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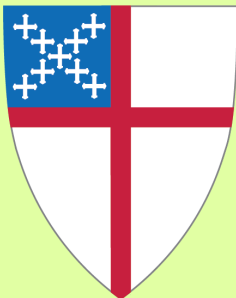
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### *The Chalice*

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## The Yard Machine

*by Father Al Jewson*

An avid gardener, I had long yearned for a gasoline-powered chipper/shredder. Our property has flower and perennial gardens and vegetable gardens and the oak and maple trees shed branches constantly, along with leaves in the fall. In addition, the shrub and garden debris had been piling up. When our friends, Ann and Wells, sold their home in St. Louis, Wells gave me his MTD Yard Machine chipper/shredder with a 5 horsepower Briggs and Stratton engine. One cannot imagine my delight in receiving this special gift from my friend.

Because the Yard Machine had been idle for a long period of time, I knew that a tune-up would be necessary; but I just could not resist the temptation to start it up. On the first clear day I got the machine out, checked the gas tank and oil, set the choke and then pulled the rope coil. Nothing! The coil wouldn't budge. Again I repeated the sequence, but still the Yard Machine sat frozen—not even a sputter. The coil was locked up. Disappointment rushed over me like a wave. My Yard Machine would

not work!

There is a lawn and garden repair shop close to our home, so I loaded my ailing yard machine on my trailer and took it to the shop. Upon arrival I explained to the repairman what had happened. He pulled the rope coil but it was still frozen. Then he lifted a chute door and, after peering into it, reached in and pulled out a small branch that was lodged inside. Then he pulled the rope and the engine turned over. "This is a direct drive motor" he said, "and the branch prevented the coil from turning."

Well, the Yard Machine stayed at the shop for a tune-up and I felt just a little foolish. I had read the manual, tried a couple of different things, but forgot to check the small details. I was concentrating on the big picture, shredding and mulching branches and other debris, but couldn't see the little thing in front of me.

Lent is a time set aside to look at the little things. We know the big picture. All of us have experienced the love of God through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. As Jesus' disciples we are kingdom people and through regular worship

within the Body of Christ, we are nourished and fortified by the Holy Spirit to go out and share the good news with other people. That's the big picture! But what about the little details, those seemingly minor things that we tend to gloss over?

Do I have a tendency to be critical or negative about other people and their ways? Am I gossiping? I remember a sign that hung in the office of another church: *Gossip: to discuss a problem with someone who is neither a part of the problem or the solution.* Such things can become habits and begin to permeate our lives. What about negative attitudes about others? What about holding onto bitter feelings about something that happened in the past? What about lying or swearing? Are these habits getting in the way of living my life in the Holy Spirit? Am I neglecting family and friends because it interferes with what I need (rather, want) to do? Do too many other events get in the way of Sunday worship? How healthy is my prayer life? Do I pray only at worship or just when I need something?

Prayer should flow through our daily lives placing us in the nearer presence of God. Ideal-

ly, time should be set aside each day for prayer, but on a day when that is not possible, “praying in the cracks” might be the only solution. To pray this way, find little spaces and make the best of each opportunity to lift heart and mind to God. Prayer also needs to be more than just asking for something from God. We have a tendency to pray for healing, forgiveness, and blessings; but often forget to pray in thanksgiving to God. Prayers of adoration and praise should also be a part of our prayer life. These prayers lift us up to the nearer presence of God.

***The Book of Common Prayer*** is wonderful source for prayer. From praying any part or all of the Daily Office (Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline) to Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families to Prayers and Thanksgivings a broad variety of ways to lift up heart and mind to God are offered. The Book Club, Adult Bible Study, and Centering Prayer are all opportunities offered to us throughout Lent.

Reading Holy Scripture is another source for the Christian to pay attention to the daily details of kingdom living. The bible should not only be read, but also, prayed. God speaks to us through these holy words. Each one of us should try to set some time

aside on a regular basis to read from the bible. Lent is an ideal time to begin this practice. Make an appointment with yourself to begin reading the bible for about 5 minutes three times a week. When this becomes manageable go to four times a week, etc. until you are reading the bible each day for about 5 minutes. Then begin to increase the time spent reading. During all of this, two things are important to remember: 1. take baby steps, and 2. when what you are reading jumps out at you, stop and pray with that word or verse.

