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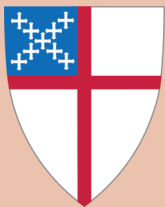
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There's a Saddle in Church!

by Father Al Jewson

That's right – there is a saddle sitting in the narthex of the church. The saddle is there to remind all of us that the Pony Express campaign has begun. St. Francis' Church has chosen the Pony Express program for this year's financial stewardship campaign, which officially starts Sunday, October 13th, when the Pony Express "Run" gets under way. This year's run is Pony Express Year Two and builds upon the wonderful work done last year by you – parishioners of this congregation. The Pony Express method, used successfully in thousands of other churches nationwide, is styled after the famous Pony Express mail relay system. It relies heavily on team work – the team work of all of us.

Ranked among the most remarkable feats to come out of the 1860 American West, the Pony Express was in service from April 1860 to November 1861. Its primary mission was fast delivery of mail and news between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California. This year marks the 159th anniversary of the start of the Pony Express, which in spite of its short duration, remains a hallmark of American enterprise and dedication.

Tracey Oswald, the General Manager for this year's stewardship program, believes that the enthusiastic response of last

year's Pony Express program was due in part to its unique approach to Christian giving. Instead of making pledges, you will be asked to fill in cards on which you "Estimate" your giving.



ing. There will be a card for spouses and individual cards for each person, adult or child living in that house. If your children work or receive an allowance the Estimate of Giving card is a truly spiritual way for them to learn the importance of returning to God a portion of what they receive. In the Pony Express plan, each church unit (individual or family) becomes a Route Rider, relaying a Saddlebag to one other church unit in their neighborhood or geographical area. A Trail Boss will be responsible to make sure the Saddlebag keeps moving at a fast pace from home to home on her or his Route.

For a little over one year I have served you as Interim Priest and Vicar. In conversations and meetings many of you shared with me your hope for a treasure for our church. That treasure was to attract new members and younger families

to the rich heritage and gifts present at St. Francis' Church. For our church to gain new members and younger families, we have to be willing to seek out new and different approaches to attracting new members. If this is truly our treasure, then we should be willing to participate in making it happen. Part of that willingness comes in prayer, in giving time and talents, and in willingness to give financially to the church. Prayer, time, talent, and money are all necessary for St. Francis' Church to be a resource for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Is your hope that we, as a church, develop a deeper spirituality? Is it to see our church develop greater and more varied outreach programs? Is it to see our church attract families with children? Is it to see our church develop new teaching programs? Is it to see our church grow more fully in worship? Is it to see our church be there for you? If you hoped for treasure is one or all of these or even something in addition, your financial support is needed. Remember, your "Estimate of Giving" is your gift back to God. Please pray for God's guidance when the saddlebag is delivered to your home and give your treasure to make possible the hoped for treasures at St. Francis' Church.

Fr. Al Jewson

New Revised Standard Version,
Matthew 6: 21

From the Deacon's Desk

It is good to be back serving at St. Francis' after two months away. I have missed you all. The month of July found me recovering from injuries and surgery following my "flying lesson" from Adeline, my affectionate 90 lbs. German Shepherd. And yes, I *still* love my puppy! August flew by way too quickly, but Phil, Sarah, and I benefited from the quality "family time" we had together. Then back at work/worship, September 2. Yes, it has been good being back in this beloved community. But September has brought with it some very unexpected, but exciting news. Let me explain. Bishop Smith has asked me to serve as Archdeacon of the Diocese. I am deeply touched by this request and am honored to accept this appointment.

Because we will be electing a new Bishop in November, Bishop Smith and I are in agreement that this appointment has a term-limit of three years. Two purposes are served in the issuance of a term-limit. First, it offers continuity within the community of deacons as we transition our work under the direction of the newly elected Bishop. This will benefit both the Bishop-Elect as well as the community of Deacons. Secondly, because the appointment of an Archdeacon rests solely with the Diocesan Bishop, the 11th Bishop of Missouri will be given time to get to know this "gaggle of deacons" and in time will be free to appoint whom he/she wishes to serve in the capacity of Archdeacon.

