

The Good News

April, 2020

Christ Episcopal Church

Keeping our Faith Alive

Holy Week with Online Services

We will be entering into Holy Week and our third week of online services. Attendance has increase for our Friday Morning Prayer service from 7 to 18 people and the Sunday Service went from 26 to 40 people. Fr. Jean asked for parishioner to call and check on with each other and to call him (317) 600-4176 with questions and concerns. Mark Anderson and Greg Thompson have been helping parishioners with the ZOOM software. Mark and Michelle Anderson have been hosting the Sunday Service which have made it go smoothly. Per the Bishop's directive our on-line services will no longer include Communion but be a Liturgy of the Word.

A list and the links for the upcoming services are as follows:

- April 3rd 9:00am Morning Prayer
<https://zoom.us/j/589017933?pwd=dlo2azRjL3l3VTdvTENVbi9KaFM0UT09>
- April 5th 9:00am **Palm Sunday** Liturgy of the Word
<https://zoom.us/j/152231412?pwd=VTZ4YUdTMytDTVBdVHhUNHBqUWVRZz09>
- April 9th 7:00pm **Maundy Thursday** Liturgy of the Word
<https://zoom.us/j/549196800?pwd=S3FFY1BnNmX5MTZJdC9HQS9tWWMrdz09>
- April 10th 9:00am Morning Prayer
<https://zoom.us/j/589017933?pwd=dlo2azRjL3l3VTdvTENVbi9KaFM0UT09>
- April 10th 7:00pm **Good Friday** Liturgy of the Word
<https://zoom.us/j/331163248?pwd=RFF5SVFXTWkyMzIXZlVpbGE1T0UrZz09>
- April 11th 9:00am Holy Saturday Morning Prayer
<https://zoom.us/j/760522440?pwd=c1lRjhNcTh0VIZQNE9jNTEyWkV4dz09>
- April 11th 7:00pm **Easter Virgil** Liturgy of the Word
<https://zoom.us/j/702524090?pwd=TFpZYkFwbmFxVdMN3ZXNzFjY1JBUT09>
- April 12th 9:00am **Easter Day** – Liturgy of the Word - Alleluia Christ is Risen/ The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia. <https://zoom.us/j/312173477?pwd=QWg1UjU3UHJnL3lHYlo4OFROT3dwUT09>

For the Palm Sunday Service the palms will be blessed at the service but will not be distributed to after the COVID-19 crisis is over. We are asking people to cut green branches from their yards and wave them during what would be the procession.

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Dear brothers and sisters!



When I wake up every day, reading the newspaper, turning on the TV, it is depressing. The numbers keep going up and up. I ask myself the question: when I am going to see something different on the TV, or in the newspapers? Today it is Holy Week, we must go through Holy Week before Easter. Good Friday always precedes Easter day. There is no rosary without a cross. All prayers have an Amen. God has the last word. Have faith in God, take all the precautionary measures, do not go out for unnecessary reason, it is dark outside. The disciple said to the stranger in the Road of Emmaus: *"Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."* So, he went in to stay with them (Luke 24: 29). Brothers and sisters, stay at your home. At the table, the disciples recognized Jesus. Easter is around the corner. Remembering these events should help us to deepen our faith, and everyone must know where they are.

The celebrations of Holy Week and Easter will offer us many points and opportunities for reflection. The Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons for us Christians are very challenging. The challenge of today's reality must be an opportune time to learn how to be the church of Christ in a different way. As the time of prayer and self-discipline, how to practice new methods and disciplines that bring us closer to God and the community, I invite you to stay home, and take time for spiritual readings and meditation to keep your faith alive when you cannot be physically present with your faith community. Take time to pray for one another. In fact, let us redouble our requests for one another, for our shared life, and especially for the least among us: those who are alone, sad, sick or grieving. Let us double our prayers for all the caregivers: nurses and doctors, police and first responders. I don't need to list them all. You know who needs our prayers, who needs the hope of resurrection.

