

# St. Thomas Church

January 10, 2021

8 a.m.

First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of our Lord



## Epiphany Blessing:

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,**

**we worship thee,**

**we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,**

**receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;**

**thou only art the Lord;**

**thou only, O Christ,**

**with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.      *People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

    ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;**  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
    the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;**  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
    the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
    the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
    the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe**  
**and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the Lord  
    all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE: Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Fr. Ralph Osborne

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**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially \_\_\_\_\_], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [\_\_\_\_\_ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFESSiON OF SIN

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter**

**serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**THE PEACE**    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                  **And with thy spirit.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.

*People*            **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*            **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant  
and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION

see end of bulletin

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION** - In the medieval western church, a common practice was “ocular communion” or communing visually with Jesus in the Sacrament. This was done, for a variety of reasons, most of the congregation would reverence the Sacrament in place of physically receiving it. It is similar to what we do when we do Adoration and Benediction at the Eucharistic Festival or the Vigil before the Sacrament many of us keep Maundy Thursday. During this time of physical distancing when we are not able to gather in community to share in the Eucharist we invite you to visually contemplate and commune with Jesus in the Sacramental Bread. Here are a couple of prayers to assist you.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(Alphonse Liguori)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(Prayer Book for the Armed Services)

# Announcements

Office Hours – The office hours are Monday – Friday from 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Communion is available on Wednesdays between 1-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please call the office, 920-725-5601 to reserve a time.

Pledge Boxes – They are available to be picked up during office hours. They are located by the office.

**Coffee Hour Invite** - Many have been missing coffee hour. We cannot meet physically in person, but through Zoom, we can meet digitally in person! So for the next few weeks at a minimum, we will gather for coffee hour at 11:15 on Sunday mornings after church. You can find the link in the weekly email that includes the Sunday morning bulletins and you will also be able to find and click the link on 'Important Information' section of our website. Look for 'Quick Links'. Please join us!

**Do you have new contact info** – If so, please email or call Sandie with your information, and she will put it in the directory. If you would like an updated directory emailed to you, please email Sandie at [sandieumland@gmail.com](mailto:sandieumland@gmail.com) or call her at the office, 920-725-5601.

**Faithful Innovation** – A few members of St. Thomas as well as other Parishioners from our Diocese are participating in a process called Faithful Innovation. We will be meeting three times over the next few months to participate in a learning Community. (A learning community is a group of congregations who commit to one another in a nine month learning experience. Through prayer, skill-building, action and reflection they address pressing questions about the future.) One of our first assignments is called "Dwelling in the Word." Dwelling in the word is an ancient way of reading scripture. It's a way of "spiritually submitting to the text" as one way God speaks to us. Please join us in reading, and re-reading Acts 16:6-15: Which tells the story of the apostle Paul being redirected by the Holy Spirit to move from one direction of ministry to another; and with the added bonus of learning the results of that new ministry. You can pick up a copy of the reading at the front or back of the church or read it on your own. More will follow as we embark on this journey together.

Your Faithful Innovation team: Fr. Ralph, Fr. Aran, Lisa Ueda, Anne Peterson, Jeanna Werbeckes, David Morton, Rob Prehn and Mike Land

**Lent Madness** – Lent Madness booklets are in. They are in the office. There is also a copy of the bracket sheet. Brackets are due back to Karen Powers by Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Voting begins on "Ash Thursday" the 18<sup>th</sup>. Fee to enter is \$10. With that, you receive the booklet, the extra bracket, and the ability to participate. If you have any questions, please call Karen Powers at 920-379-8239.

Annual Meeting Postponed - Due to the necessary restrictions on gathering together, the St. Thomas vestry have decided to postpone the Annual Meeting (which typically takes place in late January) until such a time when we can all gather safely. Please continue to keep your vestry in your prayers.



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**stthomaswi.com**

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### **Youth Ministry (WWW.STYG.COM)**

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (6-12 gr.) – Hello friends . . . grace and peace! As we dive into what would normally be our Fall Schedule, we want to let you know that Sunday Youth Group will not be taking place until we have a typical amount of people in the building on Sunday mornings. We hope and pray that will be soon but we obviously want to be patient and safe with our decisions during this time. Thanks for understanding!

