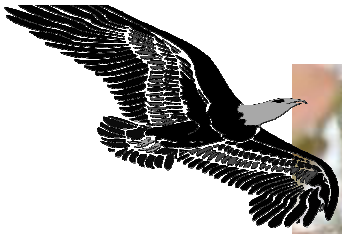


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 Woodford Sun or Advocate should
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PLEASE JOIN
 VICKIE DUFF
 FEBRUARY 2ND IN
 HOSEA HALL
 TO CELEBRATE HER
 50TH
Birthday
 4:00- whenever!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Vickie Duff | 11 Chenault VanMeter | 25 Phyllis Combs |
| 2 Georgia Gillen | 11 Headley VanMeter | 26 Don Good |
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RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

When my children Rachel and James played soccer for the high school in the county we lived in, neither team was funded by the Board of Education. For the kids to play soccer that meant fundraising.

One of the most lucrative sources of fundraising was Bingo. One night a week the team parents would help at Bingo. In the rotation, with two teams to support that meant 2 nights a month I was at the local Bingo Hall. We were mainly responsible for selling "pull tabs" and when the bundle, usually 100, had been sold a winner was declared, and we would sell another bundle. It was not uncommon for a bingo night to net between 25 and 35 thousand dollars of which the soccer team got a very small percentage.

Bingo is a deep religion to many. People come early and set out their tables with their lucky trolls and trinkets. The boards have to be bought at just the right time and set out in a particular way. The ritual for many is sacred.

There were some who would not buy pull tabs from me because they knew I was a priest. There were some that thought I had connections to the winning ticket and bought from me all the time. Yet there were some who were highly embarrassed to see me at the bingo hall.

The embarrassment was because earlier they had been in my office seeking financial help for rent, utilities, medical needs or

some other financial emergency. They probably thought I was angry to see them playing bingo, using money that could have been diverted for needs that they sought help for. Yet I wasn't.

They were playing because they had a false hope that they would be a winner and the money would help them out of their financial difficulty. The seductive god of bingo told them that tonight was their night.

Usually it wasn't.

Our beloved State of Kentucky is pondering the lure of approximately 500 million dollars tax revenue from expanded gambling. To secure 500 million dollars tax revenue at a tax rate of 33.3% means that 1.5 BILLION

dollars (yes Billion) needs to be netted, after expenses, by the expanded gambling companies. That will come from ordinary folks who believe that this will be the night the god of luck smiles on them, who were tempted to make things better by the chance of winning.

The reality is that for most people things do not get better, they get worse.

I hope our State does not proceed with expanded gambling. It is a stumbling block to many.

Yet if it does, the communities of faith need to ready themselves for more folks who will need our help.

This comes with all my love and prayers.



Your friend,

Fr. Alan

RECTOR'S AND DEACON'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Every single week Fr. Sutherland or Donna Barr receive requests for help with rent, utilities, medical bills, or other needs from people who feel that they have nowhere else to turn.

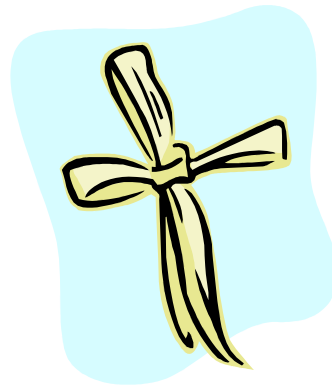
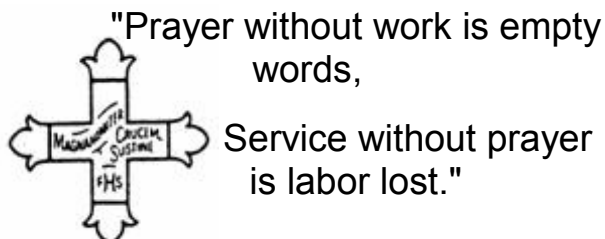
In previous years the Rector's Discretionary Fund has been funded by \$1200 per year from the operating account plus gifts from individuals. This year the Discretionary Fund was taken out of the budget to be funded in a different way. A deacon's discretionary fund has been established at St. John's for Donna.

The first Sunday of each month, the loose plate (undesigned cash) will be used to fund the Discretionary Funds. If you would like to make a gift by check simply mark the check "Discretionary Fund." Many people have been helped confidentially, and your gifts are much appreciated.

Thank you.

The **Daughters of the King** invite you to enter your prayer concerns in a journal on the information table in Hosea Hall. The Daughters will pray for the person or concern you enter there for a three-month period. Please enter as much or as little information as you wish.

