

HATCH'EM, MATCH'EM, & DISBATCH'EM

By the time you are reading this in early October, I will have returned from making a family trip down to New Orleans. This trip is both personal and professional for me. You see, I have the honor of baptizing my grandson on the 29th of September.

Early on in my priesthood I had a wise retired priest point out to me how blessed we are as clergy because we get to be included in the most significant moments in our parishioners lives. We are present soon after a child is born when we baptize them into the Body of Christ. Later we are present when they are adults, often young newly independent adults, when we officiate at their weddings and they become one flesh. Finally, we are present whenever they depart this world to enter into God's Kingdom, and we say goodbye to them at their funerals. I've had the privilege of being present at these important times in life more times than I can begin to count.

Now, almost 30 years into my priesthood, I am discovering how truly blessed I am that I can also be present to Hatch'em, Match'em, and Dispatch'em, as a priest for my own family. Twelve years ago I was asked to officiate at both of my fathers' funerals. A couple years later it was my mother's funeral. Over the past few years I have officiated at my niece's wedding and also at two of my own children's weddings. Thirty years ago I baptized my niece. And now, I have been asked to baptize my almost one year old grandson.

These are indeed important moments in life. As a priest, I've baptized over 600 people. I've officiated at the weddings of over 400 couples. I'm grateful that I am no longer prohibited from doing so based on the gender of the two people getting married. I have also officiated at nearly 500 funerals. There have been so many times where I've been allowed to be present when God has also been present.

Now that I'm older, I can better appreciate what it means to be part of a circle of life. God continues to create and bring new life into the world. God finds a way to bring together parents that will perpetuate love by nurturing new life. Finally, God will welcome home our souls when our physical time here has ended.

When my bishop ordained me into Holy Orders and thus set me apart for ministry, my elderly and wise priest friend was right, I might not have realized it at the moment, but I was blessed.

God's Peace, Mark+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Happy October Everyone! Same as last month and now more important than ever-

BBQ is here! That means it's **Volunteer Season at the Pit!** The Fall BBQ will be held the week of October 1st, with Tent Sales on Friday October 6th & Saturday October 7th.

Here are a couple of notes on changes and needs for this fall's festival of goodness:

- We ran out of beans last spring – we'll be **Cooking Beans both Wednesday & Thursday** to make sure there are enough – which means we'll need extra help! (many thanks to wonderful Mary West & Rebecca Fowler who will be working with the always awesome Brooke White to lead this effort)
- We need a **Volunteer** to help coordinate **Corporate Sales Packing** in the Parish Hall - some of our stalwarts will be absent this year and we need some kind soul to help us out here.
- We also need a **Volunteer** to help coordinate the **Plate/Sandwich Packing Crew** in the Parish hall on Friday.

Our schedule of Activities for BBQ week is as follows:

Sunday October 1st	Parish Breakfast between services Parish Hall Set-Up after 10:30
Wednesday October 4th	Tent Set Up Slaw First Bean Cook & Packing
Thursday October 5th	First Pit Cook Second Bean Cook & Packing
Friday October 6th	Corporate Sales First Day of Tent Sales Second Pit Cook
Saturday, October 7th	Second Day of Tent Sales Clean-Up



All of us are busier than ever, but please find time to sign up for at least one activity.

Reminder: We still need **BOXES** and **BAGS** for use in the tent and for packing corporate orders. Stay tuned for more to come and as always, **Thank You!!!**

Peace,
Colleen Andrews
Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

BBQ

I have a love/hate relationship with the BBQ. It's an integral part of All Saints identity, but it's so much work! I've tried to retire a couple of times. See last month's 'Martha' confession. I tell a joke that if I ever change parishes, I'm driving around the whole building to make sure they don't have a BBQ pit. And another story that BBQ week is analogous to Holy Week. On Wednesday, I'm praying, "Father, if it's Your will, take this cup away from me." On Thursday, we descend into the pit of fire. On Friday and Saturday, I'm writing resentment speeches in my head to give to the parish on Sunday (and never do). And on Sunday, we're basking in the glory of the Resurrection that it's over, again. The Rev. Phil Purser, once asked me how I did it. Caffeine and Prayer!

