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Doing Hard Things With God's Help



Digging a post hole is hard when you are four.

We all face moments when the road ahead looks entirely too daunting. We all do hard things every single day: whether you are managing an overwhelming diagnosis, caring for aging parents, serving inside a prison, doing mission work, or trying to stay afloat amid financial strain, life frequently asks us to do hard things. The challenges can feel impossible to manage on our own. We tire out, lose focus, and eventually hit a wall of burnout.

The beautiful truth of the gospel is that we were never meant to carry these heavy burdens alone. When Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," He wasn't promising an easy life free of conflict. Instead, He was offering a partnership. He invites us to trade our fragile, limited strength for His

infinite power.

Doing hard things with God's help requires a fundamental shift in how we approach our daily struggles. It means moving from a mindset of self-reliance to one of deep, intentional surrender. When we step back and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, our perspective changes. The obstacle might remain the same, but the weight of it shifts from our shoulders to His.

As we navigate the difficult challenges in our lives, we should remember to lean on Jesus. Surrender the outcome through prayer. Before you attempt to solve the problem, lift it up. Tell God exactly what you are afraid of and where you feel weak.

Lean on your church community. The Family of St. Paul's is just that; reach out to someone for prayer or a helping hand. Fr. Michael or Mtr. Sara always have an open door; Daughters of the King members commit to a daily program of prayer, maintaining confidential prayer lists, prayer chains, and praying daily for clergy and community.

Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." We are fully capable of doing hard things—not because of who we are, but because of Who is walking right beside us. "I will with God's help."

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A Message from Fr. Michael



Doing Hard Things

In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes a surprising promise. He says, “Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.” (14: 12) Jesus makes this promise to his disciples on the eve of his death. It surprises to think that there not only could be, but will be, greater miracles, more astonishing healings, more souls converted without Jesus present than with Him. I mean, how on Earth can ordinary believers witness and participate in greater things than Jesus Himself performed? Did He not feed 5,000 with only two fish and five loaves? What is greater than that? Did He not expel the demons of Legion from a tortured soul? What is greater than that? Did Jesus not raise Lazarus from the dead? What is greater than that? Jesus tells us it is because of the Holy Spirit that these greater things will be done through and around us. This is one of the most extraordinary things about our faith: We are empowered to do hard things.

When we look around, we see hard things being done every day. We have a wonderful day school that has been forming children for 75 years. Jesus’s ministry lasted only three years on Earth: Truly 75 is greater than 3. Sustaining this generationally impactful ministry for so long has not and never will be easy. Going to South Dakota is not easy either. It’s hard to travel that distance. It’s hard to sacrifice the time. It’s hard to encounter poverty. It’s hard to offer a word of hope when you feel like crying.

Or look at Kairos, our prison ministry. Six men from St. Paul’s will enter into the David Wade Correctional Center this month. The men there live in cages and are surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. Prison is a place of anguish and despair. It is filled people who have committed violent crimes. These men have been cut off from society and warehoused out of sight. Do you think it’s hard to bring the light of Christ into that dark place?

I’m touching just the tip of the iceberg. As a church family we have done the hard work of renewing our campus to make it more useful and more beautiful. We have invested heavily in time and treasure to make our church campus inviting for everyone that enters. The harder things are the things closest to our hearts. It’s hard to care for our aging parents and friends. It’s hard to watch our loved ones struggle with sickness. And it is hard to help them die with dignity. We are all doing these things every day.

We have grown so much over the four and a half years I’ve been your Rector. I don’t mean in numbers – though those are healthy, too. I mean that I have seen our willingness to participate in the greater things with our eyes and hearts wide open. I have seen the courage and confidence of St. Paul’s grow. We are a church that does hard things for the sake of the Gospel. The future is full of these greater things.

As proud as I am of our church family, we must always remember that the greater power at work in all the hard things is not our human will (though that is important). Instead, it is the Holy Spirit alive and active in us and around us that is decisive. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of these great things happen. All praise and worship for the Holy Spirit who draws us together, fills us with Christ’s love, and wonderfully transforms our faithful work into amazing things!