God longs for us to live as God loved children. It takes our response to make that happen. As we grow spiritually into the presence of God those habits and sins that have crept into the daily detail of kingdom life begin to slip away. Reading God’s word and spending time in prayer are time proven ways to begin to live in the nearer presence of God. In all of this, take baby steps; don’t try to do it all at once. Do not berate yourself if you struggle in following your plan. Just ask God to guide you and start anew.

I am going to use the time offered in Lent to refresh and renew my spiritual life. How about you?

## Interreligious Dialogue

*from Michael Booker*

Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in San Diego, California, February 17-19, 2020, the representatives of the Episcopal-Presbyterian Bilateral Dialogue met and considered how the two ecclesial traditions could partner with each other considering the context of the 21st century Church.

Representing the Episcopal Church at the gathering were the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton (co-chair), the Rev. Canon Elise Johnstone (co-

vice chair), Dr. Michael Booker, Elizabeth Ring, and Richard Mammana, serving as staff liaison. Also included in the Dialogue was the Rev. Dr. Joseph Wolyniak and the Rev. Margaret Rose, serving as staff.

This was the second meeting of the Third Round of bilateral dialogues between the two ecclesial communions. The meeting was grounded in prayer, scripture, and song.

The representatives discussed at length how the two communions might, at some time in the future, look to a limited exchange of ministers, noting especially the good work that has been done in the Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) and the June 2017 CUIC liturgy where all CUIC members recognized the ministries of each member body, in light of the 2008 agreement between the two traditions. It was affirmed that there are practical differences in the denominations, but that as there are fewer young people who have knowledge of any Church body at all, the Episcopal Church and the PC(USA) are in a kairos moment of being able to work together to build up the body of Christ. Dialogue members also noted that ecumenical partnerships often occur at a grassroots, local level and the dialogue wishes to help those ecumenical partnerships to flourish. They affirmed that in whatever ways the two ecclesial communions would be working together, that partnerships would always work to break down oppressive, discriminatory barriers and look to all areas of partnership, but especially those lending themselves to such partnerships such as campus ministry, immigrant communities, rural communities, communities of color and multicultural, multiethnic communities.

The members of the dialogue will meet again September 16-18, 2020 hosted by the Episcopal Church.

### Discernment Team Members

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

# From the Archdeacon's Desk



*Left to right: Fr. Marek Bozek of St. Stanislaus Kostka Polish Catholic Church, Archdeacon Rebecca Barger, and Bishop-elect Deon Johnson*

**by Archdeacon Rebecca Barger**

YEP! That's me in the middle, between Fr. Marek Bozek of St. Stanislaus Kostka Polish Catholic Church, and Bishop-elect Deon Johnson! This photo was taken in January at a dry run for the Ordination and Consecration service for our 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Missouri upcoming in April.

Have you been keeping a close eye on our diocesan website for updates as details develop and are publicized for the events surrounding the Bishop transition? I strongly urge you to do so! There is a lot of positive energy and excitement around the diocese as we move closer to April 25. Bishop-elect Deon will officially start working on March 1. Below I've offered some brief highlights of upcoming events.

A Celebration Eucharist and Reception honoring Bishop Wayne Smith's ministry and leadership will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Christ Church Cathedral at 11:00 a.m.

All are invited to attend this special event; however you must register, so again watch for information through the website. This is a free event—the reception includes lunch, music and

special presentations.

Also, if you would like to make a donation to Bishop Smith's farewell gift, you can do so through a link on the website or send a check to Diocesan Offices. On a similar note, you can also make a donation to welcome Bishop-elect Deon. Use the same link and follow the prompts.

The ordination and consecration of Deon K. Johnson will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Polish Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m.

Yes, the rumor mill is correct this time—the seating at St. Stan's is limited to approximately 900 persons, and tickets are required. Again, details regarding this are forthcoming. The GOOD NEWS is that the service will be live-streamed through the website—similarly as was last Convention and Election. This opens up the possibility of holding a “watch party” here at St. Francis' in our very own Community Room. I know enough tech-savvy folks in our church who can help set this up. Bring food! Watch history unfold in the comforts of the Community Room! Let's have this conversation!

