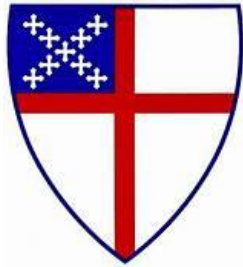


THE GOOD NEWS

August 2023



St. Ignatius of Antioch
Episcopal Church

Walking in love as Christ taught us



Followers- Transfiguration



Many a faithful summer church attendee might be surprised to arrive to worship today, supposing that the green vestments and paraments must have gotten stuck at the dry cleaner's, only to realize that the Feast of the Transfiguration, which is fixed on August 6, is one of only a handful of feast days that, when they fall on a Sunday, are given priority. Thus, our readings change slightly, and so do our paraments and vestments.

Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus summons Peter, James, and John to the mountaintop. And without getting our contextual bearings, we may be tempted to believe that the chosen disciples happily agreed and gleefully followed Jesus without reservation. But

if we widen our textual lens just a bit to include all of chapter 9, we hear Jesus tell the disciples in the verses just prior to today's passage that he must undergo great suffering, be rejected, killed, and then rise from the dead.

"If any want to become my followers," Jesus says, "let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."

And so, as Peter, James, and John journey with Jesus to the mountaintop, they are forced to come to grips with the horrifying truth that Jesus, their beloved

friend and leader, must suffer and die! When they reach the top of the mountain, the Gospel tells us that Jesus was transfigured before them and Moses and Elijah appeared. As the disciples beheld their Lord,

they realized that they were in the very presence of God!

But even in this incredible moment of divine transfiguration, Peter could not forget what Jesus had told them before they came to the mountain. “Master, it is good for us to be here,” Peter petitions, “Let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

At some level, Peter deserves some sympathy. After all, who among us would knowingly submit ourselves or our loved ones to pain and suffering? Peter’s efforts to protect Jesus are undoubtedly acts of love and devotion—but they are also acts couched in Peter and the disciples’ need for safety and security. “Master, it is good for us to be here...” with the emphasis on “here”—here where it is safe and not down there where politicians are in cahoots with the professionally religious; here where things are less complicated—where things like love and justice and mercy are unconditional; here where we can keep an eye on things and monitor the goings-on.

The disciples had seen a glimpse of God’s glory in the face of Jesus, and they wanted desperately to hold onto it; to protect it. We can relate to that, can’t we? We’ve had mountaintop experiences with Jesus—a particular church or a particular church service; a place of retreat and refreshment; a treasured conversation partner; or maybe a favorite spot in nature—tender places, where God knits our souls back together again, and we feel refreshed and more whole.

It’s only natural that we would want to stay in those places of healing and tenderness and holiness

forever, but we can’t because although these are the places where we meet Jesus, we are called to follow Jesus—and the thing about Jesus is that he never stays put in any one place very long! That’s why Jesus didn’t say, “In order to be my disciple, you must set down roots and stay put!” No, Jesus says, “If any want to be my disciple, let them take up their cross and follow me.” We must journey into places that we don’t necessarily want to be, amidst people we’d rather not deal with, and into situations that we’d just as soon stay out of.

In some ways, this is the pattern of our worship, too. We come here each week, gathered in community, to meet Jesus in Scripture and Sacrament. But we can’t stay here. Just as the procession leads out of the church at the end of the liturgy, and we are charged to “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” our work is to follow Jesus out there into the world, wherever he might lead.

In the midst of our ordinary summer Sunday routines, when the schedules are lighter and the days are longer, Transfiguration disrupts us. We are reminded that it’s not enough to meet Jesus in church, or wherever our mountaintops happen to be, we are called to be disciples of Jesus and follow where he leads.

Our call is to take up our cross and follow Jesus. The question is: what’s our answer?

Amen.

