

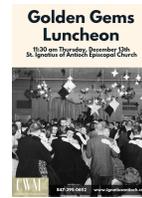
**Why?  
Because God**  
BY LINDA MIZWICKI



**11/18 @ 5PM**  
Thanksgiving Service



**WHAT'S NEW AT GOD'S  
WILL RESALE**



**DEC 13TH!**

# THE GOOD NEWS

## Why? Because God.

BY LINDA MIZWICKI

Sometimes the most important questions are the ones we cannot answer. And the most honest answers are, “I don’t know...” In the unknowing, in the inability to find our own words, sometimes we hear the call of God and his words become ours. In my life, often, those moments come as a complete and utter surprise.

Recently, I was struck dumb by a question that should have been easy to answer, “Why do I go to church?” To be honest, my church is going through a discernment process to find our way forward. We have the typical type of church crisis going on: not enough members, not enough money, not enough vision to figure out how to afford and call a long-term priest. We have faced our share of conflict over theology, finances, and clergy.

We have lost priests, lost parishioners, and lost pledges. At times, we have lost our enthusiasm, our energy, and our passion. At times, we have flat out lost our patience--with each other and with our situation in the world. Some of us may have lost parts of our faith, or at least questioned it seriously.

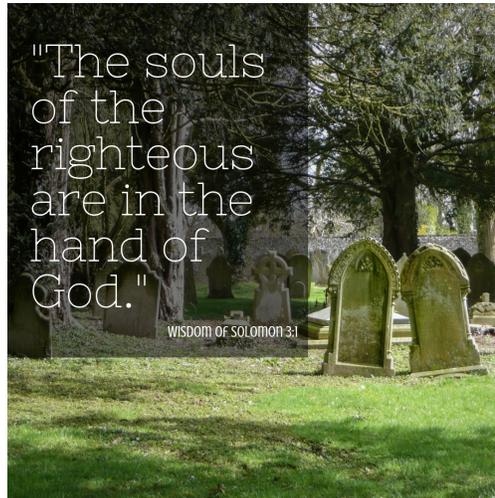
So, in order to figure out our path, we are trying to hold real and honest conversations with each other. One night, I sat with a group of my brothers and sisters in the social hall, working through our “stuff”. And when I was posed the obvious question, “What keeps you at St. Ignatius?” I had no earthly idea how to answer. I sat there, tearful, and mute. The obvious answers all felt inadequate; could not speak them. I could not say I came to church for the worship, the fellowship, the formation, the service. Those were just surface-level reasons--not ones that went to the marrow of the bone. That would have been like saying I married my husband because he’s tall and handsome, or that I chose to become a teacher because I like kids. When I contemplated all the love and anger that comprised my church life, all the celebrations and all the conflicts, I answered the only way I could. With tears in my eyes, I said, “I don’t know...”

I thought of the cost-benefit analysis of my church life and I truly wondered why I stayed. I thought of the committees, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and community service. And I thought of the baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and wonderful friends. If I weighed the time, money, and effort I put into church against the joy and love I got out of it, I wasn’t honestly sure how the scales would balance. But, eventually, I also knew that it didn’t matter.

Because as I sat there, waiting, unable to find the words, I realized. I stay at my church because... Because... God... Because, church is not merely about friends, and fellowship, and service. Church is about God. A God who calls us into relationship with him through our relationships with each other. He is not content to be worshipped from afar, in pristine conditions, in calm and peace. The God of love in Jesus Christ



isn't content to be found on the forests, or on the beach, alone. He is the God who, out of his own love for his own creation, came right down and became a part of all of the mess. He is the God who loved the world so much that he gave himself for it. And he didn't just give himself to be adored. He gave himself so that we could love him like a real human, and so he could love us back. He showed up and lived with us, while the people misunderstood his message, while his followers fought over who was the best, and while the religious leaders persecuted him. He is the God in Jesus Christ who showed up and taught and loved us, even when we hated him. Even when we killed him. And he showed us that death wasn't the end. That grace is greater than that. He told us that whenever two or three are gathered, he will be with us. Two or three--not one on our own. So, my friends, go out and find each other. Because the best way to love him is to love each other.



Sitting there, in that holy space, endeavoring to have that holy conversation, I found some truth. Honestly, I still don't know why I go to church. I don't know why God in Jesus Christ loves us so much that he calls us into relationship with each other so that we can see him. I don't know why I keep showing up and keep loving my fellow Christians. I do not know why--anymore than I know why I said, "Yes" when my husband asked me to marry him, or why I cried when I held my newborn babies for the first time, or why sometimes the Eucharist actually feels like Christ is in the room with me. I don't know why--but I do believe. I believe that we are meant to figure out how to love each other. I believe there is a mystery hidden deep in the heart of us and in the heart of the world. And that mystery is wrapped in love. And that love lives in each other.

