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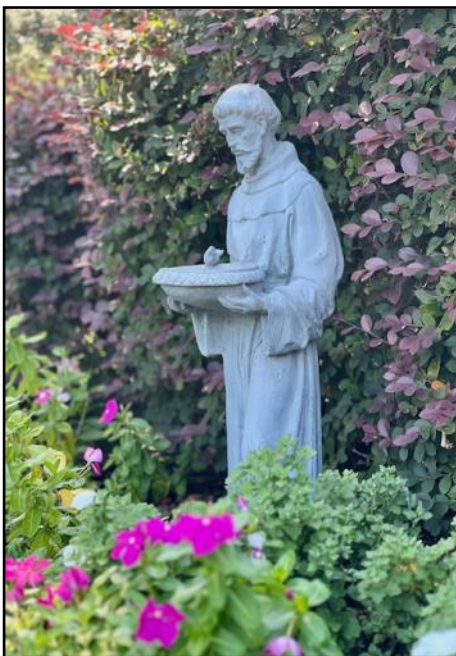
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Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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Blessing of the Animals is Sunday, October 5 in the Memorial Courtyard.

Celebrating the Fall Season



Fall has arrived and October brings several important events to the top of the calendar: Cursillo #156 happens the first weekend of October and St. Paul's has five pilgrims in attendance as well as four staff members; and there is a Cursillo Reunion and potluck on October 19 for all Cursillistas. If you have ever been to Cursillo you are heartily encouraged to attend.

Blessing of the Animals is Sunday, October 5; Fr. Michael has penned his column this month on the importance of the animals and pets in our lives.

The Pastoral Care Fall Luncheon is October 9, and the EYC Fall Retreat at the OWL Center also begins October 9, among other events that bring fellowship and vibrant life to the church. Trunk or Treat is October 26!

October also heralds the beginning of stewardship season when we are asked to pledge our time, talent, and treasure back to God.

October 15 brings the first Sacred Ground study circle led by Levi Brendle which focuses on healing between all races and learning to love one another regardless of any perceived boundaries or limitations. This first group has been formed and will meet Wednesday nights for eleven sessions. If you would like to be part of the next Sacred Ground study group, contact the office or talk to Levi.

The common thread in many of these events is our love for one another and for our church family. Fellowship, worship, and study opportunities bring us closer together and make us stronger in faith. As the temperatures cool and the days shorten, we celebrate God's many blessings.

A Message from Fr. Michael



“All Creatures of our God and King”

Dear Friends,

October brings with it cooler temperatures and golden light, and the celebration of one of the most beloved saints in our tradition: St. Francis of Assisi. The Church honors this humble man famous, in part, for seeing every creature — from the smallest sparrow to the fiercest wolf — as members of God’s family. He preached to birds, made peace with animals, and lived as if all creatures were kin.

Our Indigenous brothers and sisters, the Lakota people of South Dakota, live deeply into this truth. Their tradition teaches that all living beings are interconnected in a sacred web of life. Animals, humans, plants, and even water and sky — are all relatives. As the Lakota say: *Mitákuye Oyás’iŋ* — “All my relations.” This phrase speaks of unity and respect, reminding us that to love God is also to honor God’s creation, and to treat them all — two-legged, four-legged, winged or scaled — as family. St. Francis and Lakota tradition teach us a wisdom that brings peace.

Many of us know the joy and peace that comes from loving our pets. We feel joy in the purring and in the cuddles, and in the gentle barks and licks. In the squeaks and squawks we hear the echo of God’s love. Through them we remember that love is the will of God and the surpassing value of the universe. Our animal friends teach us to love across differences.

With this spirit of unity and reverence, we will gather again this year for a *Blessing of the Animals* on Saturday, October 5. Bring your pets, your photos, your memories — and your gratitude for the creatures who walk this life beside us. In a time when the world feels heavy with sorrow and division, our pets bring something different: joy, trust, affection, loyalty, and a quiet and simple form of companionship: love made simple. In caring for our pets, we learn to slow down, to notice, to listen — and to give ourselves to another being without expecting anything in return. In their trust and loyalty, we glimpse the kind of love God desires for all creation. We are meant to carry that love forward to the sometimes more difficult animal to love: our fellow human beings.