-The Rev. Dr. Marshall Jolly



Letter from your Wardens

Dear Family of St. Ignatius,

On July 26th, the Vestry continued the discussion and input from the parish at the Bi-annual meeting on how to continue the Worship Services in Fr. Jim's absence from Aug. 27- Oct. 1.

We have decided that on Sundays there will be a 9am Lay Eucharistic Minister led service with pre-sanctified bread. Then, at 4pm, Fr. Jean Beniste from Christ Episcopal Church in Waukegan will lead us along with Kathleen at the Organ in our Rite II Mass.

After each mass, we will continue with the healing prayers and social gatherings. This will be a great opportunity to see how a Sunday evening service works in the future.

Peace to all,

-Jack & Renee



Rector Search Committee:

Rector Searches and Placements in the Diocese of Chicago

In the July Newsletter, the RSC reported on our collaboration with the St. Ignatius of Antioch Vestry and the Transition Ministry. In keeping with that collaborative plan, the entire RSC is completing the task of reviewing and editing the refreshed Parish Profile and related documents for submission and approval by the Bishop and Transition Ministry. Thanks to all parishioners who provided input to the

new documents. We are “on track”, as described, for a reposting of our full-time rector opening in mid-August. Please continue your prayers for candidates to be guided to have interest in joining our fine parish community.

Linda and I have been monitoring the progress of **full-time rector** searches in the Diocese of Chicago. In keeping with our commitment to transparency, we want to let you know about these. We feel this helps us all calibrate about the decisions of other candidates, and the progress of other Rector Search Committees.

Presently, there are two full-time rector positions open and accepting applicants in the Diocese: **St. Ignatius of Antioch** and **St. Mark's** in Geneva / St. Charles / Batavia, along the western portion of the Fox River. St. Mark's posted their opening after ours.

In a similar timeframe to ourselves, six parishes had open full-time rector postings:

- In Chicago, three parishes have successfully filled full-time openings. The **Church of the Atonement** opening was filled by Rev. Charles Everson, who will say his first mass on August 27. He was recently rector in Kansas City for six years. He and his husband, Jay, have lived in many parts of the US, including Texas. **St. Peter's** filled its full-time rector role with Rev. Daphne Cody, who will begin her ministry there on September 1. Daphne was previously an interim priest-in-charge for 15 months at St. James the Less in the Chicago suburb of Northfield. The **Church of the Ascension** was filled by Rev. Carlos de la Torre, who will say his first mass at the parish on September 17. He was recently a rector in Pennsylvania having served as a curate in Connecticut previously.

- In Oak Park, **St. Christopher's** called Rev. George Arceneaux IV who will start on August 21. Rev. Arceneaux served at St. Christopher's as a ministerial intern for two years, and most recently comes from St. Mark's in Milwaukee where he was associate rector. Their search took 18 months.
- In Park Forest, **Church of the Holy Family** has had an active search committee since September 2021, and is not currently accepting applications as they regroup on the topic of filling the open role.
- In Evanston, **St. Mark's** decided upon an Interim Rector, Rev. Frances Holliday, who took the role in February 2022. She and her spouse, Eileen, were previously posted at St. Mary's in Crystal Lake.

Five parishes in our diocese are just about where we were in Fall 2022; that is, forming search committees, completing the parish survey, and discerning whether to post full-time rector roles or take other paths. The five are: St. Philip's in Palatine, St. Gregory's in Deerfield, St. John's in Lockport, and St. Chrysostom's and St. Edmund's, both in Chicago.

We hope this information provides everyone perspective on the variety of paths, the recent successes, and the range of individuals being called to serve as full-time rectors in our Diocese of Chicago.

In service to the St. Ignatius Community, we are:

Linda Mizwicki and Warren Cinnick, co-chairs, and Jim Hallwas, Ernie Kraak, Kathy Fields and Roger Van Patten, members.



