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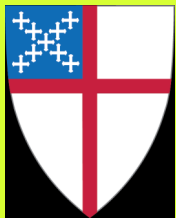
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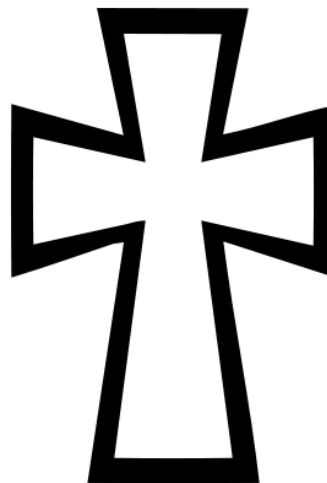


MAY 2019

## The Three Faces of Thomas

In the Synoptic Gospels Thomas is only mentioned as one of the twelve; but in John's Gospel, Thomas' words are recorded on three different occasions. The first time is in Chapter 11 after the death of Lazarus and Jesus decided to go to Bethany, the village where Lazarus, Mary and Martha lived. Although the other disciples attempt to dissuade Jesus, Thomas says, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." At the last supper during the long discourse following the washing of the disciples feet Jesus begins to explain that he must leave to prepare a place for the disciples. "Thomas said to him, 'Lord we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" The third time Thomas speaks is the Sunday following the Resurrection of Jesus. Thomas was not present on Easter Sunday evening when Jesus appeared to the other disciples. When Thomas does return the rest tell him that Jesus appeared to them, but Thomas refuses to believe it and says to the others, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." What

follows seven days later is Jesus' confrontation of Thomas' lack of faith in what the other disciples told him. Although Thomas makes a profound pro-



fession of faith when he encounters the risen Lord, he will be remembered as "Doubting Thomas" in the earthly part of the Kingdom.

Thomas is far more complicated than to be known only as the doubter. He certainly did doubt, but he also demonstrates a sense of stoicism and practicality in his approach to faith in Christ. In the first episode Thomas is willing to suffer and die with Jesus. This stoic quality is incongruent with the man who doubts that Christ rose from the dead. In the second

episode, Thomas is asking what appears to be genuine interest in following Jesus, but he is not clear about where Jesus is going. There are all sorts of arguments about Thomas' and the other disciples lack of faith and understanding; but he does ask the question. It is the third episode that forces Thomas to be remembered along with all the other nonbelievers. Let's face it; Thomas got a bum rap in John's Gospel. We don't remember Peter as "Peter the Denier", or the young man, sometimes known as Mark or John Mark, in Mark's Gospel who followed the arrested Jesus, but ran away naked when the Temple guard grabbed his clothing. There is nothing about "Naked Mark". We could remember the rest as "Afraid Andrew, Cowardly Philip, Deserter James" and so on because the disciples deserted Jesus when he was arrested. The point is that we do not remember any of them by these monikers except for poor Thomas.

Perhaps I sympathize with Thomas because his reactions are so often mirrored by our reactions. I think there are times when we are stoical about things that we are getting ready to face or are going through. There are times when we stand up for our faith and what we believe and do not give even a second thought to what criticism might follow. There are times when it is important to ask questions about things that are not clear to us. Thomas was asking Jesus for direc-

tion; don't we do the same thing in our prayer life. Finally, is our faith so crystal clear that we never question the Scriptures, the Creeds, the teaching of the Church and the Church's direction about certain matters?

The revelation of God did not cease with the close of the Apostolic Age. God continues to teach, to disclose God's love and will throughout all the ages of humankind. Thomas' statement that gave him the nickname of "doubting" was answered in just seven days by a direct appearance of Jesus. Blessed are you who continue to hope and wait for answers all the while remaining faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

A blessed Eastertide to all of you.

**Father Alfred Jewson**

New Revised Standard Version, John  
11:16b  
Ibid, 14:5-6  
Ibid, 20:25b

## May is Hunger Awareness Month

**by Kathleen McDonald**

The Diocese of Missouri, through our committee Task Force on Hunger or TFH, has named the month of May as Hunger Awareness Month. Most Americans, including Episcopalians, are all too aware of the many people world-wide, not only in third world countries but in the urban areas of places like Europe, Canada, and the USA. Most Americans, including St. Francis' members, give generously to organizations that try to feed people they know are hungry. Organizations like UNICEF, the Peanut Butter Project, and CARE work world-wide to end hunger.