You may be wondering what does an Archdeacon do? Great question! *"The ministry of an Archdeacon ... is to hold before the Church the icon of the Servant Christ, and the Church's mission work in servant ministry. An Archdeacon models this ministry in service to the Bishop, the Diocese, the deacons' own parish, and the community of deacons."*(The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta; "Job Description for Archdeacons"; April 2013.) An Archdeacon is *"to assist the Bishop in the formation, deployment, supervision, and support of the Deacons or those in preparation to be Deacons, and in the implementation of this Canon."*(The Canons of The Episcopal

Church; Title III, Canon 7, Sec. 2.)

In a nutshell, there are five duties to be fulfilled: pastoral and administrative duties, serve in discernment and formation processes, assist in diocesan liturgies, and fostering and nurturing the Diaconate. These are the parameters I will incorporate as I continue to discern God's call to serve in this particular area of my diocesan ministry.

What does this mean for my ministry at St. Francis'? At this time, my ministry here at St. Francis' will remain however, new duties as Archdeacon may require some of my time to be spent in other ways and at other places. Bishop Smith, Father Al, and I will work closely in revising and updating my Letter of Agreement with St. Francis'. I anticipate the obligations of Archdeacon will entail approximately 2 additional hours of work each week. I recognize that a lot of this news comes to you in vague and underdeveloped terms. I feel a bit the same way. We are experiencing transition on more than one level. But like many things that we are called to be a measure of in God's kingdom, this too, is very much a work in progress. Let us continue on this journey together!

Peace to all of you,

Deacon Rebecca

From the Bishop's Warden

Marsha and I recently returned from a week's vacation in San Francisco. We did some of the regular touristy things like tour Alcatraz and visit Fisherman's Wharf. We also visited Muir Woods and Yosemite. Muir Woods is just above Sausalito and is home to a stand of old growth Coast Redwood trees. The tallest redwood tree here is only (only!) 258 feet and on average they are 800 to 900 years old, the oldest being 1200 years old. Further north they can reach up to 379 feet and they can live to be 2200 years old. I found it very humbling to stand next to a

tree that tall and that old. The Coast Redwoods are the tallest living things on earth. It is truly a mystical and otherworldly place.

Yosemite Valley is also like no other



place on earth. The Ponderosa Pine trees are pretty impressive, but the massive granite cliffs that surround you are simply awe inspiring. The majesty of God's creation is evident virtually everywhere you look. We even enjoyed the company of a couple of God's smaller creatures as we ate our lunch, some of which we shared with them.

Amid all that majesty it reminded me that God cares about the squirrel and the raven too. Perhaps they both slept better that night with a full stomach after having duped a few tourists out of part of their lunch. God cares about us as well, both individually and collectively as we strive to be the Church in Eureka. Things have been in a bit of turmoil for the last year or so. Just when the building was complete and it seemed like St. Francis was on its way, boom, we hit a wall and were left with a lot of confusion and hurt. Was this all part of God's plan for us? I don't know, but I believe that God wants St. Francis to continue to be the vital Christian community that it has been. We need to do our part in that also. We need to see St. Francis as a vital part of the community and a vital part of our Christian life together. I believe St. Francis is important to God and it should be important to us as well. We need to support it with our time, talents, and finances. We are partners with God in this thing. I don't believe God will do it alone.

If you ever get a chance to visit Yosemite or the Muir Woods you will be able to see the majesty of God's creation firsthand, but don't forget to feed the squirrel and the raven.

Faithfully,
Herb Smith
(314) 603-7119

Search Committee

by Paul Jokerst

Over the past couple of months, the search committee has been working hard to prepare for the creation of our Church Profile. An important factor in this part of the process is the input from the members of our congregation. The survey has been completed and now we are seeing further input during the Coffee & Conversation gatherings happening during the month of October. If you have not already signed up or received a call from a member of the Search Committee, please reach out to any committee member to schedule your spot. These gatherings are limited to only six members, plus two members of the search committee, which should allow for some great conversations.

Search Committee Members

Paul Jokerst, *Chair*
Mike Rohan, *Liaison to the BC*
Jackie Selle, *Secretary*
Michael Booker Barb Sacco
Suzanne Jones Jack Laules
Marsha Smith Jerry Smith

Diocesan Convention Slated for Nov. 22-23

The 180th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri will be held November 22-23 at Christ Church Cathedral in Saint Louis.

This will be a historic convention, as we elect the 11th Bishop of our Diocese. Please use the information below to prepare yourself and your parish for this important event.

Important convention news and actions:

- **Bishop Wayne Smith** sends an introduction and invitation to Convention.
- **Nominations** for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Disciplinary

Board, deputation for 2021 General Convention, and Cathedral Chapter must be submitted by **October 3**.