I'm reading an interesting book provided by Fr. Jim called Take This Bread. You may recall he spoke about it in a recent sermon. Written by Sara Miles, it is the story of her conversion from atheism to the Episcopal faith which was truly A Radical Conversion (also the subtitle of the book). Her journey as a radical, left-wing journalist covering war torn countries to organizing food pantries as a Christian convert is so far from the life I have lived that I struggle to find any similarities. But there is one commonality...feeding others. And we ALL share this skill as we share in the Eucharist followed by communal meals or coffee & treats after Mass. Primarily, we come together weekly to share in the Eucharist. Fellowship events extend and enhance the relationships we have with God and each other. Being the socially conscious people we are, that Fellowship then connects us with our Outreach projects and our ultimate Outreach, God's Will Resale Shop. As you have heard, our impact on the community is impressive and it all starts with sharing bread & wine.

As soon as I finish the book, it will be on the table in the Narthex for you to read, too.

Thank you to our July Fellowship sponsors, Cathy Ehler, Carolyn Van Patten, Lil Golonka, Mary Haviland and to ALL who shared in our summer potluck barbeque. Once again, we were well fed! Also, to those who have made monetary contributions, thank you as well. Your support is appreciated.

-Diane Cinnick



Building & Grounds

The Campus of St. Ignatius continues to maintain improvements to our grounds and facilities.

Tim Donahue will be starting construction on the GWRS entry ways. Argo Glass has completed the window repairs to the church. Our grounds, flowers, and weeds have been maintained throughout the summer season.

We are also getting quotes on installing a concrete patio for the backside of the vestibule.

-Jim Blestch

donations helped to impact potential neighbors and make a difference to local patients and veterans. This resulted in 14 first time donors, **proof** on your count of 16 blood products and helped to reduce risks to our local blood supply. I thank you for your community support, especially during our summer challenges and when donations are always needed!

-Carrie Futchko, Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois



Outreach Summary



Our **July Mission** was completed with a successful Blood Drive on July 29th.

Dear St. Ignatius,

Thank you for sponsoring this blood drive and impacting our local communities. Please know that your drive efforts helped to make a difference to 42 local families! Please extend a special thank you to those at St. Ignatius Church for allowing us to host at your location and to those who attended and donated at your blood drive.

A special thank you to Cathy Ehlers for her assistance on the day of the drive and for the last-minute push for donors! I look forward to your next lifesaving event on Nov. 4th. Thanks for your double impact!

Your combined efforts to bring awareness to your blood drive and educate on the need for blood

Our **August Outreach Mission** is to benefit the residents of Hillcrest Nursing Center in Round Lake Beach. We will be collecting personal care items, socks, lap blankets, books or other reading materials and packaged snack items. Please leave your donation in the collection bin in the Narthex. Your help is much appreciated.

-Diane Cinnick

Sharing Our Faith

On Tuesday, July 11th, Roger Van Patten led the Parish in a celebratory Evening Prayer Service of the 108th Anniversary of St. Ignatius.



During the remarks, Roger did a wonderful job on the history of what occurred at that service on July 11th, 1915. Blessings to our history and story!

The 8th Annual Chuck Larson Golf Fore the Hungry ...is fast approaching!



Aug. 27th is the date for the 8th Annual Chuck Larson Golf Fore the Hungry event. The proceeds from this event are split 50/50 with Open Arms Mission and the Sharing Center. Last year we raised over \$15,000.00. There are forms in the church's narthex for those that might want to golf. If you are not a golfer, there are several ways you can still support the event.

- 1) Come and enjoy a dinner featuring Bill Mellen's delicious BBQ meats. Dinner will be served at approx. 5pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each.
- 2) Donate a raffle basket. Baskets can be brought and left at the church. Please put your name on it so we know who it is from.
- 3) We are having 2 regular raffles. The first one is a cash raffle. 1st prize is \$500, 2nd prize is \$250, and 3rd prize is \$125. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25. The second raffle is a booze raffle. We are collecting liquor, beer and wine for this raffle. Please leave any donation in the first classroom with your name. 1st prize is a wagon of booze, 2nd prize is a cooler on legs of beer and 3rd is a bucket of wine. Tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$25.

