

# Smatterings

Saint Matthew's  
Episcopal Church  
November 2022



Fr. Frank

## Celebrating Saints and Stewardship!

Driving to church on a Sunday morning near the end of October, I snapped this picture from my phone and posted it on Facebook. I was pleasantly surprised by the number of "Likes" it received. Several people commented on the beauty of the sky. One person noted, "Creation on fire with possibility!" another, "A blessed glorious sunrise! Beauty from God," and another, "God is the great artist." Another person, St. Matthew's own Alice Moody responded with "When morning gilds the sky..." This is a reference to one of the hymns in the Hymnal 1982 which we use each week:



When morning gilds the sky,  
our hearts awaking cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
in all our work and prayer  
we ask his loving care:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Indeed! May Jesus Christ be praised! I am always impressed by how we are moved to awe and wonder by the things we see in creation. It happens in a variety of ways and at unexpected times. For some, they are drawn to awe and wonder by walking in the woods. My daughter is moved by the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Others, by standing on the banks of a lake or on the beach looking out at the ocean and following the rhythm of the rolling waves. I remember once, during the phase of the pandemic when we were gathering outside for worship. It was in the fall, and I could not help but be distracted by the trash bin that was quite stinky that day! After the service, Randy Davenport came up to me with a big smile on his face and shared how beautiful and colorful the trees were that morning. He said he was taken in by their beauty and couldn't take his eyes off them during the service!

God's creation has a way of mesmerizing us, pulling us in, and gifting us with awe and wonder.

We greet the month of November with a number of festivals and religious observances celebrating the bounty of the harvest and giving thanks for the saints – those men and women, known and unknown, who have gone before us and root us into our spiritual family.

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A central tenet of Christian faith is that of stewardship. That we have been entrusted to look after and care for all that we have been given. To approach God's gift of life and creation with the utmost respect and reverence. Maybe it was this sense of awe and wonder that helped the saints see creation with the eyes of good stewards of creation. The saints were people who cultivated the gifts God had given them and gave them back with increase to God by reaching out to the poor, comforting the distressed, and befriending the lonely.

I sometimes think it is unfortunate that the word "stewardship" is so closely associated with financial giving. It is so much more than that. It is a way of life, a journey that we are on each day of our lives. Stewardship refers to the belief that God desires us to be his collaborators in the work of creation and redemption and to be role models of holiness and goodness on the journey.

Holiness is not something only reserved for those who have "gone before," but is a goal that each of us should strive for in our day-to-day living. This takes commitment and intentionality and requires us to live mindfully and be continually aware of how God is moving in our lives.

So let us welcome holy November and celebrate stewardship as way of life and as a pathway to sainthood!

### From the Deacon's Desk



Deacon Cathy Scott

## November: Make Every Day a Thanksgiving

No, I am not suggesting eating every November day like you do on Thanksgiving Day! Rather, I am suggesting that twice a day, when you rise in the morning and just before you fall asleep each night, intentionally thank God for something in your life. You can thank God for a person, a place, a friend or family member, a neighbor, a church member, an experience, your health, something in creation, even thank God for the breath you take.

To say "thank you" to God is the most complete prayer, and the only prayer, that you need to say. Remember also that God knows your heart, your desires, your fears, your joys, and your needs. When you thank God for all the graces/gifts you have been given, you are acknowledging that God accompanies you and acts in your life, every day.

Also, pray this Psalm during the day as another way to remember how God works in your life:

### Psalm 105 1-8

*Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim God's greatness.  
Let the whole world know what God has done.  
Sing to God; yes, sing praises.  
Tell everyone about God's wonderful deeds.  
Exult in God's holy name;  
Rejoice, you who worship the Lord.  
Search for the Lord and for God's strength;  
Continually seek God.  
Remember the wonders performed,  
Miracles, and the rulings given,  
You children of God's servant Abraham,  
You descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
God is our Lord.  
God's justice is seen throughout the land.  
God always stands by his covenant—  
the commitment God made to a thousand generations.*

Finally, you might want to offer this prayer of thanksgiving when you sit down for a meal. I have adapted it from a prayer I found on Godspace.com.