- Resolutions must be submitted by **October 3**.
- **New this year: Registration** is required for **everyone** attending Convention. This includes all clergy and lay delegates **AND** all non-voting guests. Registration is due by **October 23**.
- **Hotel Saint Louis** is providing group rates for anyone attending Convention. Reservation deadline is **October 23**.
- **Parking** will be available at the 9th Street Garage, located at 911 Olive. Parking is included in the cost of convention. Vouchers can be obtained during convention and will be required when exiting the garage. Otherwise, normal parking rates will be requested when leaving.
- **Parking for guests with disabilities** is available on a space-available basis in the Cathedral parking lot (13th and Olive) for vehicles with a state issued disabled hang tag or license plate.
- **Child Care** will be provided - you must register in advance (on registration forms).

All Convention news and information can be found on our diocesan website (www.diocesemo.org). Additional Convention information will be sent approximately two weeks prior to Convention. If you have any questions, please contact The Rev. Doris Westfall, Interim Canon to the Ordinary, at dwestfall@diocesemo.org.

(from Michael Reiser, Convention Coordinator at convention@diocesemo.org)



Children enrolled at FoSF Childcare enjoy a variety of craft projects.

Pony Express Runs Again!

by Tracey Oswald

The Pony Express is coming to St. Francis' Church again! The program officially starts its second visit on Sunday, October 13. The run is styled after the famous Pony Express mail delivery system of more than a century ago. It relies heavily on teamwork.



Many of our members participated in the Run last year and, because of our successful experience, we have decided to again rely on the Pony Express Saddlebag Relay to raise our budget amounts. Tracey Oswald is serving as general manager of the campaign, with many parishioners serving as trail bosses and other key helpers.

Each trail boss will again oversee a neighborhood PX Route comprised of up to ten families. Your family will be asked to do your part, as you did so faithfully last year, by using the saddlebag and then relaying it quickly to the next family on the route List.

Your saddlebag will contain stewardship reading material and your estimate of giving card. After reading the material, please fill in your card, seal it in the enclosure envelope, and insert the envelope in the saddlebag. Then, please hand-carry the bag to the waiting family.

Our homebound members and those too geographically scattered to be placed on bag routes will receive their estimate card in the mail along with a return envelope.

Please begin now praying for God's guidance as you prepare to renew your stewardship commitment for the year ahead. Just as the Pony Express route riders of yesteryear, we are each an integral part of the success of St. Francis' Church as we run the route that God has mapped for us and our church going for-

ECW Annual Retreat: Encountering God in Creation

by Kathleen McDonald

Women are part of God's creation, although sometimes we feel apart from the rest of creation, or even apart from God. Between work, family, school, and our own ministries, we feel pulled in many directions and lose touch with our own center. We long to reconnect to our Creator through the other living parts of creation.

This year's ECW retreat, led by the Rev. Leslie Scoopmire, will use scripture, music, reflection and interaction with on-site places and even nearby hiking trails to help us reconnect with our Creator and with our own creativity. Mother Leslie, Priest in Charge at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville, is also an enthusiastic lover of both creation and creativity in all their forms.

Our retreat will take place in the peaceful setting of the Marianist Retreat House, 4000 Highway 109. The central patio spaces invite reflection and an appreciation for nature. Night and morning prayers will be outside on the patio, weather permitting. Saturday Eucharist will be held in the beautiful, intimate chapel.

This year all retreat participants are invited to bring supplies needed for a very small, charming, effective ministry needed by the residents of Farmington. All Saints Episcopal Church has put up a small food pantry called a Blessing Box where all are invited to leave what they can and to take what they need. If you will, please bring a small pantry or personal care item for the pantry.

Marianist Center has 48 rooms for overnight guests. Please register early. Anyone can register easily on ECW's diocesan web page. If this is unfamiliar, please contact ECW Registrar Jeanne Lucas King at 314-323-9562.

The cost is \$75 for overnight retreaters and \$60 for commuters. Payment should be written to Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of Missouri and mailed to Deborah Caby, 16242 Waterfront Way, Wildwood, MO 63040.



Thank you, Rosie!

