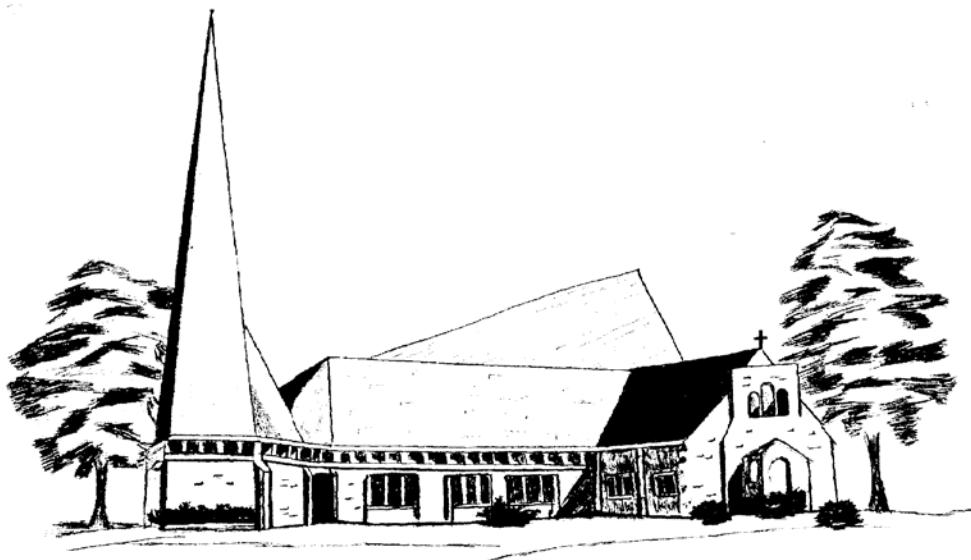


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***Our Vision:***  
**We are a Jesus-centered,  
Spirit-filled community of  
diverse followers working to  
transform the world.**

***Our Mission:***  
**To know Christ.  
To make Christ known.  
To serve others in Christ's name.**

**February 21, 2021  
8:00 a.m.  
First Sunday in Lent**

*(please kneel)*

## THE GREAT LITANY (S 67)

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.  
**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

**Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**Grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us.

**O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

## PSALM 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
  - 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
  - 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.
  - 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
  - 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
  - 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
  - 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
  - 8 **He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
  - 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 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: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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

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

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.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

SERMON

Fr. Aran Walter

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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.**

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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.**

*Celebrant  
and People*

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

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

**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.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

*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

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*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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**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!

**Lenten Spiritual Disciplines Support Group - The Discipline of Lent**  
+ Repentance, Prayer, Fasting, and Works of Love +

In our Ash Wednesday Liturgy we were invited to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbors by exercising the Discipline of Lent: repentance, prayer, fasting, and works of love. These become the specific occasions and opportunities for spiritual renewal during this Lenten season of renewal. In these particular aspects of the Lenten Discipline, we focus our lives on Christ's self-sacrificing passion, death and resurrection, which have brought us acceptance, forgiveness and redemption by God. Through that same discipline, we make a loving response to God. During each of these sessions in Lent we will look at a different component of the Discipline of Lent & share insights about our unique Lenten journeys:

Feb 23 – Repentance	March 2 & 9 – Prayer
March 16 – Fasting	March 23 – Works of Love