Parishioner Spotlight: Ron Smith



When Ron Smith walks into the church office he might be there as the Senior Warden, as a member of the Finance Committee, the Liturgist, or as part of the Matthew 25 Tuesday Group; maybe he’s there on Kairos business, as a parishioner of the church, or simply as a friend. Ron wears many hats at St. Paul’s and together with his wife Louise also serves as chief proofreader for the Sunday Order of Service. His liturgical knowledge is vast and his love for St. Paul’s and for the mission of the church is deep. He has been a member of St. Paul’s since 1975 and in that time has served on Vestry multiple times with one term as Junior Warden; he served as our Treasurer for thirteen years and has been a worship leader for about 45 years. Ron is very excited to be a part of the Kairos team and happy that the Kairos ministry is active once again!

Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

Facility Stewardship

Several facility projects are at long last coming to a close.

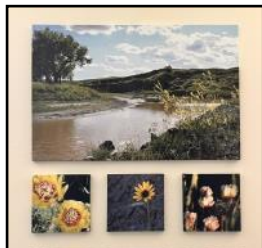


The front doors to the church have new hardware installed which looks beautiful and highlights the restoration and restaining of the doors. There is still some ongoing work on the exterior doors of the holding hall which Tharpe Construction has in progress.

Another project coming to a close this month is the Parlor restroom renovation. This project included complete renovation of both restrooms and of the storage closet next to the restrooms. The ladies restroom has been enlarged and will include a vanity, sinks, and a baby changing station. There are still some final touches to be completed such as hanging the mirrors, and signage on the doors. The restrooms have reversed sides so now the ladies is on the left and the men's is on the right. Abrams Architecture and Testament Construction have done a beautiful job on this project.



The Parlor has undergone a bit a freshening up with the installation of Jill Pickett's photography of South Dakota. Some seating in the Parlor has been rearranged with the creation of smaller conversational seating areas. Look for a new display area of EYC art as well!



In the church office artwork from Mary Virginia Hill has added a beautiful touch of color and expression to the space.

The new program year is upon us and we are thankful for new and beautiful spaces to gather in worship and fellowship together!

Plenty Good Room

Our annual stewardship campaign kicks off in October under the theme "Plenty Good Room." Plenty Good Room reminds us that there is always room in God's house; we just need to make ourselves at home and invite others to join us. The ways we steward our relationships, resources, and responses to grow ministry and serve our neighbors are the ways we connect our gratitude to our generosity. There's Plenty Good Room in God's House!

Ministry Spotlight: Kairos



For the first time since the pandemic, the Kairos ministry will be able to hold a Kairos weekend at David Wade Correctional Center on September 17–20. Kairos is a prison ministry with a mission to develop a Christian community on the inside of a prison. The St. Paul's team that will go inside the facility consists of Ron Smith, Fr. Michael, Barry Larson, Breard Inabett, and Michael Wells. These servants and volunteers show the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ

during a 3½ day Kairos Weekend through talks, meditations, chapel visits, music, listening and loving. There is also an "outside" team that support the ministry by baking cookies and by lifting the ministry up in continuous prayer throughout the weekend.

Worship

Altar Guild Word of the Month: Beginnings



When we think of beginnings, we may think of January 1 and resolutions that are soon forgotten, or perhaps the season of Advent when the new church year begins. For most of us, there is something truly nostalgic about the month of September. The natural year begins to wind down, and the blazing hot summer eventually gives way to fall, but the event most of us remember most fondly is the start of a new school year. Schools usually get under way in August nowadays, but the thought of new pencils and a fresh clean binder waiting to be defaced, still delights the memories of older generations who returned to school the day after Labor Day.

At St. Paul's, **September 9** marks the beginning of the new program year. **Wonderful Wednesday** returns with simple Eucharist, dinner, and a program, Wednesday evenings at **5:30 pm**. This popular weekly offering provides a spiritual refresh along with fellowship and interesting topics to learn about.

A **healing service with simple Eucharist** returns on **Wednesday mornings at 10 am, also beginning September 9**. The healing service is a beautiful way to bring one's need for healing to the Lord, as well as that of family members and friends, with anointing and laying on of hands.

Another service that goes on hiatus during the summer and **returns September 13, at 4:30 pm, is The Way**. This Eucharist is accompanied by fellowship and a really good band. Who knew we had such amazing talent hiding in plain sight? The Way is celebrated in the chancel most Sunday evenings. Attendees tend to be those who respond to a more casual vibe with plenty of Holy Spirit to go around. If you haven't taken in The Way in the past, check it out this year.

These aren't the only activities that rev up in the fall. Watch the Carillon for more opportunities to meet with like-minded Christians and grow in Christ together.

