

The Beacon

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

FEBRUARY 2020... OUR 162ND YEAR

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Holy Eucharist

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service

Rector's Report

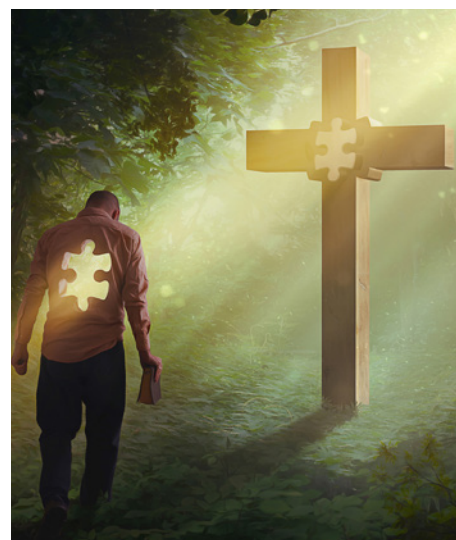
It was 2007 when The Human Body exhibit came to the Detroit Science Center. Over 100 anatomical displays of different systems within the human body clearly showed just how complex and interwoven our bodies are. As I slowly made my way around the displays, I can remember being absolutely amazed at what our Creator God had accomplished in sculpting our human bodies. It also became increasingly clear just how interrelated our bodies are. It wasn't hard to see why an injury in one part of the body influences so many other systems and areas.

Since last summer I've been struggling with back issues. The pain was shooting down my leg and created a limp that began, more recently, affecting my upper back on the other side. Finally, I'd had enough and I got myself into the doctor and then into physical therapy. It's only been a couple of weeks, but what a difference! The pain is just about gone and I'm able to return to some of the things I had been doing months and months ago, at least for short periods of time. The pain in my leg and the pain in

my upper back are so much better, only bothering me when I overdo my activity levels. Once again, I was reminded of my experience in The Human Body exhibit and how interconnected we all are.

Our interconnectedness isn't only about the various physical parts of our bodies. We're also emotional and spiritual beings. All of those parts, physical, emotional and spiritual, are interconnected. When something affects any one of those areas, all of those areas are affected. What I found when I was in pain all of the time was that I was also emotionally exhausted by

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Rector's Report (continued)

the end of the day. Just getting through my normal activities was physically draining and that, in turn, also drained my emotions. Spiritually I was a bit disconnected as well, needing to spend more time on just getting through the day.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are not just interconnected within our own selves. We're also connected to one another and to all of creation. That's an important, even essential, reality. We are all connected. You and I and all of God's creation. We discover and live into that interconnectedness in so many ways.

We do this, I believe, because we know what it means to us to be connected to God. We've experienced God's love and care through someone's response to our need at some point in our history. Jesus showed us what it means to live our interconnectedness and we, having experienced that relationship, follow Jesus's example and teaching. We go and do likewise.

I wonder... how have you experienced being connected to God, God's love and creation? How do you live into your interconnectedness today? How might God be calling you to deepen your connectedness in the future?

Love and Blessings,

Tracie+

Music Notes

This year, the Sundays of February fall entirely within the Epiphany season. The Epiphany theme of Christ, the Light of the World, continues as the gospel lessons are drawn from Christ's Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew. We are drawn into His light (Shine, Jesus, Shine) and are seek forgiveness (Forgive our sins as we forgive). We are also instructed to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, (Joined Together as One Body and I come with joy to meet my Lord).

On February 23, we conclude with Christ's Transfiguration and the final "alleluias" until Easter. The music reflects this joy (Alleluia! sing to Jesus!)

Lent begins on February 26 with Ash Wednesday.

May we reflect the light of Christ to the world around us.

Have a blessed month.

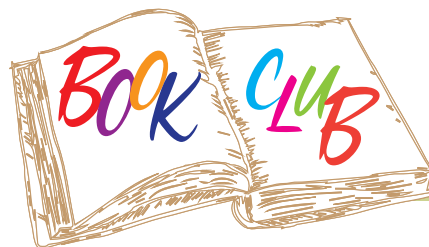
Marlene Weston

"Kitchen Kleanup"

On Friday, January 17, Carol Pettipher, Ellen Tripp and I cleaned the church kitchen. In the course of re-organizing its contents, we found places for most, but not all of the items.

These extras are on the shelves above the coat racks near the kitchen. They'll stay there for a few weeks, giving parishioners time to claim what ever belongs to them. Then the rest are going to Goodwill to find a new home. Please take time to look them over.

