



THE VOICE

The Rector's Desk

Dear St. Elisabeth's,

And now we arrive to the season of Lent: the season the church sets aside for Christians to seek spiritual renewal. The church in Lent calls Christians back to their own soul and to recommit to their faith. The greater society, it seems, gives permission during Lent for Christians to be religious.

Of the three great models of the spiritual life: going deeper to the interior of the heart, forming good habits in life, and being on a journey, it seems like the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer favors the second one. The liturgies invite us to habits of regular prayer, self-examination, repentance, and acts of love. Most years during Lent we go along with that pattern, seeking good Lenten habits of giving up something or adopting a prayer practice. And that's great. I, for one, have benefited greatly by your support of my Lenten practices and by hearing about yours.

This year brings a new slant. I believe the pilgrims of the French Dip (October 2018) have inspired us to think more about the third great model of the spiritual life: the journey. I've often heard the expression in church "being on the Lenten

journey," but in truth, I've still mostly focused on habits! In Lent 2019, St. Elisabeth's is going to try to make a shift as a congregation: to consider our lives of faith as journey.



The biggest boldest expression of that shift will be the Lenten Pilgrimage to Montgomery (see page 3). However, we are also in the process of deciding on a smaller one-day pilgrimage to somewhere local as an alternative pilgrimage journey too. Besides that, during Sunday services, finger labyrinths will be available to trace the labyrinth journey in the pew. And we will seek to find themes for music and prayers that emphasize this aspect of the spiritual life.

Pilgrimages as expressions of the inner spiritual journey of faith have several key aspects: you go in a group, you encounter unplanned twists and turns, and you discover just as much on the way there and back as you do at the destination. It also helps to have people praying for you back home. I look forward to this Lent with you, to learn together how God might be shining through this different emphasis.

Grace and peace,

Daphnet

Next Soup Kitchen

Remember our next date, Thursday March 14. We need the usual: lunch packers at 3:00 PM and dinner preparers at 5:00 PM in Evanston. Contact John Tuohy with any questions at JohnLTuohy62@gmail.com.



Move Clocks Forward at 2:00 am
March 10, 2019

A Note from France

Bonjour Daphne, bonjour à la paroisse Sainte Elisabeth,

A l'occasion de la semaine mondiale de prières pour l'unité des Chrétiens qui a lieu du 18 au 25 janvier, nous pensons beaucoup à ce que nous avons vécu avec les paroissiens de Sainte Elisabeth. Tout ce que nous avons pu découvrir de ce qui était notre trésor commun : la parole de Dieu, Jésus, la profession de foi, le Notre Père Nous regardons avec beaucoup d'espérance ce qui peut nous rapprocher et le chemin que nous pouvons faire pour vivre une plus grande communion avec vous.

Nous sommes en union de prières avec toute votre communauté.

Daphne's translation:

Hello Daphne, and hello to St. Elisabeth's parish,

On the occasion of the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which took place January 18-25, we are thinking a lot about what we experienced with St. Elisabeth's parishioners [in October]. All that we were able to discover about our common treasure: God's word, Jesus, our faith, the Lord's Prayer. We watch with great hope that which brings us closer, and we look for pathways that would enable us to live in greater communion with you.

Together in prayer with your whole congregation,

Jean-Yves LeCamp and Anne Calard, on behalf of the staff of Trinity Parish, Nantes, France



Brigitte Patisier presents her experiences of visiting Glencoe to her congregation in Nantes France on January 25



Ash Wednesday is on March 6

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return

- 7:45 to 8:45 AM – Ashes to Go will be available on the corner of South, Hawthorn and Greenwood.
- 8:45 AM – Imposition of Ashes in the Chapel
- 7:30 PM – Ash Wednesday liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist in the church.