New beginnings are always exciting. They give us a chance to start again and go forward with renewed energy and spirit. The **Altar Guild** at St. Paul's plays a role in many of these activities. If you are interested in learning more about the Altar Guild ministry, please contact Carol Moloney (225-362-2783) or Terry LeGrand (318-573-2233).

Altar Flowers

September 6: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my daughter Christine by Joe Corby.

September 13: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Raymond by Gwen Bowles.

September 20: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Dr. Gene and Annabelle Slagle and in celebration of their birthdays by Lynda Shelley and Scott Slagle.

September 27: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Ann and Joseph Reeks by Beverly and Bernie Casso, JoAnn and Chris Rose, and Rebecca and Guy Rials.

Fall Triduum 2026

All Hallows Eve: Friday, Oct. 31
5 pm Oakland Cemetery, 1100 Milam Street

A time of solemn joy as we remember the dead in light of the one who conquered death

All Saints Day: Sunday, Nov. 1
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Baptism
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Celebrating those Christians whose witness was particularly heroic

All Souls Day: Monday, Nov. 2
5:30 pm Simple Eucharist, Chapel
Soul Food dinner to follow, Parish Hall
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Remembering the faithful departed unknown in the wider church, and friends and family



Sunday Lectionary

September 6: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119: 33-40; 2nd Lesson: Romans 13:8-14; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

September 14: The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13; 2nd Lesson: Romans 14:1-12; Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

September 21: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; 2nd Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30; Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

September 27: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-8; 2nd Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13; Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Families, Children, Youth

Holy Angels Visit



Holy Angels residents will be our guests on Sunday, **September 27** on the Feast of St. Michael and all Angels.

Holy Angels is an independent residential training facility, serving approximately 185 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities whose

ages range from newborn to older adults primarily from Louisiana and Texas.

In AngelWorks Enterprises, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive work readiness training and job placement. Meaningful work in everything from creative and culinary arts to business services is offered. Holy Angels' residents and program participants create unique, handmade products in AngelWorks such as calendars, original art, pottery, cutting boards, and cookies which are sold in their gift shop as well as in other gift shop partners in the community.

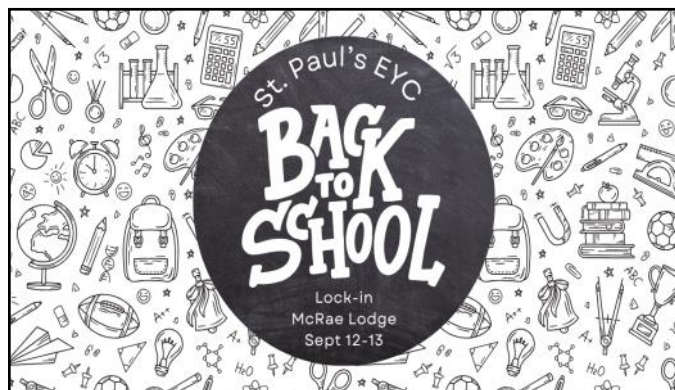
After church we will be able to enjoy their Howdy home-made ice cream and shop Holy Angels merchandise made by their residents.

Senior Acolyte Gold Cincture Ceremony



Congratulations to our Senior Acolytes Charlize Babington, Luke Maier, and John Hilton Ferguson. Each was presented with the gold cincture in a ceremony on August 17 and honored at coffee hour with cake pops and golden sugar cookies.

EYC Lock-In and Car Wash



The annual EYC Back-to-School Lock-In will be September 12-13 at the McRae Lodge.

On Sunday, September 13, the EYC is hosting a car wash at the Lodge as a fundraiser to buy new furniture. Drive your car to church that day and then have it washed to support the teenagers. The car wash begins at 8:30 and will go as long as there are cars to wash.

Sara Lewis is excited to begin a new program year with the EYC. She and Mtr. Sara are looking forward to working together with J2A and EYC fun this year.

Start Planning for Trunk or Treat 2026



Start making plans for Trunk or Treat 2026.

The competition for most tricked-out-trunk is always fierce!

Trunk or Treat will be on October 31 this year and will be in the parking lot starting at noon. We will have a cookout with hotdogs and hamburgers.

EYC always offers tough competition for the judges so plan accordingly!

