

# Sharing the Good News

## October 2024

**Joshua 1:9** - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

### **October readers**

October 6 - Sylvia

October 13- Elisabeth

October 20 - Sylvia

October 27 - Bispings

### **October coffee hours**

Graham

Langford

Swegle

Bispings

**We will be missing** the Bispings for the first 3 weeks of this month. If anyone wants to volunteer to give Sylvia a rest from reading, please let her know.

**This Sunday, October 6,** is the first Sunday of the month=Food Pantry and Anointing Sunday

### **Father Tom's Schedule (revised again)**

**Monday - off**

**Tuesday - off**

**Wednesday - office hours 9-1**

**Bingo and Bible Study at Holly Brook 1:15 - 3**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month Church Council @10am**

**Thursday - @Reflections 10-11:30**

**@church 11:30-1**

**Bingo and Church @ South Park 1:30-3**

**Friday and Saturday - off**

**We have no birthdays** or anniversaries at St. Mary's for October, but we look forward to November and December when we will have several.

**Our Church Council** will meet at 10 am on Wednesday, October 9.

**Please mark your** calendars for November 30. We will celebrate liturgical New Year's Eve with a potluck at the Langford's. This will continue a tradition started last December at the McCoy's. Sunday, December 1 marks the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Notes from the Vicar:** *What a joy it was to welcome 3 visitors to church Sunday morning. And what joy I feel when I see all of you treating each visitor as if he or she was Jesus Christ in the flesh! One never knows.*

*The month of October brings with it the Diocesan Synod. Father Tom will be in East Peoria to attend the Synod from Thursday afternoon the 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep me in your prayers.*

*Did you know: The Vatican is taking historic strides towards achieving "full communion" with Anglicans who do not ordain female priests. It is doing so by recognizing Anglican holy orders and churches, but not requiring them to merge with or convert to Roman Catholicism. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this. Blessings from Fr. Tom*

**Prayer list** (as of September 29, 2024)

**For those fighting cancer:** Sandy, Cindy, Karen, Carol, Richard, Barb, Mark, Eric, Judy, Bishop Wenceslas, Danielle, Gary, Charles, Kate

**For those in need of uplifting prayer:** Deacon Tom, Jess, Tressie, David, Kathy, Dan, Sylvia, Fiona, Jon, Jerry, Phyllis, Stuart, Nancy, Madeleine, Daniel, William, Donna, Jennifer, Rob, Bill, Chuck, Brandt, Joan, Richard, Ed, Marie, Reshma

**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, Bishop Mahendra, Dipendra, Prakash; the Transformation Spiritual Church

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

**For those affected by the war in the Middle East and the war in Ukraine**

**RIP – Diane**