



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

October 5, 2016



New and Notable...

The rainy afternoon didn't deter those who brought their beloved pets for the 5th Annual Blessing of the Animals last Sunday. Here are some of the participants.





Thoughts from Lori

Today as I write (on Tuesday) it is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In recent years, this feast has been associated with the Blessing of the Animals which has become so popular in many churches. His association with animals most likely comes from his exultation of all creation, including every creature in it. Francis left little in the way of writing except for a piece called "Canticle of the Sun," in which he celebrates "brother sun... and sister moon." A version of it is in our hymnal (406 and 407), beginning with the opening line: "Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured..."

But what Francis was really known for was his identification with and ministry to the poor. Born to a wealthy family in 1182, he failed to make a name for himself in military service. Then, as a response to encounters with beggars and lepers, he had a conversion of sorts. The result was a total commitment to live a life of simplicity and to devote himself to serving the poorest of the poor.

When others were attracted to his ministry and way of life, he established a simple rule of life for the Order of Friars Minor, now known as Franciscans. Our calendar of "Holy Women, Holy Men" offers the following insight:

The order grew rapidly all over Europe. But by 1221 Francis had lost control of it, since his ideal of strict and absolute poverty, both for the individual friars and for the order as a whole, was found to be too difficult to maintain. His last years were spent in much suffering of body and spirit, but his unconquerable joy never failed.

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Even now, few can follow his example. Nevertheless, he stands out in the pantheon of saints as a shining example of Jesus' call to love the least of these, God's most beloved. If you're interested in reading more about Francis, an Internet search will yield a rich reward. And, by the way, some insight into the life and values of Pope Francis, the first pope to ever take the name of Francis.

Faithfully,

Lori

60th Anniversary Displays

The scrapbooks, photos, and the six panels representing the six decades of St. Paul's collective life will all stay on display for the rest of the month. Please be sure to take time to look and remember - and to add your name and events on panels. Put your name and year on the panel representing when you joined St. Paul's, including names (and dates if you know them) for special occasions. Let's fill them up!

"LOVE BASKET"

On Sunday, you will see a "love basket" at Coffee & Conversation and possibly at future events. We are NOT asking anyone to pay for coffee or refreshments. But as expenses increase, we are offering the opportunity for you to make a donation from time to time. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

Children's Chapel

This week's lesson will be "Daniel and the Lions." Leaders will be Kim Morris and Terry Jaworski.



All children are welcome to come to the Seaton Room after the service for a story, snack, and activity.

In case you missed it....



Update on Deb Lang

As most of you know, Deb has been in a process of discernment - both on her part and on the part of the Church - regarding the ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. I'm happy to report that she has been invited to a postulancy interview with the Bishop and members of the Commission on Ministry that will take place at an upcoming weekend retreat. (Date to be determined.) As Deb moves through this process, I will keep you posted. Meanwhile, please keep Deb in your prayers. lml+

Rummage Sale at McHenry Methodist Church

The McHenry First United Methodist Women will be hosting a rummage sale on Thursday, October 6th through Saturday, October 8th. They are located at 3717 W. Main Street. Call 815-385-0931 for more information or check the notice on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



October 15, 2016 Annual Lobster Fest

"Helping others, one bite at a time."

St. Ann's Church ~ 503 W Jackson St
Woodstock, IL 60098 ~ 815-338-0950

Ordering Deadline: Monday, Oct. 10, 2016

This event is important to our community--supporting our ministries and providing food, clothing, and other assistance through the Woodstock Area Community Ministries (WACM).



Mobile Food Pantry coming to St. Paul's

After some conflicting information concerning the date of our next MFP, St. Paul's **will** be hosting another event from The Northern Illinois Food Bank on **October 29th**. Volunteers will be needed! More information to follow.

Dancing for Diapers

Dancing with OUR Stars!

Saturday, October 22, 2016
Auctions begin at 5:00 p.m. 
Holiday Inn, Crystal Lake, IL

\$70 or BUY 4 Tickets for the PRICE of 3!
\$85/person @ the door
Dinner, Dancing and Learn the Tango!

Enjoy a special evening benefiting
 **The Diaper Bank
of Northern Illinois**

Showcasing the dance talents of local
**Celebrities, Cinnamon Dance Works
& Step-In-Time Studio**

Enjoy Open Dancing
Silent & Live Auctions

Buy Tickets at
<http://diaperbankni.maestroweb.com>
Vote for Your Favorite Dancers at
www.diaperbankni.org

Daily Devotions

If you are currently receiving Bill's Daily Devotion but prefer to NOT receive them, please let Lisa know in the office to be removed from that list. If you "unsubscribe" from the Daily Devotion, it will also unsubscribe you from ALL emails from the church. Call the church office at 815-385-0390 or email lisa@stpaulmchenry.com.