September

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8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
1 pm Stitched Together (Bride's Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Allie & Anna Peever
Anniversary: Matthew & Brittanie Carpenter

2

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens Rm)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Wardens Rm)

6

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Wardens Rm)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, Blessing of Oils
12 pm Confirmation Class (McRae Lodge)
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)

Birthday: Bennett Bynum
Anniversary: Kerry & Dorcas Kirspe

7

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
6 pm Outreach Committee

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8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
12 pm Finance Committee
1 pm Stitched Together (Bride's Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Ray Tindel, Patsy Michael
Anniversary: Tim & Sarah Tully

9

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
10 am Healing Service (Chancel)
10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens Rm)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Chancel)
5:30 pm Young Voices
6 pm Dinner: Meatball Sub
6:45 pm Programs, all ages
Birthday: Robert Vinet, Jim Garner

13

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
8:30 am EYC Car Wash, McRae Lodge
9:30 am Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
12 pm EYC Car Wash (McRae Lodge)
12 pm Confirmation Class (McRae Lodge)
3 pm Holy Eucharist at The Glen
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
Anniversary: Gill & Melissa McElroy

14 Holy Cross Day

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)

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8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
1 pm Stitched Together (Bride's Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Taylor Jane Lee

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8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
10 am Healing Service (Chancel)
10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens Rm)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Chancel)
5:30 pm Young Voices
6 pm Dinner: Fajitas (Parish Hall)
6:45 pm Programs, all ages

20

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
12 pm Confirmation Class (McRae Lodge)
4:30 pm The Way, and Agape Meal
4:30 pm J2A (McRae Lodge)
Kairos #45 Concludes
Birthday: Cindy Wilson

21 St. Matthew

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
10:30 am St. Catherine's Guild (Wardens Room)
6 pm Vestry Meeting

22

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
1 pm Stitched Together (Bride's Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Erika Cannon, Teal Larson, Gail Nightengale, Aaron Broadwell

23

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
10 am Healing Service (Chancel)
10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens Rm)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Chancel)
5:30 pm Young Voices
6 pm Dinner: Lasagna (Parish Hall)
6:45 pm Programs, all ages
Birthday: Walker Hood, Simon Calhoun

27

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, Holy Angels visit
12 pm Daughters of the King (Bride's Room)
12 pm Confirmation Class (McRae Lodge)
4:30 pm J2A (McRae Lodge)
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
Birthday: Jerry Wilson, Stephanie Chaffee, Elizabeth Hadwin

28

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
Birthday: Sue Marler, Janis Kutschbach

29 St. Michael & All Angels

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
1 pm Stitched Together (Bride's Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Kelli Bynum, Austin Waldon

30

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Mtr. Sara's Office)
10 am Healing Service (Chancel)
10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens Rm)
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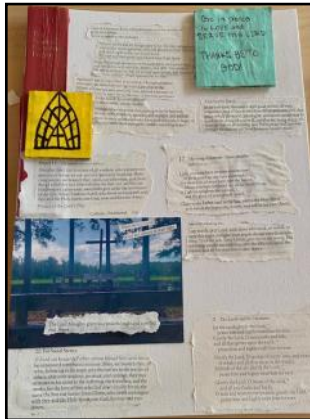
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Discipleship & Christian Education

EYC Creates BCP Art

The EYC spent one of their Sunday afternoons creating beautiful and inspirational canvases using copies of the Book of Common Prayer that have been removed from circulation due to poor condition.

Inspired by a piece created by Youth Minister Sara Lewis, the teenagers selected verses and passages that are particularly meaningful to them and added their own artwork.



Each canvas is unique and was created with purposeful thought and care.

"I am so impressed with what they did and what they chose to use. I just love them all," Sara said.



EYC meets Sundays at 5 pm in the McRae Lodge until September 26 when the meeting time changes to every other Saturday. Reach out to Sara Lewis to learn more about this project or the EYC!



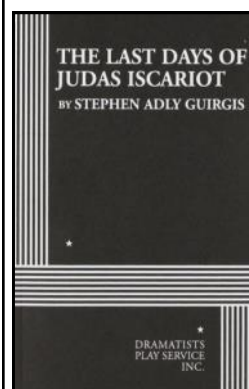
Bible Study

With Mtr. Sara

Sundays, 9:30 am
Wardens' Room

What is Fr. Michael Reading?

Fr. Michael always has a book in his hand, but what is he reading now?



Currently he's reading [*The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*](#) by Stephen Gurgis.

The play tells the story of a court case over the ultimate fate of Judas Iscariot. The play uses flashbacks to an imagined childhood and lawyers who call for the testimonies of a litany of famous witnesses. Set in a time-bending, darkly comic world between heaven and hell, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* reexamines the plight and fate of the New Testament's most infamous and unexplained sinner.