From Deacon Rebecca

For many years, Rosie Benecke has worked behind the scenes preparing the Worship Ministry participants schedule. This is detailed work and gets even crazier around the Holidays with the additional services. We often take this behind the scenes work for granted because we have grown accustomed to worship ministers being present when scheduled and Sunday morning worship going on without a hiccup. Additionally, as we as a parish have grown, more members have become involved in both of our worship services. Rosie has done an outstanding job track-

ing when participants are unavailable to serve, which decreases the need for them to seek substitutes. She was always timely in completing her work, for which the clergy and staff are grateful. Rosie has decided that it was time to "pass the baton" as they say. I am very grateful to her for her work and dedication to this fundamental ministry at St. Francis'. I hope you will also take a moment to let Rosie know how beneficial her area of ministry has been to all of us.

Paul Jokerst has agreed to serve as the point of contact for the Worship Ministry schedule. Paul will coordinate and organize the ministries of those who help to make our worship at St. Francis' meaningful and spirit-filled.

Friends of St. Francis launches new curriculum

Friends of St. Francis jumped back into a new school year in September with our new curriculum. The children learned all about their families, pets, feelings, and friendship traits.

October brings in our fall harvest season and we are going to explore the world of farming. The children will learn about how a farmer cares for their farm animals, planting seeds, weeding, harvesting and the farmers market.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual Halloween Costume Parade on October 31. The children will dress up in their costumes on Halloween and parade through St. Francis to show off

their costumes. We would love for you to join us and bring in age appropriate candy or a special treat for the little ones.

Friends of St. Francis would love to thank our wonderful volunteers who help provide lunches and spend their precious time with our kids. Thank you to Mary Ann, Sally, Michael, Paddy, Sue, Donna, Doris, Sylvia, Kathleen, Arlene, and Linda. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Kathy or Tracey for this rewarding experience.

Donations are always welcome. We can always use Play-Doh and medium size Legos!

Garden Talk: Hydrangeas

by Marsha Smith

This time of year, many gardeners are saying something like “Next spring I’m going to do plant _____”. Spring is one of the best times to plant new shrubs but it is often rainy which makes it difficult to plant in soils that are too wet and additionally, temperatures in Eureka can become very hot, very early. This jump to hot weather is stressful for newly-planted trees and shrubs. Fortunately, fall is also a good time to plant many shrubs – up until mid-October. The cooler temperatures encourage root growth instead of growth of foliage and the lower temperatures make it easier to keep new plants adequately watered.

So... if you are thinking of planting a hydrangea, this fall is a good time to do it. Hydrangeas are popular shrubs in our area and for good reason; most hydrangeas have outstanding blooms and are easy to grow. Their blooms can have three different shapes; spherical (mopheads), conical (panicles) or domes

(lacecaps). What we usually refer to as the bloom is really a group of many flowers made up of very showy sterile flowers and smaller, fertile flowers that benefit pollinators. The combination of sterile and fertile flowers varies with the type of hydrangea.

There are four main types of hydrangeas grown in our area; smooth hydrangeas (*arborescens*), bigleaf hydrangeas (*macrophylla*), panicle hydrangeas (*paniculata*) and oak-leaf hydrangeas (*quercifolia*).

Smooth hydrangeas grow about 3 to 5 feet high and wide and have large, round white flower clusters that begin green and turn white. The blooms are usually comprised entirely of many showy, sterile flowers. Smooth hydrangeas bloom on current season growth so they can be cut back to the ground in early spring. Smooth hydrangeas bloom very reliably. There are several popular cultivars including 'Annabelle' and another one sold under the name Incrediball™. Incrediball™ has a larger bloom and also stronger stems that purportedly do not flop when rain-soaked. Smooth hydrangeas may be grown in full sun to partial shade.

Bigleaf hydrangeas have many cultivars but tend to be the least hardy hydrangeas in our area. If a specimen dies to the



ground due to low temperatures, no blooms will be present the following spring because most of these hydrangeas bloom on the previous season's growth. The blooms of bigleaf hydrangeas can be either mopheads or lacecaps and are known for changing color based on the soil acidity. Acid soils result in blue blooms and alkaline soils result in pink blooms. There are many cultivars of bigleaf hydrangeas with some of the most notable being 'Nikko Blue' and 'Endless Summer'. 'Nikko Blue' is one of the harder big-leaf hydrangeas and 'Endless Summer' is noteworthy because it blooms on both old and new growth.

