

St. John's Announcements

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This week, we received some bad news on our construction project. The steel which is necessary for the work on our narthex renovation will not arrive on time. We expect it to now be available just a couple of weeks before Christmas which does not give them enough time to finish the project before the holiday. On Monday, the vestry decided to begin that part of the project after Christmas. The inside work can be done during the winter. Some of the outside work cannot be done during the colder months, so that work will continue as planned. This will include a new staircase on the south side of the church that will reach what will eventually be the new narthex level. We also expect the overhangs above the north and south doors to be completed before Christmas. This coming Sunday, we will have access to the main Door 1, but we will lose access to it once the concrete work begins. Door 2, our north door, will be the main entrance and exit. We did receive some good news this week. The railings for our new ramp are being manufactured, and we are expecting them to arrive the first week of November. The 8:00am and 10:00am services will both have the sacrament of healing available during the eucharist.

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/29 @ 10:30am
Wednesday Eucharist
St. Mary's Hall

10/29 @ 12:30pm
Bible Study
St. Mary's Hall

Hawkwing Collection

Time for our annual Hawkwing collection. Hawkwing lost their free shipping; we can no longer do a collection of goods for them. Rochelle has arranged with Amazon to purchase any goods needed for the reservation and Amazon will ship directly to the reservation. We are looking for monetary donations for the 2 food banks on the reservation and for purchasing toys for the **Great Give A Way** in December. For some children this is the only toy they will receive. There will be a small form available for you to use. Please mark your amount in the check memo line so we know if it's for food or the **Great Give a Way** or for both. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO Hawkwing. You may place donations anytime in the collection plate or wait until the great collection on Sunday, Oct 26th.

I will be at both services that day to collect.

Life on the reservation is still very, very hard and like a lot of folks, they have no place to get help.

Thank you for thinking of our brothers and sisters on the reservation. Blessings, Terri Sessions

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Tree of Light

We are starting to collect names for our 11th annual Tree of Light. For those not familiar, my family and I started this fundraiser to honor our family and friends, and we light the tree next to the walkway by St. Mary's Hall during December.

As explained on this form, which is also available in the Narthex, we collect names in Honor of, in Memory of, and Special Holiday Wishes for. We will make the tags and hang them on strings of lights. The tree will be lit on Sunday, November 30th, the 1st Sunday of Advent, and will light automatically every night until Epiphany. We hope you will buy tags for your loved ones and help us make this our brightest tree ever. All monies raised will go to WCK (World Central Kitchen). They provide meals anywhere in the world after natural disasters, as well as war-torn countries.

Thank you.

Linda Borovicka and Family

Names for All Saint's Day – Please email Christina the names of people who have died in the last year to be prayed for aloud at next Sunday's All Saint's Day service and for loved ones who have died longer ago, we will remember those names in the bulletin.

Vestry Nomination Process

Every fall, the nominating committee meets to decide which members of the parish it wants to put forward for our vestry election at the annual meeting. Our nominating committee consists of Lois Valliere, Mary Davis, Edith Bushell, Joy Dorin, Bill Francis, and the rector. If you would like to be considered, or if you would like to nominate a fellow parishioner for the vestry, please talk to a member of the committee. We will also have nomination slips in the narthex if you prefer to do it anonymously. All names put forward will be prayerfully considered. Parishioners are encouraged to remember that this is a strong parish with more talented people than vestry positions. We appreciate everyone who offers their services to the church.

Pumpkin Bowling – 10/26

It is that time of year again! Bowling for candy if not dollars. After the 10:00am Eucharist, the children of the parish are invited to take part in this fun annual tradition. The pumpkins that have served as fall decorations will be used to knock down pins on the sidewalk outside the parish hall. This is always great fun.