TFH shares the compelling goals of these world organizations. Missouri, in the bread basket of America, has hunger problems, too, some in the inner cities, some in suburbs and smaller cities, and many in rural areas. TFH funds grant requests from Episcopal parishes throughout the diocese to support new and ongoing feeding ministries. Those TFH funded ministries we know include Trinity Food Pantry, St. John's Peace Meal project, and Good Shepard's Shepherd Farm in St. Louis County.

Soon St. Francis' will learn during an Adult Forum of the many opportunities for helping the hungry in our diocese. I'll have information for us about a food stop that serves both hungry students and the visitors to a nearby drug clinic, just one of the many programs supported by our donations to the TFH.

## Search Committee Formed

**By Father Al Jewson**

Michael Booker, Paul Jokerst, Suzanne Jones, Jack Laules, Jerry Smith, Jackie Selle, and Marsha Smith have agreed to serve as members of the Search Committee. At this time we are awaiting the initial training for the Search Committee to be led by The Rev. Canon Joseph Chambers.

In the meantime you are certainly free to speak to any or all of them our parish, its goals, and what do you want to see in a new Vicar.

## Possible Blood Drive

**by Sally Hader**

Recently we looked into the possibility of hosting a Red Cross Blood Donation event. This process has a few prerequisites. Primarily we need to have 35-50 volunteers who are willing to donate. If you are willing and able to do this, please sign up on the list posted on the Community Room door.

### New Address:

**Bob and Charlotte Champlin**  
401 E. 5th Street, Ste. 214 #1456  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-7011  
(Mail Forwarding Service)

**Bob: 314-541-7613**  
[champlin7@aol.com](mailto:champlin7@aol.com)

**Carly: 636-375-6848**  
[abbas2babygirl@aol.com](mailto:abbas2babygirl@aol.com)

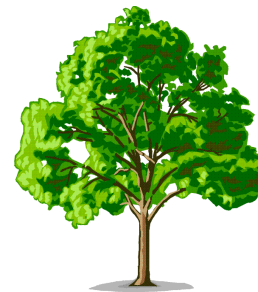
**Facebook Page: Splendiferous  
Adventures in the Cottage on Wheels**

## Garden Talk

**by Marsha Smith**

Spring's beauty is all around us and the flowering trees such as redbuds, serviceberry and dogwoods are awe-inspiring. Surely one of God's most beautiful and awesome creations is trees. They are important to us in so many ways, for shade on a sunny day, the beauty of a spring morning and perhaps in ways that we may not often consider; how important they are to other creatures such as insects and song birds.

The decline of Monarch butterflies has been publicized widely but the problem is much larger than one species. *National*



*Geographic* reports that 40 percent of insect species are in decline. Half of butterfly and moth species are in decline and 1/3 are threat-

ened with extinction. This problem is attributed to a number of causes, habitat changes, pesticides, climate change and invasive species; just to name a few.

What does this have to do with trees? Birds rely upon insects for food and insects are dependent upon trees. Caterpillars are a critical food source for over 96% of the songbirds. A pair of chickadees requires between 6000 and 9000 caterpillars to successfully raise a nest of young. According to Dr. Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*, a native oak tree can support the caterpillars of over 500 species of butterflies and moths while a Ginkgo biloba supports one. Although a Ginkgo is a beautiful shade tree and is widely used in urban areas, it does very little for the other creatures in our environment. Native trees such as oaks, willows and hickories, do a much better job of supporting our fellow creatures.

If you are planting a tree this spring, consider some of our beautiful native trees. You can get some suggestions for native trees on the website, <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/>.

Take time to enjoy spring in the garden and give thanks for God's awesome trees!

# St. Francis' Kids Support UTO Ingathering

by Kathleen McDonald

The United Thank Offering is a continuing project of the Episcopal Church. At its heart, the message of UTO is the message that was shared with a very mixed group of St. Francis' kids (ages 3-14) on a cold March morning. Our kids learned that UTO asks us to notice the good things that happen each day, to give thanks to God for our blessings, and to make an offering for each blessing.

After reviewing their favorite blessings in life, the kids folded blue UTO boxes to take home and share with their families. They added coins to their own boxes for a start to the families' collections, and then passed a common box to add coins for additional blessings which they delighted in sharing.