Proverbs 12:10 says, “*The righteous care for the needs of their animals.*” This is not just about kindness — it’s about holiness. It’s about living in right relationship with the world and all who dwell in it. In this same spirit of care and remembrance, I am honored to announce the opening of the St. Francis Garden, a sacred space within our Memorial Courtyard for the burial of the cremated remains of our beloved animal companions. It is a space to honor their lives, their love, and the deep bonds they formed with us. Please contact me or the office to arrange a burial service.

Let us walk gently on this earth, following the example of St. Francis and honoring the wisdom of those who see all life as sacred. May our pets in their playful and loving ways continue to teach us how to live in harmony with God, with one another, and with all creation.

Blessings,

Michael+

Parishioner Spotlight: Magdi Ferguson

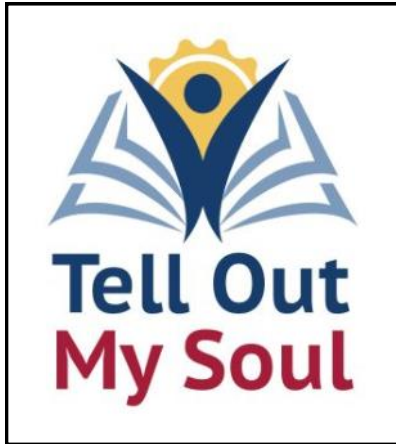


Magdi Ferguson and her husband, John, joined St. Paul’s in 2014, coming to us from Church of the Redeemer in Ruston, La. Magdi retired from her worship leader duties a couple of years ago after serving in that capacity for several years. She has continued in service through her work on Altar Guild. You may see her at the prayer rail in the children’s chapel on Sunday mornings in her Prayer Partner ministry. A perennial volunteer at Vacation Bible School, Magdi’s kindness, patience, and loving nature is a valuable asset to the VBS team! She is a devoted mother, grandmother and always has a smile and a kind word to brighten your day.

Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

Stewardship Season Begins



Did you ever have news that was so exciting that you could not wait to share it with others? The Good News that fills our spirits with joy is about the radical abundance, abiding love, and healing power that Jesus shares with us when we respond to his call to follow him. All of the gifts that we have been given are ready to burst forth to serve our neighbors and share our love with a world in need. The church, our church, is an essential part of that journey. In order for the church to be healthy every member must give a portion of their time, talent, and money. Giving back to the church makes possible our mission of proclaiming the Gospel, forming disciples, and reaching out into the world. The old saying is true: no money, no mission.

Membership in the church is about participating in the worship and life of the church as well as giving financial support according to each member's means. This year we really want to stress that all of us ought to make a good faith pledge. The church needs to know what it has to work with in order to make a responsible budget and to

be good stewards of it. God knows that our financial circumstances can change. That's okay. God does not expect us to be perfect and neither does the church. Still, any pledge is better than no pledge. 100% participation is our goal.

Also, reminder to please complete our 2025 pledges as the year is winding down. Quarterly statements are going out the first week in October; please be sure to check yours and let the office know if you have any questions.

Tax Advantaged Giving

With stewardship season upon us, and tax season around the corner, this may be a good time to think about tax advantaged giving. This is the gift of appreciated securities such as stocks or bonds which allows the giver to make a significant contribution to the church while offsetting their own taxable income. To avoid capital gains tax, gifts of appreciated assets must be given directly to the church. For purposes of tax deduction, the donor receives credit for the value of the stock on the day the transfer is complete. There are considerable benefits for donating appreciated assets which you should discuss with your tax planner or accountant when you consider your year end tax planning. Charitable gifts of life insurance are another way to participate in tax advantaged giving. The church can be designated as beneficiary, or co-beneficiary of a new or an existing life insurance policy. In many cases these gifts are tax deductible, but as always you should consult your attorney or accountant for advice best suited to you.