Tickets can be purchased at God's Will Resale Shop, the church office or by contacting Kathy Kraak (262) 308-5448. Thank you for considering it help us raise money for two worthy organizations.

GOD'S WILL RESALE SHOP

August Special:

50% off all **YELLOW sticker items!**



Accepting all donations during business hours.

Call 224-321-4475 for questions or info.

GWRS Community Give-Back

During the past two months the God's Will Resale Shop Community Give-Back events raised \$350 for both The Sharing Center in Trevor, WI., and Open Arms Mission in Antioch.

We also created gift baskets for the Lions Club Chicken BBQ Event and the upcoming Golf Outing Fundraiser.

The shop continues to maintain good sales to support our St. Ignatius campus and community. Please stop out and check out all our treasures!

-Kathy Kraak

St. Ignatius Campus Hours:

- **Worship Services:**
Sunday's at 8am & 10am
- **Office Coordinator Hours:**
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am – 12:30pm
- **God's Will Resale Shop:**
Wed.- Fri. 9am-2pm, Sat. 9am-2pm
- **Midlothian Counseling Services hours at the church are:** Mon. & Wed. 1-8pm & Fri. 1-6pm.



- 8/2- Kathleen Cizewski
- 8/2- Asher Deichsel
- 8/3- Jennifer Nelson
- 8/6- Linda Malinow
- 8 /13- Doug McConnell
- 8/24- Elizabeth Wood
- 8/25- Clare Coleman

8/9-8/12- GWRS Big Anniversary Sale!

8/20- Heiselmann Baptism & Fr. Jim
Celebration of gratitude...before time away.

8/23- Vestry Meeting at 6:45pm in the social hall.
ALL are welcome to attend!

8/27- Chuck Larson Golf Outing at noon.



- The Soul of Jack Effinger
- Felix Cizewski- Elizabeth Johnston
- Zach Green- Margaret Slamar
- Jim & Pat Bletsch- Clare Coleman-
- Bonnie Ebler- The Deichsel Family-Mike Culat
- Mildred Hamlin- Dave Moore & Family
- Kathy Burns- George Pahlke- Pam Anast



St. Ignatius is looking to hire a Website Designer to maintain and enhance our presence in the social media era.

We are seeking help with keeping our site updated, live streaming, zooming, You Tube, etc., for our St. Ignatius campus including the church, God's Will Resale Shop, Community Services, etc.

If you know of anyone interested, please contact Jack Fields at 847-274-3958 or at baronjack@aol.com.

Asian Kale Slaw with Ginger Peanut Dressing

By Jennifer Segal
*A kale salad you'll
actually crave.*

Servings: 6
Total Time: 20
Minutes

INGREDIENTS:



FOR THE SALAD

- 4 cups chopped curly kale, thick stems removed (patted dry)
- 3 cups shredded red cabbage
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced into bite-sized pieces
- ¾ cup slivered almonds
- ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

FOR THE DRESSING

- 3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons unseasoned rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice, from one lime
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 large clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 1-inch square piece fresh ginger, peeled and roughly chopped (see note)
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sriracha
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or aluminum foil.
2. Bake the almonds until lightly golden and fragrant, 5-10 minutes. (Keep a close eye on them; nuts burn quickly.) Transfer the nuts to a small plate to cool.
3. Meanwhile, combine all of the ingredients for the dressing in a food processor or blender; process until smooth and creamy.
4. Combine the ingredients for the salad in a large mixing bowl. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss well. Let the salad sit at room temperature for 15 minutes to allow the kale to soften. Toss again, and then taste and adjust seasoning, if necessary. (As the salad sits, the flavors may dull; a squeeze of lime juice will wake things up.)

-Recipe submitted by Kathy Fields

Comedy Corner