Who would like to take charge on this? It's your chance to shine. Let me know!

## The Holy Season of Lent

**by Father Al Jewson**

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.** With the imposition of ashes on our foreheads we are reminded that this life is only a transition from our birth to that larger and everlasting life with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days, but have you considered fasting throughout the Lenten Season? Fasting can mean: not eating between meals, eating one meal a day, eating two light meals a day, not eating meat, not consuming dairy products, not eating desserts, not drinking alcoholic beverages, etc. Fasting is a time honored spiritual discipline that is recommended for all who do not have a medical reason not to fast. Meatless Fridays are also a suggested practice during Lent.

You are encouraged to enter the Season of Lent with a purpose and plan in mind for your spiritual growth. Daily Scripture reading, participating in St. Francis' Church Lenten offerings, Bible study, praying the Daily Office, spiritual reading small group activities are all opportunities to deepen your spiritual life and grow positively in the Jesus Christ.

### Centering Prayer: Quiet Time with God

Centering Prayer takes place at 6:15 pm on Thursdays during Lent 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.*

## Lenten Weekdays

*Please note: weekday Lenten Services with Holy Eucharist will last approximately 45 minutes.  
All other services will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes*

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
February 26 at 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

Monday Evening Prayer w/Intercessions at 5:00 pm  
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Tuesday & Thursday Morning Prayer at 8:30 am  
February 27, March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, April 2, 7, 9

Thursday Centering Prayer at 6:15 pm  
February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

Thursday Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm  
February 27- Holy Eucharist, St. Matthias the Apostle (*transferred*)

March 5 – Holy Eucharist with Healing

March 12 – Holy Eucharist with Bible  
Study

March 19 – Holy Eucharist, Feast of St.  
Joseph

March 26 – Holy Eucharist, Annunciation  
of our Lord (*transferred*)

April 2 – Taizé Holy Eucharist

Friday Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm  
February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3





# Lenten Campaign of Kindness

**by Sue Schmidt and Linda Carter**

St. Francis' 2020 Lenten Campaign of Kindness is underway! Look for flyers in the Sunday bulletins explaining the upcoming week's collection focus. There will be a special "Campaign of Kindness" wagon located in the narthex to receive all donations. Please consider any or all of the ones we have chosen, and know that any donation will be used and appreciated.

**March 1st: Foot ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End**

As you know, we volunteer to feed the un-housed and under-housed the fifth Sunday of the month at Trinity. A lot of these people who come for our dinners have to walk everywhere, averaging about 5 miles a day. Trinity is giving out goody bags to help with their foot health. These bags will each contain toenail clippers, emery boards, travel size Gold Bond powder and lotion, and two pairs of white cotton sock. Any of these items would be great to help fill the bags.

**March 8th: Friends of St. Francis' Child Care** Our child care staff does an amazing job with the kids they care for. There is a lot of love, care and compassion for these children, but funds for supplies are not always what would be suitable for running this program. Kathy has suggested the following: construction paper, Play-Doh, glue sticks, school glue, markers, colored pencils, outdoor toys, small white boards, dry erase markers, and a classroom rug.

**March 15 and 22nd: Open Door Sanctuary**

This group does many things for both dogs and cats who are found living in hazardous conditions, found as strays, were surrendered by their owners, are injured or sick. They provide

low cost spay/neutering programs, vaccinations, and treatment of medical issues. Their goal is to find loving, adoptive homes for these animals.

On March 15 we will be inviting donations for dogs. The items requested are collars (both large and small), hard rubber toys, and Purina Dog food or Purina Puppy Chow.



On March 22 we will be focusing on the needs of the cats, which are cat toys, catnip, Purina Indoor Cat Chow, and Purina O.N.E. Kitten Food.

**March 29 and April 5th: Agape House** Agape serves many people in the St. Francis' area, with several of our church family serving as volunteers.