Ministry Spotlight: Prayer Partners



You may often see Magdi Ferguson or perhaps a member of the Daughters of the King, kneeling at the prayer rail in the children's chapel at the 10:30 service each Sunday during Holy Communion; A prayer partner generally involves people praying for each other in the belief that agreement in prayer amplifies its power. A prayer partner respects confidentiality, is authentic, and shares prayer requests, challenges, and joys honestly. No matter who is at the rail, Matthew 18:20 tells of Jesus promise that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Worship

Altar Guild Words of the Month



This month, the Altar Guild offers five words-of-the-month: Chalice, Ciborium, Pyx, Host, Wine.

A **Chalice** is an open vessel which displays a cross on its base and is used for consecration and distribution of **wine** during Holy Eucharist. The **Ciborium** is a vessel shaped much like a chalice, except that it has a fitted lid topped by a cross. It is used for

consecration and distribution of bread during Holy Eucharist. A **Pyx** is a small lidded container used as a "bread box" in smaller services at the church, or to carry consecrated bread to those unable to attend services.

The consecrated bread of the Eucharist is called the **Host**. The term is from the Latin *hostia*, "victim." Use of the term reflects an understanding of the Eucharist in sacrificial terms relative to Christ's death on the cross. The individual wafers of the Eucharist may be called People's Hosts. A larger Priest's Host is displayed by the celebrant during the Eucharist.

If you feel called to serve the Lord by being a part of the Altar Guild and having the privilege of handling the sacred vessels and linens of the altar, please contact Carol Moloney at 225-362-2783 or Terry LeGrand at 318-573-2233 for more information.

All members of the church are welcome!

Altar Flowers

October 5: To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren and the anniversary of our marriage by Jack and Susan Adams.

October 12: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Cleo and George Linder by Amy Prather.

October 19: To the Glory of God and in honor of the Abrams Family: Matt, Angie, Lottie, and Abe, for their many contributions to St. Paul's.

October 26: To the Glory of God and loving memory of Candy Maynard and Chris Beckendorff by Bob, Stephanie, and Ethan Maynard and Jennifer and Jonathan Leetham.

We Celebrate 75 Years of St. Paul's

In observance of our 75th Anniversary, the congregation of St. Paul's went back to the 1950s for a special worship service held in the Parish Hall just as we did before the main church was completed.

Many of the ladies dressed in 1950s attire complete with gloves and prayer caps! All of our acolytes were male, and the liturgy was from the 1928 Prayer Book.



Following the service there was a special reception in the Parlor featuring recipes from early St. Paul's cookbooks.



Sunday Lectionary

October 5: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-10; 2nd Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

October 12: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2nd Lesson: 1 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

October 19: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2nd Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

October 26: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Lesson: Sirach 35:12-17; Psalm 84:1-6; 2nd Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Families, Children, Youth

A Visit from Holy Angels



The Feast of St. Michael and all Angels brought representatives of the Holy Angels community to our worship service on September 28, and they brought ice cream with them!

Holy Angels is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing love, support and empowerment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The community serves approximately 185 individuals. Residents of Holy Angels are involved in many activities such as ceramics, art, culinary arts, and horticulture, for example.

We enjoyed their delicious homemade ice cream and shopping the pop-up AngelWorks shop. Their ice cream is available in local grocery stores; the Holy Angels gift shop can be found at 1012 Overton Brooks, 911 Margaret Place, and on Douglas Drive in Bossier City.