We are a group of women living a Rule of Prayer & Service to our neighbors. We are women who work to spread Christ's Kingdom here on earth. We can never forget that prayer is the foundation from which our service grows.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR PALM CROSSES FROM LAST YEAR, BY FEBRUARY 5TH SO FR. ALAN CAN BURN THEM FOR THIS YEAR'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 6TH. THANKS!

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist

I have written on this subject before, but for me the Lenten journey is about rediscovery. I do not consciously give up something for Lent in order to do this, but often something is given up as part of the process. The path of rediscovery for me leads to a rejuvenation in some aspect of my life, and in this instance it is my work at St. John's. My path of rediscovery actually began on my recent trip to Paris. Paris is one of the great organ capitals of the world and the center of the French "school" of organists going back 350 years. It is the place where the Couperin dynasty, Cesar Franck, Widor, Dupre', Vierne, Langlais, Durufle', and Messiaen held positions in some of the principle churches as well as the cathedral of Notre Dame, and their heritage continues in the current generation. To visit the places where this music was created has special meaning for me, as it reopens pieces which I have studied in the past and encourages me to take a second or third look. I also find inspiration to take a look at other works which interested me but somehow never found the time to learn. Much of French organ music, even today, is deeply rooted in the Roman Catholic faith and the mystery of the liturgy. One of my favorites is Olivier Messiaen's *Celestial Banquet*, which symbolizes the wine (or the blood of Christ, if you will) slowly dripping until it runs out.

I also drew much inspiration from the role of improvisation in the French church. I was able to hear an improvised prelude of almost 15 minutes in length, improvisation between the sermon and the Creed, during communion, and sometimes (but not always) an improvised postlude. Improvisation is a cornerstone in the way French organists are educated. Widor, who served the church of St. Sulpice from 1870 to 1934, improvised so much that the music of only two composers was heard there during his tenure: his own and the music of J. S. Bach, whom he considered the greatest composer for the organ ever. This also says something about Widor's idea of his own place in the organ pantheon. The same majesty and mystery of the liturgy is reflected in the improvisations, and the French organ possesses a unique ability to symbolize faith in a way that is simply glorious. What this means for my Lenten journey as I work toward the celebration of Easter is to look again at something and bring out what I have put away and forgotten or allowed to remain dormant. It also means taking time to find something I thought was lost.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CALLING ALL EARLY BIRDS!

We continue to offer an additional service of Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m. We will keep this schedule until Easter and then review it. The Sunday schedule at St. John's will be:

- 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel**
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel**
- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Church**
- 10 a.m. Breakfast Hosea Hall**
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Church**



HOW MANY EPISCOPLIANS DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A SERVICE?

After the last service someone picked up all the bulletins left in the pews and placed them in the recycle bin. Another person cleaned the sanctuary and the rest of the church. An Altar Guild lady prepared the altar table, host, and wine. Altar flowers were cut or purchased and beautifully arranged. Someone put the offering plates in place. Our priest or deacon prepared the homily. The choirs and organist/pianist have practiced. Servers have been scheduled and arrive early to vest and/or get in place—ushers, crucifer, acolyte, chalice bearer, torch bearers, lector, gift bearers. The acolyte has lit the altar candles. A Lay Eucharist Minister is ready to take Holy Eucharist to those who can't be with us in person so, as we leave, the service continues. Someone takes the offering plates and counts the money. And someone picks up all the bulletins....

How many Episcopalians did you count?

If you would like to be part of a service contact Linda Wardle at 859-396-9225 or kychads@yahoo.com.

WHAT IS LENT?

Wednesday, February 6, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The word Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word for spring, and the season goes back historically to the very beginning of Christianity. In the days of the early church, when Christians were often persecuted, the church required a period of three years of instruction before a person could be baptized. This was called the Catechumenate, and the end of this period always fell on Easter Eve. It was Easter Eve at the Great Vigil that the Catechumenates were baptized into the life of the church. The Catechumenates were also confirmed at the same time and received their First Communion on Easter Day. The final preparation for all this included fasting and prayer, and it lasted from Good Friday until Easter Day. Later this was lengthened to one week before Easter and everyone in the church, not just the Catechumenates, prepared with fasting and prayer. Over the centuries, as the church grew and moved further throughout the world, the forty days of Lent developed as a kind of reenactment of the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness. There is also the association of the wandering of the Jews for 40 years after their deliverance from Egypt. As the custom of baptizing and confirming on Easter Day passed generally out of use, Lent became a time of penitence, a time of self-examination, and a time of preparation for Easter.

