

St. John's Announcements

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Last year's Blessing of the Animals



This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Francis is one of the most beloved saints in the church. Francis was a talented preacher, peacemaker, and church (re)builder. He was a mystic, a nature lover, a founder of religious orders, and was a humble man of God. The 8:00 Eucharist will be in the church and will be pet free. The 10:00am Eucharist will be in St. Mary's Hall and will include a blessing of the animals.

I also look forward to welcoming Aldon Hynes. Aldon is in formation to become a priest and will join us as our parish intern. Aldon is finishing a fellowship as a hospital chaplain, and in the '26-'27 program year, he will be joining us on Sunday mornings and during the week as his work schedule allows. I encourage you all to introduce yourself. I invite you to wear your name tag, and if you do not have one, please let us know.

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

10/7 – Wednesday
Eucharist @ 10:30am –
Healing Service.

10/7 – Bible Study @
12:30pm

After our Lenten series, there was interest in continuing our conversations on Creation Care on a more regular basis. Andy Burr and Letty Naigles will be facilitating a monthly forum between the morning services, to explore how our faith connects to creation care and climate justice. We will watch Blessed Tomorrow's Film Series, [*Caring for the Earth: Stories from Faith Communities*](#) on the first Sunday of the month, starting October 4, 2026, at 9am, in St. Mary's Hall (or the classroom right next door). At each session, we will pray, read scripture, watch the 20-minute films, and engage in discussion about each of the topics, and how we might engage. This seven-part series features clergy, youth leaders, interfaith organizers, and climate advocates from diverse faiths. These films offer a timely resource for fostering dialogue, strengthening community, and inspiring faithful, collective action. Join us as we engage in theological conversations and imagine a bright future for all! All are invited, whether you have much climate knowledge and experience or none. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Bible Study – This year's bible study will focus on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew and will begin September 16th. Matthew's gospel is the favorite of many Christians. Matthew is where we find the Sermon on the Mount, the parable of the weeds and the wheat, and interesting details around the crucifixion narrative including the emptying of the tombs. The study meets on Wednesday afternoons at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. We have a regular group of both in-person and on-line participants. We have interesting discussions every week. If you are interested in joining through Zoom, please talk to or email the Rev. Marc.

Men's Ministry Fall BBQ – Sunday, October 10th @ 5pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Tickets are available after the 8am and 10am services.

<u>Menu</u>	<u>Suggested Donations</u>
Hamburgers / Hot Dogs	Adult Dinner \$15
Delicious Side Salads	Child Dinner \$10
Klondike Ice Cream Bars	Family Dinner \$30 (1 or 2 parents & up to 3 children)
	<i>*Proceeds to support local food security ministries</i>

Coffee Hour Sign -ups – Please consider signing up to host coffee hour.

Nut Sales – The holiday season has officially begun! Nut Sale order forms can be found at the back of the church. Orders are due by October 18th. Contact Nancy Simon with any questions. 860-978-0198.

Rochelle and the members of the Cheyenne Indian Reservation send their thanks for our prayers and generous donations for food and gifts. They are asking for monetary donations to purchase

- 1) Food -18 cents a lb. through South Dakota food bank
2) Warm winter coats- bought at local South Dakota Walmart and Target Stores.
CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPED - PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE CHECKS OUT TO Hawkwing.
Slips are available to attach to your money or check donations in the Narthex.
Thank you. Any questions please call Terri at [860-644-5892](tel:860-644-5892).