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The Saintly Reminder for the Week of February 18, 2024

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Please join me as I welcome Michelle Lane and Dee Dee Haggard as our new All Saints' newsletter communications team! To simplify communication, you can now send all articles, photos or other newsworthy requests to news@allsaintspontiac.org. As previously requested, please send by Thursday evening of each week for inclusion in the Friday publication.

Parish Life



Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Una Vida Transformada: El Camino del Amor para la Cuaresma

A Lenten Guide from The Episcopal Church

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption.

En Español:

El viaje a través de la Cuaresma hacia la Pascua es un viaje con Jesús. Somos bautizados en su vida, abnegación y muerte; entonces, nos elevamos a la esperanza de la vida transformados. Esta Cuaresma, las comunidades quedan invitadas a caminar con Jesús en su Camino de Amor y con la experiencia de la vida transformada. Juntos, reflexionaremos de nuevo sobre las acciones amorosas de Dios tal como se relatan en las lecturas de la Vigilia Pascual. Juntos, caminaremos a través de las profundidades de la historia de la salvación hacia la plenitud de la redención.

Each week during Lent, you will find a link below that contains a collection of daily short readings, with practices and contemplative questions to consider as you make your own Lenten Journey.

Lenten Blessings to you / Bendiciones Cuaresmales para ti

Week of Feb 18 - 24

Choose from English or Español.

In English

En Español

Our Coffee Hour Sure Could Use Some Help . . .

Please consider hosting a coffee hour.

Coffee Hour is an Important Ministry for Fellowship . . .

Coffee Hour has always been a

dependable informal time to gather after our worship with fellow parishioners and other members of our community. It is a wonderful way to meet and form new relationships with others, and to deepen connection with those you already know.



Hosting can be as simple as a batch of cookies from the store and some crackers and cheese. Ask someone else to partner with you and that is one more connection that makes our community even richer---and it's easier to host with others to share the task!

Feb. 18 **open**

Feb. 25 **open**

Mar. 3 **open**

Mar. 10 **open**

To sign up, please call Antonio [248-334-4571](tel:248-334-4571).

Pause a moment for a Centering Prayer reflection offered by John Houle . . .

“For a while, yes, our ego-self does indeed appear to be the stable operator. We draw our water from the spiritual well and then bring it home to translate all the benefits it confers on our daily lives. From there we translate our thanks back to God in the form of wordless or spoken prayer. But there comes a time when the ego translator drops out, and we are simply *there*, hearing and responding directly in the native language of being. There is oneness. ... Then this ‘inner wellspring’ is no longer a place you go to; it’s a place you *come from*. It’s a whole new structure of consciousness ...”

- Cynthia Bourgeault, *The Heart of Centering Prayer: Nondual Christianity in Theory and Practice*

Week At A Glance

Broadcasting of Sunday Services has been suspended.

Notes:

***Tuesday’s Vestry meeting will be on zoom**

***This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is the opening Weekend of Rock of Ages - Come and enjoy the show. The curtain goes up at 7 pm.**

A Special Note about Gym use during RoA production nights. Actors call usually is 2 hours before the curtain goes up and the cast is so large for this production, they are using the gym for the green room, which is where the actors change costumes and “hang out”, when they are not on stage. That is the reason for the difference in starting times between the

gym and the auditorium.

Sunday 2-18

- 8 am to 9 am - Sanctuary - Celtic Worship Service
- 9:15 am to 10:15 am - Library - Centering Prayer
- 10:30 am to 12:00 pm - Sanctuary - Traditional Worship Service; Children's Sermon will be offered
- 12 pm to 1 pm - RKR - Coffee Hour
- 1 pm to 5 pm prox - Auditorium - RoA Dress Rehearsal & Tech Week
- 6 pm to 8 pm - Gym - Wrestling

Monday 2-19

***Note: Office Closed for President's Day**

- 10 am to 12 pm - RKR - Matchan Board Meeting
- 12:30 PM to 2:30 pm prox - RKR - Stitching
- 3 pm to 6:30 pm - Commons - BT
- 3:30 to 4:30 - Gym - BT
- 7 pm - Commons - AA
- 7 pm - Auditorium - RoA Dress Rehearsal
- 7 pm - Gym - RoA Dress Rehearsal (Green Room)

Tuesday 2-20

Important Note: Will everyone entering the church on this evening, from 6 pm on, please use the elevator entrance as Theatre 4 will be using the RKR and the Vestibule as their green room, in order to allow Wrestling to use the gym. The front door will be locked.