On the March 29 we will focus on personal care items. Since food stamps don't provide some of the needs of these families, items that would be helpful are: full size shampoo and conditioner, sanitary pads and tampons, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, and incontinence pads, such as Poise or Always.

On April 5 we will be collecting for babies. The much-needed items are: jars of baby food, baby snacks, baby cereals, baby wipes, formula, and diapers size 3 or larger.

Thank you for considering being a part of this unique outreach ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Carter or Sue Schmidt.



## Bishop's Committee Members

Jackie Selle, Bishop's Warden  
Donna Bernert, Jr. Warden  
Caitlin Selle, Clerk

### Class of 2021

Mike Rohan  
Barb Sacco  
Bob Smith

### Class of 2022

Sylvia Ahmad  
Donna Bernert  
Jackie Selle  
Herb Smith

### Class of 2023

Mary Ann Kinder  
Doris Schaefer  
Bill Thompson

### Delegates

Max Starbuck (2021)  
Paul Jokerst (2023)  
Michael Booker (2022),  
alternate

## March 2020 Clergy Schedules

**by Archdeacon Rebecca Barger**

March is turning out to be a busy month for Fr. Al Jewson and Archdeacon Rebecca. Here's the low-down of when they are out of the office or away on Sundays.

Archdeacon Rebecca will be attending the annual Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) 2020 Conference for Archdeacons and Archdeacon Directors in Jacksonville, FLA, Wednesday, March 4 through Sunday, March 8.

Both Fr. Al Jewson & Archdeacon Rebecca will be attending the spring Clergy Retreat Tuesday, March 17 through Thursday, March 19 at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center. Fr. Al will return to the church office following the retreat by mid to late afternoon. Thursday evening activities for March 19 will proceed as scheduled.

Archdeacon Rebecca will be away tending to Archdeacon duties on Sunday, March 22.

Lastly, please note that Fr. Al's day off (during the Season of Lent only) will move to Wednesdays to accommodate the Lenten Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.



## Friends of St. Francis

**by Kathy Regnier**

February at Friends of St. Francis was filled with lots of LOVE! The children had a Valentine Party where they distributed cards of love and friendship. They designed and decorated crafts and pictures.

The kids learned about Groundhog and President's Days.

The children learned their nursery rhymes in February, and their favorite was Ba, Ba, Blacksheep.

March will roar right in like a lion

with St. Patrick's Day around the corner. We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday and National Pi Day. Stay tuned for the fun updates!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who help us keep going every day. You are all wonderful at preparing lunches and helping us with the kiddos in the classroom. Every little bit helps and makes a huge difference to our teachers.



## Cleaning Services Scheduled

The Bishop's Committee has approved a contract with Pinnacle Plus Cleaning Service. Starting March 2, Debbie from Pinnacle Plus will be here each Monday to clean. During the week please remember to pick up after yourself.



## St. Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

# Stump the Vicar

By Father Al Jewson

## What is Laetare Sunday?

The Latin word "Laetare" comes from the opening sentence of the Introit *Entrance* Antiphon sung by the choir at the beginning of worship on the fourth Sunday in Lent. "Laetare, Jerusalem" comes from Isaiah 66: 10-11. The first line of antiphon reads: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice you that that have been filled with sorrow".

It roughly marks the half-way point in Lent, so in anticipation of Easter, we are called to rejoice that the Solemnity of Easter is close! Flowers are not supposed to adorn the altar or other parts of the church during Lent; however, flowers can adorn the altar on this Sunday and the clergy may wear rose colored rather than purple

or other penitential vestments at worship services.

Are there special things families and others can do to mark this day? Going out or inviting friends over for Sunday brunch or planting a rose bush might be a good tradition to start.

## Garden Talk

by Marsha Smith

If your garden is a bit humdrum this time of year, consider some ways to make it more interesting next winter. A number of things can be done to add some winter interest to your garden.

One approach is to include shrubs that have berries in the winter. For example, *Ilex verticillata*, commonly called winterberry, is a deciduous holly (loses its leaves in the winter) so its brilliant red berries really stand out and often last through much of the



winter - unless the birds eat them. The good news is that deer will not eat this shrub. Winterberry is dioecious so each plant produces only male or only female flowers. In order to get berries, both a male and female shrub should be planted. One male plant will pollinate many female shrubs. Winterberry prefers sunny locations and can grow to be as much as 12 feet tall. It is a slow grower though and can easily be pruned to keep it much smaller.

