

THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

MARCH 2021... OUR 163RD YEAR

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Daily Morning Prayer Services
via Facebook Live
8:00 a. m.

No In-Person Worship at Present

RECTORS REPORT

Water. It's been on my mind lately. A lot. Just yesterday the Gospel took us to the River Jordan. Standing on the shore, we watched as Jesus waded into the water and was baptized. It was a pivot moment for Jesus. One that drove him out into the wilderness perhaps to process.

Water. It can mark a new beginning, as baptism does. It can be so live-giving. And it can be so destructive. Ice dams in the St. Clair River have caused the river to spill over its banks, invading nearby homes with its icy wetness, damaging anything in its way. Ice dams don't just happen in the river. They happen on the roof as well. We've been trying to stay ahead of the ice dams in a couple of places on our roof, hoping to ward off the very real fact that water always finds its way and, as Dave will tell you, water always wins.

It brought back to mind water winning in our kitchen years ago as

we were doing some renovations after moving to Linden. The brand new water faucet that was installed, unbeknownst to anyone, was defective. It was a Sunday when it happened. Dave had left to visit Mike in Farmington Hills and to take him to church there. I had left to celebrate our two Sunday services. While we were both away, the tap sprung a leak. And not just a wee annoying drip. By the time I got home the kitchen was flooded, the water had found its way under the kitchen cupboards and into the living room where it soaked the carpet. It had even discovered a way into the basement when it totally destroyed several ceiling tiles in our office. By the next morning our hardwood floor had buckled severely.

Water. Destructive. Life-giving. Damaging. Marking new beginnings.

Today we find ourselves just at the beginning of our 40-day Lenten journeys. A time to reflect and perhaps to prepare for new beginnings in our own lives of faith. This is a season when, in normal circumstances, we prepare candidates to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. New beginnings. Marked by water.

And, even if there is no one to receive this life-changing Sacrament, we all prepare to renew our Baptismal Vows. To remember what it means



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to be baptized. To renew our intention to live differently in the world because we are baptized.

Water.

How has water changed your life? How has your baptism changed the way you live? How are you using this season of Lent to prepare? What new beginning might God be calling you to? May your Lenten journey be holy and insightful!

Love and Blessings,
Tracie+



Book Club Meeting Virturally

The Book Club is going to begin meeting virtually this month, March.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p. m. We will be discussing the book *When We Were Sisters* by Emilie Richards.

If you are new to the book club, but would like to participate, please let Kathy Hopper know so that you can receive the information to join via Zoom.

Maundy Thursday



As we prepare for our Holy Week celebrations, we are looking for your help. One of the key readings of the Maundy Thursday liturgy, is the story of the footwashing. Jesus knelt at the feet of all of the disciples and washed their feet, setting them an example of what it means to be a servant.

How have you been called to be a servant in the work of living the Gospel? Please send Tracie some pictures of the way you see service in your life of faith. These photos will be included during the service. You can email your submissions to: TracieLLittle@gmail.com

Good Friday



As we prepare for our Holy Week celebrations, we are looking for your help. One of the core elements of our Passion Liturgy is the Veneration of the Cross. This year we're inviting you to submit pictures of crosses that you may have in your home.

These photos will be included during the service. You can email your submissions to: TracieLLittle@gmail.com

Thank you for helping to make our Holy Week liturgies relevant and powerful!

Our friends down the street at St. Jude's help people selflessly every day. To help support their endeavors we have decided to bring back We Care Wednesday!

We Care Wednesday

\$2 of every takeout order will be donated to the St. Jude's Outreach Program for those in need every Wednesday in March.

So stop by and grab a delicious sandwich or dinner curbside to help those who need it most!

THE LAUNDRY

Connect to Virtual
Office Hours via Zoom

Tracie's Zoom Office Hours

If you'd like to visit Tracie in her home office, please join her on Zoom. You will need a computer or a smart phone with video and audio capability. Just click on the link below. You may need to enter the meeting number and/or the password in order to enter. You will be placed in a waiting room and Tracie will admit you one at a time.

Office hours will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***Join Zoom Office Hours Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon**

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Password: St. Jude's

***Join Zoom Office Hours Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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I look forward to welcoming you to my home office virtually!

**Blessings,
Tracie+**

**Active links are found on St. Jude's website... 'click and go' from there.*

REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marincio from "Our Daily Bread", January 26th edition

The Problem Within

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:9



A few years ago, a woodpecker began tapping on the siding of our home. We thought the problem was only external. Then one day, my son and I climbed up a ladder into the attic only to have a bird fly past our startled faces. The problem was worse than we'd suspected: it was inside our house.