- 10 am to 2 pm - Auditorium - Matchan Free Lunch Program
- 10 am to 2 pm - Library - Christian Legal Aid of Michigan
- 10 am to 2 pm - Gym - Matchan Free Market
- 3 pm to 6:30 pm - Commons - BT
- 3:30 to 4:30 - Gym - BT
- 6 pm to 8 pm - Gym - Wrestling
- 7 pm to 10 pm prox - Auditorium - RoA Dress Rehearsal
- 7 pm to 10 pm prox - RKR and Lobby (Entrance) - RoA Dress Rehearsal (the front door will be locked)
- **7 pm to 9 pm - Zoom - Vestry Meeting (Please use [this link](#) if you would like to join the meeting)**

Wednesday 2-21

***Note: Wrestling for tonight has been canceled in order to allow RoA to use gym as the green room**

- 3 pm to 6:30 pm - Commons - BT
- 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm - Gym - BT
- 7 pm to 9 pm prox - Auditorium - RoA Dress Rehearsal and Tech Week
- 7 pm to 9 pm prox - Gym - RoA Dress Rehearsal (green room)

Thursday 2-22

- 10 am to 2 pm - Auditorium - Matchan Free Lunch Program
- 10 am to 2 pm - Gym - Matchan Free Market
- 3 pm to 6:30 pm - Commons - BT
- 6 pm to 8 pm - Gym - Wrestling

Friday 2-23

- 11 am to 12 pm - Commons - AA

- 11 am - Funeral in the Church
- 12:30pm to 2:30pm Auditorium, Funeral Reception
- 2:30pm to 4 pm - Auditorium/Kitchen - Breakfast setup
- 5 pm to 11 pm prox - Gym
- 5 pm to 7 pm - Sanctuary - Pt IV Vocal group for Theatre IV
- 7 pm to 10 pm prox - Auditorium - RoA Production night - Curtain goes up at 7 pm

Saturday 2-24

- 8 am to 10 am - Auditorium - Community Breakfast
- 9 am to 11 am - Gym - Wrestling
- 10 am to 2 pm - Bookstore Open
- 10 am to 2 pm - Old Rectory Resale Shop - Open
- 5 pm to 11 pm prox - Gym - RoA Production Night
- 7 pm to 10 pm prox - Auditorium - RoA Production Night - Curtain goes up at 7 pm

Thoughts from Rev. Chris Berg

....BUT ON THE OTHER HAND...

From time to time, I will be writing a brief article in the weekly Reminder. It will generally be on things ecclesiastical....customs and costumes, vestries and vestments, signs and symbols, feasts, fasts, and "feria days." ("feria days" are week-days which are neither fast nor feast days). I will be writing about things that when melded together present us to the world as a distinctive people (or at least they could if we were so inclined). One might see these "distinctives" in a more negative light as affectations that substitute for real commitment. You don't have to "walk the walk;" just look the part.



[Click here to read on.](#)

All Saints Children's Program for February 18

Children will be with their families in the Sanctuary. Rev. Chris Johnson will offer a Children's Sermon for them at the Chancel.



This month's theme is Ash Wednesday and Lent. We'll be exploring ways we can give to others.

Month at a glance:

2/4: 4-7yo - RKR; 8-11yo - CP in the Library; Afterwards, Worship in the Sanctuary and the children can have their handmade candles blessed by Fr Chris J.

2/11: 8-11yo - RKR; 4-7yo - CP in the Library

2/18: All in the Sanctuary for Children's Sermon

2/25: All together in the RKR: Making Cards of Appreciation

Don't Speak Spanish? Use These Tricks to Easily Communicate with Spanish-speaking Parishioners and Guests

Hello (*Hola*). Many of you know that we have new parishioners at All Saints'. Some are native Spanish speakers who don't know very much English, but they are learning. While they work on their English, we can learn a little Spanish so we can say hello and make them feel welcome.

It's really quite simple. All you need to do is:

[Read more here.](#)

PONTIAC THEATRE IV PRESENTS

ROCK OF AGES

BOOK BY CHRIS D'ARIZENZO
ARRANGEMENTS & ORCHESTRATION BY ETHAN POPP

**FEBRUARY 23, 24 / 7PM
FEBRUARY 25 / 4PM
FEBRUARY 29, MAR 1, MAR 2 / 7PM
MAR 3 / 4PM**

TICKETS \$15 ALL SHOWS
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Rock of Ages (Musical) **Coming to a Stage Near You!**

Theatre IV is planning the largest and most ambitious production that they have ever attempted coming near the end of February. Theatre IV, over the years, has had smaller and larger productions but this one, Rock of Ages, tops them all. At one point there are about 60 performers on stage, singing and dancing, plus a rock band.

All Performances will be in the Auditorium. You can buy tickets [HERE](#)

Production Dates are as follows:

- Friday, Feb 23 - Opening Night, 7pm - 10pm
- Saturday Feb 24 - Evening Performance, 7pm - 10pm
- Sunday Feb 25 - Matinee Performance, 2pm - 5pm
- Thursday Feb 29 - Evening Performance, 7pm-10pm
- Friday Mar 1 - Evening Performance, 7pm-10
- Saturday Mar 2 - SPECIAL Matinee Performance for Community Breakfast and Matchan Clients and Volunteers 11:30am - 2:30pm
- Saturday - Mar 2 - Evening Performance, 7pm - 10pm

- Sunday - Mar 3 - Matinee Performance, 2 pm - 5pm

Stay tuned for updates for exact times and updates from Theatre IV!
For more information about this musical, see Rock of Ages

AND, exclusively for all clients and volunteers for the Matchan Lunch and Market Program, or the All Saints Pontiac Community Breakfast, there will be a special, FREE Matinee performance:

11:30am, March 2!