*God eternal, righteous and glorious One, I give you thanks*

*For breath that fills me with your life, for love that softens my heart,*

*For beauty revealed at every turn.*

*Christ redeemer, faithful and forgiving One, I give you thanks*

*For renewal, transforming my life, for peace calming the chaos of my soul,*

*For hope restoring my faith.*

*Spirit sustainer, abiding and compassionate One, I give you thanks*

*For caring when my heart is aching, for friends supportive in times of need,*

*For generosity lavish and overflowing.*

*Eternal One, Redeeming One, Sustaining One, I give you thanks for You.*

*Amen.*

I hope these suggestions fill your November with days of gratefulness and praise!

## Reports

### VESTRY

#### October Vestry Recap

##### Treasurer's Report

We have had some unplanned expenses this year, so the current budget still shows a deficit. We remain strong financially and are still anticipating pledges that will be collected later in the year. However, our checking account and other financials look very solid at this time. We started budget process for 2023 and plan to have a "skeleton budget" by the November meeting.

##### Primary Discussion Topics

"Discover our Call"

- \*Started second Adult Faith Formation series . It is going well with a good deal of participation from parishioners.
- \* Will hold a Celtic Evening and Healing Service on November 2 with a procession to the Comumbarium

"Grow our Roots"

- \*We are planning to develop a pictorial

directory through our new databaseREALM, once it is fully operational (likely by early 2023)

"Steward our Building"

Stewardship Kick-Off scheduled for October 30 with an In-gathering  
Pitch-in planned for November 20.

##### Rector's Report

The proposed Diocesan Convention resolutions were discussed. There are two resolutions this year:

"Compensation for Deacons"

"Covenant to Root Out Racism in the Diocese of Indianapolis"

We also held further discussions about DJ Weilhammer's upcoming Eagle Scout Project to convert the old bathrooms in the Parish Hall to handicap accessible restrooms.

The CBCP small capital expenditure grant was successfully submitted. Award recipients will be notified in November.

### Deacon's Report

This year's CROP Walk collected over \$1800 and a small group of people turned out for the walk.

The new, annual Christmas Party for homeless Warren Township schoolchildren is being planned for December. We are also exploring the feasibility of providing meals to small groups of these families each month.

In January, St. Matthew's will host the Interfaith Housing Center display exhibit in the Parish Hall.

St. Matthew's will purchase a turkey in support of the ICAN Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

### Senior Warden's Report

A Mutual Ministry review will be scheduled in the near

future. This is a periodic practice that each parish engages in – including the Bishop herself!

The Rectory has been rented. Andy will continue to oversee this and work closely with the rental agency.

The workday was a success! Thanks to all who participated!!!

### Junior Warden's Report

Repairs to the concrete at the Front Entrance and in front of the "Deacon's Den" have been scheduled for early November. In addition, window repairs (in the Parish Hall and in the Administrative Office) have been approved and scheduled.

**Next Vestry Meeting, November 21**

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### Online Adult Formation



**Greetings everyone,**

On Tuesday October 18 we launched our new series on Celtic Christianity.

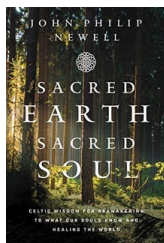
**Discovering our Celtic Roots** is an online 6-weeks series. We are exploring and discovering the Celtic roots that underlie Anglican Christianity.

This series is open to participants from St. Matthew's and from the greater diocese. Invite family and friends to participate.

Sessions are held on Tuesday, November 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Email [office@stmattsindy.org](mailto:office@stmattsindy.org) to register and to receive the Zoom link.

We use readings from the text, **Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul** by John Philip Newell  
\$16.99 paperback (from Amazon)



## OUTREACH

One of the ways we at St. Matthew's respond to Jesus' charge to feed and serve those around us is by collecting each week canned goods for the ICAN Food Pantry (in Irvington) and paper products/toiletries for the COME Food Pantry (in Cumberland). These items are blessed at the end of the 10:00 service each Sunday. Thank you all for your generous support each week!



## Coming Events

**Wednesday, November 2, All Saints and All Souls**  
Celtic Healing Service and Procession to the Columbarium 7:00pm.

**Friday and Saturday, November 4-5 The Diocesan Convention** will be held at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield.

