

CROSSINGS

MARCH 2013

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS
--EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is a season of reflection. It comes from an old English word meaning "a lengthening." And as the days become longer, we watch for signs of spring when nature sings a song of renewed life, energy and growth.

During lent we are called upon to reflect together as a community of faith on the final weeks of Christ's ministry. We remember His betrayal, arrest, and suffering upon the cross. And we look to Easter Sunday with hope.

Lent is a time for us to reflect individually on our own discipleship. Perhaps you have taken on a

new devotion or discipline for this time. You may have chosen to give up something.

Whatever your Lenten practice is this year I pray that it will deepen your relationship with Christ.

With Christ as our compass on this Lenten journey may we pick up our crosses and follow Him and walk these 40 days with the assurance of Christ's love and with the hope of renewal.

With my deepest gratitude for all that you do and all that you are, I am...

Yours in Christ
Rev. Carol+

Arthur Lichtenberger, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1958-1964:

Fast	from criticism,	and	Feast	on praise;
Fast	from self-pity,	and	Feast	on joy;
Fast	from ill temper,	and	Feast	on peace;
Fast	from resentment,	and	Feast	on contentment;
Fast	from jealousy,	and	Feast	on humility;
Fast	from pride,	and	Feast	on love;
Fast	from selfishness,	and	Feast	on service;
Fast	from fear,	and	Feast	on faith.

The event will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd** at 10 am EDT at the Cathedral of St. James, South Bend. There will be activities appropriate for pre-school and elementary aged children -- music, crafts, and hands-on practice of prayer techniques. There will be information for parents as well so that things the children learn that day can be repeated at home.

RSVP to the diocesan office at info@ednin.org by March 15th.



When you
pray...

The workshop and lunch following are free-of-charge.



Acolyte Festival

The Diocese of Northern Indiana

Saturday, April 27, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Historic Chapel of St. James
@ The Howe School
5755 North State Road 9 • Howe, IN 46746

SPRING CLEANING

Spring Clean the Church before Easter on Sun., March 17th after Coffee Hour. We'll be serving lunch – come join the fun. We would like to have altar guild members meet in the sacristy to polish silver and brass and glass to prepare for Easter Service. We also need to clean the pews and vacuum the pew cushions and dust the altar area. Hope you can join us. Thank you.

In His Service - Cindy Keck

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3-Mar Janet Myers
6-Mar Ben Haas
7-Mar Thomas Asbury
7-Mar Patrick Bean
7-Mar Mandy Streib
9-Mar John Paul
14-Mar Anne Raftree
16-Mar Patrick McCarthy



17-Mar Sue West
18-Mar Devin Callantine
21-Mar Bill and Betty Pratt
21-Mar Pat Scott
22-Mar Dellaura Riggle
23-Mar Jamie Fox
25-Mar Deb Walters
28-Mar Lisa Mast

If your birthday or anniversary is not in our directory and you'd like it to be, please notify the office.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Date	1 st Reader	2 nd Reader	Prayers	1 st Chalice	2 nd Chalice	Welcomers
3/3	Larry Smith	Steve Streeter	Gigi Smith	Steve Streeter	Cindy Keck	Pratt/Butler
3/10	Anne Raftree	Julie Streeter	Terry Scott	Bob Hatley	Deb Walters	Walters'
3/17	Larry Smith	Steve Streeter	Gigi Smith	Cindy Keck	Steve Streeter	Bob Dixons
3/24	Bryan Dixon	Joanna Dixon	Sue West	Deb Walters	Bob Hatley	Bryan Dixons
3/31	Cindy Keck	Joe Bean	Joe Bean	Cindy Keck	Deb Walters	Miller/Barnaby
4/7	Bob Hatley	Steve Streeter	Jan Riley	Steve Streeter	Bob Hatley	Walters'

Please notify Sue West if you cannot serve when scheduled (266-5450) or inform her of your replacement.

DATE ALTAR MINISTRY

3/3 Cyd S./Betty P.
 3/10 Nancy Butler
 3/17 Kay Streeter
 3/24 Sue Glaser
 3/31 Cindy Keck

***COFFEE HOSTS**

-- Megan and Ben
 -- Beans
 -- Open
 -- Open

**COUNTERS SCHEDULE**

C.Dixon/D.Streeter
 L.Barnaby/T.Miller
 J.McCarthy/D.Walters
 T.Miller/C.Dixon
 J.McCarthy/Phil Eddy

*Please consider hosting coffee hour this month!

THANK YOU

--Thanks to the Men's Group for Shrove Tuesday. It was very well attended. The pancakes were fabulous. Great work! Thanks to Jerry McCarthy for organizing this.

