



THE VOICE

The Rector's Desk

Dear St. Elisabeth's,

Since I announced my departure a month ago, I've been overwhelmed with lovely messages from many people. It's been so kind of so many to say first a congratulations to Jason and to express concern for us and for our daughters about such a big change. It speaks volumes about this community's health and character that such grace is what presents itself first.



We are going to have a few scheduled opportunities to say goodbye and to name and remember specific joys and accomplishments from the past fourteen years together as rector and congregation. But even so, I've already received some positive notes, emails, and in-person words about my work as your rector. I appreciate those a lot.

I also want to remind everyone that anything that has been accomplished at St. Elisabeth's over the last dozen-plus years has been a community

effort. Not only that, but what we've been able to do has been built on what our forebears here

started and continued over many years. I've been able to thrive as rector because of the ground previous rectors prepared for me. I've been able to thrive because of all of you around me: you've helped me see clearly, think optimistically, dream creatively, and then to do the work. I never got to be a cheerleader in high school, and here I've been Head Cheerleader for many years! But you've been the one on the field. I hope that in July when we have those couple of celebrations to send me off, we will remember how all we've done has been done as a group.

I couldn't be more proud of St. Elisabeth's, with its famous pluck. You will be a greatly attractive congregation for excellent priest candidates, as you were for me. Your reputation for creative worship, spiritual and financial good health, and a clear ministry vision is widely known. I am confident that you will be a wonderful place for a new rector to land.

Meanwhile, let us wholeheartedly enjoy these next seven weeks together. The rest of the future we can all get to later.

Grace and peace,

Daphne

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Save the Dates!

We will be hosting 2 special opportunities to celebrate Daphne and what she has meant to St. E's.

- July 14: Afternoon Concert, Light Bites and Intimate Conversation
- July 21: Coffee Hour Open-house, following the 10:00 am service

(More information to come)

The Warden's Corner



When Daphne and her family arrived at St. Elisabeth's in the fall of 2005, everyone in the parish was filled with enthusiasm and high hopes. We were starting with a solid foundation and were ready to become a greater presence in the community, reach out in new ways to respond to needs on the North Shore, strengthen our own spiritual formation and engage in even more adventurous worship. We hadn't yet articulated these dreams in the language we use today, and some of the priorities that have emerged may have surprised many of us in Daphne's first years.

Now, almost fourteen years later, we can joyously proclaim that with Daphne's leadership and the courageous engagement of St. Elisabeth's parishioners we have come a long way. We can proudly own our mission of being a community that shares an adventurous spirit and a commitment to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors. We are deeply engaged in pursuing our goal of being a center on the North Shore for increasing understanding among people of different faiths, cultures, races and sexual orientation. St. Elisabeth's is known as a Christian community that is genuinely welcoming of all, and our worship is more vibrant than ever.

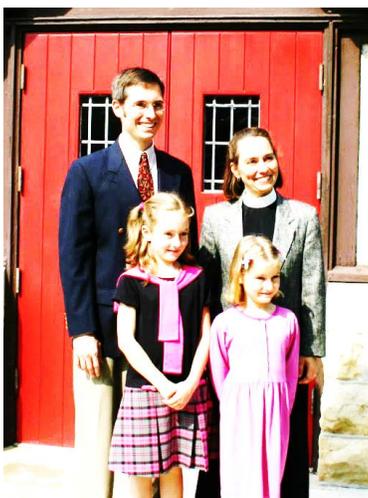
We will miss the Cody family's active presence in our parish and in Glencoe. At the same time, we rejoice with them as they pursue new opportunities that lie ahead. While we will be saying goodbye to them on July 21, we will really be focusing on celebrating all the ways Daphne, Jason, Claire and Mae have contributed to the life of St. Elisabeth's and the many ways in which Daphne has helped us grow as individuals and as a community. Begin collecting stories and memories to share in our gathering of music and remembering on July 14 and our festive farewell to the Codys on July 21.

In the meantime, Daphne is still our rector and available to talk, visit or help. Just give her a call or send an email.