It's gotten worse. We lost our wood supplier last year. We found a new one. The lumber yard right behind the church. They have lots. It's free. They deliver. The only problem is that the logs are huge. To get it to burn down in an hour we must split each block at least twice. We now have an electric log splitter. But it takes someone, and a work release crew two additional days to split it. I bet the people, in Libya, Morocco, Ukraine, or Maui would be willing to trade problems.

Activities during September

- Installed several new style door stops around the building.
- Cleaned up the mess in the undercroft caused by a leaking fitting behind the new ice maker upstairs. (fixed the leak, of course)
- Changed the batteries in the four humidity sensors associated with the sanctuary thermostat.
- Started stockpiling supplies and items for the BBQ.
- Captured a snake in the parish hall.

I refer to those moments when I see God in action, as "notes from God."

After the log splitting work release crew had lunch with the Bingo group, they requested to see the sanctuary. One of them recognized the stations of the cross. Two of them knelt at the altar and prayed. In twenty years of BBQ, that's the first time I've ever witnessed that. I think God was saying, "It's worth it. Keep working."

More Meat!

Sign up !

Dan Dickens

Junior Warden, BBQC, LS, MF&M, PB

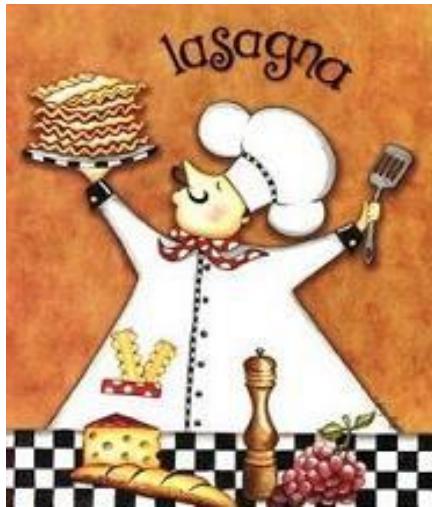


Join us for our Italian Night Supper - LIVE

Ciao, y'all! It's time once again to unleash your inner Italian!

Come and enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner, bread, salad, drink, and dessert!

PLUS entertainment – you never know who will show!



When: Saturday, October 28th at 6 PM

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Tickets are available now!

Adults: \$20 Children <12: \$10

Family Maximum: \$60

**Tickets can be purchased from any Vestry Member
or through the Church Office**

Proceeds to support the All Saints' Episcopal Church Music Program.



Our Annual Bishops Visit

will take place on All Saints' Sunday
November, 5th with Confirmations & Baptisms
taking place during the 10:30am service.



The Vestry is pleased to announce that Sheila Marie Carton has provided a significant gift to our Parish. Sheila left her entire estate to the All Saints Foundation Trust.

