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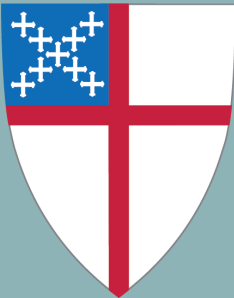
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# The Chalice

## Like Dust in the Wind

by Father Al Jewson

On the return trip home from a vacation in Door County, Wisconsin, our son Joe and his family spent a week with us. Concerned about our ages and health they insisted on all of us wearing face masks, practicing social distancing, and all the variables that go along with the current pandemic situation in our country. We enjoyed their company and our discussions; however, it saddened me that Dayna and I were not able to hug our grandchildren during their stay with us. Oh ultimately, we will be able to enjoy their company without restriction and both us are grateful for their love and concern for our health.

After they left the words of the 1977 hit song by Kansas, "Dust in the Wind" kept playing in my mind and has continued unabated:

*Dust in the wind*  
*All we are is dust in the wind*  
Initially, my own mortality confronted me, and the words of God to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:19 came to mind, "You are dust and to dust you shall return."

*Now don't hang on*



*Nothing lasts forever but the  
earth and sky*

*It slips away  
And all your money won't an-  
other minute buy*

*Dust in the wind*  
*All we are is dust in the wind*

The thought of my own death does not make me despondent; however, I do prefer to focus on what life lies ahead for me rather than what will lie on top of me.

The song begins with the following:

*I close my eyes  
Only for a moment, and the  
moment's gone  
All my dreams  
Pass before my eyes, a curiosi-  
ty*

*Dust in the wind*

*All they are is dust in the wind*

Throughout our lives most of our plans, our hopes, and dreams have had to change because of circumstances in which we found ourselves with family members, social conditions, employment circumstances, our own health and that of family members. In this sense they become dust in the wind. On the other hand, change brings about a possibility of growth and development. In some ways our plans are like dust in the wind. The circumstances in which we find ourselves are often like the blink of an eye. So many dreams and plans that I have had for my own life have changed time and again, and I

do not believe I am alone in this. What we must continue to remember is that God loves each of us above all else, and it is only when we put our whole trust in God that the dust moves gently away. Too many times we begin with trusting God and then turn to trusting only ourselves. The better and safer way is to trust God and utilize the gifts and talents God has given each of us as we continue through life.

Over and above "Dust in the Wind", there is another song we should remember, and it is in our own hymnal: "If thou but trust in God to guide thee" (The Hymnal 1982, 635.)

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways, he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.*

*Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that naught can move. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully, and trust his word, though undeserving; thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.*

Stay safe and remember to write your plans for the future in pencil and give the eraser to God.



## Tree carving scheduled for September

**by Marsha Smith**

The tree stump at the corner of Howerton and Rockwood Arbor Drive will soon be carved into the likeness of St. Francis along with his animal friends. St. Francis will be about seven feet tall standing on a base of about two and a half feet. "St. Francis Welcomes You" will be carved on the base of the sculpture. The face of St. Francis will be in full view as one drives by the church along Rockwood Arbor Drive toward Howerton.

The carver is Ryan Meyer with The Wood Den located in Festus, Missouri. The carving is scheduled for September with the exact date dependent upon the weather, of course.

Thank you to all the donors that have contributed to the tree carving project. We are still accepting donations for the project so if you are interested in contributing, make a check out to St. Francis Episcopal Church with "tree carving" on the memo line and mail it to church.

## Stump the Vicar

*Q: On Sundays we recite the Nicene Creed and say: "We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church."*

*Why do we say that we believe in the Catholic Church?*



The word, "catholic" means "universal" and is the proper description for the Church founded by Jesus Christ and birthed by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. After the Reformation the Church of Rome used this word more and more to describe itself, and as a result, the reformed churches began to shy away from this word in their creeds. For instance, the Lutheran Church replaced the word "catholic" with "Christian". Those of us who are part of the Anglican Communion continue to use the word "catholic" because it more appropriately describes the universality of the Church. All Christian Church that profess the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, including the Roman Catholic Church, are part of the Church universal.

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### Episcopal City Mission

Join Episcopal City Mission on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm. for a virtual Moment in Time Gala and Auction.

Guests will enjoy a fun evening of live and silent auctions, raffles and much more! Proceeds will directly benefit ECM's mission to provide hope and healing for children in the juvenile justice system.