**D-Groups = Community** – D-Groups will gather every Wednesday in January on Zoom, due to the alarming numbers of COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Please stay safe everyone. We will of course keep students and parents updated via email, texts, snaps, messages, and more. [www.styg.com/d-groups](http://www.styg.com/d-groups)





**FILM SCHOOL?** - Normally, this is the time of year when we are in the midst of a whole new slate of films for our Sunday morning spiritual formation class for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. However, Film School will be on a break until we have a typical amount of people back in the building on Sunday mornings. Stay updated by checking out [www.styg.com/filmschool](http://www.styg.com/filmschool)

**College Student Care Packages** - The word “typically” doesn’t really apply during this time of COVID. But none of us want to neglect one of the largest outreach projects we do as a St. Thomas family. But this year, it’s going to have to look a little different! On **Sunday, February 7**, the Care Packages will be put together. So, between Monday, January 4 and Friday, February 5, you are invited to drop off at, or have shipped to, non-perishable goodies that you know the 18-23 year old crowd will enjoy (no cans, and no liquids). Granola bars, cookies, candies, travel sized bathroom items, etc. Gift cards are wonderful as well. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, if you could write a couple sentences (no more than 2 or 3) of blessing, love, grace, peace, on a small piece of paper, we will photocopy it and place one in each box. Potentially, each young adult will get dozens of notes from their St. Thomas family (as well as lots of goodies). We hope you’ll participate! Items can be dropped off Monday-Friday between 9:30AM-1:30PM. Please wear a mask when you enter the building. THANK YOU!! ☺



**Summer Camp** - The Diocese of Fond du Lac has made no announcement about the status of our Diocesan Summer Camp in 2021 and may not until much later than normal. Be watching the Diocesan Camp website [www.diofdl.org/camp](http://www.diofdl.org/camp) for details and announcements. AND PRAY!!!

## **Pastoral Care**

**Specialized Pastoral Counseling at St. Thomas** - Fr. John Peterson is available for virtual counseling at St. Thomas. It will take place by phone or video. This counseling is specialized in that it will meet the need of anyone looking to be able to clear and optimize the way their mind works. It is fast and effective with many of life’s problems including anxiety, depression, grief, low self-esteem, relationship issues, substance abuse, obsessions, compulsions, anger, resentment and self-destructive behaviors. When a person has a problem or an issue that needs to be addressed there are two ways to approach it. One way is “outward” when one aims at changing the outward circumstances. Another way is “inward” when one aims to change how one perceives the situation in their mind. It is this second way, the “renewing of the mind” that is the pathway used for this healing. During these stressful and uncertain times, I want to offer you an audio exercise presented by Jon Connelly, my teacher and mentor in Rapid Resolution Therapy entitled “Ease Your Mind & Raise Your Immunity – Accelerate

Healing & Relieve Anxiety.” E-mail me at [Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net](mailto:Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net) and request it. You will be blessed by it.

**FREEDOM FROM WORRY** - In Chapter 6 of Matthew Jesus tells us not to be anxious or worry. Are you finding yourself worrying about many things during this time of the pandemic? We should have concerns and it is necessary for us to take appropriate actions to benefit and protect ourselves and others. But are you worrying about things over which you have no control? Are you worrying about things for which there is no action you can take to change the situation? Worry in itself cannot fix anything but it CAN cause harm. Worry can have physical and emotional effects for the worrier and damaging effects for those around him/her. Worry can cause a lack of energy and time to do those things we can and should do. When you are ready to be FREE from WORRY request my **FREEDOM FROM WORRY** Podcast at [Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net](mailto:Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net).

## **Outreach/Missions**



**Scrip Program:** *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries and bringing our mission partners here).*

Office hours are 9:30-1:30 p.m. Please call the office at 920-725-5601 or email Sandie at [sandieumland@gmail.com](mailto:sandieumland@gmail.com) with your order. We will get your order together and put on the table, right outside the office. Please leave your payment in an envelope on the table **OR we can also deliver your scrips to you.** Just let us know when you email or call that you would like them to be delivered. If you need to order certain ones that we don't have in stock, let Sandie know by Monday morning and she can order them. These special orders will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.