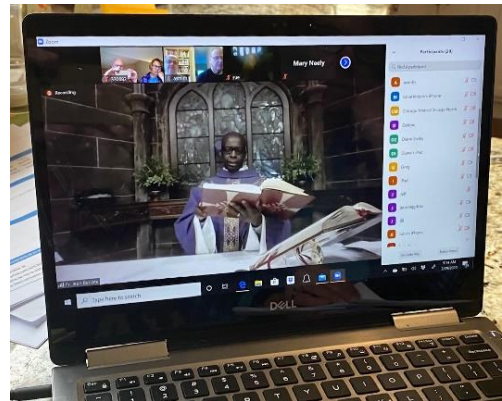
In these days, Jesus invites us to accompany him one more year in his passion, death and resurrection. How far am I willing to go? Will I dare to help Jesus like the Cyrene? Will I clean Christ face like Veronica? Will I stand at foot of the cross? Or will I look at Jesus from afar, and hide among the crowd to go unnoticed? Will I be ashamed to confess in front of everyone that I am Christ disciple? Or will I be a light, a bearer of hope?

There are many dangers: the routine of every year, becoming mere spectators, reducing Easter to a time of vacation. In these days of social distancing, we offer the celebrations through ZOOM. And when we all participate: singing the songs, praying the prayers, saying Amen, and sharing our thoughts, then we have a true communal celebration, a real moment of being Church, the Body of Christ. I have asked several people to read short sections of the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed so we can see each other on our screens. This is how we can be community during this awkward time. I thank you for your help and for sharing in this new experience of Christian gathering. I look forward to sharing Holy Week with you, my new family. Happy Easter! Fr. Jean

Zoom Meetings

We are using a program called ZOOM Meeting to host our virtual services. This is the software that most Churches are using. To join the meeting, just click on the meeting link. If you want to show your video from your phone or computer so others can see you when you talk, then click on "Allow video." The view from your camera can also be seen by others on small boxes on the top or side of your screen. Most people allow this. Most of the time you keep your mic on mute since ZOOM meeting only allows for one person to talk at a time. Mark and Michelle will act as our online host and will be muting mics if people forget. The best way to talk to everyone during the meeting is to use your space bar on your computer to unmute your mic when talking and release it when done talking.

A tutorial on using ZOOM Meeting can be found at this link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BEPQsfUg2M>



Pledges and Offerings

While we are not present in the building, ministry continues and bills still need to be paid. Please continue to mail in your gifts as you are able. We are also looking into a way we can do direct deposits.

Music

The new music group to be formed call CCM will not begin rehearsals until after the quarantine from the pandemic has ended.

Community Meal

I could go on forever talking about Community Meals: how I got started in it, my family background in cooking and caring for those in need, and my dreams for the future. For now I want to focus on the kids who help. My own children and grandchildren are regular helpers as are kids from Waukegan to College, National Honor Society, Jr. National Honor Society, and JROTC. All of them love learning to cook and I love teaching them! As a little bonus, I have implemented a program – If a child works with me five times as a task leader (usually a part of the meal like salad), they receive a special pinstriped apron. If they serve in that capacity ten times they earn their chef coat. Every child that comes through the doors to help gets a certificate for their service hours and a letter to whomever sent them there (Advisor, W2C, Teacher etc.) about what they accomplished during their service, what tasks they were assigned and how they helped me, as well as how they did. It is a lot of work, but I wouldn't change any part of this. These kids ROCK!

Father Jean recently asked the kids to write a little something about what Community Meals means to them. Here are some of their comments.

Community meals are very special to me. We serve in an underprivileged community and being able to help the citizens out is very important to me. My favorite part of serving is being able to see the smiles on the peoples' faces. Also knowing that they would have a full stomach for the day and not going to bed hungry at least that one day we can help them. Based on what I see, the community meals make the citizens' days and most definitely my day as well knowing that I can give back.

Sincerely Clarissa (NHS - WHS, Midwest Youth Artist Conservatory) Pinstripe Apron Recipient

My parents run community meal and I love helping because as a young teen in our community I feel it is a good thing to get involved. "We", all of us, have the power to change things. Yes, I could do something else, but I love to cook. Cooking has always been in my family. If I can share something that will not only help, but better another person - I will. There are so many people on the streets that need help and if no one will help - I can at least try. People see, and, they do; it's a chain effect. So, I thought if others see me helping they will help too. Luckily, I have amazing friends that love to help just as much as I do. I think it's truly important to get involved with the community. I know we can better the community one step at a time. It will take getting help from others and that's good because we want more people to help and to get involved. This is OUR community. We can make it better.