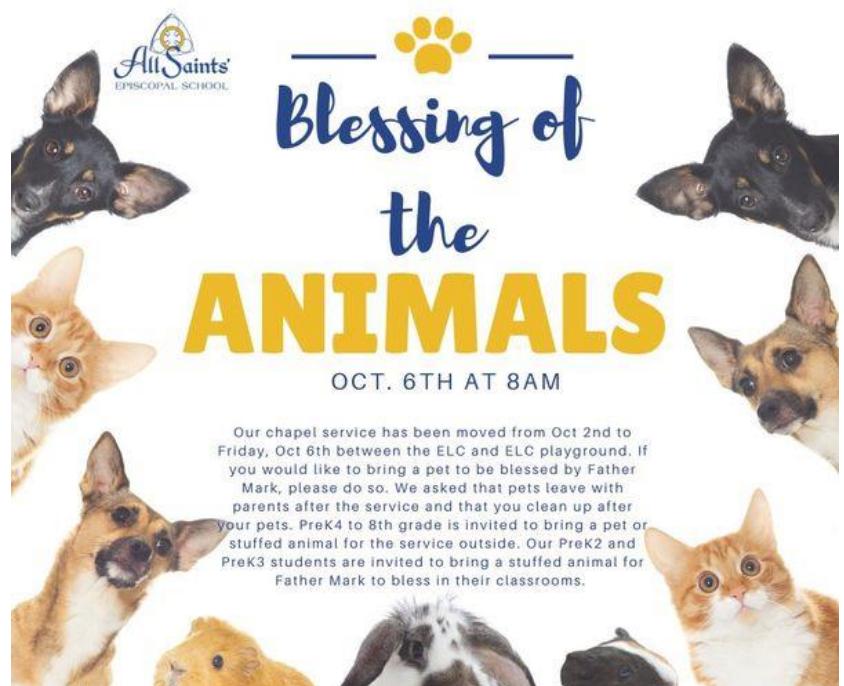
To commemorate Sheila's legacy, her name has been added to the Foundation Trust plaque in the Narthex. Leaving a legacy is a profound action that transcends our time on Earth. It's about making a lasting impact that extends beyond our years, whether through our deeds, creations, or the positive influence we have on others. When we strive to leave a legacy, we are contributing to a better future, ensuring that our values, achievements, and lessons continue to inspire and guide generations to come. It's a powerful reminder that our actions today can shape the world for tomorrow. Sheila did that. Sheila's memory will forever be cherished within our Parish.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Two opportunities to get your pet blessed!

Fr. Mark will be blessing animals
in the Church Playground area
on **St. Francis Day**
Wednesday evening
October the 4th at 6pm

Please keep your pet leashed or
contained before, during, & after
the blessing.



FOOD ON FOOT

We filled food bags in September, and we will fill them again sometime in October.

Our 200 bags will then be handed out on Saturday, November 4th.

For those Saints who can help in November, I will get a reminder in the church bulletin the last Sunday in October.

Thank you for your continued support of Food on Foot.

Ginger Goolsby

Member of Outreach Committee



BINGO UPDATE

Hello everyone!

We will be having Bingo on

Wednesday, October 11th @ 12pm

Menu for this month is Hot Dogs & Tater Tots.

Prize donations are always needed & appreciated.

See the list below.

Please use containers in Narthex.

Coffee and filters

Shampoo and conditioner

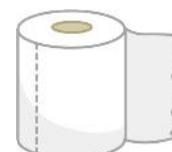
Large packs of toilet paper

Walmart Gift Cards



Thanks for supporting bingo,

The Bingo Team





Parish Life

All hands on deck! BBQ is upon us! If you haven't already, find your "spot" and do what you can to make our Fall BBQ a success!

A HUGE thank you to all the parishioners who came to the celebration of 100 years with Ms. Peggy Brock! Thank you to all who provided food and helped with the event. A big thank you to Brooke White for her time and energy in helping make Ms. Peggy's birthday such a success!

Head's up, we will be hosting a lunch on November 5th when the Bishop will be here! The church will provide the protein and dessert (cake) and church members will be asked to provide a side dish as we do that so well! Stay tuned!

Thanks so much!

Cindi Husk, Parish Life



Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns or need of prayers arise please let Brooke White, our vestry pastoral care liaison, know.