Scrip cards from the following merchants are typically in-stock for immediate pick up: Amazon, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cheddars, Chipotle Mexican Grille, Festival Foods, IHOP, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Longhorn, Meijer, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's, P.F. Chang's, Piggly Wiggly, Roundys, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. In addition, **Scrip cards can also be ordered for over 500 of the country's biggest brands.** Scrip cards that are special ordered on Sunday mornings will be available to pick-up the following Sunday. Scrip cards can be purchased in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, and weekdays in the church office during normal office hours.

# MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JANUARY 2021

## REVS. ALLEN & RACHEL HILL: [www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html](http://www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html)

Praise God for:

- Allen defending his thesis and becoming the Rev. Dr. Allen Hill on Nov. 23, 2020 even while weak from a bout of COVID-19

Prayer Requests:

- For Rachel as she steps back from ministry for at least the next 6 months to take care of the family's educational, emotional and physical well-being.
- For grace to deal with isolation from friends, online schooling, lack of organized sporting activities, high anxiety and challenges associated with ADHD
- For healing where our hearts have been wounded and protection from evil
- For improved health and new ministry opportunities for Rachel's parents, Bishop Bill and Judith Godfrey

## DOUBLE PORTION: [www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com](http://www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com)

Praise God for:

- Donations of food and money for our pantry and meal site from church friends and the community

Prayer Requests:

- For those around us who are ill
- For the healing of our country of all health problems

## MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH: [www.mmhpp.org](http://www.mmhpp.org)

Praise God for:

- His provision for our children and His protection and care since COVID-19
- The staff who have worked tirelessly to see our children are in a good environment
- The reopening of the Medical Clinic following recovery of staff from COVID-19.

Prayer Requests:

- For Kenya as COVID-19 issues are rising at a high speed
- For the students returning to classes on January 4th
- For Mothers' Union Leaders who have been working tirelessly for the welfare of MMH

## BETSY HAKE – JERICHO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS: [www.settingthecaptivesfree.org](http://www.settingthecaptivesfree.org)

Praise God for:

- Reaching our matching grant above and beyond the goal
- The formation of a little band of prayer Warriors praying twice daily
- The upcoming graduation of some of our children & the ability to keep our school open despite COVID
- For Miriam, Elvia's daughter, who will be making a masterplan for the Villa property

Prayer Requests:

- For Elvia's sister's family whose 37- year old son died suddenly of a heart attack

**The following anniversaries** of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021**

**BIRTHDAYS**

10 Chris Lauderdale  
Jim Varner  
Annabel Byram  
11 Sue Deitrich  
12 Joshua Coopman  
Elijah Coopman  
13 Jayme Olson  
Emma Walker  
15 Wendy Krull  
16 Rick Priebe  
Mary Hamby

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

15 Jack and Katherine Carstens

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

12 Erma Mae Dean  
13 Charles Morton  
14 Viola Lorence  
15 Sallie Pleasants  
Marjorie Young  
Giles Woolf  
Judy Hendrickson

**MISSION PARTNER LINKS**

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/  
St. Patrick's Church  
Betsy Hake - Honduras  
The Revs. Allen/Rachel Hill  
Mothers' Mercy Home - Kenya

**MISSION PRAYER LINKS**

African Medical Mission  
Boy Scouts Troop 3  
Cub Scouts Pak 3003  
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC - Chicago  
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry  
Bishop Todd and The Rev. Patsy McGregor -  
Madagascar  
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery - (SAMS)  
Wisconsin Kairos Prison Ministry

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Auston Allen - Air Force  
Kyle Cooper - Army National Guard  
Mary Danner-Jones - Air Force  
Claire Kopczynski - Army National Guard  
James Kopczynski - Army National Guard  
Bruce McRae - Army Reserve  
Tim Paterson - Army Reserve  
Don Patrick - Army Reserve  
Humberto Puga - Navy  
Andrew Shaffer - Army  
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army  
Matthew Verich - Navy

**DEPLOYED**

Clint Kupari - Army  
Foreign Diplomats:  
Steve Hendrix

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In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for those involved in Worship including Music Ministers. Chalice bearers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters & Pastoral Care including Prayer Ministers, Prayer chain, Helping Hands, and Lay Eucharistic Visitors.