**Topic:** Lenten Spiritual Disciplines Support Group

**Time:** Feb 23, 2021 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

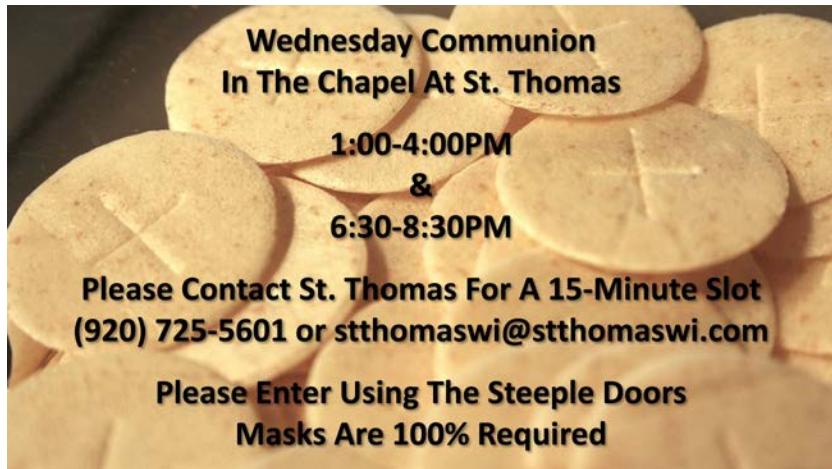
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You can find the zoom link and password at

[www.stthomaswi.com/important-information](http://www.stthomaswi.com/important-information) in the Quick Links section.



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



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## **Youth Ministry ([WWW.STYG.COM](http://WWW.STYG.COM))**

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (6-12 gr.) – Hello friends . . . grace and peace! As we continue to deal with COVID-19, 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** – This Wednesday, February 24, D-Groups will be participating in EpiscoUnity Night (on Zoom) from 6:30-7:30pm. We'll be "gathering" with students and leaders from other Episcopal Churches around our Diocese such as All Saints Appleton, Grace Sheboygan, Trinity Oshkosh, St. Anne's DePere, Ascension Merrill, and perhaps others! If you need the zoom link, message Aran. Our hope is that by mid or late March we can begin gathering for short periods of time **IN PERSON** IN THE NEW RE-VAMPED YOUTH ROOM! [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)

Summer Camp - Please head over to [www.diофdl.org/camp](http://www.diофdl.org/camp) to see the latest announcements about Senior, Middler, Junior, and Kinder Camp sessions. Dates have been announced and there's LOTS more to read about. We are hopeful and prayerful that **IN PERSON** Camp can take place this summer!

## **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 FEBRUARY 2021

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

Praise God for:

- Being able to pay staff everything we owed them for the first time in over 12 years
- The housemothers (my sister Mindy and a missionary from Brazil) that God has provided, and knowing more are coming

Prayer Requests:

- That enough money will come in monthly to meet all of our needs now that we are expanding
- For this new move of the Spirit in Jericho
- For the buildings we will be erecting so that we can care for our 40 children in smaller family type cabins rather than a huge home
- For the workers finishing our chapel, that they will come to know and serve Christ

## 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:

- Volunteers who continue to work during the pandemic
- New sources of financial and in-kind support from individuals and community organizations

Prayer Requests:

- For continued good health for volunteers and guests
- For quick return to dining room service

## 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 who are now all back in school
- For Mothers' Union Leaders who have been working tirelessly for the welfare of MMH

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 21 Betsy Fine  
23 Tim Liepert  
24 Dan Krause  
25 Barbara Lauderdale  
Lydia Barry  
Shelley Ropella  
27 Andrew Bodway  
Stephen Liepert  
Martina Mims

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 24 William and Caitlin Kelley

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

- 21 Janet Arpin  
John Beck  
Hugh De Morest  
22 Paul Smith  
24 Belle Madson  
Evelyn Trepanier  
Scott D. Andrews  
25 Margaret Spafford  
27 Elmer Simons  
Leatrice Orr

**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



*Lenten arrangements on the High Altar today are given to the Greater Glory of God and in thanksgiving for being able to worship together again by Lou and Carol Wilhelm.*

In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people and ministry of St. Agnes, Algoma; Holy Cross Mission District, Masvingo. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for Adult Development including Adult Education, Bible studies, Cursillo, Men and Women's Ministry and Welcome/Hospitality including Coffee Hour, Fellowship Camp, Senior Lunch, Welcome Ministers, and St. Martha's Guild.