We have plenty of prayer shawls!
423-231-8372 jnbwhite@hotmail.com



October

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Cleve Edwards**
- 2 Garrett & Annie Turner***
- 7 Mark Joyce**
- 8 Anne Armstrong**
- 9 David Garrett, Seth Hunnicutt,
Heidi Sexton, John & Sam Adams***
- 10 Louise Joyce**
- 11 John & Kathy Litz***
- 12 Bill Pritchard**
- 13 Betty Edwards**
- 14 Earl Hall**
- 15 Dennis Larkin, Jack Yates**
- 17 Elizabeth Othokian, Jon Muller**
- 18 Sarah Othokian, Marley Sharp**
- 20 Steve & Charleen Julson***
- 23 Rachel Lepree**
- 25 Susie Carter, Rhonda Doherty,
Lin Mitrik**
- 26 Vivian Haile**
- 27 Robert Young, Joseph Sweeney**
- 29 Denver Rhodes**

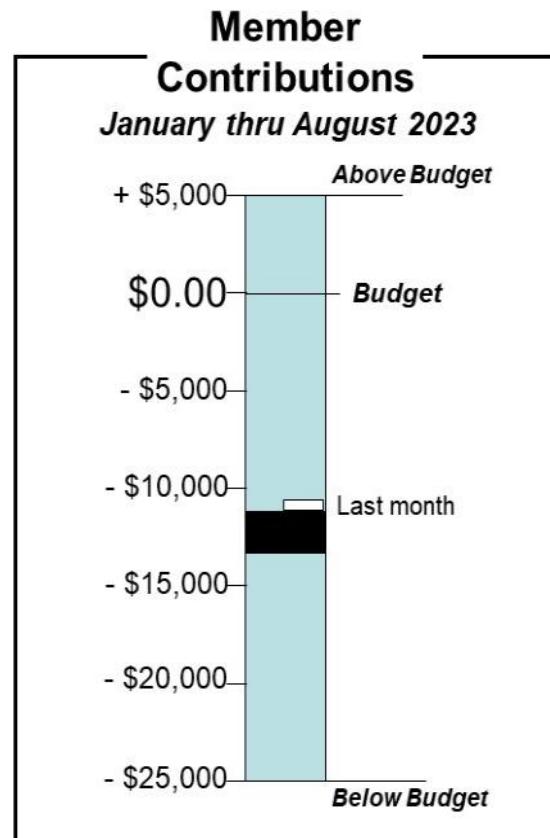
***Anniversary**

If your name never appears on the birthday/anniversary list, that means you need to call the church office with these special dates for our records! Thanks!

1st Sunday Breakfast is back!!



Join us for breakfast Sunday
October 1st @ 8:45am
between the services.



Your Vestry thanks you for your support!
A reminder in these difficult times to keep your pledge current
- catching up can be hard -

- On-line giving is now available -



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Available in the App Stores



**SISTERHOOD GATHERING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH 5:30PM**

HOLSTON'S RESTAURANT

More info & menu sent by email.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**PLEASE NOTE -
THIS IS EARLY AS TO HOW THE FIRST WEEK
OF AUGUST ARRIVED**

RSVP ASAP

All ladies of the church are invited -
Come celebrate our birthday babes!

If you didn't receive the email
or would like more info contact Janis.

Janis Dixon
423 748 1516
Janisbd48@gmail.com

Parish Prayer List for Healing and Comfort:

Jim Gose; Louise Dyer; Margaret Blazer;
Bill Auton; Ashley Auton Taylor; Ward Williams;
James Earl Carter; George Giles; Cleve Edwards;
Whitney Dixon Mason; Mary Doherty; Joanne Crane;
Greyson Pope; Linda Lewanski; Rose Adams;
Eugene Kirkland; Pat Pigmon; Sheila Rhodes;
Roy Boggs; Kyle Watkins; Autumn Farley; Kaitlyn Harville;
Kent Elkins; Sam Kirkley; Hernando Plata; John Hutchins;
Brittany Shockley; Joshua Akins; Pete Blair;
Kelley Hudgens; Darby Taylor; Bonita Simpson;
Frank Toskey; Brian Odom; Hannah Gray;
Teresa Picciotti; Jack Yates; Melanie Snavley;
Andileigh Snavley

Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

For our sister missions in South Dakota:
St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala; St. James', Mobridge;
St. John's, Bullhead; St. Paul's, Little Eagle

Those in the Armed Forces & First Responders:

Gryfin Broyles; Jeffrey Torres; Tim Herzog;
Hayden & Hunter Dome; Azlynn Megan Ross;
Daniel Thomas; Luke Adams; Hunter Case;
Kristie Kirby; Kevin Smith; Luke & Austin Whitelaw;
Amber Berry Gilliam; Matt Storey; Nick Burchell

*Those added to the prayer list for healing & comfort
will remain on the prayer list for 3-6 weeks.
If removed and you would like to request more time,
please contact the church office.*

SEPTEMBER AT ALL SAINTS'

Peggy Brock's Centennial Celebration



BBQ Sauce Makin' & Pourin'



VPR	Rebecca Boatman	Alex Cross	Dan Dickens	Dan Leonard	Cindi Husk
8:00 AM	10/1/2023	10/8/2023	10/15/2023	10/22/2023	10/29/2023
CRUCIFER	Dillon Wines	Dave Auton	Earl Hall	Dave Auton	Earl Hall
CHALICE/ INTERCESSOR	Kim Torres	Bill Mitrik	Cindi Husk	Kim Torres	Cindi Husk
2nd CHALICE	Linda Leonard	Cindi Husk	Linda Leonard	Linda Leonard	Dave Auton
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Marylou	Bill Mitrik	Martha Simerl	Kim Torres	Marylou
GREETERS/ USHERS	Marylou	Gary Miller	Martha Hall	Nancy Jernigan	Marylou
	Howard	Robin Miller	Dan Dickens	Skeet Jernigan	Howard
10:30 AM	10/1/2023	10/8/2023	10/15/2023	10/22/2023	10/29/2023
CRUCIFER	Ginger Goolsby	Susie Carter	Ginger Goolsby	Rebecca Boatman	Dillon Wines
ACOLYTES	Jake Neill	Rebecca Boatman	Marley Sharp	Jake Neill	Rebecca Boatman
CHALICE/ INTERCESSOR	Bill Mitrik	Lauren Cordle	Dan Dickens	Mark Joyce	Carolyn Dean
2nd CHALICE	Carolyn Dean	Liz Holland	Mark Joyce	Ginger Goolsby	Liz Holland
OT LECTOR	Cindy Selby	Sarah Gose	Alex Cunningham	Lynn Cross	Henry Selby
NT LECTOR	Alex Cross	Martie Anderson	Judy Yates	Cookie Larkin	Mark Doherty
PRESENTERS	Lynn Cross	Lena Giles	Janis Dixon	Jack Yates	Lynn Cross
	Sandra Hoyle	George Giles	Brooke White	Judy Yates	Rhonda Doherty
SOUND/VIDEO	Bill C. & Bob H.	Bill C. & Bob H.	Larry McG. & Bob H.	Larry McG. & Wayne S.	Larry McG & Wayne S.
GREETERS/ USHERS	Sam Neill	Lynn Cross	Louise Joyce	Anne Ross	Jack Yates
	Amy Neill	Anne Ross	Holley Dickens	Nickie Smith	Judy Yates
	Nickie Smith	Janis Dixon	Nickie Smith	Sam Neill	Louise Joyce
	Brooke White	Rhonda Doherty	Rebecca Boatman	Amy Neill	Brooke White
ALTAR GUILD	Team 2 (Carolyn Dean, Janis Dixon, Rebecca Fowler, Mary West)	Team 3 (Susie Carter, Sheri Chiapetta, Isaac Boling, Noah Adkins)	Team 4 (Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandra Hoyle)	Team 1 (Amy Sharp, Sue Justis, Chantal Combs, Kenny Story)	Team 2 (Carolyn Dean, Janis Dixon, Rebecca Fowler, Mary West)

If unable to serve as scheduled, please find your own replacement then communicate the change with the VPR & church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

All are welcome to contribute to our monthly Saints Alive Newsletter.

If you have an article or an event you would like to submit for publication,
please email contributions to Kathlyn by the 20th of each month
for the next month's Saints Alive.

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