

Week of May 10 – May 16, 2020

# CASTING OUR NET

## ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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You may give online by visiting our website or by texting SSNH to 73256 (REALM)



### We ask for Continued Prayers:

Barbara Macke; Class of 2020 and school Faculty and staff; Dr. Beth; Mary Yuan; Sally and Charles; Scottie; Tom and Odessa; Mary Ellen and Gary; Robert Gregg; Sheila; Greg, Greg, Ivy; Karen, Rachel, Trevor; Dave Pearce; Genise Huey; Those in distress physically, financially, or emotionally

### And for those serving in the Military:

E.B. & his Platoon; Alex, James, D.J., Caitlyn, Brady, and all serving

### And for Safety in Travel for:

Truck Drivers

### And we pray for those who have Died:

K. Richard Hawley; COVID-19 Victims

### For those who celebrate Birthdays in May:

May 5 – Janet Rice

### For those who celebrate Anniversaries in May:

May 15 – Mark Sellars & Beth Macke

### And for those serving in our Diocese, including

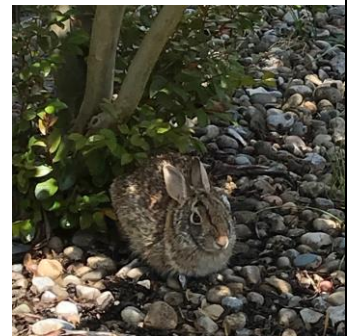
Bishop Jennifer Baskervill-Burrows, our companion Diocese Brasillia, their Bishop Mauricio, and the people and Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's in Mithon

### Blessings:

For the PPP loan from Heritage Federal Credit Union; Sunshine and Blue Skies; Mothers – of their or others' children, of grandchildren, of pets and of plants; The care and love of our friends and family



Anyone with the following link can add names to our prayer list (think of it as the composition notebook in the cloud) located at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_5aUEsvqUzTdAmvLG4yI0eW87mFpiPIpFd0tUuscnc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_5aUEsvqUzTdAmvLG4yI0eW87mFpiPIpFd0tUuscnc/edit?usp=sharing)



The church building is closed through the month of May. The gate of the columbarium is open for you to walk by for a time of outside meditation and prayer. This is one of our friendly "visitors" who took a moment to rest in the garden!

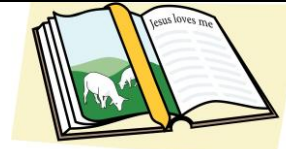
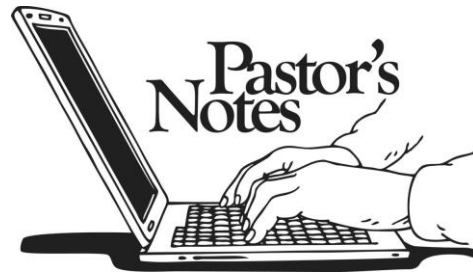
## Thank You for Giving

**Reminder:** Even though we are physically closed, our ministry continues! Pledges can be mailed to PO Box 173, New Harmony, IN 47631 or can be made online by credit card at

<https://onrealm.org/StStephensEpisc/-/give/now>

Dear St. Stephen's Community,

Congratulations to Linda Warrum for completing the Paycheck Protection Program application for St. Stephens! Heritage Federal Credit Union was able to get us through the system and we received \$7K to cover eight weeks of payroll and utilities. This will provide a financial cushion until we can get back to whatever the new normal will be in our community. Thank you to all who continue to contribute online, mail, or bill pay. If you have questions about how to do this, please call Linda Warrum at 812-431-8805 or at [warrum.linda@gmail.com](mailto:warrum.linda@gmail.com).



**EDUCATION**

Here is the liturgical calendar for the month of May, as well as a link to Bible studies for those who would like to go a little deeper.

May 3, 2020

Psalm 23  
Acts 2:42-47  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

May 10, 2020

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
Acts 7:55-60  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

May 17, 2020

Psalm 66:7-18  
Acts 17:22-31  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

May 24, 2020

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36  
Acts 1:6-14  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

May 31, 2020

Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 11:1-9  
Acts 2:1-11  
John 7:37-39a

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/lessons/liturgical-calendar/>

Speaking of the new normal... what will it look like? Yesterday afternoon the Bishop sent out guidelines for regathering to all of the congregations. Our vestry is meeting via zoom at 7 PM tonight, May 12th. Non-vestry members are welcome to attend -- just contact me at [bethamacke@gmail.com](mailto:bethamacke@gmail.com). We will be forming a regathering team to review concerns and design a plan to reopen St. Stephen's buildings. The small number of COVID-19 cases in Posey County help us greatly in our planning. If we can address the concerns to the satisfaction of ourselves and the Diocesan leadership, it is my hope that we can record our first service with a small group in the church on Pentecost (May 31) and have our first in person service in form on June 14. This is not a promise, but a hope.

I can tell you that even with our small numbers, worship in our NEW normal will be different. It will include wearing masks, no singing in live worship, social distancing, and no Holy Communion for the time being. Persons over the age of 65 or who have underlying health conditions will be asked not to join us for in person worship inside the church for the time being. So we will be having an online worship presence in some form until we can ALL gather in the church.

The Pandemic continues to stretch us in ways we could not imagine and I ask for your prayers for our leadership as we figure all of this out. Please know that you continue to be in ours.

Stay well and be safe!

God's peace,  
Beth+

**SERVICE AND COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE**

DATE	SERVICE PLACE	LEADERS	COFFEE HOUR HOST
May 17, 2020 9:00 am CST	Indy- Christ Church Cathedral <a href="https://www.cccindy.org/live/">https://www.cccindy.org/live/</a>	CCC	
May 24, 2020 10:15 am CST	Washington National Cathedral <a href="https://cathedral.org/worship/">https://cathedral.org/worship/</a>	National Church	