Kathy Kortge



SCHEDULE

Date	Hostess	Title	Author
Feb. 25, 2020	Nancy Day (co-ed)	Lamb	Christopher Moore
Mar. 24, 2020	Gwen Wagschal	A Tale for the Time Being	Ruth Ozeki
Apr. 28, 2020	Denise Rayner	Educated	Tara Westover
May 26, 2020	Francine Johnston	Snow Flower and the Secret Fan	Lisa See
June 23, 2020	Terri Hutchins	I Am Livia	Phyllis T. Smith
July 28, 2020	Diane Putnam	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeline L'Engle

Family Promise "Thank You"

Thank you to Josephine Feijoo, Denise and Dave Rayner, Beth and Mark Jagos, Julie and Jeffrey Dupei, Kathy and Lynn Hopper, and Carol and John Pettipher for volunteering for Family Promise the week of January 26th. We could not do this meaningful ministry without your help. If you're interested in helping cook a dinner or find out what an overnight or afternoon host does, contact Diane Putnam at 810.629.6079. **Our next hosting date is the week of May 24th.**

Thank You,

Diane Putnam

Building and Grounds Update

Thank you to Paul Dolza for the restoration, and to Greg Forsyth for working on the Lantern, at the northwest corner Leroy Street entrance. It has been refinished and rewired!

Thank you also goes out to Kathy Kortege, Ellen Tripp, Carol Pettipher, Liz Sailus, and Lynne Ronthi for taking the time to clean the freezer in the kitchen and for organizing the kitchen drawers and cabinets.

To those who use the kitchen and Vandenberg Hall, please help us to keep our facility clean. Do not leave leftover food out in Vandenberg Hall or the kitchen. Also be sure the sinks are cleaned after use and do not leave dirty dishes.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to take our bottle collection in every two weeks to the stores and collect the return funds. This is one of the ways that our parish raises funds for the youth group.

We are always looking for volunteers to adopt an area and to help keep it presentable. If you are interested please let someone in the office, or Ron Trimmer, know. Thank you for your consideration!

St. Jude's Rummage Sale

St. Jude's will be holding a Rummage Sale in the Spring. We are hoping to get rid of items that are no longer needed or required.

This will also be an opportunity for our Congregation to get involved and behind this event. You will be able to donate items for sale and also an opportunity to get rid of some items no longer needed in your own household. Watch for more information in upcoming Beacons and bulletins.

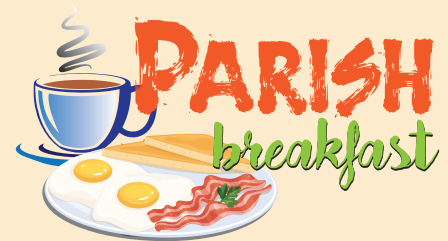
School Lunch Program

This year we would like to add some activities and/or reading books to our 'menu' for the School Lunch program. We will be looking for activity and/or coloring books with crayons or any children/youth reading books. More information will be announced.



On the first Sunday of each month, Nancy Day takes scrip orders. These are gift cards you purchase to spend at hundreds of businesses either in person or on line. They also make great gifts! There is zero cost to you, other than the face value of the card, and St. Jude's gets a percentage of the total amount. A win-win.

So, make sure you bring your checkbook to church on the first Sunday of each month. You can fill out your order during coffee hour. The orders are sent in that afternoon, and the cards are picked up in Brighton that week and distributed the following Sunday.



**The Parish Breakfast is
scheduled for
Saturday, Feb. 15
at 9:00 a.m.**

**The Group meets at
Mega Coney Island
on Owen Rd. in Fenton.**

***We look forward to
seeing you there!***



Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during January...

Ellen Tripp; Paul & Gwyn Wagschal; Kathy Kortge and everyone who helped and provided food for the Annual Meeting Potluck.

Crust continues to graciously send their delicious (and plentiful!) coffee cake on a weekly basis – for which we give our thanks too!

“Every day they continued to meet together...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.”
Acts 2:46-47



The sign-up sheet for coffee hour is on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall. Please consider hosting a coffee hour.

See Sue Premo if you have any questions.



Discretionary Funds

Tracie Little, our Priest, and Judy Marinco, our Deacon, both have discretionary funds. These discretionary funds can be used as either see fit for emergency situations and individual needs for people both within the parish and outside of it. The first Sunday of the month, any loose offerings go toward Tracie's discretionary fund. Beginning in January, the third Sunday of the month, any loose offerings will go toward Judy's discretionary fund. You can also donate to either fund at any time by labeling your offering "Deacon Discretionary" or "Rector Discretionary."

SECOND ANNUAL

St. Jude's Crafter's & Holiday Bazaar

**Friday & Saturday,
November 20 & 21, 2020**

New this year! We will be utilizing more spaces in the church for crafters this year, not just in Vandenberg hall!

Planning for this event has begun!

