7: 10:30 am Sexagesima* Sunday, mass
Food Pantry Sunday

Wednesday, February 10: 10 am Church Council meeting

Sunday, February 14: 10:30 am Quinquagesima* Sunday mass

Wednesday, February 17: 4 pm Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 21: 10:30 am 1st Sunday of Lent; Eucharist at church and on-line

Sunday, February 28: 10:30 am 2nd Sunday of Lent; Eucharist at church and on-line

*Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays actually fall on the 61st, 54th, and 47th days before Easter, respectively. This season was a part of the Roman Church calendar until 1969. It was the second shortest liturgical season on the calendar, after the twelve-day Christmas season.

Here are some important news items:

- 1.) Palms.** A year has gone by since last Palm Sunday, when the COVID pandemic forced us to celebrate virtually. It is now time to return the palms that were delivered to your homes. Please return them to church by **Feb. 14** so that they can be burned and used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- 2.) Speaking of Ash Wednesday.** We will hold our Ash Wednesday service at 4 pm. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on a family birthday for us and we may have plans for that evening.

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday

1st Wednesday – 10 AM.

Church council mtg.

Thursday

Office hours 9 to 12 PM

11:30 each Thursday:

Midday Prayer on

Facebook Live

Beginning Jan. 28, I am

once again at South

Park; Prayer service

@1:30; Bingo @2:00

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Chatham, IL

3.) Lenten Services. At this point and under these COVID conditions, I feel it is unsafe for us to have our traditional Stations of the Cross and soup suppers on Wednesday evenings. I pray that in 2022 when Lent comes around again, we will be able to resume this St. Mary's tradition which was sadly interrupted in 2020 when the pandemic hit. In place of our stations, I am ordering a Lenten devotional book: "A Way Other Than Our Own" by Walter Brueggemann. If you wish to join me in this Lenten discipline, you may order the book on Amazon (paperback is \$11.89).

4.) A reminder regarding our live-streaming of services: This is a way for us to practice evangelism and to spread our love for Christ throughout the world. (really). In order to make this happen more easily, please become quiet when Fr. Tom goes behind the altar to begin the service. Likewise, please remain silent for 10 seconds after the dismissal giving time for the camera to be turned off. Thank you.

5.) Food Pantry Sunday – Please see "Thoughts from the Vicar" below.

Since the Bishop has asked that one person do all the readings each week, our **lector** schedule for the month of February will be:

February 7 – Elisabeth

February 14 - Diane

February 17 (Ash Wednesday) - Sylvia

February 21 – Kathy

February 28 - Elisabeth

If you cannot be present on your Sunday, please notify a substitute.

Board Meeting: St. Mary's advisory board will meet Wed., Feb. 10, at 10 am in the Parish Center. Please note that, due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting is open only to the three members of the advisory board.

Thoughts from the Vicar: My step-sister-in-law posted this Food Pantry recommendation list on Facebook last month. Based on feedback I have received, I have marked new ideas with an asterisk *.

Sharing from a Food Bank Volunteer:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac & Cheese in the box. But it needs milk & butter which is hard to get from food banks.
2. Boxed Milk is a treasure. Kids need it for cereal, which they get a lot of.*
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce & spaghetti noodles.
4. Canned Foods should be Pop Tops OR donate Can Openers.*
5. Oil is a luxury needed for Rice a Roni which they get a lot of.*
6. Spices, Salt & Pepper are a real gift.*
7. Tea bags & Coffee are caring gifts.*
8. Sugar & Flour are treats.*
9. Seeds are great in spring & summer because growing can be easy for some.
10. Tuna & Crackers make a good lunch.
11. Dishwashing Detergent is very expensive & is always appreciated. *
12. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury & women will cry over them. *
13. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing. *

One Facebook comment that I received was that donors should consider donating bottled water

Once again, we have no birthdays or anniversaries in our church family this month.

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

Parish Prayer List

For Foley our Archbishop, for Alberto, our Bishop, for Tom, our Priest, and for Deacon Tom

For those fighting cancer: Jody, David, Alan, Sherry, Penny, Doug, Debbie and Archbishop Ben Kwami

For those in need of uplifting prayer: Father Victor Novak, Nancy L., Fr. Larson, Betty, Luke, Bruce, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Allan, Kathy, Karl, Michael, Jim, Lois, Russ, Melinda, Sara, Joan, Talia, Danielle, Debbie, Kevin, Naomi, Rachel, Carolyn and Gary

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 Transformation Spiritual Church and the pastors

For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission

Prayer of the month, suggested by our Bishop:

PRAYER FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If by chance you are reading our newsletter for the first time and wish to receive it on a regular basis, please send me an email at the my personal email address on the first page so I can send it to you directly to you next month.