The majority of St. Francis' UTO ingathering occurred on Sunday, April 28 and the days following. Our total amount sent to support the United Thank Offering projects and to reflect our gratitude for daily blessings will appear in *The Chalice* as

soon as all funds have been collected, counted and sent to the national church.

**\*\* A look at the UTO's annual report\*** will give the details on the many worthy grants given in 2018, which went to support efforts from Italy to Arkansas, from Haiti to Dallas to Ohio.

## UTO FAQs for 2018

as published in annual report\*

What was the national ingathering amount for 2018? \$1,085,007.64

**Any other income?** Yes, returned grants, trust funds, and interest of \$450,732.91

**Total Income, 2018** \$1,535,740.55

**Total Granted, 2018** \$1, 535.740.55

\*to read this report in full , go to :

[https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/uto\\_2018\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/uto_2018_annual_report.pdf)

**\*\* The tellers , our treasurer and I each added coins in gratitude for Coin Star and not having to count the many coins!!**



*Congratulations to Tim Booker, who will graduate in May from Fox High School. Way to go!*

Meet with old friends and bring a new friend to the Community Room on Monday, May 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 to discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. This book is available in print and electronic formats from both [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and the St. Louis County Library.

## Women's Group Dinners

St. Francis' Women's Group is a loosely constructed \*, monthly dinner of the adult women of St. Francis, with an open invitation to all of us, as well as any sisters, mothers, or women friends whom you'd like to invite.



We meet at 6:00 on the second Tuesday of each month in the home of a member or in a local restaurant.

Here's the schedule for the next few months:

*Tuesday, May 14* Sylvia Ahmad

*Tuesday, June 11* Doris Schaefer

*Tuesday, July 9* Gina Nessel with home-made pizza crafted by Chef Al Nessel.

**\*Loosely constructed:** Come every single time, or come occasionally, or come when you can. Bring a dish or a drink, or don't. Bring yourself. Wear your work clothes or your yoga pants/sweat suit. Be prepared to eat, drink and be merry and do a lot of talking with friends old and new.

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IN HONOR OF THE GRADUATES  
Caitlin Selle and Cristin Selle

MAY 19 | 12-3 PM | BERRY PARK  
401 FORBY ROAD, EUREKA, MO

## From the Bishop's Warden

As I sit down to write this, it's Good Friday. We just had Maundy Thursday service last night where we heard about Jesus' admonition that we love and serve one another. We heard how he washed his disciples feet to symbolize the reality of that need for service. Some of us had that lesson more indelibly imprinted on our psyches as we had our feet washed. Tonight at Good Friday service we will come face to face with Jesus' crucifixion and death. Having the benefit of hindsight we leave with the anticipation of celebrating his resurrection.

All these events of Holy Week speak of the remarkable love of God for us and the unimaginable gifts that God has given us and made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We also rejoice in the wonderful gift of our new building. St. Francis is no longer a band of nomads but a parish with a "homeland" of its own. That comes with a whole new set of responsibilities. Much of my effort this month has been chasing down various contractors and repair services to help iron out some of the wrinkles that we have encountered with the new building.

We have gotten the dishwasher working properly. The water inlet valve has a filter screen which was plugged with sediment, preventing it from filling. A sediment filter that was installed on the hot water heater will hopefully prevent future occurrences of this issue. We are also waiting for a new front control panel from the manufacturer which should prevent the hot steam from infiltrating the control display and associated electronics.

I am tracking down a new power supply for the light in the Children's room. The infernal buzzing of the electrical contactor for the outside lights will need a replacement coil to see if that will cure its problem. Solid state relays may be the ultimate solution if this cannot be improved sufficiently. We are also working on identifying the issue preventing the door unlock feature from working on the Friends of St. Francis Day Care front door.

There is a cracked glass in the front entrance way that was not due to any sort of impact. We need to speak to the installer about that.

So while it may not be real visible, there is a lot of behind the scenes activity required to be good stewards of the gift we have been given. All this maintenance work has resulted in a number of anticipated expenses. So if you are looking for ways to express your thankfulness, providing some extra financial support to help offset a part of these expenses would be an excellent way to do it.