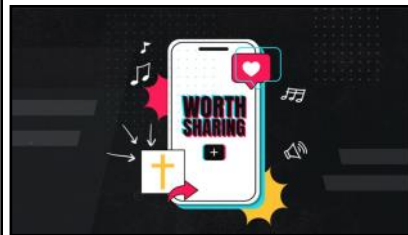


EYC College Care Packages



The EYC recently prepared and shipped care packages to EYC alums away at college. The theme this year was "Something out of the blue to say that St. Paul's loves you!" and along with blue themed items, the packages contained a treasure trove of gift cards to help make college life a little easier!

Youth Sunday School: Worth Sharing



Youth Sunday School began a new year September 7 in the McRae Lodge, led by Kim and Will Duncan. The theme of the first unit is "Worth Sharing."

There are some things we just have to share. A funny video, some encouraging words, or a profound moment of kindness are all examples of things we share. When we share, we just want the people we care about most to experience what we have.

We're quick to send videos to each other, but how easy is it for us to share our faith? Maybe it's not that we don't want to share, but we might have a hard time overcoming some of our obstacles or insecurities.

During this four-week series, the teenagers take a look at the story of Samuel and the ways that God called him to share his faith through words and action. Together, they'll explore how God invites us to share the good news, why sharing the good news should start with prayer, what to do when sharing the good news requires risk, and how sharing the good news can happen every day.

All teenagers are invited to the Lodge each Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

Trunk or Treat: Decorating by Decades



Trunk-or-Treat is **October 26** and because this is our 75th Anniversary year we are doing trunk-or-treat in a big way with decades themed trunks!

Are you still holding on to your bell-bottoms and Bee-Gees vinyl? Then the 1970s might be for you!

Are you more of a ponytails and pedal pushers type while spinning Bobby Darin tunes

on your record player? You might be doing a 1950s trunk.

An 80s kid? Big hair, neon colors, and Nintendo games while listening to Prince or Madonna might be the inspiration for your trunk.

The possibilities and fun are endless and of course, there will be a prize for the best trunk.

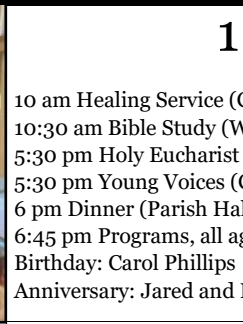
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5 Episcopal School Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2: Episcopal School Sunday
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)
12 pm Confirmation Class (Wardens Room)
4:30 pm The Way: Blessing of the Animals
Birthday: Jim Wilson

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6 pm Outreach Committee
Birthday: Trey Jackson
Anniversary: Reagan and Kelli Bynum

7

1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Fr. David Greer

8

10 am Healing Service (Common Ground)
10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens Room)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm Young Voices (Common Ground)
6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)
6:45 pm Programs, all ages
Birthday: Carol Phillips
Anniversary: Jared and

12

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the Day School (Parish Hall)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, Stewardship Campaign Begins
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)
12 pm Confirmation Class (Wardens Room)
1 pm Cursillo Reunion (Parish Hall)
3 pm Holy Eucharist at The Glen
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
Birthday: Michael Wells

13

12 pm Finance Committee
Birthday: Brenda Snider

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1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)

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10 am Healing Service (Common Ground)
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6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)
6:45 pm Programs, all ages
6:45 pm Sacred Ground

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8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, New Member Welcome
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)
12 pm Confirmation Class (Wardens Room)
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel) and Agape Meal
5 pm EYC: Candle Decorating (McRae Lodge)
Birthday: Mark Adcock, Lauren Lee

20

10:30 am St. Catherine's Guild (Wardens Room)
6 pm Vestry Meeting

21

1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Anniversary: Kurt and Tana Nelson

22

10 am Healing Service (Common Ground)
10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens Room)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm Young Voices (Common Ground)
6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)
6:45 pm Programs, all ages
6:45 pm Sacred Ground
Birthday: Joe Corby, Gi

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8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)
3 pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)

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Birthday: Angela Vinet
Anniversary: Joel and Leslie Wilemon

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1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)

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Discipleship & Christian Education

Sacred Ground Begins October 15



Our first Sacred Ground study group has been formed and will have their first meeting on Wednesday, October 15 following the Wonderful Wednesday meal. Levi Brendle is the leader of this 11-part session.

