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This Week at Trinity

Worship Assistants for Sunday, February 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Mary Donovan, Donna Griffin
Lector: Tod Sutton
Intercessor: Carol Hatton
Usher: Doug Flessing

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Glenna Kleinkauf, Joan Handley
Lectors: Barbara Cook, Joanne Feist
Intercessor: Sandra Weichert
Ushers: Lindy Eakin, Liz Miller, Terry Mandle, Karen Keim
Vergers: Brian Haupt
Acolytes: Caroline Schmidt, Claire Schmidt, Liam Nutt, Ari Myers-Arenth

6:00 p.m. - Rite I, Solemn High Mass
Chalice Bearers: Carl Edwards, Bianca Elliott
Lector: Nathan Roser
Greeter and Usher: Dave Eddington

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Announcements

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday, February 28, please join us for Trinity's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. In lieu of an admission charge, all donations will go toward youth scholarships for summer camp.

Upcoming Events

Pipe Organ Program

On Sunday, February 12, the Topeka Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present "An Introduction to the King of Instruments: The Pipe Organ," 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (8th & Harrison St, Topeka). Although a reservation is not required, for planning purposes, RSVP (785-233-9601) to reserve your seat.

Canterbury House on Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, February 14, KU's Canterbury House (1116 Louisiana) will celebrate Valentine's Day by learning about St. Valentine. There will be a discussion of St. Valentine's life, martyrdom, and later veneration by the church. The night will start at 6:30 p.m. with a free meal, and the program will start shortly after. As always, all are welcome!

Words of Inspiration

From the Desk of Father Rob



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished."

This passage, taken from the end of last Sunday's Gospel reading (Matthew 5:17), seems to be at odds with Jesus' rather broad and expansive attitude towards the legalistic culture of his time, and his outright criticism of self-righteousness.

So any conclusion about what Jesus means has to be reconciled with the rest of his teachings. When Jesus says that he came to fulfill the law, he isn't talking about the vast corpus of quotidian rules that made up every part of Jewish society, but the fundamental laws of the faith outlined most distinctly in the Ten Commandments. What he is saying is that however we understand that law's purpose, it must be in accordance with his own message as the Word of God. The law will be finally understood in him. And no part of that law should be taken away. Not the law that states that there is only one God, or that we should treasure human life, and show respect for the way that we treat each other in the relationships that shape our community. To remove any of them would be disastrous, so we are told to keep them all, and to look to Jesus Christ to understand what it all means.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rob+

Stewardship Message: How Does It Feel to Give?

In a magazine article published in 2009, A.J. Jacobs suggests we are born to give. In the midst of writing his book *The Year of Living Biblically*, Jacobs realized that if he was going to write a book about living one year according to the laws of the Bible, he needed to tithe. After convincing his rather

reluctant spouse to give away 10 percent of their income, he began to research the charities they would support. He describes getting ready to hit the send button for giving his tithes online: "My palms got wet, my heart rate spiked." For Jacobs and his wife, this giving would be sacrificial and require changes in their lifestyle. As the confirmation emails began to arrive in his inbox, he said:

"I felt good. There's a haunting line from the movie 'Chariots of Fire.' It's spoken by Ian Charleson, who plays a deeply religious sprinter in the 1924 Olympics. He says: 'When I run, I feel His pleasure.' And as I gave away money, I think I might have felt God's pleasure. Which is odd. Because I'm agnostic. I don't know if there's a God or not, but still I felt some higher sense of purpose. It was like a cozy ember that started at the back of my neck and slowly spread its warmth through my skull. I felt like I was doing something I should have done all my life."

--- Bounty, Kristine Miller, and Scott McKenzie

TEST Tidbits: Dakota Access Pipeline Permit to Go Forward

Two weeks after being requested by President Trump to speed up the process that would get the Dakota Access Pipeline completed, the Army Corps of Engineers will announce this week that they have granted the permit. It will take approximately 60 to 80 days to finish the last leg of this 1,170-mile pipeline that will bring crude oil through four states and eventually down to gulf area refineries. The Trump administration, despite ongoing protest, states that the pipeline will bring new jobs and helps the domestic production of energy needed to make our nation great. However, there is more to the story.

The original route of the Dakota Access Pipeline was to cross the Missouri River close to the city of Bismarck, N.D. The city complained, and the route of the crossing was moved downriver to within half a mile of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

The new route would cross under Lake Oahe, an "oxbow-like" section of the Missouri River -- the only drinking-water source for the reservation. The Standing Rock nation's leaders were, and continue to be, concerned that any leak would contaminate the water of the lake and potentially the entire Missouri River. Land around Lake Oahe is also sacred burial ground and has long been thought to belong to the Standing Rock nation, going back to treaties made during the 1800s.

Last fall, protests hit a fever pitch and President Obama asked for the Army Corps of Engineers to do a more thorough environmental study and consider rerouting away from Lake Oahe. One of President Trump's first acts as president was to put a rush order on the Dakota Access Pipeline as well as the Keystone XL Pipeline. If completed the XL Pipeline would be built under sections of the Ogallala Aquifer (yet another water source), raising the threat of a spill that would be disastrous for the country's "breadbasket."