Faithfully,  
Herb Smith  
(314) 603-7119  
herb.smith.jr@att.net

## Easter Handbells

by Caitlin Selle

The bells of St. Francis rang again! The St. Francis Bell Choir gave their latest performance on Easter Sunday, performing two pieces, *Easter Victory* and *Easter Fanfare*, during the prelude. Members Sally Hader, George Vits, Cory Lawson, Laurie Dailey, Mary Ann Kinder, Jackie Selle, and Kathleen O'Reilly under the direction of Caitlin Selle started preparing for their performance six weeks before Easter, meeting on Wednesday nights to learn, rehearse, and refine both pieces. Learning more than just their music, the bell choir also spent some time learning a few new playing techniques, two of which were demonstrated on Easter. Thank you, parishioners of St. Francis, for your continued support of the bell choir!

### Mass in the Grass and Picnic

June 9

Kircher Park on Williams Road

A worship service at 10:15

a.m. will be followed by an all-parish picnic.

## Noteworthy

- ◆ On April 30 Evelyn Rose Rainbolt was born—daughter of Liz & Jeff Rainbolt
- ◆ Many thanks to all who helped to make our grounds look beautiful for Easter: Sue & John Schmidt, Donna Bernert, and Marsha and Herb Smith.
- ◆ Thank you Sue Schmidt, Donna Bernert, Becky Hall, Rich Mayfield, Kathleen O'Reilly, Sylvia Ahmad, Barb Sacco, Mary Ann Kinder, Paddy Wrob, Arlene Underwood and Linda Doo-little for helping to make our building look great!
- ◆ Even though Doris and Bob Schaefer were not able to be with us for Easter, they made arrangements with their daughter, Judy Meixner to make sure St. Francis had a flowered cross on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Judy, Josh Higgins, and Brie Wilson.
- ◆ Jeff Rainbolt was confirmed and Liz Rainbolt was received into the Episcopal Church during the Great Vigil on Holy Saturday evening at Christ Church Cathedral. Congratulations Liz and Jeff.
- ◆ Jude McCart made her First Holy Communion at St. Francis' Church. Jude is the daughter of Sheila and Troy McCart and has a sister, Tatum. The McCart family has joined our congregation.
- ◆ Many children participated in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to Michael Booker and Suzanne Jones and Abbey Jones to stuffing the plastic eggs with goodies and tickets for prizes. Thanks to Katie Jones and Tim Booker for hiding them.
- ◆ A marvelous Easter feast followed the Easter Day Eucharist. Thanks to all who made tasty recipes to share and all who helped set up and clean up.
- ◆ The new parish directory will be produced during the first part of May. Please make sure that the office has your current contact information.

## Vacation Bible School

Even though we just officially started spring and not yet celebrated Easter, VBS is just around the corner. **A volunteer is needed to work with the clergy in setting up a program for June.**

Is God calling you to this ministry? Contact Fr. Al Jewson 314-560-1375.

## Friends of St. Francis

by Kathy Regnier

We certainly had our share of April showers, but we were able to sneak outdoors to run and play while the weather cooperated! The children decorated different crosses and Easter egg wreaths for Easter. The kids also made fun little lady bugs for the letter "L".



Friends of St. Francis would like to officially announce our very own Tracey Oswald as our new office administrator! She is such a tremendous help and we are so very grateful to have her in our growing childcare center!

We would like to thank our many volunteers who have helped out with the children and made fabulous lunches! Many thanks to Kathleen, Sylvia, Donna, Doris, Linda, Mary Ann, Arlene, Paddy Sally and Sue!

## Memorial Garden Update

**The dedication of the Memorial Garden has been rescheduled for May 19 at 12:00 Noon**



*St. Francis' Church welcomed its newest member, Sarah Nicole Quade on Easter Sunday. Sarah is the daughter of Kate and Scott Quade and sister of Colton. The Quade family has joined our congregation. Sarah was also presented with a blanket knitted by Doris Schaefer.*

## A Prayer for God's Will

*Loving God, we pray that your will for us and for St. Francis' Church be done. Rid our minds of personal goals and expectations, doubts and fears so that we may be vessels for your will and your expectations. We pray that your will for St. Francis' Church be made manifest to us; and give us the courage to carry out your will whatever it is. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who always lived out your will in his life. Amen.*



*St. Francis kids enjoyed an Easter egg hunt after our Easter service.*



*Jude McCart made her First Holy Communion at St. Francis' Church.*

## WEEKLY SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

2018		2019
35	5th Sunday in Lent	57
72	Palm Sunday	71
27	Maundy Thursday	25
19	Good Friday	35
22	Great Vigil of Easter	18
150	Easter	100
62	Easter 2	63

### A Prayer for Evangelism

**A**lmighty God, by your grace you have given us new life in Jesus Christ, and by your Spirit you have called us to proclaim his Name throughout all the nations. Awaken in us such a love for you, and for your word and deed, that all people may come to know him as Savior, and follow him as Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



*The St. Francis Pancake Singers entertained diners at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5.*

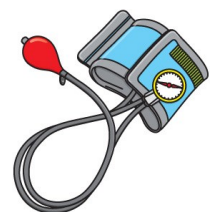
## Calling all COOKS!



*Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share in The Chalice? Please send it to the business office at [stfranch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stfranch@sbcglobal.net).*

## Vitals Check

Bill Thompson, RN, will be available in the Community Room between services on the second Sunday of each month to check and record blood pressures and heart rates. Be sure to stop in to see him for this valuable ministry!



# MAY 2019 Worship Participants Schedule

	<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>June 2</b>
Altar Guild	Jerry Smith	Kathleen O'Reilly	Jeff Veenstra	Doris Schaefer	

## Worship Participants for 8:00 a.m. Service

Acolyte		A. B.-M.		L. B.-M.	
Lector	Kathleen McDonald	Tracey Oswald	Della Thompson	Jackie Selle	Tracey Oswald

## Worship Participants for 10:15 a.m. Service

Greeter	Linda Doolittle	Mary Ann Kinder	Sue Schmidt	Doris Schaefer	Linda Doolittle
Usher	Bob Smith	Chris Kinder	Joe Bernert	Rich Mayfield	Michael Booker
Acolyte	Katie Jones	Aundrea Bach	Paul Jokerst	Katie Jones	Bob Schaefer
Lectors	Sally Hader Barb Sacco	Joe O'Reilly Bob Schaefer	Kathleen O'Reilly Paddy Wrob	Michael Booker Tim Booker	Bob Smith Barb Sacco
Intercessors					
Torch Bearers	Doris and Bob Schaefer	Jerry and Bob Smith	Arlene Underwood Jack Laules	Donna and Joe Bernert	Laurie Dailey Jack Laules
Eucharistic Minister	Suzanne Jones	Michael Booker	Jeff Veenstra	Bob Schaefer	Kathleen McDonald
Eucharistic Visitor	Tracey Oswald	Sally Hader	Paul Jokerst	Paddy Wrob	Tracey Oswald
Tellers	Joe O'Reilly Rich Mayfield	Joe Bernert Bob Smith	Arlene Underwood Joe O'Reilly	Suzanne Jones Bob Smith	Joe Bernert Rich Mayfield

# May 2019

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

			<b>1</b> <b>Sts. Philip &amp; James</b>  1:30 pm Crafternooners  6:30 pm Tutoring	<b>2</b>  8:30 am Morning Prayer	<b>3</b>  10 am Bible Study  10 am Men's OA	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  8 am Worship  9 am Choir Practice  10:15 am Worship  11:55 am Adult Fo- rum	<b>6</b>  5 pm Evening Prayer  6:30 pm Worship & Music	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  11:30 am Eureka Chamber of Com- merce Luncheon  6:30 pm Tutoring	<b>9</b>  8:30 am Morning Prayer  4 pm Chalice Mtg	<b>10</b>  10 am Bible Study  10 am Men's OA	<b>11</b>  Confirmation & Reception at Christ Church Cathedral 11:00 am
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>  8 am Worship  9 am Choir Practice  10:15 am Worship	<b>13</b>  5 pm Evening Prayer  6:30 pm Book Group	<b>14</b>  8:30 am Morning Prayer  6:30 pm Women's Group	<b>15</b>  1:30 pm Crafternooners  6:30 pm Tutoring	<b>16</b>  8:30 am Morning Prayer  1 pm Staff Mtg	<b>17</b>  10 am Bible Study  10 am Men's OA	<b>18</b>  12-3 pm Selle Graduation Party @ Berry Park
<b>19</b>  8 am Worship 9 am Choir Practice 10:15 am Worship 12:00 Noon Dedic- ation of the Memorial Garden 12:45 pm Bishop's Committee	<b>20</b>  5 pm Evening Prayer	<b>21</b>  8:30 am Morning Prayer	<b>22</b>  1:30 pm Crafternooners  6:30 pm Tutoring	<b>23</b>  8:30 am Morning Prayer  1 pm Marketing & Communications Mtg	<b>24</b>  10 am Bible Study  10 am Men's OA	<b>25</b>
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