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, the crowd was hoping He would be the one to fix their external problem—their oppression by the Romans. They went wild, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9). This was the moment they'd been waiting for; God's appointed King had come. If God's chosen Deliverer was going to begin

reforming things, wouldn't He start with all the wrong out there? But in most gospel accounts, the "triumphal entry" is followed by Jesus driving out exploitative moneychangers . . . from the temple (vv. 12-13). He was cleaning house, and from the inside out.

That's what happens when we welcome Jesus as King; He comes to set things right—and He starts with us. He makes us confront the evil inside. Jesus on the donkey is like the warriors in the Trojan horse. The horse was welcomed as a symbol of peace, but its ultimate aim was unconditional surrender. Jesus our King requires the same from us.

By Glenn Pakiam

Reflect and Pray

Dear Jesus, You're the true King. Forgive me for wanting You to only fix the problems in the world around me and not to confront the sin in my heart. Show me where I'm prone to wander and expose the ways I want to run my own life.

What does it mean for Jesus to be your King? Why is it vital for you to surrender your all to Him?

MUSIC NOTES

While March holds the promise of spring and warmer weather, it is special in the liturgical calendar as well. It encloses the season of Lent, that time of reflection on the life of Christ and His sacrifice for our sins.

These Sundays incorporate beloved events from the life and teachings of Jesus. These include the cleansing of the temple and the much loved God so loved the world of John 3. Come, thou fount of every blessing and Lift high the cross are two of the musical offerings we will experience during this holy time.

March 28 begins with the jubilation of Palm Sunday (All glory, laud, and honor) and concludes with the Passion reading that leads us into Holy Week (O sacred head, sore wounded), that time of reflection, as we recount the events of Christ's suffering.

March is very special; may we partake in the worship experiences of this blessed time.

Marlene Weston

PRAYER LIST

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Skip, our Consultant to the Standing Committees; the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan; Tracie, our Priest; for the Wardens and Vestry.

For those in particular need of prayer: Martha; Jeff F.; Jeremy Alber; Sheila Baker; Shanin Beall; Kathy & Tom Brighton; Cindy; Barbara Capadagli; Joe Capadagli; Steven G.; Bunny Gladfelter; Sarah Heikkila; Jaqueline Hoskins; Sharon James; Carl Koch; Connie Koch; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Leon Layman; Bill Lenny; Laura; Liz; Jack & Beverly Mills; Noel; Paul Riley; Mike Rose; James Simpson; Larry Smith; Sarah Smith; Mary Louise Susalla; Jennifer Ubil; Brad Wiechelman; Marsha Wittig; Maureen Z.

And those in continuing need of prayer: Bill; David Barrows; Brett Beall; Butch & Julie; Rita Bretzke; Todd Brighton; Diane Brighton-Weinman; Margot Brummett; Dave; Karen Cleaver; Cathy Conn; Betsy Davies; Melissa Draper; John England; Mary Franklin; Gabe; Ralph Gladfelter; Joan Graham; Brian Henderson; Clint; Kelli; Sydne Kalet; Ev Koller; Angela Koresch; Leona; Sherry More; Richard; Jay Rizzo; Arin Shinabarger; Brian Smith; Sandy Train; Leonard Traskos; Ellen Tripp; Patti Vasquez

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

March Birthdays

- 2nd – Marcus Clark
Mary Louise Susalla
- 8th – Vic Peters
– Carol Pettipher
- 9th – Sophia Chambers
- 10th – David Chambers
– Brian Goss
– Dan Harvey
- 14th – Ella Koch
- 18th – Rex Harris
- 19th – Rosiland Burroughs
- 23rd – Bonnie Ensign
– Gabriella Pennington
- 25th – Martha Applebee
- 31st – Francine Rucker

March Anniversaries

- 6th – Rex & Judi Harris (56 years)
- 14th – Bob & Terri Hutchins
(57 years)
- 16th – Sean & Liz Sailus (2 years)



Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

March 7 - Vance Grodon, Jerry & Joan Graham, Dee Grossmann

March 14 - Mark Hamel, Mike, Chace, McKenna & Aiden Green, Rex & Judi Harris

March 21 - Lois Hartranft, Dan & Beth Harvey, Mary Ellen Hazell

March 28 - Lynn & Kathy Hopper, Jodi, Robbie & Harrie Hunt, Bob & Terri Hutchins

PAY IT FORWARD

Many of you who attended this years' virtual annual meeting or read the annual report became aware of the deficit budget we will have this year. (-\$26,657) It is not uncommon to have a deficit budget, but the circumstances of the last year and the one that lies ahead of us are uncommon. Besides not being able to have indoor worship, we have been unable to sustain our annual fundraisers or collect any donations for the use of our building by outside groups.

