



# THE VOICE

## View from the Pulpit

Some of you might wonder what a priest does all week. I'm sure you can guess some of it - beyond my Sunday mornings in church with you all, I spend a fair amount of time preparing for Sundays - writing sermons, choosing prayers and music with Dillon, preparing the worship bulletins with Pam, making sure everything in the church is ready to go. And as you might expect, I'm doing pastoral work too: checking in with folks via phone and email, visiting people in the hospital or in their homes. I'm also assisting with the day to day operations of the parish - communicating with volunteers and the vestry and Buildings and Grounds, with the Montessori school leadership and with the clergy and lay leaders of our partner parishes. As the COVID situation has shifted and changed, I've found myself more and more involved with the leadership of our diocese, with my fellow Episcopal clergy in our deanery (other parishes near us here in Northern Cook County), and with the Glencoe Clergy Association too - often at meetings in Chicago or in other churches and synagogues here on the North Shore.



All of this means that I'm often not just sitting here in my office. I do spend a fair amount of time here at the church, don't get me wrong, but as the world opens back up more and more it is less and less reliable when I'll be here and when I won't.

Which is all by way of saying that I wanted to make sure there was at least some time each week when you could reliably drop by and find me here at my desk. So, **every Friday afternoon from 1:00 -3:00 PM**, I'll be sitting here in my office for formal **Office Hours**. I'll be reachable by phone and I'll have a Zoom room open too (the link is on the St. E's Virtually page of our website). Feel free to just drop in and say hi - in person or via phone or Zoom. I'm here to talk about anything you want from discussions of faith and spirituality and what's going on in your life to your questions about upcoming church events or thoughts about the future of the parish or whatever else is on your mind. We can pray together, have a cup of tea, or just shoot the breeze. But I'll be here nearly every Friday\*\*\* waiting to talk to **you**.

So drop by!

Faithfully,  
The Rev. Adam Spencer, *Rector*

*\*\*\*Unless I'm on vacation or retreat, of course!*

## The Warden's Corner

### A Moving Experience

A couple of years ago my son Tommy outgrew his twin bed. As we made room for an extra-long twin, we looked for a new home for his old bed and matching armoire. They are high-quality pieces and have many years of good service left in them. Like many milestones with our children, it was bittersweet to watch Tommy's room transition from the space he occupied as a toddler to that of a teen. We hoped the furniture that had stored the artifacts of Tommy's youth would soon hold the clothes and treasures of another child.



I first tried selling the pieces on Facebook, but we had no takers. Then we tried to donate them to various charities, but no one seemed to want the furniture, or transport it. We got feedback that people aren't interested in used children's furniture. Freecycling by sticking it out at the end of the driveway in hopes that someone who needed it would come along didn't feel right, either. We decided to store it until the right opportunity came to give it to a new child.

Happily, the opportunity to give Tommy's bedroom set a new home came with the Afghan migrant resettlement project that St. E's is participating in with our Better Together partner parishes. Trinity Church in Highland Park initiated the project through Episcopal Migration Ministries' partner Sponsor Circles, and their vestry approved the use of their rectory to house a family. Jack Alix from Trinity has been coordinating donations to furnish the house with a Sign-Up Genius site. A check of the list for the project showed that furniture is needed. I emailed Jack a list of the specific items I could contribute to make sure they would work for them. Jack said, "Yes, please donate it all!" He helpfully added everything to the Sign-Up Genius for me to check off the list so those coordinating the project could track the donations.

Though sign-up was easy, getting everything to the rectory was a challenge because the furniture is big and bulky. Through a true team effort, Jack and Fred Johnston, St. Elisabeth's liaison to the project, helped find a solution. We enlisted a friend who has a pickup truck to help us transport the pieces to Trinity. On a recent hot and steamy Thursday night, Jack and three others from Trinity met us to move everything into the rectory. Jack gave me a tour of the house, and I could imagine the family who will soon live there enjoying the beautiful view from the large picture window on the second floor. Warm feelings of peace and anticipation washed over me when I stood in the bedroom and looked at Tommy's furniture, knowing that it had finally found the right home. Many thanks to Jack, Fred, and everyone who is helping prepare the rectory for its new residents. I look forward to the day when we will welcome a family to their home. For more information about the Afghan migrant resettlement project, and to donate items, please check the following resources:



Sponsor Circles Afghan Resettlement Organization: [www.sponsorcircles.org](http://www.sponsorcircles.org)

Project Email Address: [northshorewelcome@trinitychurchhp.org](mailto:northshorewelcome@trinitychurchhp.org)

Sign Up Genius Donation List:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fa5a82caaffc34-refugee](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fa5a82caaffc34-refugee)

Amazon Wish List:

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/31RDVW6SO9OV8?ref=wl\\_fw\\_le](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/31RDVW6SO9OV8?ref=wl_fw_le)

--Leslie Alter, *Warden*

## Rector Email Change

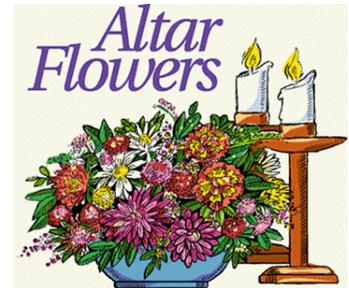


This summer, my email address at church will be changing from [adam@steglencoe.org](mailto:adam@steglencoe.org) to [rector@steglencoe.org](mailto:rector@steglencoe.org). Our email service provider is beginning to charge us per email address and so we are consolidating our list of St. E's addresses. This is so that we don't need to create a new email address down the road for the next rector or interim rector. I will include a reminder about this change in my email signature for the next month or so and will forward all of my email from the old address to the new one. The old address will be closed in July.

--Faithfully, Adam

## Altar Flower Dedications

The 2022 Flower Chart is up in the hallway and available for you to choose dates. One time-honored tradition at St. Elisabeth's is for one donor per week to provide the altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone, or simply to the Glory of God. Please contact Polly Baur at [polly.baur@gmail.com](mailto:polly.baur@gmail.com) if you have any questions. There are links to the signup genius page as well as the form for dedication detail on the St. E's Virtually page of our website.



## Summer Office Hours



Starting in June the office will change to Summer Hours.  
 Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.  
 Adams Drop-In Office Hours will be Fridays 1:00 to 3:00 PM.



## Coffee Hour on the Terrace

Coffee Hour: Join us after the service for Coffee Hour outside on the terrace (provided we have a host). There is a sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour on the bulletin board in the hallway.

## Director of Music Survey

### Lemonade on the Lawn: June 19



As Dillon moves into the final stages of his ordination process to become a priest, we will be starting to lay the groundwork to search for a new Director of Music for when the day comes that he accepts a pastoral call. One way the Music and Liturgy Committee is beginning this process is to ask how you feel about music at St. E's! What do you appreciate about our current music, and what would you like to see remain (or change) with a future Director of Music? Please join us for a Lemonade on the Lawn after services on June 19, to share your ideas through a brief and open-ended survey. For those who can't make it on that day, we will also be hosting one on July 17. We hope to see you there!

## Pride Sunday is coming!

Please join us for our annual Pride celebration on Sunday June 26! Once again, it will feature a special 10 am service with a picnic afterwards hosted by the LGBTQ team. Since 2019 St Elisabeth's has held a celebration during Pride month, inviting other churches and the broader community to join us. We'll have banners and flags around the church to show our support. And this year, we're excited to announce that the Village of Glencoe will be flying rainbow flags in town during Pride month.

The church service will feature prayers and music, plus a presentation by Jess Levine, LCSW from Glenview Northbrook Youth Services, who has expertise with LGBTQ+ youth and their families. Jess' special talent is her collaborative approach to helping youth and their families in exploring identity. Her BA is in Comparative Human Development from University of Chicago and MSW from the Erikson Institute. We're so excited she can be here and share her thoughts about Pride.



Afterwards, stay for the festive picnic on the church lawn, enjoying delicious food and friendly company.

Come join us for a day of worship, celebration, food, fun and friends. We look forward to seeing you on June 26! The link to the sign up page is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044CACAD2EA13-pride>

The LGBTQ team:  
Cody Cook  
Sally Graver  
Tasker Generes  
Linda Illes

Christine Johnson  
Carrie Miller  
Cathy Seccombe  
Ross Shanley-Roberts  
Kay Rossiter

Dillon Shipman  
John Tuohy  
Anne Tuohy  
The Rev. Adam Spencer

## Confirmation Classes Starting in September



**Confirmation**

We are so excited to be holding confirmation classes with our partner churches! All students starting 6th grade or older are invited to join this class this fall.

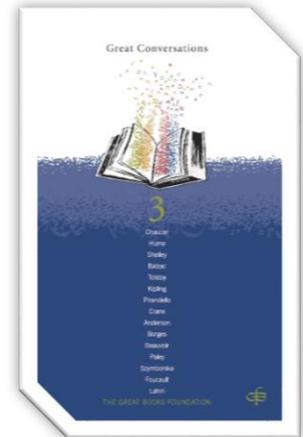
This will be a two-year commitment to meet once a month and will kick-off with a retreat on **September 10 from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM**. During the retreat we will get to know each other, have a meal, play some games, match confirmands with mentors, and worship together!

Please contact Shelly Byrnes at [shelley@stgregoryschurch.org](mailto:shelley@stgregoryschurch.org) if you have a student who wishes to be confirmed or would like more information.

## St. E's Book Group What Leads to Failure?- Redo

St. E's Book Group will discuss Plutarch's "*Life of Nicias*" at its regular meeting, June 14, at noon in the Parish Guild Room. This biography is the second selection in the Great Books Foundation's anthology **Great Conversations 4**. The selection is one of the 48 biographies of famous Greek and Roman men included in **Parallel Lives**.

Written by Plutarch in the second century AD, the book is still studied today not only for its historical value but also for its examination of character. By portraying statesmen, military commanders, and legislators with all their outstanding virtues and immense flaws, Plutarch intended to ascertain models for ethical behavior. In "*The Life of Nicias*," which centers around a critical event occurring midpoint in the Peloponnesian War (431-404 BC), Plutarch scrutinizes an extremely wealthy Athenian general and politician who leads a disastrous military expedition that, according to Plutarch, begins the downfall of a great city-state.



One question the Book Group will consider is whether history is best understood by the character and behavior of historical leaders or by examining the processes of historical events. The group meets monthly and follows current COVID-19 guidelines. Drop-ins are always welcome. A loaner copy of **Great Conversations 4** is available in the office. Questions? Email Joyce Newcomb at [JoyceRNewcomb@gmail.com](mailto:JoyceRNewcomb@gmail.com).

# All Parish Picnic

**June 5 at 11:00 AM.** Food, Music, and Lawn games, for all ages. It's a time to celebrate Pentecost, Spring, and our parish friendships. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please contact Christine Johnson at 502-938-5050, or [rcjohnsonky@gmail.com](mailto:rcjohnsonky@gmail.com). Thank you!! Look forward to seeing you!!!

**To RSVP:** Please let us know your parties sandwich preference by either RSVPing on the \* Evite you've received online, \* Sign up sheet on church bulletin board, or \* E-mail or Call Christine Johnson at 502-938-5050, or [rcjohnsonky@gmail.com](mailto:rcjohnsonky@gmail.com)

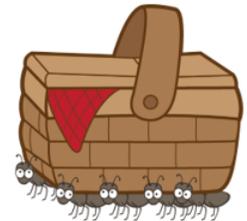
Games for children and adults alike!



## ALL CHURCH PICNIC!!!

June 5th after 10 o'clock service

Please watch for an e-vite and respond. We are providing sandwiches, chips, and drinks.



## Thank you from the Baur & Cline Families!



On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, St. E's celebrated the Misericordia Candy Days. We enjoyed a performance from Jim, Duke & Rocky Baur to kick off the event and Polly shared that Misericordia is home to her twin sister, Sarah Cline, who grew up and is a member of our church. The St. E's congregation very generously donated to the Baur and Cline Misericordia fundraising page contributing to help us raise nearly \$12,000 overall! Thank you to all who help support Misericordia in any way!

--The Baur & Cline Families

## Bishop's Ordination and Consecration Date Set



A day the Diocese of Chicago has long awaited has now been set.

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has set September 17 as the day he will ordain and consecrate the Rev. Paula E. Clark as the Thirteenth Bishop of Chicago. The service will take place at the Westin Chicago Lombard in Lombard, Illinois.

“Bishop-elect Paula E. Clark of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, in collaboration with diocesan leadership, has worked through tremendous challenges over the past year, and I am pleased to announce that I will serve as her chief consecrator in a liturgy now scheduled for September 17, 2022,” Curry wrote in a statement issued earlier today.

“I am overjoyed that God has brought us to this day!” Bishop-elect Clark said. “On September 17, we will make a new beginning together, and I could not be more excited to discover where the Holy Spirit will lead us in our ministry.”

The hotel, where the diocese held its annual diocesan conventions for more than a decade before the pandemic forced them online, is familiar to many people in the diocese. Holding the service there will allow more people to attend than a service held in any of the diocese's church buildings, said the Rev. Courtney Reid, director of operations on the bishop's staff.

The Presiding Bishop told the Standing Committee last week that he had set a date for the service, and Bishop-elect Clark and the Standing Committee met together on Friday to prepare for the announcement.

We will share more information about plans for the ordination and consecration as they are made official.

## Sunday School Celebration

On May 15, St. Elisabeth's celebrated the teachers and students who participated in our 2021-2022 Sunday School program. During the announcements, Adam led the parish in recognizing parent volunteers Carrie Miller and Deidre McClurg for their outstanding work providing an in-person Sunday School experience for 11 preschool and elementary school aged children. Adam presented each child with a certificate of participation and a prayer card. The Sunday School honorees enjoyed a special Lemonade on the Lawn outdoors after church.

Congratulations to the children who participated in Sunday School: Maeve Edelston, Ryder Edelston, Libby McClurg, Magnolia McClurg, Jocelyn Miller, Oscar Miller, Brody Mygatt, Milli Mygatt, Summer Mygatt, Amelia Superfine, and Carter Superfine



Many thanks to the teens who supervised the nursery while Sunday School was in session this year: Cate and Tommy Alter, Sophia Labeledz, and Grace Rosenberg

## Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

### *Regular Weekly Schedule*

#### **Sundays**

8:00 AM Traditional Language Holy Communion in the church (& via FBL).

10:00 AM Inclusive Language Holy Communion in the church (& via FBL).

#### **Mondays**

7:15 PM –Boy Scout Troop #28

8:00 PM – AA Group

#### **Saturdays**

5:00 PM –AA Group

\*(FBL) Facebook Live

### *Special Events*

#### **Wednesday, June 1**

7:00 PM Adult Formation

#### **Sunday, June 5**

All Parish Picnic after the 10 am service

#### **Tuesday, June 14**

Noon St. E's Book Group

#### **Tuesday, June 21**

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

#### **Sunday, June 26**

Pride Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM Services

11:00 AM Picnic

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