

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

³⁵ For whoever does the will of God,
he is my brother and sister and
mother." Mark 3:35

JUNE 1, 2021

Sharing the Good News

Today's issue of the newsletter will serve as the summer issue, with the next issue coming out on September 1. I will keep you informed via email on issues that arise during the summer.

Food Pantry Sundays for this summer are **June 6, July 4** and **August 1**.

This being the last newsletter until September, here is our lector schedule for this summer:

June 6 – David

June 13 – Sylvia

June 20 – Tressie

June 27 – Elisabeth

July 4 – Diane

July 11 – Kathy

July 18 – David

July 25 – Tressie

August 1 – Sylvia

August 8 – Elisabeth

August 15 (our church's feast day) – Diane

August 22 – Kathy

August 29 - David

Board Meeting: St. Mary's advisory board will meet Wed., **June 9, July 14** and **Aug. 11** 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. I pray that, come fall, many restrictions will be relaxed. **Also, please note that, at our February meeting the board decided to move our meetings to the second Wednesday of each month.**

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday - Office
hours 9 to 12 PM

2nd Wednesday – 10 AM.

Church council mtg.

1 pm, Bingo @ Holly Brook

2 pm Bible Study @

Holly Brook

Thursday

10 am -noon - ministry

@ Reflections

South Park; Prayer
service @1:30; Bingo

@2:00

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Join us at 122 W. Walnut in

Chatham, IL

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: Cathy Heys, Brenda Wendhausen, Jody, David, Alan, Sherry, Penny, Debbie, Amy, and Archbishop Ben Kwami

For those in need of uplifting prayer: John Proud, James, Jon, Luke, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Allan, Kathy, Karl, Michael, Jim, Melinda, Sara, Joan, Danielle, Debbie, Naomi, Rachel, Francesca, Josh, Carolyn, Dorothea, and Gary

For those in long term care: Gabriel, Grace, Carol, 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

For the worldwide victims of the Covid pandemic and their families

For our sister diocese in Myanmar

Thoughts from the Vicar – Now that I am on my new computer, I am able to share something with you that I have wanted to include in a sermon for several weeks, but I could never match it up with a Gospel. This comes from a Bible study lesson from April 28 and the text is 2 Corinthians 5:20 – “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

With the closeness of the Memorial Day holiday and the fact that it was written by a veteran (Leland P. Gamson of Arizona), I thought it was something that might appeal to all of us.

“We were halfway through Army basic training at Fort Knox. Before being dismissed for our first 24-hour town leave, our drill instructor reminded us: “Remember, each of you represents the U.S. Army to whomever you meet and in whatever you do. If you are caught in a compromising position that reflects poorly on our army, we will hear about it. You have to answer to me.” As demanding as our drill instructor was, we knew he had our best interest at heart. We didn't want to disappoint him or tarnish the army's image of disciplined soldiers.

In a similar way, we represent Jesus after we accept him as our Lord and Savior. Whenever we interact with anyone – at a store, where we work, when eating out, or when we answer the phone – we represent Christ. Do we treat store clerks and service workers with respect and try to make them feel appreciated and valued? Do we represent Christ well every day? After all, Jesus loves everyone because we are all God's children.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us remember that we represent you wherever we are and to everyone we meet. Amen.

Prayer focus: Military service members (and veterans).”

.I have a couple of thoughts that I want to add about the above Bible Study.

1. I was convicted by the sentiments of the author. There are so many times when I feel that I do not represent Christ as well as I should. Many of those times occur when I am driving, unfortunately. It is very obvious to me that if we profess to be Christians, our actions will be judged by a much higher standard than those who are not Christians. One misstep can shine a bad light not only on ourselves but on our church, on the Church and on Christians in general. And to take it one more step, it won't make Jesus look very good either. Is it fair? Maybe not, but being a Christian and representing Jesus is an awesome responsibility.
2. I look forward to the time when masks are no longer necessary during Eucharist. We await further directives from Bishop Morales on this topic. Meanwhile, you have probably noticed that I am not wearing a mask when I am behind the altar. This was okayed by the church council at the May meeting. I do intend to wear the mask when I am in front of the altar for the sermon, the Peace. My apologies in advance should I forget. Please rest assured that I am fully vaccinated, but my intent is to error on the side of caution.
3. It is my hope and my prayer that before the summer is over, we will be able to resume our normal coffee schedule and location. I pray that we will be able to resume our normal communion practice of taking wine from the common cup.

Note: On Sunday, July 4, we will be having Morning Prayer as Father Tom and Sylvia will be out of town. Fr. Tom will be conducting the memorial service for his stepmom Marilyn Swegle who passed away on February 12. July 4 is Independence Day, but it is also Food Pantry Sunday.

Celebrate This Summer

Birthdays – June 5, Debbie Brown

June 20, Kevin Brown

August 22, Elisabeth Langford

Anniversaries – June 10, Fr. Tom and Sylvia

July 16, Graham and Diane

July 22, Deacon Tom and Elisabeth

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