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, February 6. In the Bible the symbols of penitence are sackcloth and ashes. On Ash Wednesday we will have three services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes for those who desire it. Service times are at 7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. The ashes used are from last year's palm crosses and strips and they remind us of our mortality—"remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. Shrove is from the old English word Shrive, which meant to forgive. The custom of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday goes back to the days when all fat and meat was forbidden during Lent. To use up all this stuff, pancakes were made and eaten with meat. The French term *Mardi Gras* means Fat Tuesday, the word *carnival* means good-bye to meat.

Hence, Shrove Tuesday was and is a great day of celebration.

ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, February, 2008

If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and notify me at kychads@yahoo.com or 859-396-9225. Server lists are found in Hosea Hall. Thank you each for your faithful part in this ministry! Linda Wardle

	02/03/07	02/10/07	02/17/07	02/24/07
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Ann Richmond	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Betty & Susan	Vickie Duff
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Anne Claire Gibson	Laura Wehrle	Ashleigh Woods	Sydney Gardner
Torch Bearers	Hannah/Sophie Edelen	Benjamin Wehrle Emma Berger	Keelin Clark Leah Cardwell	Ashleigh/Jessica Woods
Acolyte	Ann Richmond	David Richmond	Linda Wardle	David Richmond
Chalice Bearer	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges
Lector	Carol Mize	Walter Kunz	David Richmond	Emily Cardwell
Gift Bearers	Jacksons	Johnsons	Watts	Menges
Ushers	Tim Downey Ron Bruens	Steve Watts Ed Ruggles	Gardones	Potters
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Betty & Susan	Vickie Duff
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Elaine Menges	Judi Sutherland	Vickie Duff	Elaine Menges
Breakfast	Ruggles/Watts	Edelen/Wildman	Howard/Richmond	Bruens/Wade
	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer	Michelle Kinkead	James Hawkins	Michelle Kinkead	Linda Wardle
Torch Bearers	Eric/Audrey	Elaina/Jay	James/Jay	Ethan/Elaina
Acolyte	Carol Filson	Lee Rowland	Judi Sutherland	Sharon Martin
Chalice Bearers	Cindy Sullivan	Phyllis Giberson	Geoff Bosmann	Christy Howard
Lector	Virginia Ballard	Sharon Martin	Jackie Means	Julie Ross
Gift Bearers	Giberson/Martin	Skeeters	Hawkins	Bosmann
Ushers	Potters	Thayre Hawkins Rick Keeling	George Chittick Rick Keeling	Filson/Means
Altar Guild	Judi Sutherland	Christy Howard	Allison Fleck	Virginia Ballard

Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	2/13	2/20	2/27
Acolyte	Ben Harper	David Richmond	Linda Wardle	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff

FEBRUARY 2008

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#the READING CLUB



Meeting dates:

Wednesday, January 30

Wednesday, February 20

Wednesday, March 5

Wednesday, March 26

Wednesday, April 9

Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday, May 7

As you may have read in Eagle Wings, Reading Club has been meeting regularly to rave reviews from parents and kids. We get together with about a dozen fourth and fifth graders after school every three weeks on Wednesdays, share a snack and then work in various learning centers to improve their reading. The kids enjoy it and learn a lot, too . . . and we could use your help to keep it going strong so we are asking for volunteers to provide snacks. There is a sign-up sheet in Hosea Hall with suggestions and dates. If you have any questions, please see or call Julie Ross or Katherine Harper. Thanks so much for your support of this great ministry!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 6

7:00 AM Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

12:00 AM Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 PM Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

EYC NEWS

DIANA VETTER

We are off to a great start this year! January brought a lot of fun with dinner and discussion nights as well as ice skating. "Where do we fit in?" continues to be the theme for many of our discussions. This month we discussed shaping our future with God, and how God communicates with us. Many of the youth also sang during the service on the 13th.

This month we will be starting off with "Souperbowl of Sharing." On Super Bowl Sunday youth from across the nation collect donations for their local food banks. Thousands of dollars are raised every year. We will be collecting donations that morning, February 3rd. Please help us make a difference.

At Cathedral Domain, "New Beginnings" camp takes place February 8-10 for grades 7-9. Registration ends soon, so sign up if you are interested! I have extra forms if you need them.

We are always looking for local service projects, so if anyone has any ideas please contact me.

New faces are welcome so please join us and bring your friends for fellowship and fun! Also, feel free to contact me at any time.