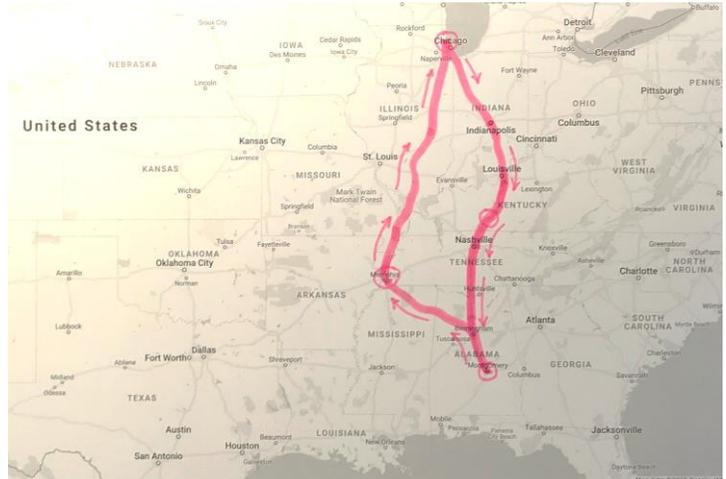


An Invitation to the Lenten Pilgrimage April 4-7, 2019

We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.

Far more than words, and more than a mission statement. I see this action-oriented ethos manifest in so many ways in the everyday life of our church and the bonds we have and continue to strengthen with each other: Whether marching in Chicago's Pride Parade, receiving our visitors from Nantes, France, Family Promise, Christmas Baskets, Soup Kitchens or the fellowship of any given Coffee Hour on any given Sunday – and so much more.

The destination is Montgomery's National Memorial for Peace and Justice and Museum, which opened in April of 2018. Its principle aim is to memorialize over 4,000 African Americans who were terrorized and murdered by lynching throughout the American South. The National Memorial remembers these innocents and indelibly marks the states and counties where the lynchings took place. It is, in a word, a confrontation with a dark period in our national past – but it's also an opportunity to gain the grace of reflection, remembrance and reconciliation. Years ago, a Catholic priest friend of mine once said, "You can't have peace without reconciliation, and you can't have reconciliation without the truth." Surely an apt pursuit during Lent.



Our pilgrimage will take us south from Glencoe to Montgomery, Alabama and back home again, north through Memphis, Tennessee.

Returning home northbound, we hope to see the Mason Temple where Dr. Martin Luther King's gave his prophetic "Mountaintop Speech" on April 3, 1968, and the Lorraine Motel nearby – where Dr. King would be assassinated the following day. We'll also worship along the way – either in Church, or just together – anywhere we happen to be on our journey. As Lent is a solemn time for penitence, reflection and reconciliation, I expect there will be no small opportunity for this all the way along – but I also expect we will have fun together by the simple joy of just being with each other in music, taking our meals together, prayer, travel and experiencing something important and new.

For more information, please contact me at:
cschwand@sbcglobal.net

--Cliff Schwandner

Pilgrimage Organizational Meeting on Sunday, March 3
For all pilgrims to Montgomery
In the Church Living Room, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Dillon is a Postulant! What does that mean?

Dear ones,

Back in January, I spent two days with a team of both lay and clergy persons from the Diocese of Chicago who were assembled to decide if three of us nominees were ready to move forward in our processes towards ordination. We worshipped together, sang together, ate together, prayed together, discerned together, and developed beautiful relationships with one another. All three of us nominees were asked about of faith journeys, how we experienced our call, what our ministry looks like, how we observe our strengths and weaknesses, how we deal and would deal with potential conflict, where we see the church in the future, etc. It was an emotionally and spiritually exhausting two days. But, it was incredibly affirming and life-giving.



Dillon with Andrea and Christopher, the three newest postulants in our Diocese.

At the end of our time together, Bishop Lee and the gathered team had a personal conversation with each of the nominees, letting us know if they thought we were ready to move on in the ordination process. Their experience of us over the course of the two days coupled with numerous psychological evaluations, conversations with ministry partners from our personal lives, and examination of our theological education and spiritual reflections led to their decision. It is with great joy I can share that I was wholeheartedly endorsed to move forward in my process towards ordination to the priesthood and am now what the Episcopal Church calls a "Postulant for Holy Orders." Both of the other nominees were also made postulants – all three of us were able to celebrate this milestone in our journeys together!

A postulant is defined as one who tests a vocation, often to ordained ministry or religious life. As a postulant for Holy Orders, I am seeking ordination to the priesthood, and this time for me is an official period of continued discernment with the Diocese of Chicago as well as preparation for ordination. The Diocese has laid out a personalized formation plan for me to fulfill during my postulancy, including things like taking a Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church course, completing a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education, and engaging in reading that will continue to deepen my understanding of Anglican theology and ethics. For now, none of this changes my ability to continue to serve at St. Elisabeth's. It is always possible that a postulant can be placed in another congregation to grow their experiences of serving in the local church. Even if I am to engage in field education and practice of ministry elsewhere, it doesn't look like I'll need to leave St. E's. For that, I am so grateful!

