

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD NOVEMBER E-NEWSLETTER



ST. GEORGE'S RUBY JUBILEE

On Saturday, November 5th, clergy, and people of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield and the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America came together in Holy Eucharist. The celebration was an observance of the 40th Anniversary of the joint Christian faith and ecumenical fellowship being lived into by St. George's Episcopal Church and St. Mark Lutheran Church in Belleville, Illinois.



The day brought glory to God for the gift, presence, and invitation into the unity that is His alone to give. The two congregations share a beautiful campus while concerning themselves with mission rather than survival. Pictured (from L to R) are Bishop Brian K. Burgess of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield; The Very Reverend Mark W. Ohlemeier, priest-in-charge of St. George's Episcopal Church; The Reverend Brian M. Robinson, pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church and Bishop John Roth of the Central/Southern Illinois ELCA. The Reverend Ron C. Neustadt, the former pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (1977-2010), gave the keynote luncheon address. "That they all may be one . . ." - Bishop Brian K. Burgess

In his sermon, Bishop Roth stressed that "we are not here this morning to congratulate ourselves for the level of Christian unity that St. Mark and St. George's have achieved over 40 years. Rather, we are here this morning in gratitude to God for the blessing it has been— in this particular context, in this particular arrangement – to be co-citizens with the saints and household of God."



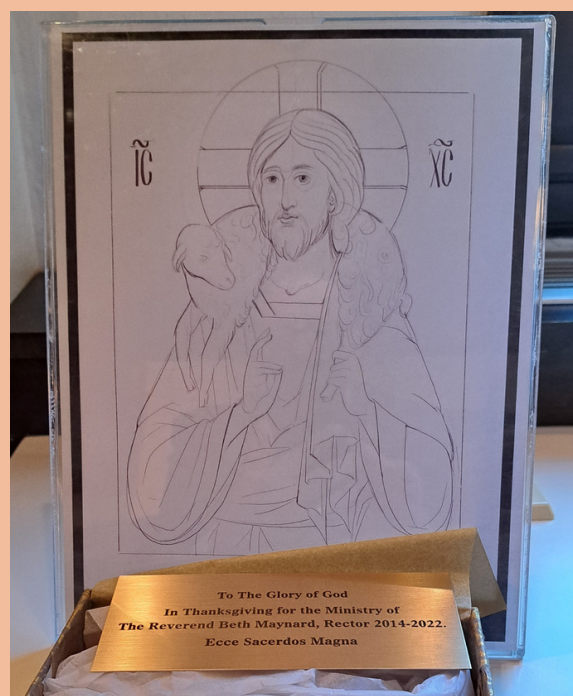


ORDINATION OF FATHER MICHAEL CLARK

On October 18, 2022, over 170 attended the solemn liturgy at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Ste. Marie, Illinois on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. Father Clark serves the mission church of St. Mary's in nearby Robinson. All of this is because Mike is considered very useful and our heavenly Father has need of him in this particular way. +BKB

Mother Beth's Retirement Sunday

On November 7th, the celebration of All Saint's Day, Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church recognized the faithful service of Mother Beth Maynard as a priest and rector of Emmanuel. In her closing homily, she reflected on the good news that Paul points us to in his letter to the Ephesians. "What we need is the news of Jesus, news that pours out its power through the Word of God and the sacraments into us, power that then motivates us to live in response, to live out of gratitude." The congregation of Emmanuel Memorial presented Mother with a plaque that reads: "To the Glory of God. In thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Reverend Beth Maynard, Rector 2014-2022. Ecce Sacerdos Magna." Please join the Office of the Bishop in congratulating and expressing appreciation for Mother's service to the Episcopal Church and this Diocese.



ST. NICHOLAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

On Saturday, December 3rd, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's welcomes you to come and meet St. Nicholas, the real Santa!

Join us in the fun and excitement of hosting St. Nicholas. Get a free photo taken with St. Nick, have a cup of hot chocolate, and receive a free coloring book about St. Nicholas.

FROM SAINT BARNABAS'

Father Dante Anglin and Steve Hackman pose for a photo next to food items that were gathered over the last month for their local food pantry. This food pantry ministry has been a part of St. Barnabas' outreach for many years. Pax Christi: God be Praised.



**Please include those in our
Diocese who are pursuing
Holy Orders in your prayers:**

Parker Asplin, Postulant - Trinity, Lincoln
Pete Sherman, Postulant - St. Luke's, Springfield
Danny Shuler, Postulant - St. Thomas, Salem

From Synod 2022



UNITED THANK OFFERING

Greetings from your UTO Coordinator, I am happy to report that twelve Churches in the diocese have participated in the 2022 Fall Ingathering so far. I do expect more since All Saint's Sunday has occurred. The current total is \$2,292.84. The full 2022 Ingathering will support innovative mission and ministry projects addressing all aspects of the worldwide incarceration crisis. Good news from the Synod Gathering last month where \$213.04 was collected in the UTO Blue Boxes placed on the tables. The total 2022 Fall Ingathering: \$2,505.88. Thanks to everyone for your support to UTO Ministry.

All blessings for the upcoming holidays,
Joyce C. Wright



DR. GEOFFREY WILLIAMS

The Diocese would like to express its gratitude for the presence and expertise of Dr. Williams at Synod this past month. His extensive background in music and faithful service to the Church was on full display. The expressive nature of his teaching and passion for congregational music lent itself well to this helpful workshop. Dr. Williams reminded the attendees that although we might believe we're too small to make a joyful noise, we sing to focus on Christ our King. "We're not here to perform, but to provide a foundation for a building to resound with the praises of God." He encouraged parishes to focus on the idea that the goal of our music in mass is formation by usage together. Thank you, Dr. Williams, for blessing this Diocese this past month.



Election Results

For election results and resolutions please visit [our website \(click here\)](#).

The Office of the Bishop would like to extend a special thank you to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul for its gracious hospitality and service to this year's Annual Synod. Thank you to all volunteers, clergy, delegates, and staff for participating and joining us.