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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff

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**July Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Isabella Rowe	7 - 6
Stephanie Johnson	7 - 7
Marsha Wojcik	7 - 9
Carol Tobin	7 - 11
Barbara Badeau	7 - 17
Casey Gebala	7 - 20
Amy Laubhan	7 - 20
Larry Graves	7 - 21
Tully Barnett	7 - 25

***July Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

Mark and Catherine Rayner 7 - 3

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Dear Friends,

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed." (Psalm 126:4) I came across this verse when I was reading in the Psalms recently. It reminded me of last week's Gospel when Jesus told the man whom he had delivered from numerous demons to "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him." It is an encouraging thing to hear the stories of God working in the lives of others! And when we remember and retell our own God stories we strengthen our faith and sow seeds of faith into the lives of others. What God stories do we have to tell that will bless and encourage others? I love to hear the way God works in other people's lives and I try to take note of the way God is working in the world about us. There is much that we can share to help others be aware of the difference faith makes in our own lives. At St. Joseph's hospital they have signs around the place that say "Feel the difference faith makes." How might we impact others if we were more intentional about telling people about how much God has done for us?

Later this month, I have the opportunity to do some work for the Church by working at Camp Chicago the week of July 14th - 19th. I will serve with a couple other priests as camp Chaplains to the young people attending camp. Aside from doing liturgies and preaching, we will also teach a class Monday - Thursday and create a special spiritual experience for our campers. The theme of the week I am working is from Galatians 5:22-23a "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." I am excited about this chance to work with young people and sow seeds of faith into their lives. Please pray for us that it will be a fruitful week and that the campers will have fun and deepen their faith and relationship with God.

All throughout college and the first year after, I worked at a few different summer camps. I loved it and used to tell people if I could find a way to be a camp counselor year round I'd do it! There is something unique about camp life. As I reflect on the time I've spent in camps, it occurs to me being a rector is a bit like being a camp counselor. At camp you become a community, a family of sorts, for the time that you are together. As a camp counselor, I was always trying to think of ways to get the campers engaged in the activities and to help them enjoy the experience. I would encourage them to try new things and help them acquire new skills. I wanted to get to know the campers and find out about their lives as I shared myself with them. Camp provides a chance to pull out of the busy, hectic world we live in to operate at a different pace with a different focus.

So church, and our relationship with God, gives us the opportunity to maintain a different focus. In a world that is filled with conflict and chaos, church provides time and space to form communities of love and purpose. Whatever you are doing to relax and recreate this summer, I hope and pray you find ways to keep God at the center of it. Be grateful for the different pace of summer, enjoy God's creation as much as you can, and ask Jesus to give you opportunities to share God's love and grace with others! May we, like the man healed and delivered from his many demons, go and tell the great things God has done for us! Looking forward to worshipping with you this summer!

Love and Blessings,
Marion+

Senior Warden's Report July 2013

Didn't I just write one of these the other day???? June just whipped by us with warp speed and now July is right up on us. It seems the older I get, the faster time goes by.

As far as events go, June didn't start off so well. The outing to see a Kane County Cougars baseball game that Katie set up was cancelled because of bad weather. Personally, I think baseball should be played in ANY kind of weather.....but that's just me. Other events are in the planning stage, so keep your eyes and ears open. Whether it's bowling or roller skating, we always have a great time. I'm still trying to get over Bella beating me at the bowling alley. Time and therapy will help me with this.

The Spiritual Life Renewal Workshop concluded in June and made its recommendations to the Vestry. The Workshop identified three areas to enhance the spiritual growth at St Hugh. They are:

Ministry Invitation

Actively invite members to participate in St. Hugh's various ministries to create "on-ramps" to engage the congregation in the life of the community. This includes formal presentations to provide information about each ministry as well as personal invitations to individual members to encourage participation. We need to further explore how we more systematically ensure new and disengaged members receive these personal invitations and how we make our "on-ramps" more visible.

Define Spiritual Gifts

Develop workshops or courses for members to identify their spiritual gifts. This discernment process will guide participants to discover meaningful ministries and to the understanding that all members of the church have a call. There are resources within the Diocese that can provide these workshops.

Engage in Service Outside the Church

Serving both inside and outside the church as individuals was identified as a high priority. However, we believe that we should consider an outreach project that requires broad participation from the congregation and provides a coalescing and challenging goal for service. This project should provide direct encounter with those in need and require more than writing checks. According to Episcopal best practices, service is a key indicator of spiritual vitality.

There were others that the workshop wanted to also explore, so it was decided to address those at some time in the future. Many thanks to those that attended the workshop and a special "Thank You" to Linda Youngren for putting together the report to the Vestry.

Notice that the recommendations all involve serving others in some way. This is what we do so well here at St Hugh and we intend to, not only do it better, but invite and encourage even more participation from those who thought they didn't have it in them. As I said, time is going by so fast these days that we can't afford to put off what we were put on this earth to do. Remember what Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of these....." You can finish the passage.

Dan Dolney



Taize - Healing Service is the
second Sunday of the month... July
14th @ 7pm.

What is the Flower Guild?

The Flower Guild is responsible for the fresh floral arrangements you see adorning our altar on Sundays and holidays. Each week, a different member of the guild spends between one to two hours on either Friday or Saturday morning purchasing flowers and arranging them. I have really enjoyed the creative outlet that this ministry provides, and I love choosing the flowers for our altar! **Do you like to create things?** Working in this ministry is ideal for those with an artistic flair and does not require a significant time commitment (about 9 or 10 times per year). **Please contact me if you're interested in being trained and added to the rotation** (katiwhite@knights.ucf.edu or 904-703-7180).

How can I give an offering for flowers?

In addition to brightening our worship space, these flowers are an offering to God, often given by parishioners in thanksgiving or in memory. **Would you like to honor your wedding anniversary or remember the passing of a loved one?** Making a donation for flowers is very simple! **Flowers are \$30.** Be sure to place your contribution in an offering envelope with your name (or pledge number) and clearly indicate that the funds are being given for altar flowers. Also, remember to select a Sunday from the flower sign-up poster on the bulletin board in the narthex – this will be the Sunday that your dedication appears in the bulletin!

Save the Date Saturday, August 24th 2013

*Relics will be inviting all at St Hugh and hoping that you will
invite friends to a special summer dinner ...*

*Our summer dinner fundraiser is going to be a special treat – more information to come
soon! Please mark your calendar and plan on fun, friendship and spectacular food!*

RELICS July Meeting

RELICS will meet on Wednesday, July 3, at noon in Wiedrich Hall. Main agenda items are a report from the Caribbean Dinner committee and reviewing ideas for the upcoming craft sale in November. Bring your lunch and ideas.

COFFEE HOUR AT ST. HUGH

Coffee Hour at St. Hugh -following our Sunday 10:30 service -is a part of our identity, our mission and our focus of hospitality! We want to take this moment and remind all that the coffee hour is a chance to meet and greet your fellow parishioners! Please join us whenever you can and enjoy the FREE fellowship and food of this event.

For those that would like to host a coffee hour feel free to contact Beverly Hopson bevrol2002@yahoo.com phone 847-531-5212 for scheduling and contact Jeanne Rayner richjeanne@sbcglobal.net phone 847-710-3982 for questions regarding supplies, set up or general questions.

If you would like to host a coffee hour please know that the expense of the event is tax deductible and if you would like to host, the church has a budget for hospitality for any reimbursement necessary.

So come - Enjoy—host and feed your soul and heart!

Fr. Tom is looking for soccer balls for his annual trip to Mexico,
Size 4 or smaller, new or gently used. He's also needing wiffle balls. He'll pick them up from St. Hugh on Sunday, July 28!



July 7th Food Pantry Sunday
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.

Happy Fourth of July!



*Please contact the office to keep our Military list updated.
Serviceperson's birthdates and addresses are requested,
so that our parish can send a birthday card.*



Fred Pelley will be leading a Labyrinth making workshop on Saturday, July 13th from 1 – 4PM here at St. Hugh. If you are interested in participating please let the office know.

We are still accepting donations for the electronic St. Hugh sign. It will allow us to communicate with the community about our Sunday Services, Military Services and all the special events that we have here at St. Hugh on a timely basis. Please use the envelopes that are in the pews and mark your donation as "sign".

The draft picture of the sign is attached to the "thermometer" of donations currently raised in Wiedrich Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Dolney. Thanks Dan for your diligence to get this exciting project off the ground and in the works!

Also, this is a great time to say thank you to Pastor Bill at the Highland Fellowship Church/Highland Christian Academy just east of St. Hugh. They have made our vinyl banners in exchange for putting their school enrollment banners on the corner for the last 5 or so years. At times, he's even put up our new banners.

The church's bank is having a SHREDFEST on Saturday, August 24th from 9AM til Noon. Bring any paper document you would like to have shredded - bank statements, old tax returns - and they'll effectively dispose of them for you (150lb. limit).

This is a drop off only setting - no "park and watch" available!

They'll also be collecting old cell phones for the Community Crisis Center.

Shred location: First Community Bank 165 S. Randall Road, Elgin
near the Marcus Theatre

Adult Education and Forum

We just completed the first couple months of Adult Education and conversation. We covered a bit of the history of the Episcopal Church and the Book of Common Prayer and had conversations around ethics and the use of the Prayer Book to help shape our own spiritual lives. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM and the 4th Wednesday of the month at about 7:30PM following our Military Outreach Service. On July 10th, the Adult Education piece will cover the history of some of our hymns. If you have favorites you'd like to know about, please let me know and I'll do a little research! Then on July 24th we will be discussing the recent Supreme Court decisions. The curriculum and topics of conversation are being formed by the interests of those in attendance. I am happy to hear ideas and input about what folks are interested in learning more about. There are no prerequisites to attend and no homework. Each evening is self contained and the discussions have been interesting and fun! Hope you'll join us!