Sincerely Iszie (Keystone Academy – homeschool) Chef Coat recipient

Community meals mean helping the community out by serving food to the homeless and helping out by giving back to the community. I started to work with community meals when I got into the club National Junior's Honor Society in my school, and once I started doing these meals I got into it because of how fun it was making these meals and how fun it was meeting new people when doing these community meals. My favorite part about serving is helping to make the meals and when I took the food out to the people when we had the breakfast meal in the morning. Overall, this shows what community meals mean to me and why I started doing these meals.

Alex (WHS – NHS) Pinstripe Apron recipient

My name is Jacob Adkins. I am sixteen and a sophomore in Waukegan High School. I started going to the community meals on Sunday because my girlfriend's mother, a Mrs. Jennifer Winston, is the woman in charge. I wanted to help out the community the way my mother did when she was young. My mother worked in a restaurant since before I was born. I ended up working with her as my first job and her last. I wanted to use the skills my parents taught me to help the community and those who cannot help themselves. How to cook, use a knife, prepare and serve food, be personable, and stand up for the people who have been knocked down. I stayed because I have learned an abundance of life lessons. I have also stayed because I am good at what I do, and what I do is help. I have gone to so many meals that I have earned my chef's coat. An honor signifying that I have been there for a while and I can handle my own in

the kitchen. Another reason I went is that I needed the community service hours because I am a JROTC cadet. It helped me to help others so I see it as a win-win situation. For these reasons I have had the pleasure of going, staying, and enjoying the Community Meals on Sundays at Christ's Episcopal Church.

Jacob (WHS JROTC, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band) Chef Coat recipient



In these difficult times Community Meal continues to serve the needy by passing out lunches to go. On Sunday afternoon March 29th 70 lunches were distributed with the main course being pizza from the Quonset Hut.

Jennifer Winston

Individuals in Our Prayers:

Kathy Antareman, Bill & Nancy Ashley, Bernard & Shirley Barker, The Biddy Family, Cindy Brown, Kathy Brown, Jimmy Carter, Aimee Chamernik, Fran Colboth, Dana, John, Kim and LaVera Davis, Daniel Detwiler, Bob Dixon, Jane Dowden, Shirley Figeas, Yvonne Fogarty, Chris Gibbs, Jerry Gibbs, Marty Goldman, Hendris & Michael Grenier, Ben & Linda Hale, Ethan Haufe, Helen Herman, Rosetta Holmes, Mike Hussey, Cicely James, Jeffery Kibonge, Debbie King, John Lewis, Todd Linna, Sean McBride, Sue McBride, Greg McMinn, Al & Karen, Dave May, Mic & Tina Mathews, Don Moon, Jan Nelson, Kelley Nichols, Carol Niemi, Susan Paulson, John, Donna Schelfaut, Walter Smith, Patrick Steuer, Elizabeth Sloffer, Nancy Thume, Kevin Timmons, Gretchen Wagner, Phyllis Weaver, Bill Weber, Ann Wills;

Departed: The Rev. Cynthia J. Hallas

Marta to Add April Birthdays and Reading List

Calendar

Friday, April 3th Morning Prayer 9am Virtual Service

Sunday, April 5th 9:00am **Palm Sunday** Virtual Service

Sunday, April 5th 2pm-3pm Community Meal (Christ Church Team)

Thursday, April 9th 7pm **Maundy Thursday** Virtual Service

Friday, April 10th 9am Morning Prayer Virtual Service

Friday, April 10th 7pm **Good Friday** Virtual Service

Saturday, April 11th 9am Holy Saturday Virtual Service

Saturday, April 11th 7pm **Easter Vigil** Virtual Service

Sunday, April 12th 9am **Easter Sunday** Virtual Service

Sunday, April 12th 2pm -3pm Community Meal (Christ Church Team)

Friday, April 17th 9am Morning Prayer Virtual Service

Saturday, April 18th 11am Getting together to Stay Together Virtual Meeting

Sunday, April 19th 9am Sunday Liturgy of the Word Virtual Service

Sunday, April 19th 10:30am Virtual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, April 19th 2pm-3pm Community Meal