Panicle hydrangeas have conical clus-



Children enrolled at Friends of St. Francis Child Care Center are enjoying the new curriculum this year and making new friends!



ters of showy white sterile flowers as well as fertile flowers. These shrubs can reach 6 to 10 feet tall and wide. They bloom on new wood so they can be pruned in late winter or early spring to keep them smaller. Popular cultivars are 'Limelight' and Little Quickfire™. The flowers of 'Limelight' emerge creamy white, mature to chartreuse-lime and eventually acquire pink tones. Little Quickfire™ has a smaller stature of three to five feet. Its largely sterile flowers emerge white but change to pink as summer progresses. Panicle hydrangeas grow best in full sun to light shade.

Oakleaf hydrangeas are one of my favorite shrubs because of their great form, large oak-shaped leaves and red fall color. Oakleaf hydrangeas bloom on old wood so should be pruned right after flowering. 'Pee Wee' is a compact cultivar advertised as 3 to 5 feet tall and wide but mine have exceeded that! 'Snowflake' has larger flowers but also grows larger (5 to 8 feet).

Choosing a hydrangea to plant is not easy because there are so many beautiful ones. And don't forget that hydrangeas make great cut flowers and dry very beautifully as well. Have I talked you into planting one yet?

The Prayer List

Please check the Sunday bulletin and weekly email announcements for the list of those who have requested prayers.

Stump the Vicar

Q: In the bulletin for September 29, you referred to the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels as 'Michaelmas'. What does Michaelmas mean?

A: Michaelmas (pronounced MICKel-mus) is a contraction of the words Michael's Mass (Holy Eucharist) which is celebrated on September 29 to honor Michael the Archangel and all Angels.

Michael is an Archangel revered in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We find Michael and his angels in the Book of Revelation.



The Feast of St. Michael began to be celebrated informally around the 3rd Century A.D. and by the 5th Century A.D. was prescribed as a special feast day when a Basilica was dedicated to St. Michael by Pope Gregory. Originally, the feast day was celebrated on October 11th but eventually moved to September 29th.

England long observed Michaelmas with many special ceremonies and customs. The Michaelmas daisy, the *Aster* was named in the saint's honor, and village maidens gathered crab apples on his feast. These were carried home and put into a loft, and arranged to form the initials of their supposed lovers. The initials that were still perfect on old Michaelmas Day (October 11) were supposed to show where true love was. Another curious belief was that it was unlucky to gather blackberries after the feast of Saint Michael. Pious legend claimed that when Michael threw Satan to earth he landed

on a blackberry bush and cursed and spat fire on the bush. So, blackberries gathered on October 11th or after were thought to be bitter fruit.

Michaelmas was also one of the yearly financial quarters when rents and debts were due. The outstanding and most persistent custom connected with Michaelmas was the eating of a goose at dinner. This seems to have originated with the practice of presenting a goose to the landlord when paying the rent at Michaelmas. According to a sixteenth-century poet:

*And when the tenants come to pay their quarter's rent,
They bring some fowl at Midsummer, a dish of fish in Lent,
At Christmas a capon, at Michaelmas a goose
And somewhat else at New-year's tide,
for fear their lease fly loose.*

Eventually, Gabriel and Raphael and other angels were celebrated with St. Michael and the feast day was renamed St. Michael and All Angels.

Feast of St. Francis Celebrated Oct. 6

This year we are combining our Patronal Saint feast with Mass on the Grass and Pet Blessing. There will be **one Holy Eucharist service at 10:15 am.**

Weather permitting it will be held toward the Northeast part of the parking lot where there is ample level space on the grass for folding chairs and pets. We will cordon off the section of the parking lot adjacent for members who cannot traverse the grass.

Please bring all pets who can handle the comradery of other pets on a leash or in a cage. Please supply your own "doggie waste bags."

In case of inclement weather, worship and blessing of pets will be held inside.



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.

Fr. Al and Deacon Rebecca to Attend Clergy Conference

Fr. Al and Deacon Rebecca will be attending the Fall Diocesan Clergy Conference that will be held at the Marianist Retreat & Conference Center. The conference will begin in the afternoon on Tuesday, October 15 and conclude early afternoon on Thursday, October 17.

Fr. Al's office hours for that week will be Monday, October 14, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm,

and Tuesday October 15, 8:00 to 12:00 pm. There will be Morning Prayer at 8:30 am.

Please note the following changes in the weekly prayer offerings: There will be no Centering Prayer on Wednesday evening, October 16. There will be no Morning Prayer on Thursday, October 17. Staff meeting on Thursday has been cancelled as well. Fr. Al will be available via cell phone for pastoral emergencies.