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

If you are interested in joining the next Sacred Ground group, contact the office or let Fr. Michael know.

Godly Play in October



Godly Play Sunday School meets each Sunday morning in The Nest at 9:30 am and serves our youngest children.

The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about

religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches us to hear what God is saying and then to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives.

In October, the Godly Play lessons include a lesson on crosses, the Parable of the Great Pearl and the Parable of the Deep Well.

Children love the stories, the hands-on activities, and the opportunity to be creative and reflect on the lesson of the day.

If you are interested in helping with the Godly Play program, contact Angie Abrams.

Praying The Gospel: A Scriptural Rosary Prayer Book For an Evangelical Heart



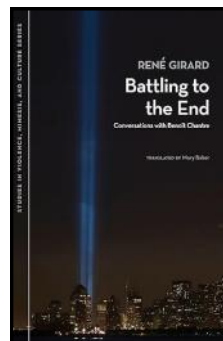
Our own Levi Brendle [has a new book](#) which you can purchase on Amazon.

Prayer Beads and the Rosary have been around in some shape since the beginning of the Christian Faith. There are several differing views on the origin of the Rosary but many scholars have been able to trace it back to the practice of using a knotted prayer rope by the

Desert Fathers in the 3rd and early 4th centuries.

This book is to help fellow Christian Brothers and Sisters pray without ceasing and come into a greater understanding of God's grace by praying and meditating on the Gospels and life of Jesus. Our hope is that through praying the Rosary daily and reflecting on the truths of God's Word, we might see a change in our lives and use it as a springboard to motivate us towards change.

What is Fr. Michael Reading?



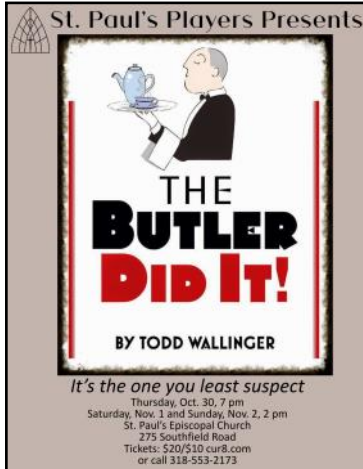
Fr. Michael always has a book in his hand; what is he reading right now? Right now he is reading [Battling to the End](#) by René Girard.

Carl von Clausewitz (1780–1831), the Prussian military theoretician who wrote On War, is known above all for his famous dictum: "War is the continuation of politics by other means." In René Girard's view, however, the strategist's treatise offers up a more disturbing truth to the

reader willing to extrapolate from its most daring observations: with modern warfare comes the insanity of tit-for-tat escalation, which political institutions have lost their ability to contain. Having witnessed the Napoleonic Wars firsthand, Girard argues, Clausewitz intuited that unbridled "reciprocal action" could eventually lead foes to total mutual annihilation. Haunted by the Franco-German conflict that was to ravage Europe, in Girard's account Clausewitz is a prescient witness to the terrifying acceleration of history. Battling to the End issues a warning about the apocalyptic threats hanging over our planet and delivers an authoritative lesson on the mimetic laws of violence.

Mission and Outreach

St. Paul's Players: The Butler Did It!



The third season of St. Paul's Players kicks off this month with the hilarious British comedy, *The Butler Did It!*

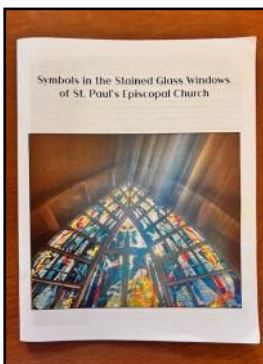
Directed by Trey Jackson, the play opens as the very proper butler Jenkins and the fiery Cockney maid Sarah Jane are preparing the Covington household for a visit from Edwina Corry, the world's greatest mystery author and friend

to Lady Miranda and Colonel Covington. Other guests arriving include Lady Covington's feisty old mother, their high-flying daughter Kat, their chatty priest who doesn't know when to quit and the caddish, eavesdropping neighbor boy Trevor. Things are soon thrown into confusion, however, when Trevor is found stabbed to death in the kitchen.