See image below:

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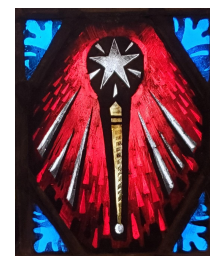
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Prayers of the People

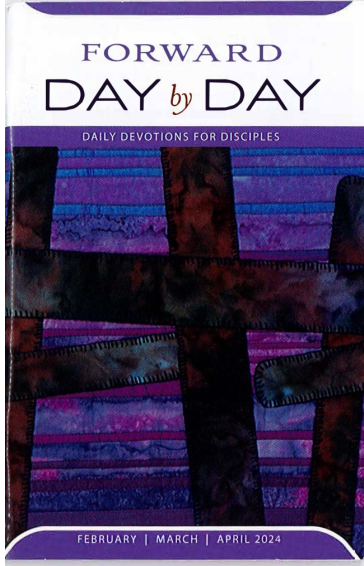


We pray for those who have entrusted their needs to our intercession on their behalf: [Please click](#) here to read more.



Daily Prayer

a resource of Forward Movement



We have regular and large print copies of Forward Day By Day daily meditations for February through April 2024 are now available. Please contact Rev. Chris Johnson if you would like to receive one of those copies. I will be happy to drop it off.

Cell [303-507-0833](tel:303-507-0833)

Email rector@allsaintspontiac.org

If you prefer, [here is a link](#) for the daily readings for each day.

En Español, Email Sign-up:
[Adelante Día a Día](#)

Mission and Ministry

Opportunities to Support Outreach Ministries of All Saints Pontiac

If you would like to direct financial support for outreach ministries at All Saints Pontiac, you can do so by writing checks to "All Saints Pontiac" and indicating the ministry to direct it to in the memo.



These opportunities include:

- Immigration Ministry
- Weekly Community Breakfast
- Bound Together
- Youth Wrestling Program, "Peer Pressure Relief"
- Rector's Discretionary Account

The Resale Shop is open every Saturday from 10 to 2

Serving our neighbors as a Resale Shop volunteer is one of many ways All Saints' seeks and serves Christ. It truly affords dignity to shoppers trying to stretch their dollars as they provide for basic needs for themselves or family members.

The Resale Shop requires much effort by many hands to exist. Will you consider whether God is inviting you to join in this ministry?



Please contact Becky Brandenburg ([248-505-1655](tel:248-505-1655) or rebeccabran@aol.com) if you would like to join our Resale Shop volunteer corps.

Bound Together

☐ *Winter is really here - so we're sending warm wishes!*

And here's what is coming up:

February 29: African American Read-In ☐

[Read more here.](#)



[Bound Together Volunteer Application](#)

Finance and Administration

"Neither rain, nor snow, nor hail shall keep the mail carriers from their appointed rounds"
to the new mailbox in the small parking lot
on West Pike Street between the Church and the Resale Shop.



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The P.O. Box address will be discontinued in a few months, saving time and money. Please note the change in your address book.

Parish Directory 2024

Update: The parish directory is **completed** and will soon be released using our Realm Data System. We will offer Coffee Hour Tutorials on Sundays so people can learn how to log in and download the directory.



Eventually we hope to use Realm as the source of information distributed to the congregation.

Rev. Chris Johnson

Vestry & Leadership Directory

Co-Senior Warden Michael Kobylak (mkobylak@gmail.com)

Co-Senior Warden Lisa Varnier (varnierlm@gmail.com)
Clerk (Secretary) Mary Beth Tygielski (tally_mb@yahoo.com)

[Click here](#) to access all Congregational Leadership and their contact information.

Your Diocese and Beyond

PRAYING FOR PEACE



Resources for the Conflict in the Holy Land

The Episcopal Church "condemns in the strongest possible terms Hamas's brutal and unjustified attack against Israeli civilians, and now we note with grave concern the catastrophic and worsening situation in Gaza."

Many of us are unsure about how we can help. Click [HERE](#) for a page of resources relating to the ongoing conflict in Israel/Gaza. The page is regularly updated as further information and resources become available.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all the people are treated with dignity and honor as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

Amen



Oakland SAVES Grant Program is now open!

Oakland County has partnered with Michigan Saves, the nation's first nonprofit green bank, to invest \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to provide qualified residents with an Oakland SAVES (Simple Actions for Valuable Energy Savings) grant. These grants can be used to make updates to homes, producing savings in energy consumption and utility bills and improving a home's health, safety and comfort. This program is specifically for owner-occupied, single family homes.

Eligible improvements include: the installation of insulation, energy-efficient doors and windows, weatherstripping, and heating, ventilation, water heater and air conditioning improvements.

[Read on to learn about this grant program](#)

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