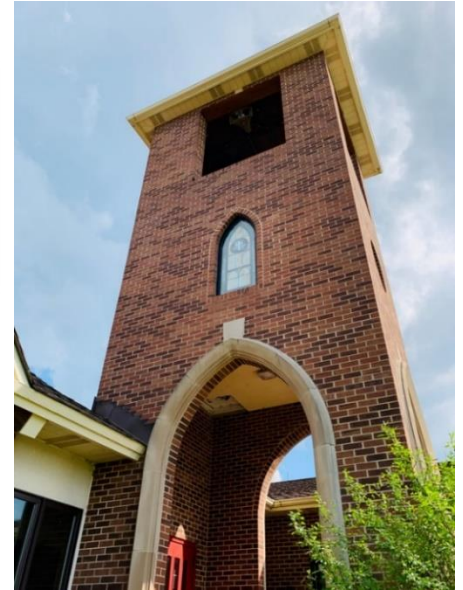


THE GOOD NEWS

June 2023



St. Ignatius of Antioch
Episcopal Church
Walking in love as Christ taught us



Worship the Unity



Today is Trinity Sunday, which might also be interpreted as Unity Sunday. Not to be confused with conformity or sameness, unity is, of course,

impossible to create without generosity, love, and humility in inevitable conflict. The Trinity itself is an example of the tension, beauty, and mystery of unity. In the collect today, we pray to “acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity.” As Christians, we *worship* the Unity. What does worshipping the unity look like in our lives, church, and world?

Unity does not mean sameness. If God wanted sameness, God would not have created the world as it is created. Look around the room and notice the

differences you have between your neighbor, even if it is someone related to you. Our entire origin story, the creation of the universe, starts with sameness: “Darkness covered the face of the deep.” And it ends with rest in a kaleidoscope of diversity.

God allowed light to mingle with darkness. God created sky to complement water. God created sun and stars – two different methods! – to give light to the world. God allowed creatures of all kinds – *all* kinds, have you ever *seen* a blobfish? – to populate the oceans and the sky and the land. The scripture says that God created every living creature that moves of every kind, and winged birds of every kind, and everything that creeps of every kind. Every kind and all kinds. To humankind, God said, “Be fruitful and multiply.” And God knew, God must have known, that to be fruitful and multiply would continue and expand God’s example of diversity. God knew that our children, even children born of the same parents, would be different. That trees and

plants and creatures would change and evolve over eons and context and climate. That all that lives and breathes might also create and explore and discover. We do not worship a God of sameness. We worship a God of unity.

The Holy Trinity is an example of this kind of unity: different, mysterious, communal, relational. Each

element of the Trinity can be described as a different identity, but the answer to “How many Gods do we worship?” is always “One.” You may have heard some of the myriad ways our tradition has described the three souls of God. You may have explored your own. The most orthodox is “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” Also common in the prayerbook: “Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.” Presiding Bishop Curry is fond of “Loving, liberating and life-giving God.” The New Zealand Prayer Book describes God as “Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver.” There are metaphors about ice, water, and vapor. What other ways might you begin to understand the divine mystery of the Trinity?

The members of the Trinity are decidedly distinct. You may find yourself relating to one more than the others in different seasons of your life. Who do you relate to today, this beginning of Pentecost? Is it the creator of the universe, the one who brought all things into being? Is it our sibling Jesus, the Christ who walked, cried, laughed, got angry and dusty and hungry alongside us? Is it the mystery of the Spirit, the tongues of fire that burned on the disciples and burns still in you and me?

In the reading from the Gospel of Matthew today, we zoom into a moment where Jesus is commissioning his disciples to make more disciples. He tells them, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” Jesus sends

them to *all* nations, knowing full well that each nation is saturated in its own context, culture, language, tradition, and family systems. That is, each nation is different. By uniting different nations into following one Christ, Jesus is inviting the church into tension, into relationship, into the juiciness of difference. But he commands his disciples to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit— another community that contains tension, relationship, and juiciness of difference.

In God’s very essence as the Trinity, God models unity, not sameness. As the Council of Nicaea declared, and we affirm in the Nicene Creed, both the human Jesus and God the Parent are “of the same substance.” All disciples, of every tribe, tongue, and nation, are baptized in the name of the same Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And among each of them is the power of the Christ, to the end of the age.

