

The Magnificat Weekly

St. Mary's Episcopal Church ~ Crystal Lake IL

St. Mary's Weekly E-Newsletter

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Worship Times

Sundays, 8 & 10 am
Nursery available at 9:45

Coffee Hour fellowship
follows both services

Note: Only once service,
at 9:00 am on Sunday,
November 20



Children's Worship,
10:00 am

From the Rector

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Mary's,

I am delighted that parishioner Dick Hattan has accepted my invitation to preach this Sunday as we observe Veterans Day weekend. Dick is a Vietnam veteran and he is the author of a book of poetry called *Healing Memories*. You can read more about Dick in this newsletter. I invite you to join me as we honor the men and women who have served our country in all the branches of the armed forces and to contemplate how we as a community of faith may reach out to the veterans in McHenry County.

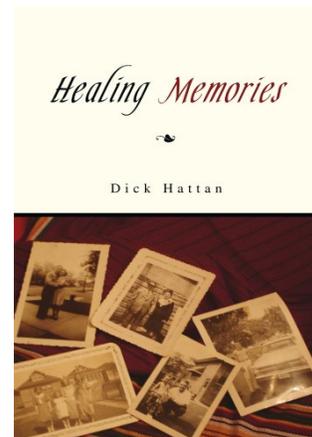


Please keep Deacon Barb Bishop in your prayers. After a short stay at Sherman hospital, Barb is now back home with caregivers and she is on hospice. Barb would love to hear from you so please send cards, notes or give her a call. If you would like to visit, please contact her first so she knows when to expect you.

I invite you to consider making a pledge to St. Mary's for 2017. Many of you have turned in your pledge and I am so very grateful for your generosity. Your pledge dollars will help us to launch our community meal program, build our youth ministries, and continue to worship and gather in this place which is dear to so many of us.

Guest Preacher This Sunday

Parishioner, **Dick Hattan** will be our guest preacher this Sunday, Veteran's Day weekend. Dick is a native of Chicago, and served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1972, including an 11-month tour of duty in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. He recently completed a Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary and was ordained a priest in the Independent Catholic Church in September of 2015. His ministry work includes a weekly Eucharist at



a rehab center in North Aurora, a writer's group for veterans and a healing ministry associated with the Order of St. Luke. He also preaches monthly at Hearthstone Village in Woodstock where he

(Preschool - 2nd grade)

Sunday School, 11:00 am

Clergy & Staff

Rev. Fran Holliday, Rector

Rev. Barbara Bishop,
Deacon

Amy Noe, Parish
Administrator

Sandra Molyneux, Organist
and Choir Director

Parish Vestry

Michael Higgins, Co-
Warden

Cate Williams, Co-Warden

Peter Becker, Treasurer

Judy Tracy, Clerk of the
Vestry

Members: John Amrein,

Peter Carroll, Michael

Choquette, Mark

Cornelissen, Jerry Kolarczyk,

Marge Smith, Janet Stiff,
and Alison Wild

Monthly Events

The next **CRYSTAL LAKE FOOD PANTRY** volunteer opportunity is Wednesday, December 7. Contact [Chris Bednaroski](#) if you can help. Shift times are 9:30-Noon, and Noon-2:30.

CENTERING PRAYER meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Contact [Rev. Fran](#) with any questions, or for more information.

TAIZE is an ecumenical, meditative common prayer, incorporating song, chant, scripture readings, and silence. People of ALL faith traditions are welcome this monthly candlelight service. The next service will be held at the [First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake](#), 461 Pierson St., on **Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm.**

works part-time in development and marketing.

He is married to Karen Blandford Hattan and the couple have a daughter, Elizabeth, and two grandchildren who reside in Cary, Illinois.

Dick has written a book of poetry, "*Healing Memories*", and he will have copies available Sunday (\$10), with the proceeds being donated to St. Mary's.

A Note of Thanks

Dear family and friends -

I am so grateful for all the cards, prayers, concern, and visits that I have received over these many months. The grace, peace, and love I have felt from all of you, have carried me through these difficult days, and for that I am so appreciative. In return, I offer my prayers and thanksgivings for all of you. It seems like a good time to check in as we have recently observed the first anniversary of Bob's death.

I am now back in my own home with my beloved cat, Aidan. Your visits, cards, and continued prayers are most welcome.

Blessings and Love,
Dn. Barb



Thanksgiving Sunday and Potluck Brunch

Plan on joining us on **Sunday November 20th** as we celebrate our Thanksgiving service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a potluck brunch in the Great Hall. You may sign up to bring a dish if you wish. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Great Hall. The choir will be present at the service to lead us in traditional Thanksgiving hymns for this festive occasion. Please note that the 9:00 a.m. liturgy is our only service, and there is no service on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.



Community Harvest

The 2016 Community Harvest is underway and your help is needed! Please pick up a bag from the Narthex, shop for your donations, and bring the filled bag back to St. Mary's by Sunday, November 20. All donations will be blessed and then taken to the sorting facility. If you prefer, you may also write a check, payable to Crystal Lake Food Pantry, with notation "Community Harvest".