If you know any crafters who might be interested, please let us know.

Anyone interested in being a part of this team please let Ron Trimmer know at ron.m.trimmer@gmail.com.

If you are interested in renting a booth or would like to donate products for the St. Jude's booth please notify St. Jude's office not later than Tuesday March 31, 2020.

Primary fundraiser for funding a much needed elevator lift for our facility, to aid in the accessibility of our parishoners and visitors.

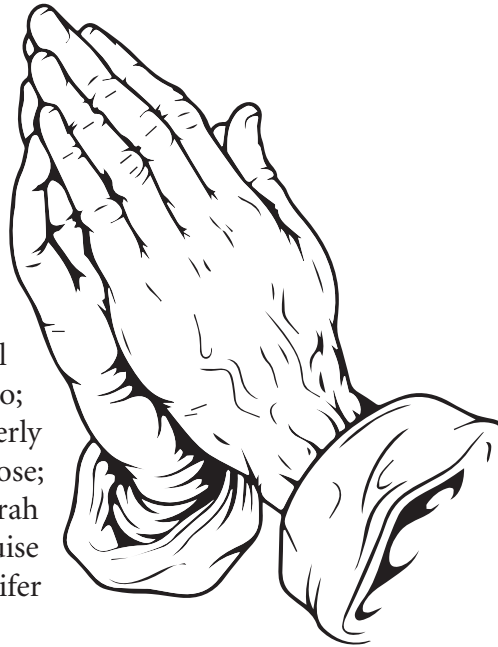
We invite you to be a part of this project!



Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Whayne, our Bishop Provisional; Tracie, our Priest; for the Wardens and Vestry.

For those in particular need of prayer: Jeff F.; Jeremy Alber; Shanin Beall; Judy Bronner; Steven G.; Harold Gray; Bunny Gladfelter; Jaqueline Hoskins; Sydnie Jane Jones; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Leon Layman; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Mike Marincio; Theresa Maynard; Jack & Beverly Mills; Noel; Paul Riley; Mike Rose; James Simpson; Larry Smith; Sarah Smith; Stan Spicer; Mary Louise Susalla; Howard Thorpe; Jennifer Ubil; Marsha Wittig; Maureen Z.



And those in continuing need of prayer: David Barrows; Brett Beall; Butch & Julie Beuchel; Jack & Rita Bretzke; Margot Brummett; Dave Carr; Karen Cleaver; Alex Creamean; Betsy Davies; Melissa Draper; Gail Engdahl; John England; Mary Franklin; Ralph Gladfelter; Lisa & Barb Gladstone; Joan Graham; Brian Henderson; Clint Johnson; Kellie Johnson; Mindy Kania; Ev Koller; Janel Koop; Paul Koop; Angela Koresh; Leona; Anne Munns; Cathy Niemet; Brian Paisley; Jay Rizzo; Arin Shinabarger; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Brian Smith; Sandy Train; Jill Tripp.

If you have updates or changes to the prayer list, please let Liz in the church office know. Thank you!

Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

February 2	–	Tony Warren; Mike Wells; Ed & Marlene Weston
February 9	–	Bill & Bea White; Dan, Angela, Laurel & Gabby White
February 16	–	Mike Wood; Craig & Gay Adams; Sharon Aldrich
February 23	–	Bob & Kim Alexander; Bill, Lydia & Molly Anderson

February Birthdays

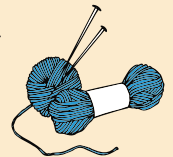
1st	–	Julie DuPei
2nd	–	Chet Susalla
4th	–	Marcia Freeman
	–	Judi Harris
6th	–	Madeleine Koch
13th	–	Bob Hutchins
	–	Austin Moller
	–	Leah Moller
	–	William Moller
15th	–	Connor Szostak
18th	–	Lorraine Moller
20th	–	Dan White
24th	–	David Freeman
25th	–	Martha Applebee
27th	–	Lester Jones
29th	–	Jennifer Chambers

February Anniversaries

2nd	–	Jon & Rosiland Burroughs (6th)
14th	–	Dustin & Meghan Rayner (2nd)
19th	–	Jack & Beverly Mills (53rd)



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The prayer shawl ministry will meet Monday, Feb. 24, at 1:00 p.m.

Other dates, times and meeting locations will be announced.

Questions? Contact:

Deb James at 810-210-6305 or
Judy Marincio at 810-629-8074

Beacon Deadlines

Submissions for The Beacon are due by the **22nd of each month**. Please submit them to Debbie Fry at debbiemcwilliams00@gmail.com.

Let the Children Come to Me

How do we welcome young children at St. Jude's? Currently, we invite children to Godly Play which takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 service. Children are welcomed into that one-room classroom by the Storyteller and by the Doorperson or Shepherd who is a volunteer. Children are then returned to their parents and/ or grandparents at about 11:15 in time for Eucharistic Prayer (Communion).