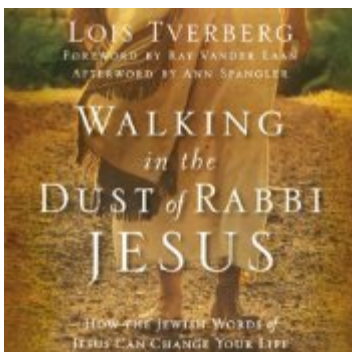
--Our first free community meal was held the last Sunday of January. We had a great turn out having served over 80 meals. The spaghetti sauce was made by the men and women at Bristol Fire Department and they helped serve as well. Thanks to Cindy and Bob Dixon for your help in getting this started. We hope to hold more in the future.

--Thank you to the one who generously donated the new coffee maker. We are now fully caffeinated.

--Thanks to the Bristol Pantry Workers that served in February.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK**Month of January 2013**

	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
Income:			
Pledges	4400	3823	577
Contributions-Non Pledge	1010	731	279
Special Projects Income			0
Plate Offering	126	160	(34)
Transfer from Ready Assets		0	0
Total Income	5536	4714	822
Total Expense	5034	5393	359
Excess Income over (under) Expense	502	(679)	1181



The past fall Steve Streeter and Cyd Sunday led a Bible Study based on Lois Tverberg's book *Walking in the dust of Rabbi Jesus*. During the season of Lent we will continue in the study with Part Two of that book, *Living out the Words of Rabbi Jesus*. There are still books available and you are more than welcome to attend even if you didn't attend part one. It's a quick --- but very fascinating read. Hope you will join us for a Soup Supper and a time of study. We have blocked out the time 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH 2013

Third Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 3

Call to repentance
Seeking God's presence as sustenance for life
Mosaic rock: God will not test beyond strength
Repent -Fig tree parable

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

March 10

Transition from manna to eating fruits of the promise land
Thanksgiving for deliverance from sin and its effects
New creation in Christ
the parable of the prodigal son

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4-14
John 12:1-8

March 17

Past — path in sea; Future — path in desert
Song of Ascent: restore the fortunes of Zion
Count Gains as loss
Anointing by Mary

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118
Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Suffering Servant
Hallel Psalm: festal procession with branches
Triumphant entry or The Passion
Lament in the face of bodily suffering
Christ Hymn
Last Supper—Burial

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 28

First Passover
Thanksgiving—cup of salvation
Institution of the Lord's supper
New commandment—footwashing

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross from the perspective of Mary, Mother of Jesus
6:00 pm

Easter Day

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

March 31

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth
Rejoicing in God's providence
Resurrection: Christ is the first fruits
Empty tomb

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI 1	SAT 2
3 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Food Pantry Sunday 	4	5	6 10 am Bible Study Carol's office hours 10-1 and by apt 6-8 pm Soup Supper & Book Study <i>Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus</i>	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	11	12	13 Carols office hours – 4-8 pm and by appt 6-8 pm Soup Supper & Book Study <i>Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus</i>	14 6:30 Vestry	15	16
17 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	18	19	20 Carols office hours – 4-8 pm and by appt 6 -8 pm Soup Supper & Book Study <i>Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus</i>	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Liturgy of the Passion begins in the Parish Hall	25	26	27 Carols office hours 4-8 pm and by appt 6 -8 pm Soup Supper & Book Study <i>Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus</i> --CROSSINGS DEADLINE	28 7pm Maundy Thursday service	29 6pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross from the perspective of Mary, Mother of Jesus 	30
31 EASTER Sunday 9:30 with Easter Egg Hunt to follow the Services. 	VESTRY April 10th Wed at 6:30 pm May 1st, Wed at 6:30 pm					



Around Our Diocese

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*A Passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ
A Willingness to do Whatever it Takes*

*A Heart for the Lost
A Commitment to One Another*



*Dear brothers and sisters,
Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away,
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

The olive trees that grow in the Garden of Gethsemane today are the direct descendants (here I'm speaking imprecisely; biologists could describe this more Scientifically) of those that stood there that fateful Thursday night. Today's trees are indescribably old, gnarled, weighed down with the years and, I suspect, with the pilgrims' prayers that have been prayed beneath them for centuries beyond count. Most places of pilgrimage in Jerusalem are crowded, noisy, and overrun with travelers. Gethsemane is different. It's surprisingly quiet. Yes, vast numbers of people pass by the trees every day; but the crowds are somehow stilled in the presence of living organisms whose ancestors heard the cries of our Lord himself.

"He withdrew from [his disciples] about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.' And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground" (Luke 22:41-44)

In the Garden, Jesus completes a lesson begun in Luke 11:1, when the disciples asked him: "Lord, teach us to pray." His response was a version of the Lord's Prayer. Now, in Gethsemane, he shows us what the Lord's Prayer means: "Yes" to the Father, no matter what. "Learn of Jesus Christ to pray," the hymn says; and indeed, the agony in the Garden points us to the depths of prayer and of submission to the will of God for our lives.



