

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One....
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**
lyrics from the song "Give Thanks"

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Sharing the Good News

Here is the Lector and coffee hour schedule for the October:

November 5 - Diane All Saints Sunday
November 12 – Elisabeth
November 19 – Kathy
November 22 – Sylvia Thanksgiving Mass @ 6 pm
November 26 – Kemps Christ the King Sunday

I ask you to be flexible with this schedule. We hope that Kathy will be able to visit us on a monthly basis (that is the plan) and we will have her read and sing when she is able to be with us. Thank you.

November is special month at St. Mary's with three special birthdays: **David Kemp** on the 5th; **Deacon Tom Langford** on the 16th; and **Graham McCoy** on the 18th.

In addition, we will observe All Saints Sunday on Nov. 5th will hold a special Thanksgiving Mass at 6 pm on the 22nd, and we will close out the month with Christ the King Sunday on the 26th.

Also, a reminder that the Memorial Mass for Deacon Phil Fleming is being held at 10 am on November 11 at St. Michael and All Angels, 4911 N. Knoxville in Peoria. All are welcome to attend.

Board Meeting: Our next meeting will be held at 10 am on Wed., November 8, in the Parish Center.

Time change! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before Sunday, November 5. Failure to do so will cause you to arrive at church much earlier than you had planned. This is the day we regain the hour of sleep we lost last Spring!

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday - Office
hours 9:30 to 1 PM

2nd Wednesday – 10

AM. Church council mtg.

1:15-2:15 pm, Bingo @

Holly Brook

Thursday

Reflections: Prayer
service @10 am; Bingo
follows

South Park: Bingo @1:30
pm; Prayer service 2:30

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Thoughts from the Vicar:

Last week's Gospel was so full of wonderful information that I could not cover it all in one sermon. I have been giving a great deal of thought to the verse that follows "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". From Matthew 22: ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The following list was compiled by the author Julie Lefebure on March 26, 2022:

25 Simple Ways to Love Your Neighbor

1. Smile (with your eyes, too)
2. Hold the door for someone.
3. Wish another a good day or evening.
4. Say thank you.
5. Be kind.
6. Offer a compliment.
7. Help someone in need.
8. Pray for a friend (or better yet, an enemy).
9. Pay for the person behind you in the drive thru.
10. Send an encouraging text.
11. Take a treat to a friend.
12. Let someone know you are thinking about him/her.
13. Give to a worthy cause/mission.
14. Ask "how can I help?" then follow through.
15. Make someone else smile.
16. Tell another why he or she is important to you.
17. Treat someone the way you want to be treated.
18. Look people in the eye.
19. Remind someone of his/her worth.
20. Believe the best in others.
21. Deliver flowers.
22. Call someone you haven't talked to in a while.
23. Do something kind for a co-worker.
24. Send an uplifting card in the mail.
25. Share with someone why you love Jesus.

Julie concluded her list by writing: "The thing is, I could keep going. There are a zillion ways (okay, maybe not a zillion, but maybe??) to love your neighbor. Feel free to add to this list in the comments! In what way have you loved your neighbor recently?"

I have two final thoughts to share with you about this article.

1. If there is any question in your mind about who your neighbor might be, please reread the Parable of the Good Samaritan.
2. Wouldn't it be great, and wouldn't God love it, if each of us made it our goal to do each of the things on the list during the month of November? Some of these things we do every day without thinking. Some of them are more difficult.

One of the ways that we collectively "love our neighbor" each month is by our contributions to the Chatham Food Pantry. Our contributions the next two months are particularly important with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays coming up. I have made it my goal to fill our donations boxes with foods associated with the holiday meals: cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, pumpkin pie filling and the like.

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in

prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' **'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'** ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ **And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'** (Matthew 25:37-40)

We will continue to read the names from this prayer list. If you wish to add a name, please let Fr. Tom or the lector know before the service begins. You may still add names from the congregation after the list is read.

Parish Prayer List

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

For those fighting cancer: Barb, Bill G., Carol, Cindy, Karen, Kevin, Malia, Richard, Kevin

For those in need of uplifting prayer: Diane, Graham, Kathy, Dan, the Todd family, Debbie, Alex, Fr. Michael, Shannon, Susan, Jon S., Luke, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Tim, Carolyn, Gary, Fr. Jason, Stuart, Madeleine, Brenda, Teri, Bishop Wencelas Orb and Thomas G, Teegan.

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

For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission

For the repose of the soul of Deacon Phil Fleming (see p. 1)

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