On Thanksgiving morning, November 24, volunteers will help

We Pray For

Karen, Jim, Chris, Sue, Jean, Sharon, Thelma, Avery, Barbara, Ann, Galen, Betsy, Meg, Bob, Pat, Harry & Marion, Don, Brian, Gene, Kathy, Kelly, Olan, Diane, Vicki, Sarah, Carol, Glenn, Tom, Kathy, Betty, Andrea, Mary, Judie, Josh, Jessica, Shane, Bill, Diane, Wendy, Beverly, Mark, Elliott, Wendy

Those Who Have Died

Carl, Jim, Darlene, Mary

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Jeremy, Zack, Ryan, Terry, Scott, Dan, Corey, Nicholas, Tyler, Ross

Birthdays

11.10 Steve Buenning
11.13 Avery Vearil
11.15 Sue DeThorne

Wedding Anniversaries

11.12 Gary & Thelma
Chesterfield

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organize and sort the thousands of donations. If you would like to volunteer, you may sign up online [here](#).

Items needed: Chili, dinner helpers, canned milk, pasta, ramen noodles, mac and cheese, canned beans, baking supplies, canned fruit, rice, and cleaning products. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Basket Program

For many years, St. Mary's has participated in the ReVive Center's Christmas Basket Program. During the Christmas season, this is a wonderful opportunity for members of our Parish to purchase Jewel gift cards or shop for individual Christmas gifts for some of the most impoverished families and seniors of our metropolitan area. This year, our Parish has been asked to adopt/sponsor 12 families comprised of 26 individuals.



You may sign up to adopt/sponsor one or more of these individuals/families on the poster hanging in the Great Hall. The instructions and the individual's wish list will be in the file box below the poster.

Please return all gift cards and gift items (new and wrapped) back to the Great Hall by Sunday, November 27, 2016 by 11:00 a.m.

*Volunteers are needed to help organize the boxes on Sunday, November 27, right after the service. *Volunteers are needed to load the boxes onto the ReVive Center truck on Wednesday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Please contact [Jennifer Kolarczyk](#) if you'd like to help.

Advent Begins November 27

Light Bearers Needed

During the season of Advent, families or individuals are invited to light the candles on the Advent Wreath. It is a very special moment to bring the light into church at the beginning of the service, and then light the Advent candle(s). We encourage interested households to sign up for a particular Sunday; the sign-up sheet is available on a Narthex table.

Advent Lessons and Carols

One of the very special traditions of our Anglican heritage, during the season of Advent, is the observance of a Service of Lessons and Carols, a service many Episcopal congregations have adopted, and one that has come to be a joy for those who have participated in it over the years at St. Mary's.



This liturgy begins with a lovely Bidding Prayer, and continues with a series of Scripture readings, each followed by a carol or hymn. The lessons trace the story of God's relationship with Humanity, from Creation until the promise is given of the birth of the Messiah. [A readings sign-up sheet is available on a Narthex table.](#)



This year the Lessons & Carols service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on **Sunday, November 27**. The 8:00 a.m. liturgy will be celebrated as usual on this day. Please note the Eucharist will only be celebrated at the 8:00 a.m. service.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry is On the Move

Over the years, the food pantry has moved eight times in its 34 years of operations. In 2009, the food pantry purchased a building thinking it would be their forever home. The past eight years the 22 member churches have gathered food and donations, and shared with those in need in our community. In mid-2015, after identifying the need for a better location, on-site storage for donations, and a place to provide more services, the Board voted to approve the purchase of a building at 42 East Street. The building has 30,000 square feet of space, and was a good purchase at the price of \$700,000. Updates and renovations have been underway since April, with those improvements costing and additional \$350,000.



The plan is to continue to serve the Crystal Lake community, and offer other social service providers the opportunity to have space at the pantry, so that clients will have ease of access to additional services. There is a long-term plan to warehouse food for other pantries in the county. Please consider making a gift to the Building Fund so that we may continue to help feed our hungry neighbors.

Donation envelopes are in the literature rack in the back of church. As the move-in details get closer and more volunteer opportunities are finalized, we will pass along that information to the church.

Fall Work Day Thanks

On Saturday, October 15, a group of hard working volunteers gathered to complete a list of tasks that needed to be done before winter. A group worked outside trimming and preparing our flowerbeds for winter. Inside, more help was shared to move some



bookcases, dust, and do some serious stove and oven cleaning. St. Mary's has over 10,000 sq. ft. of buildings, and we only have one very part time weekly cleaning service. Your help to put the final "polish" really makes St. Mary's shine!

There are some other personal benefits to helping on workday: getting to know your fellow members better, and of course, a yummy lunch that is shared as a Thank You for your efforts. We have two work days every year, so plan to join us next Spring. If you are not able to join in on a scheduled work day, please consider adopting a project, and work on that task throughout the year.

Game Night

A family game night has been scheduled for Friday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. Mark the date, and stay tuned for further details.



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