For more information, contact the ECM Executive Director, Beth Goad at [ecmdirectorstl@gmail.com](mailto:ecmdirectorstl@gmail.com).



## Garden Talk: Sunflowers

by Marsha Smith

At this time of year when many flowers are starting to fade, sunflowers are on beautiful display in the garden. I grow them for their cheery blooms and because the bees and birds are also big fans; bees go for the nectar and pollen and the cardinals and other birds voraciously eat the seeds.

There are many varieties of sunflower seed available, so you can grow sunflowers that are only 16 inches tall like the bright yellow "Elf" sunflower with a classic look to sunflowers that are 12 feet tall like "Mammoth." The two main types of sunflowers are branching and single stem. Branching varieties produce more flowers for a longer period of time and they have smaller stems. Single stem varieties have larger, stronger stems but produce only one flower per plant. The branching varieties have a wider range of colors: yellow, red, chocolate, bronze and bi-colors. Most of the sunflowers grown in gardens are annuals, and they grow best if they are direct sowed in late April or May. Sunflowers require full sun (at least six hours of sun each day) and well-drained soil. They are very easy to grow. It is fun to watch the immature flowers turn to follow the sun each day. When the flowers are mature, they stop following the sun and usually face east.

Sunflowers have a long and interesting history; they have been grown for thousands of years in the Midwest dating back to the time of the Cahokia mound builders. Sunflowers were cultivated by Native Americans in the Southwest and used for medicine, fiber, seeds, and oil. During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, sunflowers were taken to Europe by explorers. In Russia during the 1800s, most oily foods were banned during Lent by the Orthodox Church but sunflower was not on the



banned list. So the Russian people were interested in sunflowers as a source of seed oil. Russian scientists worked to breed a sunflower that was significantly higher in oil content and was disease resistant.

In the 1960s commercial growing of sunflowers in the U.S. took off due to the demand for sunflower oil. In the United States, about two million acres of sunflowers are grown each year. North Dakota has the largest acreage of sunflowers followed by South Dakota. Sunflower seeds are about 40 percent oil by weight and are rich in vitamins, proteins, and minerals. Of course, in addition to being used for their oil, sunflowers are also grown for bird seed.

So in addition to purchasing bird seed next year, consider growing some sunflowers and feed the birds and the bees!

## In-person worship scheduled to resume September 20

Plans are currently being finalized for resuming in-person worship services beginning September 20. While final details are still being worked out, the plan is to have a service with Holy Eucharist on Sundays and Wednesdays. More information will be available soon with details about how to begin gathering again while observing safety guidelines.

On September 6 adult forum will resume as Michael Booker shares "How we Got the Bible." Please log in to our Zoom service at 9:30 to participate in the adult forum. It will be great to be together again and to begin learning in our adult forums.



### 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.

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 am Morning Prayer	2 8:30 am Morning Prayer	3 8:30 am Morning Prayer	4 8:30 am Morning Prayer  10 am Bible Study via Zoom	5
	6 10:15 am Holy Eucharist (Live- streamed on FB) <b>The 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	7 8:30 am Morning Prayer	8 8:30 am Morning Prayer	9 8:30 am Morning Prayer	10 8:30 am Morning Prayer	11 8:30 am Morning Prayer  10 am Bible Study via Zoom
12	13 10:15 am Holy Eucharist (Live- streamed on FB) <b>The 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	14 8:30 am Morning Prayer  <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	15 8:30 am Morning Prayer	16 8:30 am Morning Prayer	17 8:30 am Morning Prayer	18 8:30 am Morning Prayer  10 am Bible Study via Zoom
19	20 10:15 am Holy Eucharist (Live- streamed on FB) and in-person <b>The 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>Chalice Deadline</i>	21 8:30 am Morning Prayer  <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	22 8:30 am Morning Prayer	23 8:30 am Morning Prayer  7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	24 8:30 am Morning Prayer	25 8:30 am Morning Prayer  10 am Bible Study via Zoom
26	27 10:15 am Holy Eucharist (Live- streamed on FB) and in-person <b>The 17th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	28 8:30 am Morning Prayer	29 8:30 am Morning Prayer  <i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>	30 8:30 am Morning Prayer  7:00 pm Holy Eucharist		