



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
August 2, 2017



New and Notable...



Men's Breakfast this Saturday
at Kim & Patty's
8:00 a.m.



Thoughts from Lori

This past Sunday, we honored Charlie Boak on the occasion of his retirement as a Eucharistic Minister. In one capacity or another, he has served at the altar for 80 years. I was privileged to present Charlie with a framed copy of a letter of thanks from our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee. Here is the content of that letter:

Dear Charlie,

This Sunday you are being honored for your faithful service as a Eucharistic Minister. I write to join with the people of St. Paul's in expressing my gratitude

for your ministry. As a parish priest and as a bishop, I have witnessed the fulfillment and sense of God's grace that comes from assisting in the distribution of the Consecrated Elements to members of our faith community at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. It is a "holy" role that you have carried out with care and reverence, conscious of the holiness of the moment when each person receives the bread and the wine.

Charlie, thank you for your profound commitment to this liturgical ministry and for serving God and the people of St. Paul's. You are such a blessing to the clergy and the congregation.

*In Christ,
Jeffrey D. Lee
Bishop of Chicago*

I want to add my personal thanks to Charlie for the many ways he has served - and still serves - this parish. He has been a leader in every sense of the word. Please join me in expressing immeasurable gratitude to him.

Faithfully,
Loritt



Special thanks to Grace Linnane for taking the photos!

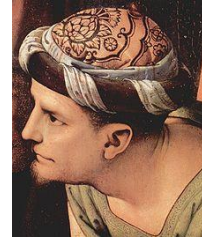
***NO NOON EUCHARIST
Today or the 9th***

Neither Bill nor I will be available to preside at the "Noon (12:15) Eucharist" for today or the 9th. This service will resume on August 16th.

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore
Feast Day of Saint Joseph of Arimathea

The feast day of Saint Joseph of Arimathea is this Tuesday, August 1st. When our Lord's close followers were hiding for fear after the Crucifixion, Joseph came forward to fulfill the demands of Jewish tradition after death, and generously and humanely provided his own tomb for the decent and proper burial of Jesus.

Very little else is known of Joseph other than he was a "disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews" (John 19:38 NRSV). One legend related to Joseph of Arimathea is that he traveled to Great Britain and the Church of Glastonbury carrying the Holy Grail (the cup used at the Last Supper). This story dates back to the thirteenth century.



What we learn from Saint Joseph of Arimathea is perhaps best expressed in the Collect (prayer) for his day: "Grant to us, your faithful people, grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our life."

In case you missed it....



Sunday, August 13th at 4:00 p.m.

**We'll be grilling hotdogs, hamburgers, and brats with all the trimmings
(donations will be enthusiastically accepted)!**

Pack up your lawn chair...

Make your favorite dish to share....

**(salads, appetizers, casseroles, desserts)
and remember to BYOB!**



Music Therapy

Take Note!

The sound of music has turned into the sounds of silence in the parish hall on Friday mornings as we take a respite from our weekly get together while enjoying summer activities with our families, in our gardens and on the road.

We are looking forward to starting a new session the first week of September. While we had been mainly focused on our percussion instruments and the hand bells, we look forward to enjoying other formats as well. Feel free to join us and bring your gifts and talent to share. **Let's make a joyful noise!**

Contact Carol Toft (815) 245-2442 for more information.



Episcopal Church Women *Diocese of Chicago*

Women's Fall Gathering & Retreat *Nurturing the Spirit*

Join us for a weekend of faith, fellowship and education.
October 27-29, 2017

DeKoven Retreat Center
Racine, Wisconsin

All interested women of the region and their guests are invited to attend this special weekend. Take time for yourself - take time to reflect. This is a special opportunity to focus on your spiritual side with prayer, music, meditation and discussion.