So, I will show up again. And I will hear the word. And I will say confession. And I will kiss my brothers and sisters with the kiss of peace. And I will eat and drink of the body and blood of Christ. And I will go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Because... Well... Because... God.



**COMPULSIVELY-LATE CHURCHGOERS!**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

**ENDS NOV. 4TH.**

Turn back your clock on Saturday night and avoid the horror of arriving EARLY to church.

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SACRED SANDWICH.

## Craft Fair

The Annual Fall Craft Fair was held October 13th.



Thank you to ALL the folks that helped out! All proceeds from vendor / crafter fees goes to support the ACCS.

Next year - the planning committee is looking to go BIG! If you would like to join the team - call the church office at 847-395-0652. Big thanks to Faye & Dave Nash!

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# GREAT DEALS

OCT 31 - NOV 3

\$25.00 Gift Certificate Raffle! Enter now! Drawing on 11/3!

50% OFF Orange Stickers!

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WED - FRI 9AM-5PM SAT 9AM-2PM

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Happy November! Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season will be here before we know it! God's Will is celebrating with a drawing to win a \$25 Gift Certificate,-And take Half Off all Orange Stickers all month long! Remember God's Will as you start your holiday shopping, and don't forget to check us out for your White Elephant Party needs!

## Pickup Schedule

### NOVEMBER PICKUPS

This month, God's Will is looking for volunteers to help pickup donations for the shop on November 3rd & November 17th.

Pickup times are usually in the morning from 9am until noon. Sunday pickups would be following mass. If you are available to help with pickups, see Jack Fields, Jim Bletsch, or call God's Will at 224-365-4884. If you are able, please donate one day to help keep this vital ministry

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INFO COMING SOON

St. Ignatius Social Hour

## SIGN UP TO BRING

— sweets or snacks —



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1:00 pm at Antioch UMC**



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Christian Wellness Ministry

**Golden Gems Luncheon**

11:30 am Thursday, December 13th  
St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church



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**CWM**  
Christian Wellness Ministry

**Wellness Walk:**  
11/6 8:00 am

**Village of Antioch**

UMCA - Main St.

**Wellness Walks**

11/6 - Meet in the Parking lot to the UMCA in Antioch at 8:00 am. Questions? Call Melanie Fuhrman at 847-703-0890

The CWM is comprised of volunteers from St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, and the United Methodist Church of Antioch



**Walk With Us**

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*In the community  
By the community  
For the community*

NOVEMBER 18TH @ 5PM  
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SAVE  
THE  
DATE

Community  
Thanksgiving  
Worship

Antioch Township Building  
1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa

5:00 PM

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

# KINDNESS ROCKS PROJECT

SPREAD KINDNESS WITH US

11.18.18 • 5PM • ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP CENTER  
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# St. Ignatius Christmas Pageant



DETAILS COMING SOON!

COFFEE  
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SIZE 6  
DIAPERS

What will YOU bring?

ITEM DRIVE / DONATION/ OFFERING  
OPEN ARMS MISSION  
BRING TO: ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP CENTER  
1625 DEEP LAKE RD, LAKE VILLA  
11/18 @ 5PM

# Mark Your Calendars! November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				9am-5pm GWRS OPEN	9am-5pm GWRS OPEN	9am-2 pm GWRS OPEN  GWRS Team Pickups 9am - Noon
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS! 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist		ELECTION DAY	9am - 5pm GWRS OPEN 12pm Holy Eucharist	9am-5pm GWRS OPEN	9am-5pm GWRS OPEN	9am - 2pm GWRS OPEN
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Advent 1 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist			9am - 5pm GWRS OPEN 12pm Holy Eucharist  10:00 am: Candle making w/ Kari Pohar	9am-5pm GWRS OPEN	9am-5pm GWRS OPEN	9am - 2pm GWRS OPEN
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Advent 2 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	Knitters & Crocheters 1:00 pm at UMCA		9am - 5pm GWRS OPEN 12pm Holy Eucharist	9am-5pm GWRS OPEN  Golden Gems Luncheon 11:00 am	9am-5pm GWRS OPEN	9am-2 pm GWRS OPEN  9AM - 12PM GWRS PICKUPS
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No earthly pleasures  
 no kingdoms of this world,  
 can benefit me in any way.  
 I prefer death in Christ Jesus  
 to power over the farthest limits of the earth.  
 He who died in place of us  
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 He who rose for our sakes is my one desire.

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