Another way to add interest to your winter garden is by adding unusual shapes such as a shrub called Harry Lauders Walking Stick with contorted branches or a red-twig or yellow-twig dogwood. The red-twig dogwood stands out against the snow with its red straight branches. It should be pruned every couple of years as better color is shown on young shoots.

False cypress shrubs (which we have in the Memorial Garden) add color to the winter garden with their golden yellow foliage, and they maintain their color year-round. Of course, other evergreens such as evergreen hollies, mugo pines and nested spruces add color to the winterscape. Topiaries are particularly great in the winter landscape, especially when covered with snow.

Leaving ornamental grasses stand throughout the winter and also seed-heads of perennials such as Autumn Joy sedum not only leaves seeds for birds but also add additional structure to your garden throughout the winter.

## 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!

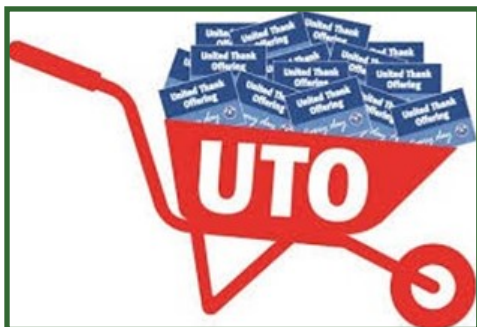


# UTO Ingathering

by Kathleen McDonald

This year's ingathering of thank-offerings took place the weekend after the **Chalice** articles due date. In the April **Chalice** we can let you know our total counted offerings from grateful parishioners.

In the meantime, this graphic is a perfect picture of our measure of



gratitude. Member have shared some of their blessings that motivated their offerings:

- ♦ A few sunny days hidden amidst many long gray days of gloomy gray, wet, and cold.
- ♦ Progress in the excellent work of our Discernment Committee to attract good candidates to be our new vicar.
- ♦ A perfect pie crust
- ♦ A cheerful meeting
- ♦ Enough money in the family vacation fund
- ♦ Enough parent time off in the family vacation fund
- ♦ ASA increased by adorable babies, toddlers, and preschoolers
- ♦ Teeny tiny green shoots of the bulbs we planted last fall

Remember, you can fill a blue box for UTO all any time of year. Grace abounds!



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## Save the Date for Tea

by Sue Schmidt

On Saturday, May 2, St. Francis will hold its first annual High Tea. Save this date, find your best hat, and come join us for an afternoon of tea and special goodies. Bring your moms, daughters, friends, and enjoy our St Fran celebration of Spring.

I will have a tub in the community room to collect any items we can use for this event---tea cups and saucers, teapots, pretty plates, etc. If you want to donate them for us to use every year, we will store them. If they are on loan, we will carefully use them and return to you.

More details will follow--looking forward to a lovely time with all the ladies!

## Discernment Team Update

by Paul Jokerst

The Discernment Committee (aka: Search Committee) is happy to inform the congregation that the advertisement for our new vicar has officially been posted. Upon receiving approval from the Bishop's Com-

mittee, the Discernment Committee submitted all documents to the Office of Transitional Ministry, who gave their final approval and posted the advertisement for our new vicar.

Applications will be accepted until April 30 at which time the Diocese will conduct a prescreening of the applicants before forwarding them to our committee. This is a standard practice conducted by the Officer of Transitional Ministry working closely with the Bishop's Office. Once we can better put together a timeline from April forward, we will let the congregation know.

Not only would I like to take this moment to thank our Discernment Committee for their hard work and dedication, I would also like to thank the Interim Canon to the Ordinary, Rev. Doris Westfall. Not only has she been very helpful thus far throughout this process, she is also currently working with fourteen other congregations to help with their transition. In other words, she is extremely busy. I would also like to thank Jackie Selle for her hard work serving as secretary for our committee. However, with her recent appointment as Bishop's Warden, she is no longer able to serve on our committee. We have gotten as far as we have thanks to her handwork, dedication, and desire to ensure we call the best possible vicar we can. She will be missed by our committee, but we know she will serve us well in her new capacity. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the committee voted to appoint current member Marsha Smith as our new Secretary. Congratulations Marsha....or maybe....sorry!