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Chocolate Cheesecake Bars

Submitted by Arlene Underwood

CRUST:

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
3 Tbsp baking cocoa
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup cold unsalted butter, cubed
1 egg yolk (reserve white for filling)
1 tsp vanilla extract
12 cup finely chopped nuts (optional)

FILLING:

8 oz cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup sour cream
1 Tbsp flour
2 tsp grated orange (or lemon) zest
1/4 tsp salt

1 whole egg, lightly beaten
1 egg white, lightly beaten
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
Chocolate shavings or sprinkles (opt)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees; line an 11x7 pan with parchment paper, allowing it to overhang on short sides; grease paper
2. Combine flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Cut in butter until dough resembles fine crumbs.
3. Stir in egg yolk, vanilla, and nuts.

Filling:

1. Beat cream cheese until smooth.
2. Beat in sour cream, flour, zest, and

salt.

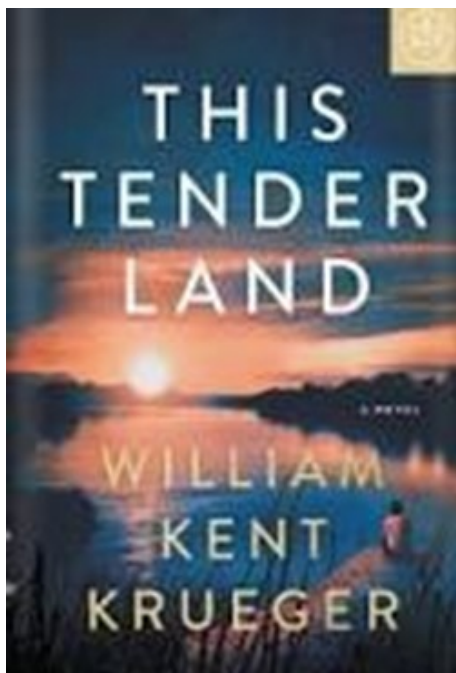
3. Beat in egg, egg white, and vanilla on low speed just until combined.
4. Spread filling evenly over warm crust.
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until center is almost set
6. Cool on wire rack for one hour.
7. Garnish with chocolate sprinkles/shavings. Refrigerate for several hours, then lift out of pan, remove paper, and cut into 1" or 2" cubes.



Book Group Meets Oct. 14

by Kathleen McDonald

St. Francis' Book Group will meet this month at 6:30 on Monday, October 14. In the past we've loved this author's plain style and tender stories. What sold the book choice for others of us was this recommendation from *Parade*: If you liked *Where the Crawdads Sing*, you'll love *This Tender Land*. The book is available from libraries, bookstores, and internet vendors in print and electronic formats.



This Tender Land from the bestselling author of **Ordinary Grace**. Minnesota, 1932—the Lincoln School is a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to an orphan named Odie O'Banion, a lively boy whose exploits earn him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee, he and his brother Albert, their best friend Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

Over the course of one unforgettable summer, these four orphans will journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling

farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, **This Tender Land** is an en-thralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole (from simonandschuster.com).

Upcoming titles include *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt (movie coming soon!) on November 11 and *Copperhead* by Alexi Zentner on January 20.

Funeral Eucharist for Jean Marie Jewson

from Fr. Al Jewson

Our planned trip to visit Dayna's brother Rick and his wife, Cindy was cancelled due to the sudden decline of my sister, Jean Marie for whom I am the guardian. Dayna and I were able to be with her much of the time during her final days keeping vigil at her bedside. Thank all of you who helped to make her funeral service and refreshment time wonderful. You are truly a giving and loving parish.

Centering Prayer: Quiet Time with God

Centering Prayer takes place at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays in the church. Our quiet time together will last about 20 minutes.

One of the goals of Centering Prayer is to be totally open to God: totally available, all the way down to that innermost point of your being; deeper than your thinking, feelings, memories, and desires.



By Caitlin Selle

St. Francis' Episcopal Church will be hosting our first-ever Trunk-or-Treat event this Halloween with stations to get candy, play games, and even warm-up inside with a hot drink! There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the community room, and we will need volunteers to give out candy, run various games, and help direct traffic. For more information, see the volunteer sign-up sheet or contact Caitlin Selle at caitlinselle@gmail.com.

