

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Revelation 7:12

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

## Sharing the Good News

**Reminder – Fall back this Saturday night.** If you want to get to church on time, turn your clocks back one hour before bed.

**Food Pantry Sunday** – This Sunday **November 7**, being the first Sunday of the month, we will observe Food Pantry Sunday. We've had great success with this ministry, and wouldn't November be a great time to give Thanksgiving themed food?

**Operation Christmas Child** – Have you picked up your gift boxes yet? St. Mary's has been participating in this program since 2012, helping to fulfill the Great Commission. We will receive the boxes and bless them on Sunday, November 14.

**A reminder** that the glass jar on the welcome table is for donations to our ministry in Nepal. Spare change or more substantial donations can go into the jar.

## Here is the Lector schedule for the coming month:

11/1 - Elisabeth  
11/7 – Diane  
11/14 - Kathy  
11/21 – David  
11/28 – Tressie

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Parish Center for November coffee hours. Please sign up as soon as possible. Our coffee hour discussions will center around the appointed lessons and the sermon for the week.

**All Saints' Day** – As I hope you already know, our All Saints' Day mass will be held Monday, November 1 at 11am. We will have a surprise guest preacher (but not too much of a surprise!) This will be followed by a congregational luncheon (Subway), for which a free will offering will be taken. I have ordered enough food in case

## 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**

**Reflections: Prayer**  
service @10 am; Bingo  
follows

**South Park; Prayer**  
service @1:30; Bingo  
@2:00

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someone wants to bring a guest. Also, the usual drinks will be provided: coffee, tea and water. If you wish to bring something for yourself, feel free to do so.

**Board Meeting:** St. Mary's advisory board will meet Wed., **November 10** at 10 am in the Parish Center.

### **November birthdays:**

**November 5 – David Kemp, % Americinn by Wyndham, 5818 Nordic Drive, Room 130, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613**

**November 16 – Deacon Tom**

**November 18 – Graham McCoy**

A blessed birthday to you all!

Coffee Hour: ***Face coverings may be removed temporarily while actively eating or drinking (including in bars or restaurants) and may be removed by workers at workplaces when they can consistently maintain six feet of distance (such as when workers are in their office or cubicle space).***

**Our friend**, and a neighbor of our church, Eric “the Knife Guy” has asked us for donations of gently used clothing for his friend who helps homeless or abused women. If you have anything that you would like to donate, bring the items to church and I will pass them on to Eric.

Here is our current parish prayer list as of **October 25, 2021**. As usual, please email Fr. Tom if you have any further additions or subtractions.

### **Parish Prayer List**

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

**For those fighting cancer:** Barb, Les, Brenda, Jody, David, Alan, Debbie, Cindy, Karen, Rose

**For those in need of uplifting prayer:** Susan, Brenna, Hannah, Sherry, Barb, John P., James, Jon S., Luke, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Kathy, Karl, Michael, Jim, Melinda, Sara, Joan, Rachel, Josh, Dorothea, Annette, Debbie, Andrew, Margot, Terry, David, Tressie, Carolyn and Gary

**For those in long term care:** Gabriel, Grace, Danielle, the residents at Holly Brook, Reflections and South Park

**For the Church's ministry in Nepal:** Purna, Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, their families and Churches; the Transformation Spiritual Church and especially for their COVID victims, including the 100+ pastors in Nepal who have died

**For all the victims of the COVID pandemic worldwide**

**For the persecuted Christians in Afghanistan**

**For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission over, please**

## *Thoughts from the Vicar –*

With the arrival of the month of November, the church year is drawing to an end. The First Sunday of Advent (November 28) is “New Year’s Day” for all faithful Anglicans. As we begin our new liturgical year (designated as Year C in the prayer book, our Gospels will switch from predominantly Mark to predominantly Luke.

For the new year, I would like us to concentrate on our church growth. You may have noticed that the number of chairs has increased each of the last two Sundays. I believe that the time is coming when those chairs will be filled.

On Sunday (October 31), our discussion is scheduled to be on the topic “What can I do to help spread the word about St. Mary’s?” If you are on Facebook. One of the things you can do is the following: if you see a post about St. Mary’s, please share it. Another: post about St. Mary’s yourself. Talk about the sermon, what you like about the church, what the church is doing, when the services are, etc. As the final election of the new bishop of Springfield nears (it will be held on December 11), we need to put ourselves out there as an alternative for those who may be disgruntled by the final choice, since the top vote-getter in the first round was a lady from Oklahoma.

If you have any suggestions about ways to make ourselves known other than the above, please share them with us at coffee hour. *God bless you, Fr. Tom*

### **A new feature in our newsletter: Guest Column**

This month’s author is Kathy Hahn. Please feel free to submit your essays or poems to share with your church family. Deadline for submission would be 7 days before the end of the previous month.

### **Have YOU Been Saved?** by Kathy Hahn

People used to ask me that all the time. Back when it wasn’t “bad form” to be a Christian. As a Protestant at the time my stock answer was “I’m in the process of being saved.” Because in the Protestant church to it was “bad form” to say you had it locked up. We were very non-judgmental. You didn’t say it was wrong to smoke, you just didn’t put out any ashtrays.

Now, when (if) anyone was to ask me if I’ve been saved I would have to say yes, God loves, I love Him (as best I can) and every Sunday, when we say the group confession for which we are “group absolved” the words referring to my sins “the remembrance of them is intolerable to me” I know in my soul that this is my penance and I have already been absolved. You see, I did sins the remembrance of which IS intolerable to me. It will always be intolerable to me, but Christ has forgiven me. I am His child.

Sinner that I am, imperfect as I have been made, Christ loves me and I love him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was, is now and ever shall be.

AMEN

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