Mid-Week Eucharist

Every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. there will be a simple service of Holy Eucharist. It will include an opportunity for Unction, commonly referred to as the Laying on of Hands for Healing. This service usually lasts about 30 minutes. Those who wish to bring a bag lunch are invited to stay for an informal Bible study focusing on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome.

The usual fare...



Vestry - Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
Diaper Bank Auction/Dance - Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m.
Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, October 29

October 9th Servants

Usher:

Lector: Barb Moriarty

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Sally Berveiler

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, October 9, 2016
Pentecost XXI (Proper 23, Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15. The prophet Elisha cures the warrior Naaman of leprosy after he washed himself as instructed in the River Jordan.

The Psalm: Psalm 111. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever."

Second Lesson: II Timothy 2:8-15. Paul says that "Christians have died with Jesus in order that they may live with Him."

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19. Jesus heals ten lepers and only one returns to give thanks.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 390. "Praise to the Lord." This hymn of thankfulness is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was written by Joachim Neander in

the 17th century. "Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee." The German hymn tune was selected by the author for this particular hymn and is intended to be sung by grateful hearts with joy and happiness.

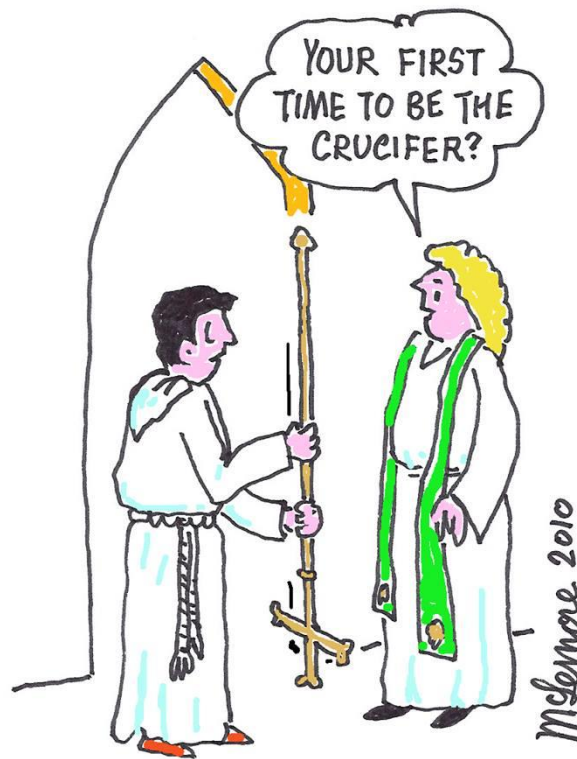
Sequence Hymn: No. 628. "Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths." This hymn was written by William Watkins Reid, Jr. (1923-2009), who earned degrees from Oberlin in 1945 and 1947, and then obtained a degree from Yale Divinity School. He served the Methodist Church not only in local parishes but also through his involvement in annual conferences and membership on various commissions and boards of that denomination. The hymn extols the benefits of studying Holy Scriptures and therefore is in this section of our hymnal. The tune, "St. Ethelwald," was composed by William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Presentation Hymn: No. 377. "All People That on Earth Do Dwell." This hymn is the earliest example in our Hymnal of the metrical versions of the Psalms which played such an important role in the church music of England and America from around 1650 to 1850 (200 years). The tune is called "The Old Hundredth" because it is based on the 100th Psalm. The music was composed by Louis Bourgeois.

Communion Hymn: "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name. This hymn from 1991 is a paraphrase of Psalm 103 from the Taizé Community in France. It was founded by Brother Roger Schutz, with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality." During the war he helped people in difficulty and hosted German refugees. In 1942, the Gestapo threatened to arrest brother Roger, who fled to Switzerland until the end of the war.

Recessional Hymn: No. 411. "O bless the Lord my soul." This hymn was written by James Montgomery and is based upon Psalm 103. The text has been in our hymnals since 1826 without any alterations over the years. The tune "St. Thomas" was composed by Aaron Williams and is used in its abbreviated form for this hymn. The words call forth our faith in the deepest sense, "O bless the Lord my soul."

From the cartoons created by
The Rev. William P. McLemore



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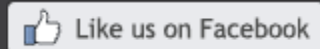
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