Because God created the world with diversity, not sameness, because Jesus walked alongside people of all backgrounds and wounds because the Spirit is in all of us – and even went so far as to communicate in languages of all kinds at Pentecost – God understands difference. God understands relationship. God understands community. God understands diversity.

In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul writes that the members should “agree with one another, live in peace... greet one another with a holy kiss.” It’s a lovely image, a community at peace and in agreement. He undoubtedly wrote this encouragement because things *were not so* in the church. Divisions, opinions, personalities, and traditions so easily divide us, creating a community with tension and conflict instead of peace and agreement. We are not a people of sameness, and that often creates conflict.

As Christians of diversity, it can be easy to claim that God is on our side, especially when we find friends who agree with us. It takes humility to engage with and allow ourselves to be transformed by someone different than us, to posture ourselves with enough vulnerability to greet someone across the aisle with a holy kiss. In an episode of “This American Life,” the host says, “Free speech doesn’t solve conflict, it actually creates it. Solving conflict requires more advanced tools like trust, humility, dialogue, and listening.

God gave us freedom, and so God allowed conflict. God-made relationships and diversity create conflict, and that’s alright. But to achieve harmony and relationship, we need openness, listening, and love. What did Jesus preach, live, and teach? Relationship. What does the Holy Spirit move us to do? Relationship. And what does the Creator inspire over and over us in the accounts of the divine? Relationship.

The Holy Trinity creates, models, and exists in community, just as we ought to do as Trinitarian Christians.

The goal of Christian community, of religion, is unity, not sameness. It’s really easy to have *just enough* religion to condemn other people, claim a monopoly on God, believe in a God who only acts in the ways we think is best. It’s a lot harder to have enough religion that allows us to open up to one another, allows us to grow and be transformed in the experience of difference that may be awkward or contain conflict. And it takes a whole lot of religion to live a life of Godly love. How much religion do you have?

-The Rev. Anna Sutterisch



Letter from your Wardens

Dear Family of St. Ignatius,

On Saturday, May 20th, the Vestry came together for the May Vestry Retreat Meeting. Here are some takeaways:

1. Summer Mass? One or Two? The Vestry decided to continue with offering both 8am & 10am services.
2. The Vestry decided it was time to remove the muffin tins and return to the “ciborium”.
3. The Vestry discussed a Parish Bi-Annual Meeting & Picnic. It will be held on June 9th. Mass at 9am, meeting at 10:15-11am, picnic from 11am-12.
4. Vestry reviewed St. Ignatius of Antioch’s By-Laws. We discussed two changes, and will be voted on by the parish on July 9th...more to come.

Peace to each and everyone of you,

-Jack & Renee



Outreach Summary

Our **June Mission** is a continued effort for the **Matthias Academy**, located right over the border in WI. This is a nonprofit adult day program that serves adults with mild to severe disabilities, specialized medical needs, behaviors, and mild to severe autism from IL. to WI.



On Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th, there will be a special plate collection for this mission.

-Jack Fields

Limited Time Offer!!



Heifer International has a group of donors that will match any donations 10 times.

Mission of the month and Grow God's Will has donated \$200.00 which will become \$2,000.00. This will go toward purchasing chicks, bees, goats, ducks, cows and other animals for families to have a better life.

-Carolyn Van patten

Search Committee Update

Rector Search Committee: Three Updates

As reported in-person on May 28 at the 10am Sunday Service, we have three updates from the Rector Search Committee (RSC):

Visit by Nashotah House clergy members –



Reciprocating on the visit to Nashotah House by members of St. Ignatius of Antioch on April 20, we had the pleasure to host **Fr. Jason Terhune and Deacon Rebecca Terhune** on the

evening of May 10. Many thanks to the more than fifteen parishioners who joined that evening for a tour, meal, and prayer service. And, special thanks to

all who took time and effort to prepare for this highly successful evening. (See photos.) The event on May 10 permitted us to showcase the vigor and commitment of our congregation to the installation of a full-time rector. Your RSC is supporting, through the Vestry, a regular and mutually beneficial relationship with Nashotah House as the closest Episcopal Seminary to Antioch since this provides us access to that community of clergy. The RSC will be meeting on Sunday, June 11 to discuss next steps for the interactions with Nashotah House now that we have completed this pair of visits.

