

St. John's Announcements

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Cub Scouts Pack 221 Popcorn Relay



Today we celebrate Michaelmas, or The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Angels play a role in both the Old and New Testaments. There are many different kinds of angels, but the most well-known are the four Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and Uriel. Tradition teaches that angels are spiritual beings created by God. They do not have physical bodies in the way we do. Other than worshipping God, Angels serve two other main purposes. First is by protecting the people of God. This could be done through healing or offering spiritual protection from evil and harm. Angels main function in scripture is as messengers. Our English word "angel" comes from the Greek word ἄγγελος meaning messenger. This is an ancient feast that has been one of the most celebrated over the centuries. In the Northern Hemisphere, it has been celebrated as a harvest festival. "Michaelmas Daisies" (aster flowers) were collected and brought into the church. Special cakes were often made. Michaelmas has also marked the changing season. In Britain and some commonwealth countries, the fall academic semester is called the Michaelmas term. In countries that follow British common law, courts often begin their sessions (including our Supreme Court). There is also a medieval tradition that we continue in the 21st century. The youngest clergy person in the parish dresses up like a dragon and the children of the church chase him away with the help of St. Michael who in the Book of Revelation defeats the power of darkness signified by the dragon. The children receive sweet treats for their efforts at protecting the parish.

Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/2 - Eucharist @
10:30am - Healing
Service

10/2 - Bible Study @
12:30pm

Happy Birthday!

Donald Ellwood
Elaine Anderson
Patricia Cleveland

Happy Anniversary!

Grover & Patricia Cleveland
Joe & Diane Pospisil
James & Susan Hutton



Parish Forum sponsored by the Nominating Committee –September 29th at 9:00am in St. Mary's Hall, will be a meeting about the future vestry. Last October, the newly merged parish of St. John's voted on a plan to combine the vestries of the old St. John's and St. Mary's into the newly merged parish. We will be reviewing with the congregation of what that plan is and discussing next steps. The Vestry in 2025 will have many new members. Nominations for vestry are now open. You may nominate yourself, or someone else, by chatting with a member of the committee, or by depositing a paper nominating slip in the designated basket at the meeting. All nominations will be reviewed by the committee. The slate of a new vestry will be voted on by the congregation at the next Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025.

Bible Study – Our Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles continues this coming Wednesday at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. Every Wednesday Bible study is hybrid. If you would like a zoom link, please contact Father Marc.

St. Francis Day – Parishioners are invited to bring in their pets for a blessing at the 10:00am Eucharist. We will meet in St. Mary's Hall that morning. You may also bring a picture for your shy pet or your exotic snake. The 8:00 am Eucharist will be in the church and pet-free for our allergy sufferers.

Lunch Bunch - Please join in on **Thurs., October 3rd, at 12:00pm** for the St. John's Lunch Bunch potluck luncheon in St. Mary's Hall. Bring your favorite casserole, side dish, or ready-made food to share with fellow parishioners. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Any questions please call Chris Emery at 860-593-3176.

Assorted Nut Sales – Nancy Simon will be collecting Assorted Nut Sale order forms. Due date for all sales is **Sunday, October 13th**. Order forms will be in the back of the church. Please contact Nancy Simon for any questions – 860-978-0198/nancycsimon@att.net

Tree of Light – Join us in making our Tree of Light shine bright this holiday season. Order forms will be in the back of the church. Due date for forms is **Sunday, November 17th**. Please contact Linda Borovicka with any questions.

Holiday Bazaar - This year's Bazaar will be held from **9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, November 23rd in St. Mary's Hall**. Are you interested in finding out how YOU can help make our 2024 St. John's Holiday Bazaar a success? I will hold an informational meeting at 9 am on Sunday, October 20th in St. Mary's Hall. I am looking for volunteers to help with setup the week of Nov. 23rd, during the Bazaar on the 23rd, and take down on the 24th. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Nancy Simon @860-978-0198 or nancycsimon@att.net.

Hawkwing Outreach - Sept.29th- Oct 27th

The outreach will consist of collecting NEW TOYS for ages 1 month - 18yrs old. for The Give Away Event in Dec. Money Collection for the 2 food banks on the reservation will be on Sun. Oct.20th at both services. Collection boxes will be for clean, gently used or new WINTER COATS for children, women and men. TOYS AND GAMES -. Some ideas are art supplies, board games, trucks and cars, preschool play sets, building blocks, basketballs, footballs and dolls. (no stuffed toys, battery, electric, violent or religious themes.) The Rez purchases food from the South Dakota Food Bank for 18 cents a lb. Your dollar goes a long way. Let's stock their food bank for the winter coming. You can make out a check for toys and or food bank to St. John's. Please fill in the memo line where you want the donation to go to. You can either mail in your checks to St. John's or put them in the collection plate. Any questions please call Terri @ 860.644.5892/ e-mail www.hawkwing.org