- Feb. 3: Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 10: Dinner & Discussion 4:30 - 6:30
- Feb. 17: Dinner & Discussion 4:30 - 6:30
- Feb. 24: Service Event: TBA



MEN'S CLUB COOKING!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE
SUPPER

FEB. 5 5:30-7:00
In the Parish Hall

Contributions cheerfully accepted

Pancakes blueberry, plain, choc chip
Sausage

CATHEDRAL DOMAIN

2008 CAMP SCHEDULE

SENIOR CONFERENCE
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 9&12
JUNE 15-21

CAMP GLEN ADKINS 1
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 1&2
JUNE 22-25

READING CAMP
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 3&4
JUNE 22-28

CAMP GLEN ADKINS 2
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 1&2
JUNE 25-28

JUNIOR CONFERENCE
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 7&8
JUNE 29-JULY 5

CAMP BEULAH SMITH
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 3&4
JULY 6-12

CAMP BILL SMITH
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 3&4
JULY 13-19

CAMP MARY BRECKINRIDGE
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 5&6
JULY 20-26

CAMP JIM BICKFORD
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 6-8
JULY 27-AUGUST 2
CO-ED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

CAMP ALEXANDER PATTERSON
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 5&6
JULY 27-AUGUST 2

ALLISON ASAY
IS DOING A
BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUTH

Beginning January 30
WEDNESDAY, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Come at 6:00 and eat during the potluck dinner

Where: St. John's Youth Room (upstairs)

Who: Middle and High School Students

Why: Because she wants to – and to get to know the Bible better

Answer to question on page 6 : 18

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

A Book Club originated by St. John's members had its first meeting on Jan. 6th at the home of Carol Filson and Jackie Means. The book that was read and discussed was The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid. Conversation generated many fascinating points of view about America and the Pakistani featured in the book.

This Book Club will meet again on Sunday, Feb. 24th at Virginia Ballard's at 130 Elm St.

Please plan to come to her home right after the 11:00 a.m. service. Lunch will be served between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. with the discussion beginning at 1:00 p.m. February's book is A Thousand Splendid Suns, a novel by Khaled Hosseini, the author of The Kite Runner (which has just been re-released as a movie). Both books depict life in Afghanistan, but the characters in the books are very different. A Thousand Splendid Suns explores the lives of women in the Muslim culture. The lunch menu will be sloppy joes, cole slaw, and fruit salad. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to join us, please RSVP by Feb. 21st.

Rejoice and Recycle

As stewards of this beautiful Earth we need to take every opportunity to protect it and one good way is to recycle. At St. John's there are several containers for recyclable goods. In the kitchen are two containers – one marked for cans and one for glass. There is also a trash can with a blue bag in it in Hosea Hall. The blue bag lets you know that this is a container for recycled goods. You can put the following items in it –aluminum and steel food cans, corrugated cardboard, #1 and #2 plastic containers and paper of all kinds. Please note that despite great strides in technology – your uneaten biscuits and gravy are not yet recyclable! PLEASE do not put them in any cans that have a blue bag or are otherwise marked for recycling. However, do be careful to look at what you are disposing of, and if it can be recycled take the time to put it in the appropriate place. Thanks!



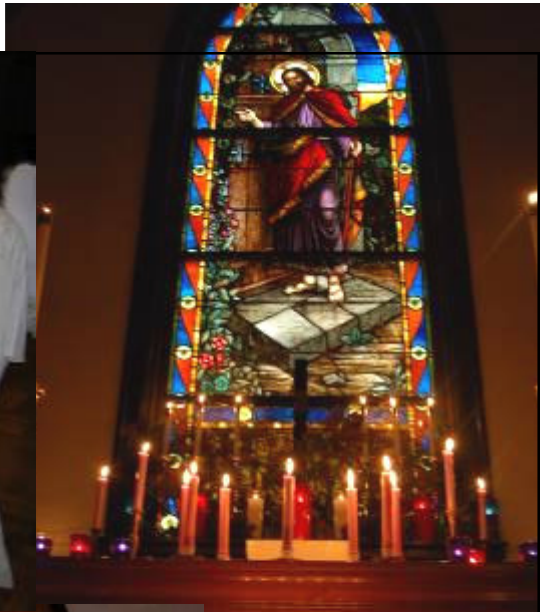
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."(KJV)

Psalm 24

In medieval and ancient times large landowners had persons they employed and trusted to manage their property called "stewards". When the community of faith talks about "stewardship" that is one of the things we mean--caring for and looking after things that are not really ours. Last summer's Vacation Bible School theme was "Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice!"

Soon we will be exploring ways in which we at St. John's can recycle all our trash possible. We will leave fewer bags of trash at the curb twice a week. We will also reduce our burden on the earth, which is God's and not ours.

We have also in our care the church building, the Hughes House, and Rachel's House. We repair and maintain them for the use of our community of faith in doing God's work through our parish. In our decisions about how to look after them, we must consider their place and function in our community and in the world. When we act as responsibly with our trash as we do with our property, we will be working toward being better stewards of what God has given us to look after for Him.





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