Outreach to Bexley-Seabury Seminary –

Consistent with our strategy to increase connections with communities of clergy, we can report positive interactions with Micah Jackson, President, and Melissa Rau, Director of Institutional Advancement, at Bexley-Seabury Seminary. Located on 60th Street in the Hyde Park neighborhood on the second floor of the Chicago Theological Seminary building, this Episcopal Seminary features an all-on-line program for those pursuing a Master of Divinity or other programs in Theology. An initial brain-storming call will occur by June 2 and the RSC will initiate early plans for this second new relationship with our next nearest seminary.

Interested clergy member contacts –

As a direct result of the Nashotah House interactions reported above, a currently assigned priest approached the Vestry and RSC for a conversation about our open position. Consistent with the protocols outlined by the Diocese of Chicago, we will not be sharing the name of the individual at this time. Like a regular job opening, when candidates approach, employers do not share candidate information until much further along in the process. This gives the potential applicant the opportunity to speak with their present employer and others in a peaceful manner. Linda Mizwicki and Warren Cinnick, RSC co-chairs, met

with the interested priest by Zoom and shared an overview of our parish. This individual now has the option to formally apply with the Diocese of Chicago for the rector role at St. Ignatius of Antioch.

The current posting for our rector position will continue to be visible on a variety of websites through the end of June 2023. The RSC will report on progress about any potential candidates or formal applicants. During June, the RSC will revisit our approach to the advertising and networking process. Your continued prayers provide us strength. Please pray also for “our next rector” who we are yet to know, but who is out there looking for us.

Blessings,

Linda Mizwicki, Search Committee Co-Chair;
Warren Cinnick, Search Committee Co-chair; Roger Van Patten, Kathy Fields; Jim Hallwas; Ernie Kraak



May is in the rear view mirror now and we look forward to summer activities. We will continue with Fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you haven't already signed up to sponsor a Coffee Hour, either after the 8:00 or 10:00 worship service, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you cannot commit to a sponsorship but would like to participate in defraying the cost of providing coffee, water & snacks for the unsponsored times, there is a donation jar on the kitchen counter.

Many thanks to our May sponsors; Kathy Fields, Carolyn Van Patten & Lil Golonka.

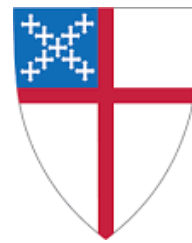


We had a visitor this week who showed up a little early for this week's Coffee Hour.

See you Sunday!

-Diane Cinnick

“What We Believe”



As Episcopalians, we believe in and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection saved the world.

We believe that God loves you – no exceptions.

The Episcopal Church embraces a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to tell and exemplify God’s love for every human being; people of all genders and sexual orientations serve as bishops, priests, and deacons in our church. Laypeople and clergy work together in leadership and governance.

Core to our Beliefs:

Book of Common Prayer

“It is a most invaluable part of that blessed ‘liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,’ that in his

worship different forms and usages may without offense be allowed, provided the substance of the Faith be kept entire” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 9).

The Book of Common Prayer is a treasure chest full of devotional and teaching resources for individuals and congregations, but it is also the primary symbol of our unity. We, who are many and diverse, come together in Christ through our worship, our common prayer.

The Bible

“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 236).

The Bible is our foundation, understood through tradition and reason, containing all things necessary for salvation. Our worship is filled with Scripture from beginning to end. Approximately 70% of the Book of Common Prayer comes directly from the Bible.

Baptismal Covenant

“Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 292).

A mini-catechism used at baptisms and on Easter and other special occasions, the baptismal covenant opens with a question-and-answer version of the statement of faith that is the Apostles’ Creed and adds five questions regarding how we, as Christians, are called to live out our faith.

The Catechism

Offered in a question-and-answer format, the catechism found in the back of the [Book of Common Prayer](#) (pp. 845-862) helps teach the foundational truths of the Christian faith.

The Creeds

“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 851).

In the two foundational statements of faith—the Apostles’ Creed used at baptism, and the Nicene Creed used at communion—we join Christians throughout the ages in affirming our faith in the one God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us.