**Sunday, November 6, All Saints Day** we will renew our Baptismal Covenant at the 8:00am and the 10:00am services.

**Stewardship Ingathering is Sunday, November 20.**  
Please return your Commitment to Community Card, in person or by mail on and join us for an In-Gathering Celebration Lunch on November 20.



**Veterans Day celebration** will be on **November 13** with special blessing for veterans and families of veterans.

**Standard time begins Sunday, November 6, 2022**, Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday night, November 5.



## Announcements

On **October 16, 2022** St. Matthew's parishioners participated in the annual **Crop Walk**. Approximately \$ 1800 was raised, and several parishioners walked several miles.



## November Birthdays

November 1 Bernedette George  
 November 1 Jared Hancock  
 November 1 Dennis Palmer  
 November 3 Bonnie Godfrey  
 November 3 Bryan Sykes  
 November 4 Randy Davenport  
 November 11 Ashley Robbins  
 November 12 Cathy Krauser  
 November 12 Jenny Lloyd-Jones  
 November 14 Julia Bell  
 November 17 Devon Teague  
 November 21 Zella Rosene  
 November 22 Missy Ellis  
 November 26 Jeff Weir  
 November 26 Fr. Frank Impicciche  
 November 28 Katie Bell



## November Anniversaries

November 11 Trevor & Jenny Lloyd-Jones  
 November 13 Denny & Cathy Krauser



## Happenings

### October 1, 2022, Annual Pet Blessing

Honoring St. Francis



**Sunday October 30, 2022**



**Trunk**

**Or**



**Treat**



Open Hearts and Caring Hands

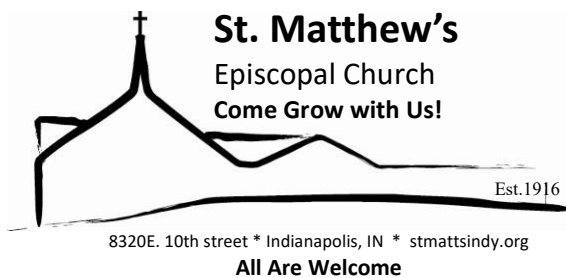
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A warm and friendly Episcopal church, learning each others' stories and serving the neighborhood.

## *Sunday Ministry November 2022*

<b>Ministry Schedule</b>	November	November	November	November
	6	13	20	27
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Crucifer/ Server</b>	Melissa Kleine	John Rohe	Andy Wilkinson	Terry Kee
<b>Chalice (2)</b>	Melissa Kleine & Joan Porter	John Rohe & Joe Weaver	Andy Wilkinson & Suzanne Kissling	Terry Kee & Lee Ann Kee
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Steve Albrecht	Suzanne Kissling	Missy Ellis	Joan Head
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Crystal Black	Vicki Mansfield	Linda Sykes	Kevin Sterrett
<b>Intercessor</b>	Lee Ann Kee	Ellie Mattson	Catherine Davis	Jared Hancock
<b>Ushers/ Greeters</b>	Missy Ellis	Martha Livisay	Jody Breakell	Angie Wilkinson
	Greg Staab	Kaye Palmer	Wendy Blumenthal	Andy Wilkinson
<b>Counters</b>	Kevin Sterrett	Missy Ellis	Dave Belisle	Terry Kee
	Jon Robbins	Andy Wilkinson	Angie Wilkinson	Hal Olsen
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	Suzanne Kissling	Bonnie Godfrey	Michal Nugent	Jody Breakell
	Sylvia Robles	Joan Head	John Rohe	Wendy Blumenthal
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and advise the Parish Office. Thank you.



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**Services**

- Sundays: Holy Eucharist Rite II  
8:00am and 10:00am
- Wednesdays : Holy Eucharist 10:00am

Nursery available on Sundays starting at 9:45

Parish Office Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8am-2pm, Fri. 9am-1pm

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**St. Matthew's Mission Statement**

The mission of St. Matthew's is

"to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

We do this through worship of God,  
education of ourselves and our children,  
care for each other and outreach to others,  
sharing faith stores with others,  
and caring for all our resources (our time, treasure,  
and talents).

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