How Do We Welcome Children & Parents?

During their time in worship with the rest of the congregation, children are invited to pick up a Worship Bag or Busy Bag. These bags are for two different age groups. The smaller, color bags are for pre-schoolers & kindergartners. The larger, ivory colored bags are for older elementary age children or 1st Graders—5th Graders. The toys and books inside the bags are especially intended for these age groups. Most of the items in the bag have religious themes. These bags may be borrowed during the worship service and then we ask that the bags be returned after the service for use at the next worship service.

Our nursery is closed at this time because we haven't had nursery age children at St. Jude's for awhile. We had to let our

nursery staffers, who also assisted in Godly Play, go, recently, due to financial constraints. My understanding is that if we have families come aboard who need nursery care, we'll re-evaluate. We might recruit volunteers to take turns, at that point. It has been our tradition, recently at least, to re-

turn nursery age children to their parents in the worship service in time for communion.

What are some other ways we welcome children? We provide Advent and Lent-to-Go Bags. These bags invite families to observe the seasons of Advent and Lent at home. Frequently, we also provide materials to borrow from the Christian Formation table as well. These might include books, coloring sheets and more.

A couple of years ago, the new high chairs were moved down to the basement. I assume the chairs were moved down because they weren't being used regularly. However, the presence of high chairs in Vandenburg Hall sends a message. When they are present, they let people

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Let the Children Come continued...

know that, at the very least, young children are welcome at St. Jude's. The presence of (ideally, clean and well cared for) high chairs let parents know that we love children and want to support parents in bringing their children to church. Somewhat recently, we hosted a large funeral reception where many young children were present but the high chairs were missing. We have an opportunity, at every gathering held at St. Jude's, to send explicit and implicit messages to people present.



Another wish is for a library display stand, something small, which we could add to our library. I would display books, appropriate to the season, for children and youth. In this library display, I might also add share books which might support parents in raising strong, healthy, faith-filled children. Ideally, the display might allow for the sharing more than the three or four books I can fit on my Christian Formation display table. I would be happy to lend these books out.

Another idea that's re-emerged for me is to create a PRAY GROUND in our worship space. In our case, a Pray Ground might be created in the area our choir used to occupy. I abandoned the idea a few years ago because we couldn't imagine how we could create a space which would allow children to still see what's going on at the altar. Now, with the altar moved forward, children would be able to see. In that space, we might put an area rug, a small table or two, a small shelving unit, a couple of comfy floor pillows, maybe

a little bouncy seat for babies. All the activities in the Pray Ground would be quiet ones. The space would allow children to move about a bit and play quietly. Parents could sit nearby. Again, the presence of such a space would send the message that children are welcome and valued here at St. Jude's. It would suggest to parents that we want to make it easier for them to bring their children to church.

More to share later...

Regularly Happening at St. Jude's

Godly Play

Most Sundays Year Round

For children in Pre-K thru Grade 5. We meet in the Godly Play room (follow signs) in basement. We start at 10:25am. Children return to their parents, in worship, at communion time.

Youth Group

Most Sundays from September thru early June

Youth group (6th thru 12th graders) meets most Sundays in September thru late May after the 10:30am service in the couch room (so roughly 11:45am to 12:45pm).

WORSHIP LEADERS for February 2020

	LEM (s) 2nd CHALISE PRAYERS	READER (S)	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY	ALTAR GUILD
<u>February 2</u>						
8 am	Mike Wells	Lois Hartranft	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Judi Harris Dave Rayner Paul Dolza	Dee Grossmann	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	Sue Premo	Paul Dolza	Terri Hutchins Francine J.
<u>February 9</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Lynn Hopper Dan White Dee Grossmann	Ed Weston	Dave & Denise Rayner	???	Jack Mills	Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller
<u>February 16</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Paul Dolza Dan White	Greg Forsyth	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	???	Charlie Johnston	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams
<u>February 23</u>						
8 am	Jerry Rucker	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dan White Greg Forsyth ???	Megan Rosa	Dave & Debbie James	???	Debbie James	Mary Ellen Mary Louise
<u>March 1</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Paul Dolza Amy Freeman Dee Grossmann	Paul Dolza	Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	???	Lynne Ronthi	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris Lisa Cronk
<u>March 8</u>						
8 am	Mike Wells	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Greg Forsyth Dee Grossmann Paul Dolza	Ellen Tripp	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	???	Christine Szostak	Christine S. Lois Hartranft

Communion Bread Bakers:

February – Terri Hutchins March – Judy Marinco April – Nancy Day



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