The Sacraments

“Sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 857).

Besides [baptism](#) and the [Eucharist](#) (Holy Communion), the church recognizes other spiritual markers in our journey of faith.

Found in the Book of Common Prayer, these include:

- Confirmation (the adult affirmation of our baptismal vows), pp. 413-419
- Reconciliation of a Penitent (private confession), pp. 447-452
- Matrimony (Christian marriage), pp. 422-438
- Orders (ordination to deacon, priest, or bishop), pp. 510-555
- Unction (anointing with oil those who are sick or dying) pp. 453-467

Sharing Our Faith



Alice Elizabeth Nielsen

On May 17th, Fr. Jim Caldwell and Jack Fields were honored to represent St. Ignatius in presiding over the service of our

Episcopalian sister, Alice...may she rest in peace.

On Saturday May 13, 2023, Alice Elizabeth Nielsen passed away peacefully, at her home with her family by her side, at the age of 98. Alice was born on May 4, 1925, in Wonewoc, WI to John and Jane Elizabeth Schaer. She would later live in Antioch, IL, Denver, CO, Zion, IL, and finally reside in Waukegan, IL for 76 years after marrying James Nielsen of Antioch, IL on August 16, 1947, where they raise their family. Alice enjoyed life to the fullest. She had a heart of gold, a wonderful sense of humor, and was ready for any adventure. After the passing of her husband, James in 2004, she was reunited with her extended family in Colorado, Canada, Indiana, and Michigan. A special trip was to Switzerland in 1980, where she stayed with family. She loved being with her family, who were constantly in and out of her home. She enjoyed working puzzles 24/7, playing 5 cent rummy, thrifting, bakeries, wine, chocolate, and of course, road trips (with one of her favorites being New Glarus, WI). Her last adventure was in 2022, with a trip back to Wonewoc, WI to visit her birth home. That was on her "list", and she was welcomed with open arms.

Alice is survived by her children: Susan Friddle of Ingleside, IL, David (Lori) Nielsen of Deerfield, IL, Dennis Nielsen of Waukegan, IL, Donald Nielsen of Waukegan, IL, and Donna (Philip Connelly of

Waukegan, IL; five grandchildren: Sara (Chris) Melzer, David Friddle, Heather Nielsen, Jenessa Connelly, and Anna (fiancé Steven Hurst) Connelly; and great granddaughter Emily Melzer.

In addition to her parents and husband James, Alice was preceded in death by a son-in-law Robert Friddle.

Her family gives "Thanks" to Lillian, who became her wonderful live in caregiver since November 2022. Her family also "Thanks" Hospice which provided comfort and care in the last week of her life. She will be oh so ever truly missed. Mom it was our pleasure to care for you.



During the upcoming 8am & 10am services Fr. Jim Caldwell will be doing "Demonstration Communion" as part of Adult Formation.

The final Tri-Parish formation meeting is a continued conversation on *Resurrection Hope* will be held on June 7th at 6:30pm at Christ Church in Waukegan.



Building & Grounds

-Jim Bletsch

- Antioch Village Fire Department is doing their annual inspection on the campus of St. Ignatius.
- Lake County Mechanical has been hired to do the annual maintenance for heating & cooling units for the main building on campus.

- Schwartz Nursery will be doing a follow up visit to review and replace the 2022 landscape project.
- We are seeking bids to replace one furnace and A/C unit in the Worship Space.



- Partial enclosures for the entrance on the east side and match it on the west side.
- Better signage
- Used enclosed trailer
- Built in bookshelves
- Vinyl for the bathroom floor
- Awning on the front above the large garage door if possible

God Will Resale Shop thanks everyone who supports us and hopefully we can tackle some of these needs.

-Kathy Kraak



Dear Santa,

We have been working very hard at **God's Will Resale Shop** bringing in lots of monies to help support St. Ignatius Church. We have also been

helping people in the community with our voucher program where people in need can get needed items for free. We know it's only June and Christmas is still about 7 mos. away, but we need some things now.

Here is our **Wish List** for the resale shop. If you or any of your little elves can help us with a donation, contact info of someone who might be able to help us, or thoughts on getting a good deal on these needs, please let us know.