Besides the threat of spills, which happen despite modern materials and oversight, environmentalists argue that it is better to keep the oil in the ground rather than refine and burn it, adding to the already 400 parts per million of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere.

Standing Rock nation chairperson, Dave Archambault II, posted on Facebook that "Americans have come together in support of the us asking for a fair, balanced, and lawful process. The Environmental Impact Statement process was wrongfully terminated."

Officials have asked the courts to renew the environmental study and to require the pipeline construction company, Energy Transfer Partners, to declare its oil-spill and risk-assessment records. Former State Department lawyer-turned-consultant Keith Benes and Earth Justice lawyer Jan Hasselman both feel that the Army Corps of Engineers did not adequately justify their rushed permit. A protest march in support of the Standing Rock nation's cause will be held in Washington DC on March 10. In the meantime, please keep the Standing Rock nation in your prayers.

Sources for this article: www.washingtonpost.com (by Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis). Also www.reuters.com (by Valerie Volcovici and Earnest Scheyder).

"Caring for the environment -- it's a Christian thing to do!"

Ministry Opportunities

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day for February through April is now in the tract racks. March and April will begin with Ash Wednesday and cover Lent and Easter.

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry (TIFP) was open eight days in January 2017 and served 266 families (275 children, 472 adults, and 24 senior adults) with 32 new families requesting food assistance. Food purchased locally and through Harvesters in January totaled \$1,437.46, and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$5,256.16.

The food pantry was open 172 days in 2016 and served 3,202 families (a total of 8,430 people) with 270 new families enrolled over the year. The

total donations of money to TIFP in 2016 was \$15,383. The actual cost for food in 2016 was \$25,511.73, purchased at Harvesters and locally. We are grateful to all for donations of money and for the abundant donation of food throughout the year to provide food assistance to many people in Douglas County.

The Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser for TIFP scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2017 was cancelled due to inclement weather. Generous people donated \$475 to TIFP even though the event was canceled. A special contribution of \$1,000 was made to TIFP by two parishioners at Trinity in response to the canceled event. These donations will help purchase more food as we begin the new year.

The 2017 Lawrence Ice Bowl, a disc golf competition to raise funds for the food pantry, will be held on Saturday, February 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Centennial Park (600 Rockledge Rd.). Admission for one round is \$10 + 5 cans of non-perishable food items; two rounds is \$15 + 10 cans of non-perishable food items. All proceeds benefit Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry. The event is sponsored by the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation. For more information, please contact Isaac Heinen (iheinen@lawrenceks.org; 785-832-7945).

The Harvester's Mobile Food Distribution, a partnering program with volunteers from First Baptist Church, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry, and the Salvation Army, is held on the fourth Saturday of each month, 1-2 pm at First Baptist Church (1330 Kasold).

GIFT Cards: A Good Deal

Grocery Income for Trinity (GIFT) cards for all the Lawrence grocery stores are always available for sale in the parish hall between church services. A GIFT card you buy at church is treated like cash at the store: a \$50 card buys \$50 worth of groceries. And it results in a contribution to the church, because these grocers have agreed to give back to Trinity between 4% and 6% of the total amount that you spend with that store's GIFT card. It is an easy way to contribute to Trinity.

Prayer Chain

To add a person's name to the prayer list or to become a prayer chain member, please contact the parish office (prayers@trinitylawrence.org; 785-843-6166) or Carol Hatton, Prayer Chain coordinator (caroldonhatton@gmail.com).

The Prayer Chain prays daily for those who are ill, suffering, troubled, have died, or wish to offer praise and thanksgivings. Prayer Chain members find that their own private prayer life with God also deepens during this daily practice.

Pray for those who are ill:
Vashti, Kaye, Mary, Mike, Ron, Brad

Prayer for those with special intentions:
Hazel, Delma, Dennis, Heather, Rachel, Carole, Patrick, Deborah, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Colin and Caro, Alan, Anne

Pray for those in the hospital:
Mike, Ben, Steve, George, Ginny, Terry, Mabel

Pray for those who are departed:
Rosalie Icenogle

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Sunday, February 12

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Coffee Hour
6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Solemn High Mass & Potluck

Monday, February 13

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park
9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer, Chapel

Tuesday, February 14 - Valentine's Day

10:30 a.m., Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m., Food Pantry
6:30 p.m. The Canterbury House

Wednesday, February 15

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park
4:00 p.m., Endowment Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

Thursday, February 16

10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures
7:30 p.m., Trinity Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 17

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park
6:30 p.m., Trinity Supper Club

Saturday, February 18

10:00 a.m., Organ Practice
10:00 a.m., Food Pantry
7:00 p.m., Board Games and Beer

Newsletter Information

The deadline for placing items in this newsletter is every Wednesday at 12 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to start receiving this newsletter each week, please contact Sheryl Poole (sp@trinitylawrence.org).

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