Unfortunately, the evidence is stacked against poor Jenkins from the start, and when the bloody knife is found in his pocket, the other members of the household tie him to a chair and call the police. The only problem? Jenkins didn't do it. And now he's got just half an hour to figure out who the real murderer is — while still tied to the chair.

Show dates are October 30 at 7 pm, and November 1 and 2 at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Call the box office at 318-553-2173 or go to cur8.com.

Stained Glass Windows Booklet



If you've ever been curious about our stained glass windows and their many symbols, this booklet is available in the Narthex.

The explanations and analysis comes from a series of articles written by parishioner William ("Billy") Evans years ago.

You might enjoy picking one up and sitting quietly and meditatively in the church, learning about the symbols, or you can take one to keep.

Guild of Queen Esther Treats Day School



The Guild of Queen Esther treated the teachers of St. Paul's Day School to a surprise breakfast on their first official day back for the 2025-26 school year.

Tables were colorfully decorated with zinnias, candy, and other treats. The Guild also furnished a gift card for an upcoming faculty lunch to let the teachers know how appreciated they are!



**Maggie Lee
for Good
at
Dripp Doughnuts
Wed., Oct. 29th**



**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR
SHREVEPORT'S BRAND NEW
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

**NEW IN PACKAGE TOYS, STUFFED ANIMALS,
BOARD GAMES, BOOKS, CLOTHES DETERGENT
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD, SNACKS, TOOTHPASTE,
SOAP AND DEODORANT**

**LINE AVENUE
NEXT TO
BYRD HIGH SCHOOL**

5-7 PM

1 DAY, 1 DEED, 1 DIFFERENCE

Parish Life

Wonderful Wednesday



Wonderful Wednesday is back in full swing after summer break. The evening begins at 5:30 pm with a simple Eucharist in the chapel followed by dinner at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Programs for all ages begin about 6:45. Come join us for any or all of those events each Wednesday!

Surviving the Holidays

**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**



GriefShare

**Surviving
the Holidays**

provides encouragement, support, and valuable
tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this holiday seminar

Location	Date & time	Contact info
St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 908 Rutherford St., Shreveport, LA 71104	Monday, November 3, 2025 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ministry Center Garden Room	The Rev. Thomas Nsubuga thomas@stmarkscathedral.net or Call (318-226-4025)

griefshare.org/holidays

The holidays can be challenging when you're grieving a loss. St. Marks and Grief Share are offering a holiday seminar Monday, November 3 at 6 pm. The seminar will be in the Garden Room at St. Mark's, 908 Rutherford St. The seminar provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the holiday season.

If you're interested call 318-226-4025 for more information or to make reservations.

Organ Rededication Concert



R. A. Colby, Inc. has completed their restoration of our Casavant organ and on September 20 a special rededication and concert was held featuring guest organists Ben Gessner (Church of the Holy Cross) and Derrick Meador (St. Mark's Cathedral) along with our own Elizabeth West. The musical selections by the organists highlighted the multitude of sounds the organ is now once again capable of making. Selections represented composers such as Johann Pachelbel, J. S. Bach, Claude-Benigne Balbastre, and the more modern Calvin Hampton.

The organ has not been functional at full capacity for quite some time; this restoration project was desperately needed and is good stewardship to ensure the longevity of this masterful instrument. Our organ was designed to emphasize bright and articulate speech, clean principal choruses, and well defined ensemble voicing that allows each pipe to retain its character within the chorus. The organ comprises fifty-four ranks and over thirty-two hundred pipes, all controlled by a three manual console. It is the same type of organ that is in the Kennedy Center, also a Casavant organ, but which is slightly larger than ours.