- A tall ladder to be used both by GWRS and the Church
- More ceiling fans purchased and installed.
- A garage door opener and installation for the east wing door
- Insulating our doors better



Each year the Village of Antioch has a Fourth of July parade. In the past we have been part of that. I am asking to see if there is any interest in being in the parade this year? We always are looking at ways to get our name out there.

If you are interested in the parade, please let Kathy Kraak at (262-308-5448).

If there is enough interest, I will set up a planning meeting in June.



Church Family Picnic & Bi-Annual Parish Meeting

On July 9th, we will only be having one service at 9am. Following the service at around 10am we will have a short bi-annual meeting. Immediately after the meeting we will have a summer picnic.

This will be a pot-luck meal, so feel free to bring a dish to pass. The Vestry will provide the meat. We hope to see everyone there!

-Kathy Kraak



St. Ignatius is extending our office hours...

At the May Vestry meeting they approved extending the Office Coordinator (Jenn's) hours to 8:30am-12:30pm.

Midlothian Counseling Services hours at the church are Monday & Wednesday 1-8pm and Friday 1-6pm.



6/7/23- Tri-Parish Formation-6:30pm Christ Church in Waukegan

6/18/23- "Father's Day" Special Plate Collection for Mattias Academy

6/21/23- Vestry Meeting at 6:45pm in Social Hall

6/25/23- Pence Cans Due



The Moncrieff Family- Felix Cizewski
Ian McDonald- Elizabeth Johnston
Jim & Pat Bletsch- Clare Coleman
The Deichsel Family-Mike Culat
Mildred Hamlin- Dave Moore & Family
George Pahlke- Pam Anast
Margaret Slamar



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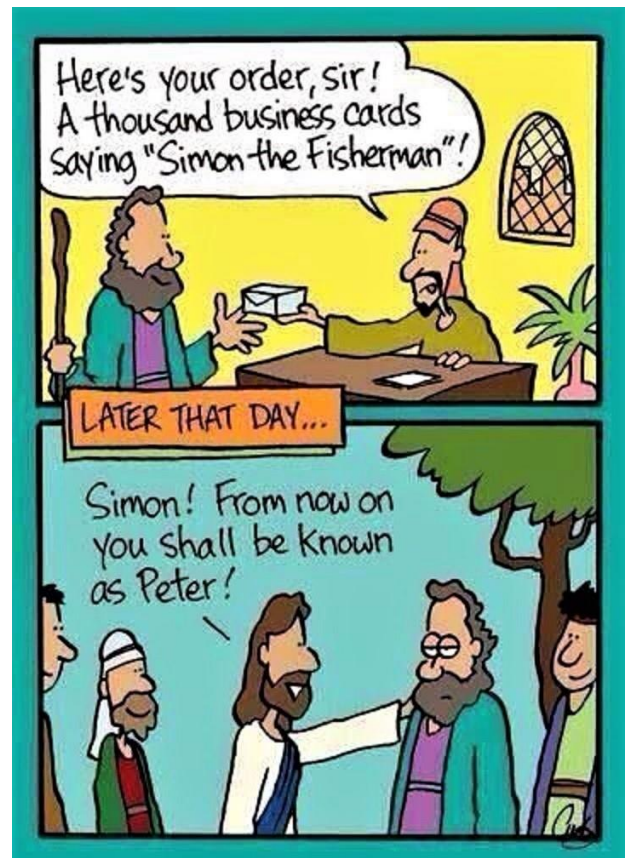
June Special:
50% off all ORANGE sticker items!



June Birthday's

6/4- Kevin Wood
6/9- Keith Garrett
6/9- Liza Simon-Roper
6/12- Felicity Deichsel
6/16- Renee Garrett
6/16- Aiden Nelson
6/19- Mildred Hamlin
6/20- Pat Bletsch
6/23- David McCollough
6/26- Karen Leverenz
6/27- Libby Deichsel
6/27- Ernie Kraak

Comedy Corner



June Anniversary's

6/9- Mike & Linda Mizwicki
6/18- Jim & Pat Bletsch
6/18- Gary & JoAnne Kriens
6/22- Keith & Renee Garrett
6/28- Mark & Karen Leverenz