Wouldn't it be awesome if we could find an "almost painless" way to improve the deficit? I thought you would never ask.

We could pay forward a small portion of the unexpected rewards we get to reduce St. Jude's deficit. Sometimes we receive rewards ourselves for having a Costco or Sam's Club membership, or points earned on a credit card. Many of us have or will receive stimulus checks that we were not expecting. Maybe it was a good year for the stock market, or you got more back than you expected on your tax return.

As members of St. Jude's, we are the caretakers of God's family. That family includes us, our memories of those who have gone before us, as well as those we have not yet met. We have survived a pandemic with God's love, hope, and generosity. Let us do the same for each other. When the doors of our church finally open, we want them to remain open for many years to come. Paying a little forward now, if you are able, will help St. Jude's be the hands and feet of God for generations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Denise Rayner

Donations Received for Deficit Reduction:

Deficit presented in 2021 budget: \$26,657

Donated in February 2021: \$441

Total Received so far in 2021: \$441

You can make your donation in the manner you are most comfortable, check or online.

If you give by check, please put "deficit reduction" or "pay it forward" in the memo line. If you give online, please select the "Custodial - Deficit Reduction" fund from the drop down menu.

Thank you!



Are you over 65 and having trouble with booking an appointment to receive your Covid-19 vaccine? Because the process to setting up an appointment or even getting on a waiting list in order to receive a vaccine, is all online, we recognize that the process itself may be a stumbling block for those who are eligible to receive a vaccine.

If you are struggling with knowing how to get signed up, we have a team of people ready to help. Please contact Tracie at 810-300-9177 to let her know you would like some help and she will connect you with one of our volunteers. That volunteer will contact you by telephone and will sign you up during your conversation. You will need to provide the information that they will input into the computer.

It is our hope and prayer that everyone that wishes to receive a vaccination can, no matter if they have the ability to connect online themselves. If you need help, reach out and we will do as much as possible to help you get an appointment!



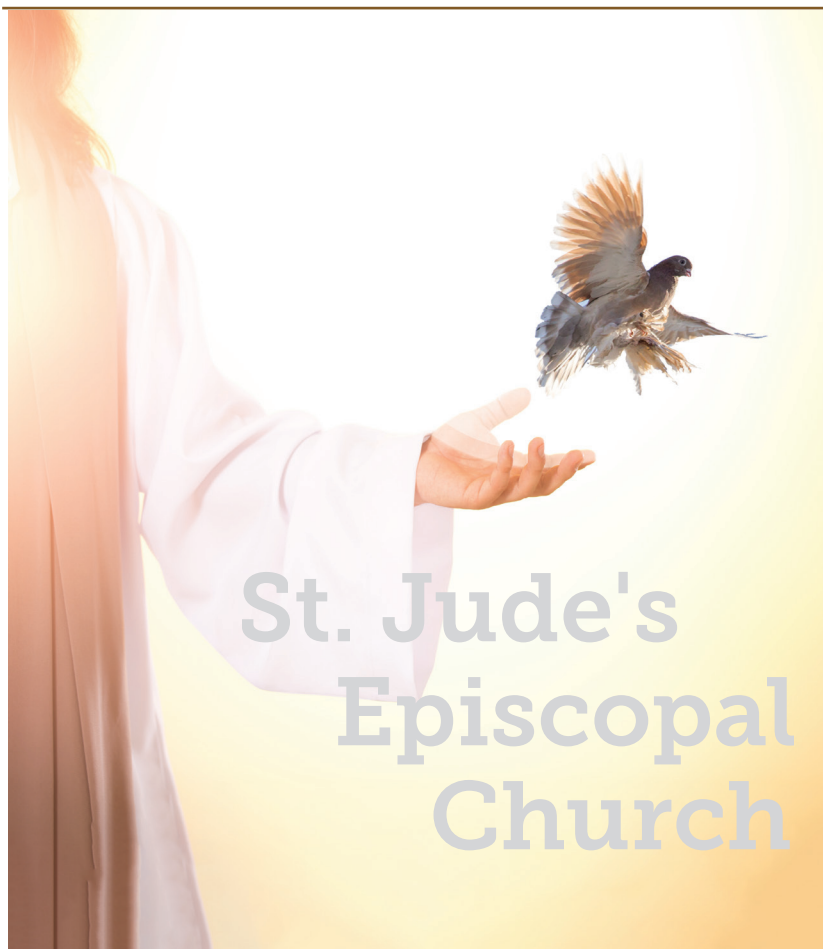
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