Next door to the Garden itself stands the Church of All Nations, so named because contributions came from around the world for its construction. The church is spectacularly decorated with a mosaic of Jesus in agony, sleepy disciples unable to comfort him, angels offering strength for the greater agony ahead. On the day that the 32 pilgrims from the Diocese of Northern Indiana visited Gethsemane, we entered the church as a Mass was being celebrated (in Spanish; people come from every continent to pray in this holy place). Directly beneath the altar of the Church of All Nations is an outcropping of rock that, tradition says, is the very spot where Jesus knelt and prayed.

All of this reminds us that Jesus continues to teach us to pray. When we celebrate the Eucharist, thousands of miles from Jerusalem and two millennia's distance from the events of Holy Week, we are being drawn into the very prayer that Jesus uttered in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prays with us. He intercedes for us. "In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who

was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.... He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 5:7; 7:25). Jesus, who prayed in agony in the Garden, is praying to the Father for you and me. When we pray, we join our prayers to his.

Yours in Christ,



When You Pray

Following the success of last year's workshop for children held at the Chrism Mass, another has been scheduled for this year. On Saturday, March 23rd a workshop entitled "When You Pray" will be offered for pre-school and elementary aged children at 10:00 AM (EDT). The event will feature music, crafts, instruction in prayer techniques, and guidelines for family devotionals. Both the lunch and the workshop are free. To register, please contact the diocesan office.

Acolyte Festival

Acolytes of all ages are invited to participate in the Acolyte Festival to be held at the Howe School on Saturday, April 27th. For more information or to register, please email AcolyteFest@gmail.com. Checks for pre-ordered lunches can be mailed to St. Michael & All Angels, South Bend for \$8 per person or an \$80 parish maximum.

Music That Makes Community

There will be a three-day workshop about music will be held at the Waycross Conference Center in Morgantown, Indiana from May 15th through the 17th. The focus of the event will be to renew ancient practices of singing together before music was written down. Registration is \$300 per person before March 20th with accommodations ranging from \$40 to \$92 per night. Ten \$100 scholarships have been made available by a Hoosier benefactor. Email rachel@allsaintscompany.org for more information.

Colloquy on Urban Ministry

The University of Notre Dame and Trinity Episcopal Church, Michigan City will be sponsoring at two day colloquy entitled "Church, Community, Urban Regeneration, and the Midwest" on March 22nd and 23rd. On Friday, the event will be held at the University. On Saturday, the events move to Trinity Church. The featured lecturers will be the Rev. Dr. Hugh Page, a priest of our diocese and Dean of First Year Studies at Notre Dame, the Rev. Dr. Ronald Peters, Director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Metro-Urban Institute, and Dr. Patrick Ashton, Director of Peace and Conflict Studies at IPFW. For more information, please contact the diocesan office or the parish office at Trinity.

Summer Camps

Once again this summer, the diocese will be holding three summer camps for children and youth. All will be held at Camp Alexander Mack in Milford, Indiana. The first will be the "kids camp" for those entering grades three through nine. The dates for this camp are June 16th through the 22nd. For more information, please contact its directors, Tim & Kim Gray and Tamisyn Grantz, at episcopalcamp@gmail.com.

The camp for those in senior high will be held June 30th through July 6th. For more information please contact its director, Carol Bianchini, at cjbianchini@comcast.net.

Camp New Happenings, a camp for children with parents in prison, will be held at the same time as the senior high camp. Donations are still being received and are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer or assist this camp, please contact Charlotte Strowhorn at charlotte1033@sbcglobal.net

Bishop & Diocesan Calendar for March 2013

March 1-3

Colloquy of the Northern Indiana School of Theology

March 2-3

Visitation St. Peter's, Rensselaer and The Key @ St. Peter's

March 6

12:00PM (EDT) Deans Meeting

March 7-14

House of Bishops

March 9

10:00 AM (EDT) Labyrinth Walk at Trinity, Fort Wayne

March 15

12:05 PM (EDT) Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral

March 16

10:00 AM (EDT) Commission on Ministry

March 17

Visitation to St. George's, Berne

March 19

12:00 PM (EDT) Standing Committee

March 20

6:30 PM (CDT) St. Stephen's, Hobart

March 22-23

Urban Ministry Conference at Notre Dame and Trinity, Michigan City

March 23

10:00 AM (EDT) Chrism Mass and "When You Pray" workshop for families at the Cathedral

March 23

5:30 PM (EDT) St. Mark's, Howe

March 24

Visitation to Holy Family, Angola

March 30-31

Visitation to St. Paul's, Mishawaka

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