Thank you for holding me in love and prayer and continuing to support me, now as a postulant. I couldn't ask for a better faith community to make this journey with.

--Dillon Shipman

Prayers of sympathy are offered for:

Dillon Shipman, on the death of his grandmother Loretta Shipman, in February.

The Lake/Lesperance family, on the death of their nanny of many years Nancy Blaylock, in February.

Children's Education

My name is Anna Schmidt and I am blessed to be part of the atrium this year.

It is an honor to teach beside Leslie Davey as she was my catechist growing up as well as my mentor into Catechesis. The atrium has always been a part of my life as my grandmother studied the program in Italy alongside Sofia Cavalletti, the developer of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Upon her return she trained many catechists throughout the United States, including my aunt and Leslie.



Hannah Davey, Kathleen McGimpsey, and I at our communion retreat. (2003)

I was fortunate to make many memories and friendships during my time in the atrium. I have fond recollections of discussing the Good Shepherd, participating in communal prayer and attending the communion retreat. My participation in the Catechesis growing up inspired me to become a catechist myself.

Over the course of this month the children have been sculpting gifts of God out of clay, a continuation of their work with the History of God. Recently they have been introduced to communal prayer.

I look forward to guiding the children as they grow in their faith.

--Anna Schmidt

Sunday Forums in March

In preparation for the Lenten Pilgrimage April 4-7, St. Elisabeth's is offering the following Sunday forums during March in the Living Room from 11:20 AM to 12 NOON. Pilgrims and non-pilgrims are both welcome to explore together. Each week is designed for drop-ins.

March 3: Why a pilgrimage to Alabama? Come and watch the 14-minute video interview of Bryan Stevenson with Oprah Winfrey on *60 Minutes* about the Alabama memorial dedicated to thousands of African-American men, women and children lynched over a 70-year period following the Civil War.

March 10: Racism, Discrimination, Stereotype. Daphne Cody uses Kaleidoscope Institute materials to help us learn the differences among these words. Often people use them interchangeably or misuse them. Let's try to understand how to use the words more accurately to describe what we see.

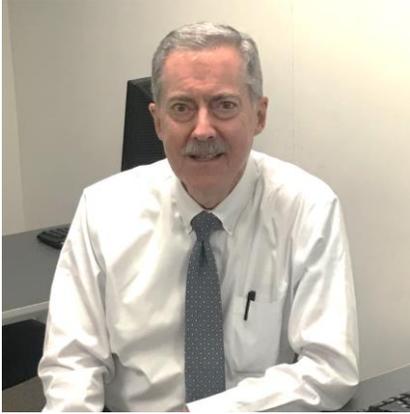
March 17: Forum today is All-Parish Eyes on Worship! See the flip side of the Sunday Participant Schedule for more information.

March 24: Repentance for things we didn't do As a white person, it can be confusing as to why we should repent for things of the past, things that we didn't personally do to hurt anyone. Let's explore the roots and fruits of white guilt during this penitential season of Lent.

March 31: Where was God during the lynchings? James Cone wrote *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* a few years ago. It's a week before the pilgrimage to Montgomery. How can St. Elisabeth's people who aren't going on the pilgrimage pray for the pilgrims? How can the pilgrims "take along" the rest of the congregation on this journey? Where shall we all seek God? We can use Cone's book for clues.

Meet our New Vestry Members

Newly elected Kristine Schwandner and Peter Rossiter began their three-year terms on the vestry this February. Active members of the parish, both are looking forward to the opportunity of serving St. Elisabeth's.



Peter and his wife Kay started coming to St. Elisabeth in 1978, when they moved to a house one block from the church. No more excuses, they told each other and then became regular attendees as did their now adult children, Elizabeth and John.

Peter has served a term on the vestry once and been warden twice. He has served on two rector search committees, taught Sunday school, and continues to be a lay reader, a position he has held for a number of years. In addition, he has done a lot of work with the diocese, serving as Chancellor for five years and as a trustee of the Diocesan Endowment Fund.