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Important Dates for Your Calendar

Sunday, August 13th	Parish Picnic - 4pm
Sunday, Sept. 17th	Fall Parish Meeting
Sunday, October 22nd	EPISCOPAL VISIT*
Saturday, Nov. 4th	Ducks-in-a-Row workshop**

*"Episcopal Visit" means that our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, will be here at St. Paul's to preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. In anticipation of that occasion, we will offer a series of classes for anyone who wishes to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. Those classes will be on Sunday mornings during Coffee & Conversation on the following dates: Sept. 24, October 1, 8, and 15.

** The Ducks-in-a-Row workshop is an opportunity to create your own notebook of vital information for your family, including end-of-life wishes and funeral planning. Every adult should have this material available for their loved ones. There's nothing macabre about this workshop! If anything, it's really interesting. Plan to attend.

We'll have sign-ups for these various events as the dates approach. Meanwhile, have a safe and refreshing summer.

*Join the folks of St. Mary's for their next FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**

August 19

Guests and volunteers eat together and get to know each other. Great food and conversation. Note: St. Mary's is a big supporter of our Mobile Food Truck. Let's return the favor.

Where:

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
210 S. McHENRY AVENUE
CRYSTAL LAKE - 815-459-1009
No RSVP Required - Every 3rd Saturday**

2017 DINNER DATES

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

August 19 September 16

October 21 November 18 December 16

Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

*This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food.

The usual fare...

Servants for August 6th

Rick Carlstedt and Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Jianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Annual Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 13, 4:00 p.m.
Vestry - Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.
Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, September 17
Bishop Lee at St. Paul's - October 22
Ducks in a Row - November 4

Inquirers/Confirmation Classes - Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15

Lessons and Hymns

August 6 - Proper 13
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35. Moses doesn't realize that as he comes down from the mountain carrying the Ten Commandments that his face is shining.

The Psalm: Psalm 99: (1-4), 5-9. This psalm portrays God as a King who rules the earth with justice and righteousness.

Second Lesson: II Peter 1:13-21. This letter of Peter recalls the transfiguration moment of Jesus as a "lamp shining in a dark place."

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36. This is the Lucan version of the transfiguration of Jesus while he and his disciples went up a mountain to pray.

THE HYMNS:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 7. "Christ whose glory fills the skies." This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1786) which he based on Malachi 4:2. "But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings." The tune, "Ratisbon," is from Johann Werner's "Gesangbuchern," (1815). The present harmony is by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

SEQUENCE HYMN: No. 660. "O Master let me walk with thee." The beautiful hymn was the inspiration of another Congregational minister, the Rev. Washington Gladden. The early version could have been inspired by Jeremiah and the Psalmist in today's lessons. Here is a portion of a verse that was later omitted from the hymn: "O Master, let me walk with thee before the taunting Pharisee; help me to bear the sting of spite, the hate of men who hide thy light." In spite of this editorial license, the hymn cries for God to grant patience, forbearance, and slow-ness of heart; as we journey on our walk of faith in life. Dr. Gladden chose this hymn tune by Henry Percy Smith for this hymn and it is best sung with passion and feeling!

PRESENTATION HYMN: No. 404. "We will extol you, ever blessed Lord." This hymn is attributed to a J. Nichol Grieve and is based on Psalm 145. I couldn't find any information on this person and the hymnal lists no dates. The tune is the "Old 124th" and was harmonized by Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

COMMUNION HYMN: "Take, O take me as I am." This is one of the best-known songs from the Iona Community in Scotland which has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell, a member of the Iona Community, was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire Scotland. As you sing the song, you will notice that there are four phases of our faith journey in the text: (1) surrender and conversion, (2) transformation, (3) sealed and marked by God's covenant, and (4) new life together with and in God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 304. "I come with joy to meet my Lord." This hymn is a product of the Rev. Dr. Brian A. Wren, born in Britain on June 3, 1936 and a minister and scholar of the United Reformed Church. Most recently he was the Conant Professor of Worship, Columbia Theological Seminary, in Decatur, Georgia. He wrote this hymn in 1971 with Hope Publishing Company holding the copyright. The tune is an American folk melody.

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



"Will it help my golf game?"

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