Mission and Outreach

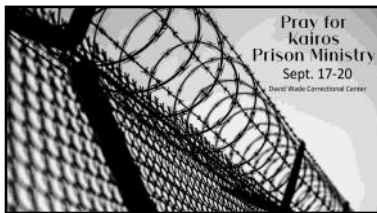
St. Paul's Day School Celebrates 75-Years!



St. Paul's Day School celebrates seventy-five years this year, welcoming children and teaching them basic skills and Christian formation.

Each day begins with chapel which includes singing, Bible stories and prayer. The staff has developed an outstanding and unique curriculum based on developmentally appropriate practices. Teachers on each level meet together weekly to plan fun and creative learning experiences for their students. Pre-readiness math and language development skills are incorporated into thematic units. Children also enjoy music, art, and playtime.

Kairos Weekend is September 17-20



Kairos is a prison ministry with a mission to develop a Christian community on the inside of a prison. The volunteers show the love and forgiveness of Jesus

Christ during a 3½ day Kairos Weekend through talks, meditations, chapel visits, music, listening and loving. After the weekend, small groups called Prayer and Share meet on a weekly basis; monthly Reunions are also held with the free world volunteers in attendance.

Kairos means "In the fullness of time" or "God's Special Time." A Kairos team comprises two equally important sub-teams—the group that goes inside the prison, and the group that handles all weekend logistics, including meal preparation, delivering supplies needed for the weekend, and prayer support for each speaker on the inside team. Only men serve inside the prison, but both men and women may serve and are needed on the support team.

The St. Paul's team has been attending training meetings and is very excited to be able to participate. Outside help is needed too; check with Ron Smith to see how you can support the mission.

JOIN US FOR THE CANTERBURY TAILGATE

FOOD - FRIENDS - FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER 5TH | 1PM-6PM | GOLD DOME GRASS FIELD



Wonderful! WEDNESDAYS

RETURN SEPTEMBER 9

5:30 SIMPLE EUCHARIST
6 DINNER
6:30 MISSION WORK

Parish Life

Canterbury House Welcomes Students Back to School



Canterbury House welcomed Centenary students back to campus in August with a cookout and Holy Eucharist.

Breard Inabnett and Barry Larson, with the help of Jerry Bagwell, Stith Bynum, Logan Rich, Pierre Rubben, and Michael Wells opened the doors of Canterbury House to all Centenary students. The evening opened with Holy Eucharist and was followed by dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs.

Breard, our Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, is excited about the new school year and has events planned well into the school year. He has already established a core group who meets regularly for small group studies and discussions at Canterbury and looks for that to grow as more students hear about the great things happening there.

If you are interested in helping prepare for and run events at Canterbury, reach out to Breard about his Canterbury Ministry Team, especially if you are a Centenary alumni. Great things are happening at Canterbury House!

Finding the Heart of Jesus



Save the date for **October 16-18** when Sheila McGinn, PhD., and Fr. Frank Hughes, lead a workshop, Finding the Heart of Jesus: Key

Themes in the synoptic Gospels. Society tends to reshape the gospel to suit our comfortable preconceptions. A critical look at the Gospels can help us find the heart of Jesus anew and reset our priorities for Christian life.

Our workshop opens on Friday, **October 16** at 6 pm with dinner and continue Saturday with two sessions and lunch, and then conclude on Sunday.

Dr McGinn is Emerita Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at John Carroll University in Ohio. She is the author of *I Love to Tell the Story: The Gospel of Matthew for the Twenty-First Century* (Wipf & Stock, 2026), and *The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church* (2014).

Fr. Frank Hughes serves as Priest in Residence at Church of the Redeemer in Ruston, La and is the author of *A Guide to Mark* (2025) and *The Corinthian Correspondence: Redaction, Rhetoric, and History* (2021).