A partner at the Schiff Hardin law firm, Peter said that although he is now about 7/8 retired, he goes to the office most days. In addition to his law practice, he volunteers two days a week for CARPLS, the Cook County legal aid hot line which helps low income clients with everyday legal issues. And when time permits, he enjoys travel, fly-fishing and reading.

During his term on the vestry, Peter looks forward to advancing the mission of our church and advocating for strong ties between the diocese and parish.



Northbrook residents, Kristine and her husband Cliff started coming to St. E's a little over a year ago. As Kristine explains, "We were excited to join a welcoming, inclusive church and appreciate the friendliness of the congregation." Now empty nesters, the Schwandners have two daughters—Emily, a senior at the University of Iowa, and Grace, a freshman at Illinois State University.

Since joining the parish, Kristine has volunteered at the Soup Kitchen, helped out with Sunday coffee hours and joined the LGBTQ team. In April she will be a part of St. E.'s Lenten pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama's National Memorial for Peace and Justice. While the group is gone, she hopes that parishioners who remain here will take 20 minutes to walk the labyrinth.

As a member of the vestry, Kristine embraces the opportunity to serve God and the church and hopes to find new ways to strengthen outreach and to interest others in seeking out St. Elisabeth's.

--Joyce Newcomb

2019 Plant Sale Coming Soon

Our annual spring plant sale is getting underway very soon. Now may be a good time for planning your flower beds and plantings. You can access the brochures from the links below. If you're on-line, click the title for easy access. If your reading from print, type the URL.

Bedding Plants, <http://northwoodswreaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2015-Flat-Brochure-Web-010815-1.pdf>

Hanging Baskets and Planters, <http://northwoodswreaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2015-HBP-Brochure-Web-1-021515.pdf>

Order forms and paper brochures will be available at the church very soon. Plants will be delivered to the church in early May with a Saturday morning pickup.

For more information, contact Sherry Schellenbach at 847-835-0634 or sheys0634@yahoo.com



--Sherry Schellenbach

Book Discussion Group



The St. E. Book Group will discuss Herman Melville's, "Bartleby the Scrivener: A Story of Wall Street" on March 12 in the parish living room. The group meets at 10 a.m. Melville's short story, considered one of his best, explores themes as relevant today as they were when the story was first published in 1853— economic life, self-knowledge, power and coercion. The selection is part of the Great Books Foundation's anthology, Great Conversations 2. A loaner copy is available in the office. If you are interested in discussing the compelling ideas that great literature explores, considering joining the discussion. Questions? Contact Joyce Newcomb at 847-234-6532 or grandnewks@aol.com.

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Mark your calendars for our
SECOND ANNUAL
All-Parish Eyes on Worship Day



Sunday, March 17, 2019
 11:30AM-12:30PM

After the 10:00AM service, let's join together and wonder about worship together!

Four breakout sessions will be offered as we examine how we worship here at St. Elisabeth's, and dream about ways we could worship here in the future.

- ❖ **Outdoor Worship:** After the success of worship on the Chapel Terrace in 2018, how do we approach outdoor worship this year? What are things we should definitely carry over? What new things should we consider and try out? When and how often should we do it?
- ❖ **Art and Images in the Church:** Since last year, we have had several discussions about one of the focal points in our church, the large *Christus Rex* (Latin for *Christ the King*) cross that hangs on the wall behind the altar. This depicts one very specific image of God. What other images of God or pieces of art about Christian community could we display there? What season would we do it in, and how will go about making or finding the new art?
- ❖ **Our Church Space:** What do we like about our main worship space? What ways could we create a more welcoming space, considering things like art and pictures, seating and space arrangement, lighting, signage, etc. ... ?
- ❖ **Looking into our St. E's Liturgy:** Discuss the prayers and music, as well as the way we all participate in worship at St. E's currently. How does worship here impact you?

• Lunch and childcare will be provided •

We hope you'll join us for this important and fun day of exploring worship.

Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
9:45 AM Catechesis for age 3 – Grade 6
9:45 AM Nursery care available (first floor)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
11:20 AM Education for All

Mondays

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays

7:30-8:30 AM Hometown Coffee Office Hour
8:30-9:30 AM Lectionary Study
7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #28

Special Events

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

Thursday/Friday, March 8-9

Vestry Retreat

Sunday, March 10

Daylight-Savings Time Begins

Tuesday, March 12

10:00 AM St. E. Book Group

Thursday, March 14

Soup Kitchen

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