

Christ Church Weekly Herald

Connecting Our Parish Family



Welcome to our first weekly edition of the Herald! We are trying something new to keep our parish family connected and informed, especially with the challenges that COVID still presents for many of our family and in the community. The majority of these items are printed in the weekly bulletin, but we wanted to keep everyone informed and up to date on parish events and happenings, and also to know that we are thinking of each of you, praying for you, and loving you are a beloved member of our family! --Fr. Mike

This Week at Christ Church

September 12-18, 2021

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| Sun, Sept 12 | Mass of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10AM All Faith Service at Majestic Bluffs 2PM |
| Mon, Sept 13 | <i>Commemoration of Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop & Martyr</i> Rector's Sabbath (No Morning Prayer) |
| Tues, Sept 14 | Holy Cross Day Morning Prayer 9AM Communion at SJCC, Majestic Bluffs 3 PM |
| Wed, Sept 15 | Commemoration of Catherine of Genoa, Mystic and Nurse Morning Prayer 9AM Mid-Week Mass with Healing Prayers 5:30PM (Soup Supper begins tonight) |
| Thurs, Sept 16 | <i>Commemoration of Ninian, Bishop</i> Morning Prayer 9AM |
| Fri, Sept 17 | <i>Commemoration of Hildegard von Bingen, Mystic & Scholar</i> Morning Prayer 9AM |
| Sat, Sept 18 | <i>Commemoration of Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest</i> Morning Prayer 9 AM |

Rector's Office Hours: Tuesday-Thurs 9AM-5PM; Friday 9-12 Noon; Saturday 9-1PM
(Lunch 12-12:30PM Tues-Thurs)

Subject to Change Based on Meetings, Diocesan Events, and Pastoral Emergencies

MIDWEEK MASS: Midweek Mass will be every Wednesday at 5:30pm with prayers for healing and anointing. Soup dinner will begin September 15th following the Mass. This is a short 20-minute service. Bring your friends and family, your neighbors. All are welcome!

Masking Requirement: The Vestry has discerned that we need to return to asking our parish family to begin masking again. The significant rise in the Delta variant in our area has made this requirement necessary for the safety of all our family and visitors. The Vestry will diligently follow the case numbers and health recommendations regularly in hopes that when case numbers decline, the policy can be safely reversed. We ask for the cooperation of all our parish family and visitors.

Blessing of the Pets: On Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00AM, we will celebrate the Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis Day (October 4th) in the church yard, or in the nave if rain. All are welcome to bring leashed or crated pets or even pictures of pets to receive a special blessing. This is open to all people, not just Christ Church members, so invite your friends and neighbors as well. This is a special event in honor of the patron of animals, St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1224) and important to the Franciscans. Your Rector is a Franciscan friar and loves to celebrate this event. We could offer cider and cookies or other goodies if will volunteer to serve! This is a huge outreach event to our community!

Faith Formation Registrations: A reminder to enroll your children, nephews, nieces, or grandchildren in our Faith Formation program as soon as possible. Additional registration forms are available in the Narthex or by calling or emailing the church office. Tentative start date is October 19th.

Weekly Offerings: We have resumed the offering being collected last week. The greeters will not pass the plate through the pews but rather collect the offering from the main aisle to avoid other contact with the plate. Also, we are now able to receive offerings, tithes, and donations through our website: www.christepiscopalchurchyankton.com. This works great for those who wish to offer their tithes and contributions via credit card and for those who are absent or winter in other locations. We depend on the generosity of our parish family to sustain our needs as a parish. Thanks for your very generous and continued support!

Episcopal Relief and Development: On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief to make a gift today.

The Sick and Homebound: Please remember in your prayers and thoughts those of our parish family who are unable to join us for Mass each Sunday due to health issues or are resting in a care facility. If you are able and willing, please consider sending a note to our family members at Majestic Bluffs or the other area care facilities. *If you, your family members, or other parish members are ill or undergoing any medical procedures, please let Fr. Mike know so we can make certain he or she receives the Eucharist and anointing or a home or hospital visitation.* These sacraments keep our parish family united and connected. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, please let Dawne Unruh know.

Diocesan Convention: The Diocesan Convention will be held in Pierre on Friday afternoon September 24th through mid-afternoon on Saturday September 25th. Fr. Mike and Deacon John will be attending a clergy gathering on Thursday evening September 23rd and Friday morning September 24th. Dick and Dawne Unruh are attending as congregational delegates to voice and vote on behalf of our parish family beginning Friday afternoon and ending Saturday afternoon late. Sunday Mass will continue as scheduled on Sunday September 26th. Please keep the diocese in your prayers as we gather to do the work of the church.

Church Calendars: Christ Church will have our own church calendars for distribution this year and should be available in a few weeks. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Homes are sponsoring the calendars and we are so very grateful for their generosity in making these calendars possible.

Scripture Studies: The Benedictine Peace Center is again offering two online Scripture Studies. Both groups begin Sept. 29, with registration deadline of Sept. 22. S. Doris Oberembt will facilitate The Book of Exodus, part 1, online, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. for 5 weeks. The Gospel of Luke, part 1 will meet Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. for 6 weeks with on-line and in-person option if COVID permits. For more information and to register, go to <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/online-scripture-study-exodus/> or <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/online-study-gospel-of-luke/> or contact us at BenedictinePeaceCtr@yanktonbenedictines.org/ 605-668-6292.

To meet our budgeted expenditures for the year, we need to receive an average of \$2,132.00 per week. This past week, we received \$1,645.00. Last Sunday's attendance: 21.