Bishop's Committee Members

Herb Smith, Bishop's Warden
Donna Bernert, Junior Warden
Caitlin Selle, Clerk

Class of 2020

Paul Becker
Joe O'Reilly
Brenda Russell

Class of 2021

Mike Rohan
Barb Sacco
Bob Smith

Class of 2022

Sylvia Ahmad
Donna Bernert
Jackie Selle
Herb Smith

Delegates

Bob Schaefer (2020)
Max Starbuck (2021)
Michael Booker (2022); alternate

Nominations for the Diocese of Missouri

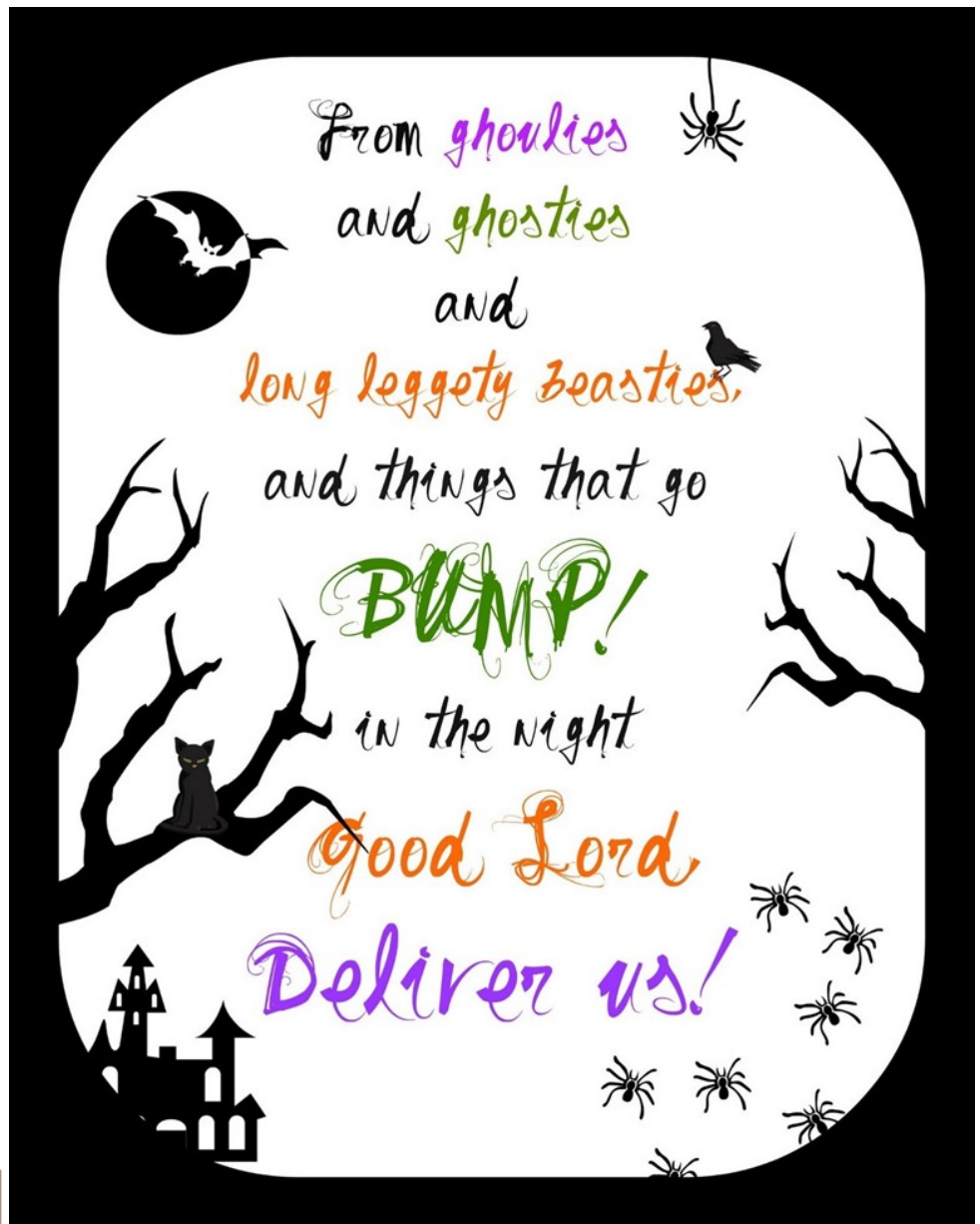
During the annual diocesan convention November 22 & 23 we will elect clergy and lay members to the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board, deputation to General Convention and Cathedral Chapter. Read more about these governance bodies at

www.diocesemo.org then click on the link to the Diocesan Convention **2019 Nominations Form** this year available as a fillable PDF (download, fill out on your computer and print) or plain PDF (print and fill out with a pen). St. Francis' Church has forms available for anyone wanting to nominate himself/herself, or another. Remember to ask the other person first prior to submitting a name. Nominations must be submitted by 5 pm on Thursday, October 3, 2019. **Resolutions** must be received by 5 pm on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