Following the concert a reception was held in the Parlor.

Vestry Highlights for August

- We received \$75,000 in loan forgiveness from the Diocese on our \$150,000 loan that went towards paying for the organ refurbishment.
- The Vestry approved a Little Free Library to be placed in front of the McRae Lodge.
- The new sound system was discussed; the debut of the system is good with slight tweaking still to be done.

Prayers

We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick: Paul Moore, David, Jennifer, Melissa Allen, Barbie Larson, Patsy Michael, Jill Pickett, Vicki Badgley, Robin Smith, Cindy Bickham, Heather Garraway, Mark and Mary Whitener, John Ferguson, Susan Adams, Courtney Orr, Edie Waghalter, Evan Eakin, Jackie, Lynn, Jim Taliaferro, Glenda and Gene Young, Julie Rose, Kenny Vasquez, Richie Self, Ward, Barbie Cannon, Corey Gabler, Alan Prater, Marlyn Monette, Ivy, John Pat Frost, Billie, Rob, Laura Kirspel, Fr. David Greer, John Greer, Paul Tatom, Judy Boogearts, Bill and Chris Ostendorff, Mary Virginia Hill, Ron Snelling, Gary Whitener, Nan Colgin, Maggie McElroy, Mike Herriage, Emilie Anne Ostendorff, Bob Kopp, Stephen Roberts, Peggy Byerly, Steven Pell, Mary Helen Byrum.

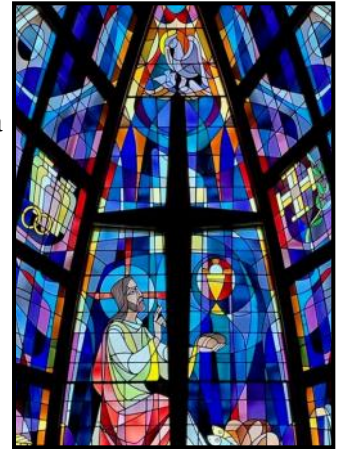
We pray for our military: Aaron, Amanda, Chris, Clark, Cody, Cole, Jason, Levi, Michael, Shaun, Steven

We pray for our missionaries: Tom and Robin Wilson

We pray for the faithfully departed: Victor Samuel, Jr.

We pray for our expectant mothers: Kim Duncan, Brittanie Carpenter

We pray for the Anglican Communion, Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, 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, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.

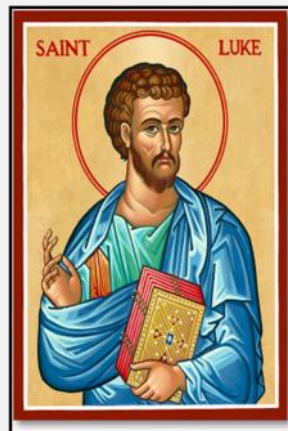


Collect for October 4: St. Francis of Assisi



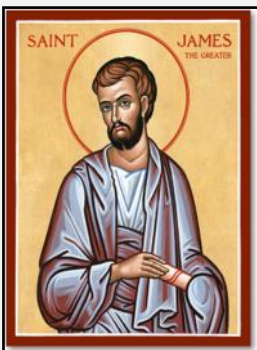
Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for October 18: St. Luke the Evangelist



Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for October 23: St. James of Jerusalem

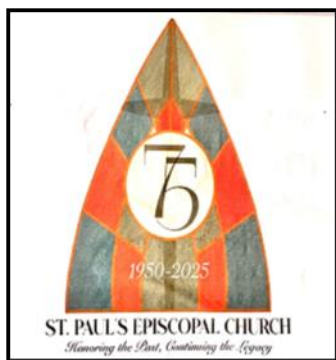


Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for October 28: St. Simon and St. Jude



O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; 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

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The Rev. David J. Greer, Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Guido Verbeck, Rector Emeritus

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Ashley Baker, Junior Warden

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Elizabeth West.....	Organist