

# Announcements for January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

#### **PARISH PRAYERS**

For Those Who Are Sick, In Need, or Grieving: Rhys, Tish, Jordan, Samantha, Jean, Neil, Rudy, Cathy, Ann, Joan, Maxine, Ingrid, Marlyne, Phyllis, Madeline, Martha, Meghan, Jill, Terry, Mary Lou, Heather, Todd, Holly, John, Christine, & Carol, that God's grace enfold them.

For Those Who Have Died, especially: Debbi, may she rest in peace and rise with Christ.

#### **SAINTS ALIVE!**

- Holy Faith's Office Manager, Laurie Tikkanen, for preparing today's slide show and Annual Report.
- Dan McGraw for coordinating our lunch buffet.
- Jane Darling, Carolyn Schneider, and Norlaine Tinsey for finding in our archives the parish timeline, on display today in the parish hall.
- John Hassett, Teri Kollath, and Jim Mangi for their willingness to serve on the Parish Leadership Team.
- Jane Darling for her wisdom and service this year on the Parish Leadership Team.
- Andy Amstutz, Wendy Amstutz, Katie Garvey, Tracy Gilmore, Molly Hilton, Diane Jacobs, Teri Kollath, and Lisa Reifert for their willingness to represent Holy Faith at SEMI Synod Assembly and Diocesan Convention.
- Augusta Martin and Blaise Martin for assembling favors for today's annual meeting.
- Andy Amstutz, Jim Mangi, Lori Venable, and Christen Mitchell for tech support.

# **WORSHIP & COVID ETIQUETTE:**

- Holy Faith is mask-optional. Your choice to wear or not wear a mask will be honored.
- Washtenaw Co. is in the "HIGH" phase of transmission. Learn more HERE.

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Come to Centering Prayer: Mondays, 10-11 AM, in the Church. Meet with Pastor Andrea to look at the upcoming Gospel lesson and to spend 10-15 minutes in centering prayer. Centering prayer is a form of wordless prayer, a no-frills form of Christian meditation. No experience necessary. Come as your schedule allows.

**Tuesday Morning Adult Education Meets Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 AM, in the Parish Hall.** This winter, Tish Dersnah will facilitate an exploration of aspects of Early Christianity. The first few weeks, participants will study The Apostolic Fathers. Later the group will watch videos of Bart Ehrman speaking on his book, <u>Misquoting Jesus</u>. All are welcome. ???s Contact Tish Dersnah: tish47@gmail.com

### Coming to the 12-12:30 PM Online Thursday Lunchtime Bible Study: "T h e S t o r y."

Read the story of the Bible and discover God's great love for humanity! Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the lessons of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation, presented in chronological Order. The group meets for 30 minutes online each Thursday and is led by Christen Mitchell. To find out more or to access materials, visit HF's website: <a href="www.holy-faith-church.org">www.holy-faith-church.org</a>, or contact Christen: <a href="www.xtenmit@gmail.com">xtenmit@gmail.com</a>

## **SERVICE**

**Give a Prayer Shawl to Someone who Needs a Reminder of God's Love.** Prayer shawls are available in the Narthex. Holy Faith knitters make them so that parishioners can give them to people who need a divine hug. If you know someone who is sick or in need of encouragement, please take one.

Offer Thanks & Praise to God by Donating Flowers for the Altar, and help make God's Table beautiful. Many people choose to make such a gift in thanksgiving for a loved one, or for a life's accomplishment or a joy. The Flower Guild asks for a donation of \$50 towards the cost of altar flowers for two vases, for two weeks. Fresh flowers are placed on the altar every other week. Multiple households may sign up for the same two-week period, indicating the person or occasion they

are honoring. Flowers need to be prepaid at time of order with checks made out to Holy Faith Church and "Altar Flowers" on the Memo. Sign up on the bulletin board and place your check in the collection envelope, OR sign up by emailing <a href="mailto:office@holy-faith-church.org">office@holy-faith-church.org</a>, and sending a check to Holy Faith Church, 6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Saline, MI 48176.

**Volunteer in the Parish Office 2-3 Hrs/Week.** A volunteer is needed for weekly tasks such as light filing, preparation of correspondence, mail sorting, and other office tasks as they arise. Contact Pastor Andrea: <a href="mailto:andrea@holy-faith-church.org">andrea@holy-faith-church.org</a>

**Did You Know?** The Office of Government Relations of the Episcopal Church gives individuals an exceedingly easy avenue to encourage our legislators to support the development of legislation and policy of the U.S. federal government on critical issues. Just click on the link below and fill out your profile. You will then be on the mailing list for action alerts for upcoming legislation. Once you receive an action alert notification, simply click on the "Take Action" box, and after reviewing your personal information, click on the "Send Message" box. That's it!

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#### Responding to Community Hunger

**Bring Food for SASS**:Especially needed: Creamed corn, Pizza sauce, Flavored pasta sides, Breakfast items, Individual juice/drinks. Please place your donations in the collection baskets at church.

#### **GROWTH & VITALITY**

The "Come As You Are" Memory Café Meets Next on Tuesday, January 31st, 2-4 PM, either in person or via Zoom! We have fun-filled agendas planned. On the 31st: Chair yoga with JoAnn Yates, and Magic Joe Fusco. RSVPs are not required, but if you think you might be attending, please let Lori Venable know: <a href="mailto:ltvenable@att.net">ltvenable@att.net</a> The Memory Café is a fun, social outing for people experiencing brain changes and their care partners. Anyone in the community is welcome.

**Singers Needed for Lent/Easter Choir!** Join us to prepare three special choral pieces for Lent and Easter. Rehearsals are on Sundays after church and are not mandatory; just attend when you can. Visit our music hub page to hear recordings of the pieces and view our tentative schedule: <a href="https://holy-faith-church.org/music">holy-faith-church.org/music</a>. Interested? Come to our first meeting on February 5 after church or email Joy Morin (joymorinpiano@gmail.com). Thanks so much!

Please wear name tags to church and to coffee hour. Name tags invite conversation and promote fellowship. If you would like a permanent, plastic name badge (either a new one, or a replacement), please contact Office Manager, Laurie Tikkanen: office@holy-faith-church.org

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Sunday, February 19th – Mardi Gras Sunday with a Pancake Brunch After Worship.** Celebrate the Last Sunday of Epiphany with New Orleans style, jazzy renditions of favorite spirituals and then eat, drink, and be merry at an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake and Sausage brunch after worship. If you can help flip pancakes or clean up afterwards, sign up on the bulletin board, or contact Hospitality Chairperson, Dan McGraw: <a href="mailto:dmcgraw718@outlook.com">dmcgraw718@outlook.com</a>

**Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday.** Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent:a time set apart; a holy time; a time to reach deeper into Christ's love. Begin the journey by worshiping at Holy Faith at Noon or 7 PM. These services will include imposition of ashes and communion.