Do you have additional questions? Contact the Rev. Kevin McGrane, Chairperson of the Nominations and Election Procedures Committee, via nominations@diocesemo.org.

Volunteers Needed to Help Clean

Instead of having one cleaning day each month volunteers may sign up for any day in October on which they are available. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Simply sign up for a task, come in on the day you are available, and mark the date you completed your task. Thank you to those who have already helped!



Above: Halloween Prayer from the Scottish Prayer Book

Upcoming Dates for Women's Group Dinners



October 8 — Marsha Smith
November 12 — Linda Doolittle
December 10 — Donna Bernert

A Prayer for Evangelism

Almighty 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.

SEPTEMBER WEEKLY SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

2018	SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	2019
60	<i>Proper 17</i>	63
47	<i>Proper 18</i>	62
48	<i>Proper 19</i>	72
71	<i>Proper 20</i>	

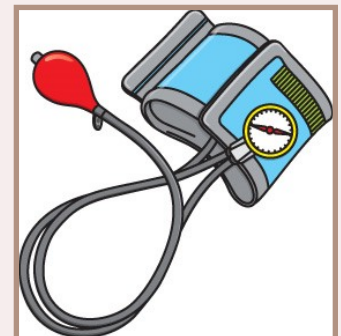
Calling all COOKS!

*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.*



Vitals Check

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



OCTOBER 2019 Worship Participants Schedule

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
Altar Guild	Jerry Smith	Linda Doolittle	Jeff Veenstra	Kathleen O'Reilly

Worship Participants for 8:00 a.m. Service

Acolyte		Amanda B-M	Tatum McCart	Lydia B-M
Lector/ Intercessor		Janet Houseman	Sheila McCart	Della Thompson
Announcements		Brenda Russell	Donna Bernert	Paul Becker

Worship Participants for 10:15 a.m. Service

Greeter	Mary Ann Kinder	Linda Doolittle	Doris Schaefer	Sue Schmidt
Usher	Chris Kinder	Rich Mayfield	Bob Smith	Michael Booker
Acolyte	Jerry Smith	Jeff Veenstra	Aundrea Bach	Katie Jones
Lectors	Jackie Selle Joe O'Reilly	Bob Schaefer Barb Sacco	Michael Booker Sue Schmidt	Paddy Wrob Kathleen O'Reilly
Intercessor	Kathleen McDonald	Paul Jokerst	Sally Hader	Bob Schaefer
Torch Bearers	Joe Bernert Donna Bernert	Laurie Dailey Jack Laules	Laurie Dailey Arlene Underwood	Paul Jokerst Jeff Veenstra
Eucharistic Ministers	Barb Sacco	Bob Schaefer	Kathleen McDonald	Suzanne Jones
Eucharistic Visitor	Paddy Wrob	Jeff Veenstra	Sally Hader	Paul Jokerst
Tellers	Joe O'Reilly Brenda Russell	Suzanne Jones Chris Kinder	Marsha Smith Bob Smith	Joe Bernert Rich Mayfield
Announcements	Sylvia Ahmad	Herb Smith	Max Starbuck	Jack Laules

October 2019



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		1 8:30 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Search Committee	2 1:30 pm Crafternooners 5:30 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm Tutoring	3 8:30 am Morning Prayer 1 pm Staff Meeting	4 10 am Bible Study 10 am Open OA	5 1 pm Mayfield-Fritz Wedding
6 NO 8am Worship 10:15 am Worship 11:45 am Adult Forum	7 5 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Worship & Music	8 8:30 am Morning Prayer 6:30 pm Women's Group	9 1:30 pm Crafternooners 5:30 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm Tutoring	10 8:30 am Morning Prayer 3:30 pm Chalice Mtg	11 10 am Bible Study 10 am Open OA	12
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