-- Anne Tuohy, Warden

Upcoming Timeline of Daphne's Farewell and Rector Transition

<u>June</u>	CAT surveys completed Vestry meets with diocesan transition coordinator to begin rector transition process Wardens interview candidates for Interim Rector
<u>July</u>	Farewell Celebrations (<i>see box on page 1</i>)
<u>August</u>	Visiting clergy
<u>September</u>	Interim Rector begins at St. Elisabeth's Vestry reviews CAT results with parish Vestry appoints a Search Committee for a new Rector



*Daphne's first Sunday
October 2005*

Post Card from France



Dear friends at St. Elisabeth's,

We received Daphne's announcement of her departure to Morocco with mixed feelings. We hope this is not going to stop you from visiting us in June next year. It would be wonderful if Daphne (and Jason) could join us for the occasion. Your new rector would be welcome of course! You are all very close to our hearts, and we are looking forward to hearing from you very soon. The whole French group will be meeting in Paris (for a show and for a visit to Sainte Chapelle and the Louvre Museum) on June 19th. Perhaps we'll have heard from you by then.

--Best wishes to all! Yves Quentin

The CAT

The Church Assessment Tool (the CAT) is waiting for just a few more active St. E participants to complete it. Thank you to the great majority of you who have already filled out the general survey assessing our congregational vitality.



--Rich Lesperance and Polly Baur

Join The St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society

The trustees of The Baehr Legacy Fund are inviting all parishioners to join The St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society. The trustees will host the coffee hour on June 2 with a forum to follow which will provide more information about the Fund. There are currently 23 members who became members of the Society by naming The Baehr Legacy Fund or St. Elisabeth Church as one of their beneficiaries in their estate plans. More information about how you can become a member by making a similar commitment will be covered in the June 2 forum hosted by Andrew Edelston, a financial planner and Fund trustee, and Peter Rossiter, an attorney. Members enjoy an annual dinner to recognize their commitment.



If you are unable to attend the forum but are still interested in providing for St. Elisabeth through your estate, please contact one of the Fund trustees: Glenna Foley, Phil Miller, Kay Rossiter, Joyce Newcomb, Daphne Cody, Rich Lesperance, Anne Tuohy and Andrew Edelston.

--Glenna Foley,
Baehr Legacy Fund Trustees Chair

Spiritual Director Available for Conversation

St. Elisabeth's is entering a time of transition as we prepare to say farewell to Daphne and her wonderful family and send them off with our gratitude and blessings. I want to remind the St. Elisabeth's community that as a spiritual director and the Associate for Spiritual Wellness at St. E's, I am available to meet with individuals confidentially to listen to them as they reflect on their life and God during times of transition. We can meet for one time, or we can meet on a monthly basis. As a professionally-trained spiritual director, I'm paid directly by clients, and would be happy to discuss my fee structure. If you are interested, please contact me by email or phone at elizabeth.clemmitt@gmail or (312) 618-1238.



--Elizabeth Clemmitt

St. E's Book Group: A Play's the Topic For June

St. E' Book Group is switching things up a bit for June by choosing characters from John Millington Synge's play, "The Playboy of the Western World," for an impromptu reading. First performed at the Abby Theater in Dublin in 1907, this play caused a riot on opening night. The tragicomedy portrayed a more down to earth view of Irish county life and examined themes of irrationality, sex and love. Join the fun as a participant or spectator. The group will meet on Tuesday June 11 at 10:00 AM in the parish living room. The play is included in the Great Books anthology, *Great Conversations 2*. There a loaner copy in the office. Questions, contact Joyce Newcomb by phone at 847-234-6532 or by email JoyceRnewcomb@gmail.com.



--Joyce Newcomb

Soup Kitchen



We served some 70 diners on Thursday, May 9. It was a really pleasant day, so the guests seemed particularly upbeat. Thanks to our volunteers: Stephanie Mackiewicz, Libby Hinds and Linda Illes (sack lunch preparers); Anne Tuohy (vegetarian gumbo cook); Daphne and Jason Cody, Linda Illes, Robert Fischer, Bridget Zimmerman, Susan Chadd, Phil Miller, Brody Mygatt and Jay Edelston (dinner preparers, servers and dishwashers). Your eager participation was much appreciated.

Keep in mind our next date: Thursday, July 11. We need you all...and others as well!

--Chuck Chadd and John Tuohy

Thank You's

B&G Clean-Up Day on May 4

I would like to give a big thank you to Rod Zimmerman, Jim Ferry, Phil Miller, Jason Cody, Rich Lesperance, Nancy Wittleder (Supervisor) and the hardest worker of them all, Lizzy Arnell – who was a huge help and out-worked all the middle age men. [I hope I didn't forget anyone. I'm sure local chiropractors saw a small blip in practice after our backs got home.]

----Peter Wittleder

Easter Flowers 2019

Lovely Easter lilies, yellow tulips, and a large colorful Altar arrangement decorated our very special St. Elisabeth's Church on April 21, 2019. Each leaded glass window was accented with a large blooming kalanchoe plant while eight handmade wreaths featuring spring flowers were hung on the walls. The planters outside the red doors welcomed everyone with a display of pansies and palms. We thank Adrienne Zimmerman for her generous creative skills. Dorothy Generes made the wreaths that all have enjoyed for several years.

A wonderful team of helpers decorated the Church this year. They include Sherry Schellenbach, JoAn Anderson, Susan Chadd, Kay Rossiter, and Mac DuBose, all under the guidance of Adrienne Zimmerman.

A special thank you to each and every member of St. Elisabeth's who donated to the Easter Flower Fund, allowing the Church to be especially beautiful this year. So many members devoted time and energy to create the lovely decorations for Easter. Thank you so much.

--Sincerely, Anne Healy

Plant Sale

Thank you to all who purchased plants at the plant sale this year. The proceeds, \$648, will be included as operating income for this year.

--Glenna Foley

St. Elisabeth's Misericordia Candy Days



Duke and Rocky Baur with their cousin McGavock Cline and their Aunt Sarah.

Thank you to all of St. Elisabeth's for making Candy Days on April 28 a huge success! We were able to raise over \$1000 to contribute to Misericordia where Sarah Cline lives. Sarah is Polly Baur's sister and aunt to Duke and Rocky and has attended St. Elisabeth's. We so appreciate the wonderful kindness and generosity this congregation shows and hope you all enjoyed the Misericordia bakery treats and Jelly Belly jelly beans!

--Thank you,
Jim, Polly, Duke and Rocky Baur

Let's go to Holy Comforter for church on June 9 for Confirmation Day

In order to support St. Elisabeth's confirmands *Lizzy Arnell* and *Duke Baur*, who have been preparing for confirmation since January, our ENTIRE CONGREGATION will be heading to Kenilworth. At St. Elisabeth's that day, there will be only the 8:00 AM service in the Chapel. Instead of our second service in Glencoe, our choir, altar party, confirmation mentors, and everyone will attend the Church of the Holy Comforter's 11:15 AM service.



8:00 AM service **only** at St. Elisabeth's (in the Chapel)
11:15 AM Holy Eucharist and Rite of Confirmation at Church of the Holy Comforter,
with Bishop Lee presiding and preaching
 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth 60043

Don't forget to wear red to Holy Comforter – it's Pentecost!

Outdoor Worship: June 16



The conversations that took place during our All Parish Eyes on Worship Day on March 17 revealed that the three weeks of Outdoor Worship we experimented with last year were a hit! One suggestion given was to offer the services spaced out throughout the summer, not just in one set. So, before Daphne departs, we are planning for two worship services on the Chapel Terrace: June 16 and July 14. Come join us as we encounter the Divine beyond the walls of our church building for our 10:00AM Eucharist. Bring along a stadium seat or cushion for a little more comfort!

Pride Celebration on June 23

June is Pride Month and St Elisabeth's will be flying our Pride Flag every day. To add to the celebration we will host a festive lawn party on Sunday, June 23. We'll set up outside after church, there will be hot dogs, ice cream, beverages and lots of other food. Welcoming flyers will be distributed throughout Glencoe. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, visitors and have your children invite their friends too. There will be music and food and fun for everyone.

--The LGBTQ Committee



Pastoral Notes

Congratulations to Carla Arnell, who was promoted to Full Professor this spring in the English Department at Lake Forest College.

Congratulations to Leslie Davey on her retirement on June 6 from Lagrange School District as a school psychologist after 35 years of service in Chicago area school districts.

Congratulations to Andy Wittleder, Jr. who graduated this past winter from Colorado State University with a B.S. in marketing.

Special birthday wishes to Nancy Wittleder on her 90th birthday. Almost two dozen of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were in church on May 26 to lay hands on her for her birthday blessing.

Children's Sunday, May 19



Several of the St. Elisabeth's children preparing at the back of the church on May 19 to share "The gifts of God for the people of God," a presentation of the work they've been doing in Sunday School (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) this year.



Catechist Leslie Davey and her intern Anna Schmidt assist at the lectern as Rocky Baur and Nate Lesperance contribute their part of the presentation.

Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
9:45 AM Nursery care available (first floor)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Mondays

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays

7:30-8:30 AM Hometown Coffee Office Hour
8:30-9:30 AM Lectionary Study

Special Events

Sunday, June 9

11:15 AM Confirmation at Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth

Tuesday, June 11

10:00 AM St. E's Book Group

Wednesday, June 12

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

Sunday, June 16

10:00 AM Outdoor Worship on the Terrace

Sunday, June 23

Pride Celebration

Thursday, July 4

Office Closed for Independence Day

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