## Women's Group

by Kathleen McDonald

The St. Francis Women's Group will hold its March dinner at the Craft Restaurant in Wildwood on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m.

These dinners are open to all of St. Francis' women and any of their invited friends and family. It's a great opportunity to get to know one another and to catch up on our outside-church lives. All that's necessary is your presence. If you enjoy cooking or purchasing your favorite snack, bring it along.

Mark your calendar! The Women's Group Dinner is scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. Here is the schedule of dates and hostesses for the coming year. If you would like to host one of these pot-luck events in August or November, please contact Sue Schmidt.

- ♦ April 14 Linda Doolittle
- ♦ May 12 Sue Schmidt
- ♦ June 9 Linda Carter
- ♦ July 14 Marsha Smith
- ♦ August 11 Open to Hostess
- ♦ September 8 Barb Sacco
- ♦ October 13 Mary Anne Kinder
- ♦ November 10 Open to Hostess
- ♦ December 8 Donna Bernert

## Book Group

by Kathleen McDonald

St. Francis' Book Club has recently returned to a monthly format. We continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 in the Community Room. One-time visitors, occasional participants, and every-month-like clockwork are all welcomed warmly. We have diverse opinions on the books chosen and their themes, and all voices are invited to share their opinions and their experiences as they tie to the books' characters or themes.

This month the Book Group will meet on Monday, March 9th, at 6:30

p.m. March's selection is *Homer's Odyssey: How I Learned about Love and Life from a Blind Wonder Cat* by Gwen Cooper.

A pet rescue volunteer and literacy outreach coordinator describes her relationship with a three-pound blind cat whose daredevil character and affectionate personality saw the author through six moves, a burglary, and the healing of her broken heart. Publisher's Weekly says, "...this tender and affecting book reveals Homer's lessons about love and acceptance — and how he transformed Cooper into the woman she had always wanted to be."

This book is available on a limited basis from St. Louis County Library. There are many new and used copies available through amazon.com.



In April we will meet on Monday, April 13 (Easter Monday) at 6:30. April's selection is

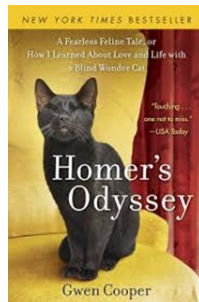
*Pioneers* by David McCullough

Book Club regular

Donna Bernert suggested this book as something completely different and really worth reading and talking about. Historian and popular author David McCullough uses the diaries and letters of early American settlers in the Northwest Territories.

These early Americans brought with them the values of their new country, ensuring the continuation of three factors that saw us through the Civil War and continue into the twenty-first century: freedom of religion, free universal education, and prohibition of slavery.

This book is available in several different formats from St. Louis County Library and also from amazon.com.



## Highlights of February BC Meeting

The Bishop's Committee held their monthly meeting on February 16. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Friends of St. Francis Child Care passed fire inspection and continues to work with the Special School District to connect families with resources.
- Tracey Oswald reported that we are now using the appropriate software and record-keeping practices for a non-profit organization.
- Donna Bernert has researched cleaning companies and shared information about services and costs.
- Mike Rohan updated the committee on progress made by the Discernment Committee toward advertising the position of vicar at St. Francis.
- A Grounds Fund was established to maintain landscaping and grounds maintenance.
- The committee planned its annual retreat for Saturday, April 4.
- Donna Bernert presented information about establishing an LGBTQ+ group at St. Francis.



## WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

2019	SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	2020
75	4th Sunday after the Epiphany	75
0	5th Sunday after the Epiphany (cancelled due to weather)	63
66	6th Sunday after the Epiphany	77
73	The Transfiguration	62

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



## March 2020 Worship Participants Schedule

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Altar Guild	Sue Schmidt	Jeff Veenstra	Kathleen O'Reilly	Jerry Smith	Doris Schaefer

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

Acolyte	Tatum McCart	Amanda B-M	NOT FILLED	Lydia B-M	NOT FILLED
Lector/ Intercessor	Sheila McCart	Janet Houseman	Jackie Selle	Tracey Oswald	Janet Houseman

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

Greeter	Sue Schmidt	Linda Doolittle	Doris Schaefer	Sue Schmidt	Mary Ann Kinder
Usher	Bob Smith	Bob Smith	Chris Kinder	Michael Booker	Joe Bernert
Acolyte	Jerry Smith	Rich Mayfield	Paul Jokerst	Katie Jones	Jeff Veenstra
Lectors	Paul Jokerst Kathleen O'Reilly	Sue Schmidt Michael Booker	Bob Schaefer Paul Jokerst	Paddy Wrob Bob Smith	Paul Jokerst Sally Hader
Intercessor	Kathleen McDonald	Paddy Wrob	Sue Schmidt	Kathleen O'Reilly	Barb Sacco
Eucharistic Minister	Barb Sacco	Mary Ann Kinder	Marsha Smith	Kaleik Jokerst Kathleen McDonald	Bob Schaefer
Eucharistic Visitor	Tracey Oswald	Jeff Veenstra	Paul Jokerst	Paddy Wrob	Tracey Oswald
Tellers	Chris Kinder Joe O'Reilly	Joe Bernert Suzanne Jones	Brenda Russell Bob Smith	Rich Mayfield Joe O'Reilly	Marsha Smith Arlene Underwood





# March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>First Sunday in Lent</b> 8am Worship 10:15 Worship Adult Forum: Vicar's Forum	<b>2</b> 5 pm Evening Prayer	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm Crafters 6:30 pm Tutoring  Archdeacon Rebecca away at National Deacon's Conference	<b>5</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Holy Eucharist  Archdeacon Rebecca away at National Deacon's Conference	<b>6</b> 10 am Bible Study 10 am Open OA Mtg  7 pm Stations of the Cross  Archdeacon Rebecca	<b>7</b> Archdeacon Rebecca away at National Deacon's Conference
<b>8</b> <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> 8am Worship 10:15 Worship Adult Forum: Lent and the Exodus, Part 1 Archdeacon Rebecca away at National Deacon's Conference Daylight Savings Begins	<b>9</b> 5 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Book Group	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer  6:30 pm Women's Dinner (Craft Restaurant in Wildwood)	<b>11</b> 1:30 pm Crafters  6:30 pm Tutoring	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer 3:30 pm Chalice Meeting  6:15 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>13</b> 10 am Bible Study 10 am Open OA Mtg  7 pm Stations of the Cross	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8am Worship 10:15 Worship Adult Forum: Lent and the Exodus, Part 2  1 pm Bishop's Committee  Pot Luck Sunday	<b>16</b> 5 pm Evening Prayer  6 pm Worship and Music Plans Holy Week	<b>17</b> St. Patrick  Father Al and Deacon Rebecca away at Clergy Conference	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm Crafters  6:30 pm Tutoring  Father Al and Deacon Rebecca away at Clergy Conference	<b>19</b> No Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Holy Eucharist  Clergy Conference ends at 12 noon	<b>20</b> 10 am Bible Study 10 am Open OA Mtg  7 pm Stations of the Cross  Chalice Deadline	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Fourth Sunday Laetare in Lent</b> 8am Worship 10:15 Worship Adult Forum: Lent and the Exodus, Part 3	<b>23</b> 5 pm Evening Prayer Archdeacon Rebecca Away	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer	<b>25</b> 1:30 pm Crafters  6:30 pm Tutoring  The Annunciation of our Lord	<b>26</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer 1 pm Marketing and Communications Mtg  6:15 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>27</b> 10 am Bible Study 10 am Open OA Mtg  7 pm Stations of the Cross	<b>28</b> Celebration Eucharist for Bishop Smith (Registration Required)
<b>29</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 8am Worship 10:15 Worship Adult Forum: Lent and the Exodus, Part 4  Trinity Hot Lunch	<b>30</b> 5 pm Evening Prayer	<b>31</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer				