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**The Holy Eucharist**

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

***The Staff***

Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Ed Jamrog, Treasurer

Katie White, Vestry Clerk

Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

**July Birthdays  
Happy Birthday!!**

Isabella Rowe	7 - 6
Stephanie Johnson	7 - 7
Marsha Wojcik	7 - 9
Carol Tobin	7 - 11
Barbara Badeau	7 - 17
Jayden Edgar	7 - 18
Casey Gebala	7 - 20
Amy Laubhan	7 - 20
Larry Graves	7 - 21
Scottie Campbell	7 - 25
Tully Barnett	7 - 25

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

<i>Mark and Catherine Rayner</i>	7 - 3
<i>Scott &amp; Sue Campbell</i>	7 - 20

# Voice of the Swan

July 2014



The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Friends,

*"Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always."*

Occasionally, I am asked about the source of the blessing I use at the end of many services. I first heard it from my friend and colleague, Kristin White, who heard it from Jay Sidebotham, who was the rector at Church of the Holy Spirit where she was the associate rector at the time. Where Jay first came across it, I do not know. Before I began using it, I was curious about its source so I turned to Google and Wikipedia for help and found that it was a variation of a quote written by Henri-Frederic Amiel, a Swiss philosopher and poet. He lost his parents at a young age and traveled extensively through Europe and studied German philosophy in Berlin. He later returned to Geneva, his birthplace, and became a professor of aesthetics and moral philosophy. Following his death a collection of his writings were published in the book *Journal Intime* ("Private Journal") He also wrote several volumes of poetry along with studies on Erasmus, Madame de Stael, and other authors.

The original quote I found was part of a longer quote:

*"Oh, do not let us wait to be just or pitiful or demonstrative toward those we love until they or we are struck down by illness or threatened with death! Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind!"*

When I read that Henri lost his parents at a young age, it made sense to me that this quote came from a place of knowing and deep sorrow. Life **is** short and we would do well to use our time well! It reminds me of Paul's words to the Ephesians, *"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.....Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil "* Ephesians 5:1-2, 16 (NIV)

We have had a number of deaths within our community and our personal families this past year and in these deaths we are constantly reminded of the brevity of life. We walk this way but once, and hopefully, we live in a way that spreads love and kindness wherever we go. How might we "gladden the hearts of those who travel with us"? As summer begins, my hope and prayer for each of you is that love, kindness, and joy mark your days, along with time to relax and be refreshed with those you love! Hope to see you in worship when you are in town and that you would find refreshment here as well! Remember Jesus said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28 (NIV).

God's Love, Joy, and Peace to you,

Love and Blessings,  
Marion+

**Senior Warden's Report**

It seems like all of these months are coming in like a lion and going out like a lion anymore. You wanted warmer weather? You got it! No matter what, it's better than the arctic blasts, clippers and all the other cold names, right Katie?

June brought us Pentecost and our annual celebratory brunch. Once again.....I sound like a broken record here....many thanks to Peola for coordinating. Great food and fellowship as always. We had another "Movie and Ice Cream" night. The movie "Frozen" was shown. If you haven't seen it yet, do yourself a favor. It's fabulous. And what goes better with a movie but ice cream. Actually, ice cream goes good with ANYTHING!

With June and July, we see many of our parishioners traveling for picnics, graduations, vacations, and even weddings. As you travel away from home please be safe. While we may be away from St Hugh on occasion, St Hugh is always here and never "away". No matter what, Marion and the rest of the St Hugh Family is always here for you. For those of you who pledge to St Hugh, we thank you. Please remember St Hugh even if you're not here. The bills still need to be paid. For those of you who contribute, but don't actually pledge, please consider pledging. There are many reasons why someone would pledge to a church.....reasons that come from the heart, the soul, tradition and, of course, the Bible. All of those reasons are important and valid. But let me be practical here for a minute. It allows us to make a budget.....plain and simple. If we know what we have coming in, it makes it easier to set up new programs or ministries that feed us spiritually. And, isn't that why we come to St Hugh? We Pledge Allegiance to the flag. A bride and groom will pledge love to each other.... for richer or poorer and in sickness or in health. It's being a part of something more than ourselves. Or, to use a more current term you have "skin in the game". Practically speaking though, it makes budgeting easier.

I can't thank everyone enough for all you do and for the love and generosity shown at St Hugh. This is family. God's blessings to all!

Dan Dolney  
Senior Warden

### **Looking at the budget.... Winter**

ComEd comparison bills:

December through April 2012 – 2013: \$1538.22

December through April 2013 – 2014: \$1835.60

Nicor comparison bills:

December through April 2012 – 2013: \$1972.13

December through April 2013 – 2014: \$1755.08

Snow plow:

Winter 2012 – 2013: \$1300.00 Winter 2013 – 2014: \$2975.00

Spring Expenditures: The exterior wall repair on the Randall Rd. side of church \$2500 and the rectory had the water pump repaired \$2235. Lawn mowing for this season was \$2000.

Taize - Healing Service is the  
second Sunday of the month... July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

July 6th 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.*

*Please see the lovely painting given to St. Hugh by Marguerite Tabbert's family in her  
memory in Wiedrich Hall.*

### **RELICS July Meeting**

RELICS will not meet on Wednesday, July 3, at noon in Wiedrich Hall. Please see the following  
article for their July plans.

The August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Tie Dye Workshop lead by Carol Tobin.

### **RELICS Field Trip to St. James Cathedral in Chicago**

Tuesday, July 22

Leave Big Timber on the 1:22 train arriving in Chicago 2:42

Taxi to St. James

4:00 appointment to tour Nicholas Center with Courtney Reid

Preconcert refreshments at 5:30

St. James Rush Hour Concert at 5:45

Dinner

Back on the train

Contact Linda Youngren 847-659-1136 or [lindayoungren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindayoungren@sbcglobal.net)

The church's bank is having a SHREDFEST on Saturday, August 23rd 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!

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

### **TIME AND TALENT**

(see the attached New Member Form)

"Time and Talent" is church-speak for "Help Wanted" or "We're hoping you can find a niche where you can share your gifts and abilities among us." We have worked to expand our descriptions of ministries and ways to be involved at St. Hugh to be a little more user friendly for newcomers and to remind long time members of existing ministries that are available along with jobs that need doing in the church on a regular basis. So many things happen behind the scenes here and there are numerous ways to get involved. We don't want to pressure folks, but we want to make known the many opportunities for deeper involvement in parish life. Rather than wait till our stewardship drive in the fall, we wanted to put this appeal out now to help new folks learn what's available and to help people jump into different activities. Included in the description of ministries is also the contact information for the person coordinating each area. Feel free to contact these folks if you are interested in getting more involved. Please prayerfully consider what God may be wanting you to do to support the work of God's kingdom in this place. Much happens in this place by the help of many!

One need coming up in the fall is for a couple of people willing to help out teaching Sunday school. We have some of the younger kids moving up from the nursery and we have some students who are in grade school and reading. We'd like to offer a couple different grade levels this year to meet the needs of our growing youth population. Please let Marion, Debbie Wild, or Karen Lemcke know if you are interested in teaching our young people. There are also Adult Education opportunities if you are interested in furthering your own Christian education. If you like to sing, the choir is always eager for new members. If you prefer behind the scenes work, there is plenty of that as well! Hope you can find things to be better connected and thanks in advance for your willingness to serve God and God's people!

Thanks go out to Donna Jamrog and Ele Proctor for all their efforts in cleaning the kitchen. As we all know, it's an ongoing process, just like at home.

If something is needed in the kitchen or something breaks, please let Jeanne Rayner know. 847-695-1369 or [richjeanne@sbglobal.net](mailto:richjeanne@sbglobal.net)

Please consider signing up to teach Sunday School this summer. Each class requires 2 Level 1 trained Keeping God's People Safe teachers.

***This begins our series of getting to know our St. Hugh Vestry***  
*Look forward to getting to know more of our leadership team in future newsletters.*

## **Dan Dolney - Senior Warden**

Born in Connellesville, Pa. and raised in Willoughby, Ohio I graduated from Kent State University in June of 1973. I'm 62 years old, my 39 years in the Chicago area took many twists, and turns that ultimately brought me to Elgin. I have two children, Dan and Shannon and five grandchildren, Kelsay, Will, Annika, Brandon and Jack. I met Amy back in 2007 and shortly thereafter started coming with her to St. Hugh of Lincoln. It wasn't long before St Hugh became my second family. In 2011, Marion asked me to be a part of the Vestry and in September of 2012, I became the Senior Warden after Jim Kuttbauer's death. Being the Senior Warden has been the most rewarding job I've ever had and I hope I've made everyone proud.

## *Fay M. Kitchin*

*Married to Jeff Maliszewski since 1988, we moved to Elgin twenty years ago from Princeton NJ to continue to our careers in commercial insurance. I retired after 35 years of an insurance career underwriting 'special districts' sewers, water authorities, airports, highway departments, etc. Jeff continues to work for Travelers Insurance as a Sr. Underwriter.*

*We both enjoy golf and playing cards...I particularly enjoy pinochle, cribbage and bridge! Jeff enjoys everything about golf...the playing, the practice, the events and the beautiful courses we have been blessed to be able to play through our travels. We both enjoy cooking and entertaining friends.*

*We have an adorable Sheltie named Daisy who is loved and loving.*

*We both enjoy the eight o'clock service (mostly because we sing so poorly and because we can then get to the links) and I enjoy the vestry, Relics, and the Be Frienders! I love sending the cards that celebrate your lives - trials and triumphs.*

*You will see me occasionally wear a glorious bonnet - I do so loving hats! We both celebrate the Cubs, the Bears and the Black Hawks.*

## **Autobiography of James W. Rayner II**

(Twin Brother of Richard A. Rayner)

“Cradle to Grave” Episcopalian

Have three offsprings: Jennifer, Jeffrey & Jane  
and 5 granddaughters & one grandson

Was married to Margaret (Peg) 42 years, 11 months, who passed away unexpectedly in May 2006

Married Nancy in June 2009

Education: Elgin High School 1953, Purdue University BSME 1957, Registered Professional Engineer 19981

Work Experience:

1950's: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. USAF, Aviano AFB Italy

1960's: Tested missile ducting used on NASA's "Man to the Moon" Program (Saturn I and V vehicles).

1970's: Directed the evaluation of recon cameras used in the Vietnam War.

1980's: Designed HVAC installations for the water treatment and sewage treatment industries.

1990's: Directed the evaluation of switches manufactured for the automotive industry.

2000's: Managed the evaluation of machined parts used by the automotive industry and the U.S. government.

2010's: Retired 7-31-2010 after 53 years!

Hobbies: Golf, bowling, camping, travel, music – choir. (Was the organist at St. Hugh's in the 70's.)  
Currently serving the last year of my 2<sup>nd</sup> tour of duty on the vestry.

## **Edward Jamrog - Treasurer**

Born in Chicago, October, 1948. Raised on the south side till 1959, then family moved to Lansing, Illinois. After high school, I went to work for Illinois Division of Highways in 1966. Worked for the State until December, 2000. I started with the Department as an Engineering Technician, I retired as the Administrative Manager for the District 1 Bureau of Construction. Worked for various Engineering firms until I retired in 2012, I married Donna in 1970; we have two boys, Ed Jr. and Jeff. We have four grandchildren: Connor, Steven, Amanda and Carissa listed by birth dates. We live in Sun City, Huntley.

*Rita Padilla*

*My name is Rita Padilla and I have 4 four children and my husband's name is Jose Padilla. We are a very close family Jose came into our lives 15 years ago. My children love him as if he is their biological father. Jose is a great person. I am a Christian at St Hugh of Lincoln Church. Fellowship and Worship has inspired me to continue to read my Bible more and to speak out loud about my Creator and to bring disciples into His Kingdom. St Hugh's is a huge part of my life I love the comfort, loving, and respect that is in the house of the Lord. I feel so overwhelmed every time I walk in through the front door. I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and I may say for Jose as well. If I could go back and do something different one of my wish would be to have become a Christian years ago and learned many years about my God and walk in His ways. This is WHAT I want in life, to seek Jesus I am one of seven siblings, I love that we are a big family we might not agree with everything but as we've gotten older we have lots of gatherings and its great. My parents are loving and caring every year we would drive up to Texas in a station wagon to visit family for vacation both my parents are from San Antonio Texas my mom is no longer with us she deceased on march of 2009. My dad lives in Bensenville Ill where I grew up. My life as a child was great, everything we did as a family is a life time memory forever. There is one person that I've known for over 30 years and still in contact with her. She is a true friend, what I love about her, is her kindness, honesty and respect. We both have 4 children we are always supporting each other with whatever comes our way. I work for Otto engineering I started in 1996 and it's been a blessing to have this job of 18 years. I am a line leader and I love my job. One of my favorite dishes is lasagna and I love listening to Christian music. Being a vestry member is a great thing I don't know much about contractor or measurement's but I love to hear all the ideas what we can do to grow spiritual for our church, and raise money by doing fundraisers.*

**Dean Johnson**

I am a transplant from a small rural town in southeastern North Dakota. Winters here have nothing on what I've known growing up, even this past winter.

I moved to the Elgin/South Elgin area in June of 1985, after my college graduation, due to a job offer. I knew no one in the area at the time. The physical change wasn't too drastic as there was a farm field right across the road from the business at which I worked off of route 31 in South Elgin. If I needed to see more city life I only needed to travel a few miles east and if I was in need of a more rural setting I only needed to travel a few miles west. I'm grateful that this is still not much different from today, but that farm field across from where I first worked has since been developed into the River Ridge and Sugar Ridge subdivisions.

I grew up in the United Methodist faith and started attending the South Elgin Community United Methodist church a few months after getting settled into the area. The first service I attended there happened to be the last service for their pastor (John Smith I believe), as he was retiring. The next pastor (Rick Carlson) got me involved with a young adult group (college age) that he started. One of my friends from this group invited me to a Memorial Day party in 1986 being held at another of her friend's home. Her friend (Sara Rayner) has now been my wife of nearly 26 years.

Shortly after meeting Sara, I started attending some services with her and her family (Richard and Jeanne Rayner) at St Hugh of Lincoln. I continued to attend and be a member of the Methodist church as Sara was still in college at Bradley University in Peoria. We were married in 1988 at the Methodist church (mainly due to seating capacity compared to St Hugh). We have been blessed with two wonderful children (Kyle and Myranda) and split our attendance between the two faiths until they started to attend grade school. We then chose to just attend the Episcopal church, partly due to the clergy at St Hugh (Father Tom). I was confirmed in the Episcopal faith and made a full member of St Hugh of Lincoln church in the late 1990's.

I have served as trustee or vestry member at both churches. I have also been in the choir at both churches. I much prefer to be the behind the scenes person. I cleared the snow from the walks for a number of years as my travels to and from work took me past St Hugh daily. My place of employment has since changed and unfortunately I am unable to perform this task as often as before.

I much enjoy the diversity we have at St Hugh and will continue to be a faithful member.

Elgin Recycles – Please see the Kane County Green Guide for 2014 – 2015 Brochure on the table in the narthex.

or online information:



**Kane County Recycles**

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# SAVE THE DATE!

Here are some upcoming important St. Hugh dates as of 6/25/14:

Save the date... Saturday, August 2nd, 5 - 8pm. Mexican dinner, fellowship and fun! Come learn about the new roof. Donations will be accepted towards the roof fund. Rita and Jose Padilla and their family will be hosting.

RELICS – No regular meeting in July. August 6<sup>th</sup> – Tie Dye Workshop.  
Watch for further information.

The book club will meet next on the evening of Thursday, September 4th, at 7:00. We will discuss The First Phone Call from Heaven by Mitch Albom.

Sunday, September 7th - St. Hugh Church Picnic will follow the 10:30AM Outdoor service.

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Pet Blessing at the 10:30AM service

Saturday, October 25th 2 – 5PM Kid's Halloween party.

Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – RELICS at Christ the Lord Craft Show and fall cookie dough sale.

Thursday, November 13 at 7PM - The Spiritual Life Core Group will be meeting.

Sunday, November 23rd - Thanksgiving Parish Brunch.

Sunday, December 21st - Parish Christmas - Grilled Cheese and Soup after the 10:30AM service and greening of the church.

Watch the bulletins and newsletters for additional events/dates.