Vestry Highlights

Highlights from the July Vestry meeting:

- We have received the insurance settlement on the damaged gutters and LA Rain Pro will begin replacing the gutters.
- The new LED sign in front of the church is in place and is operational.
- Directional signs for the campus have been ordered and we await a permit from the city for installation.
- We are in process of transitioning to LED lighting throughout the campus.
- EYC this year will be held every other Saturday. Rite 13/ Journey to Adulthood will be held every Sunday at 4:30-7:30. Mother Sara and Sara Lewis will lead that class.
- The date for Happening 58 has been changed to April 16-18.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, Oct. 4

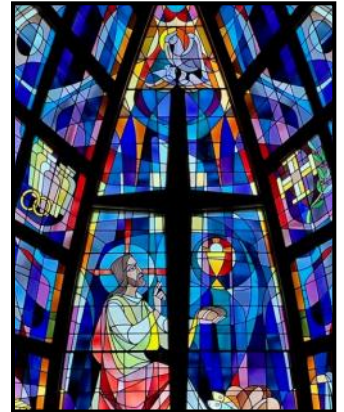


**MEET IN THE COURTYARD
FOR BLESSINGS AND TREATS**



Prayers

We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick: Fr. Brian Couvillon, Hallie Hart, Ginger Colquitt, Florine Breton, Roselyn Breton, Melodie, Joan, Louise Cravens, Wain Thompson, Kay, Tatum Brooks, Kathryn Gaines, Judy Chaffee, Andrew Canfield, James Murray, Barbie Cannon, Kinsley Hunt, Paul Tatom, Jerry Bagwell, Alan Prater, Mary Helen Byrum, Caden Hennesy, Gene Young, Peggy Connor, Kay Netherland, Joy Schneider, Allison Couvillon, Maxwell, Jerry Bigner, Major Wiese, Patsy Michael, Mary Virginia Hill, Maggie McElroy, Tammy Curlin, Tom Wilson, Janette, Jacquelyn Williams, Lynne Meier, Erin Harold, Coleman Brown, Betsy Dunkle, Barbara Young, Larry Broadwell, Marlyn Monette, Amy Prather, Andy Chastain, Mark and Mary Whitener, Edie Waghalter, Corey Gabler, John Pat Frost, Laura Kirsipel, John Greer, Mike Herriage, Stephen Roberts, Peggy Byerly.



We pray for our military: Amanda, Caleb, Clark, Cody, Cole, Cooper, Jason, Katie, Kip, Michael, Philip, Shaun, Steven

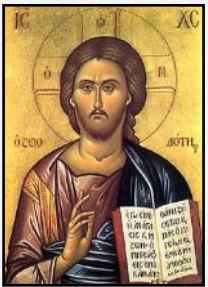
We pray for our missionaries: Tom and Robin Wilson

We pray for the faithfully departed: Ellen Miller, Fr. David Greer, Gary Whitener, Dianne Mullin

We pray for our expectant mothers: Katie Maynard, Fancy Treadway

We pray for the Anglican Communion, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury and Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Pere Jacob; the President of the United States, Donald, and we pray for Fr. Michael, our Rector, Mtr. Sara, our Curate, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.

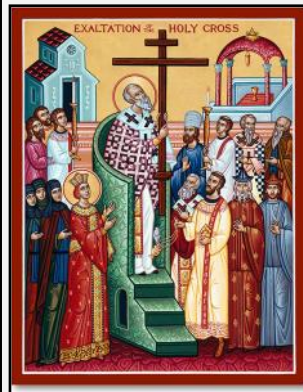
Collect for September 1: Labor Day



Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern

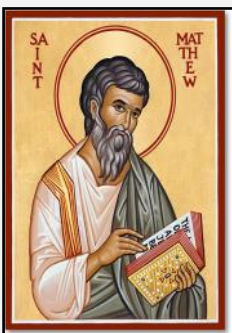
for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for September 14: Holy Cross Day



Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Collect for September 21: St. Matthew



We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for September 29: St. Michael and all Angels



Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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JESUS CHRIST IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Right Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD ~ Bishop of the Diocese of Western Louisiana

The Rev. Michael Cannon, Rector

The Rev. Deacon Sara Miller-Schulte, Curate

The Rev. Guido Verbeck, Rector Emeritus

Ron Smith, Senior Warden Stith Bynum, Junior Warden

The Vestry

2024-2026 - Stith Bynum, Rebecca Evans, David Langley, Gene Young

2025-2027 - Barbie Cannon, Beverly Casso, Will Duncan, Paul Moore

2026-2028 - Matt Abrams, Jerry Bagwell, Collins Hubbard, Amy Prather

Pat Becker.....	Parish Secretary
Michelle Boyd.....	Ministry Coordinator
Erika Cannon.....	Parish Administrator
Sara Lewis.....	Youth Minister
Breard Inabnett.....	Young Adult Ministry Coordinator
Barry Larson.....	Facilities Coordinator
Bob Maynard.....	Music Minister
JoAnn Rose.....	Day School Principal
Elizabeth West.....	Organist