



## The Newsletter



### SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

**The Mission of the Church** is to restore all people to unity with God and with each other in Jesus Christ. We pursue that mission in prayer, worship, and the sacraments, the proclamation of the

Gospel, and in working for justice, peace and love. The Book of Common Prayer, Page 855

**Saint Augustine's Church** is a parish of the Diocese of Fond du Lac: A community of disciples enthusiastically leading all people to transformation in Jesus.

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## From the Rector

Dear St. Augustine's family:

One hymn I particularly enjoy (even though it is very long) is St. Patrick's Breastplate.

It is often sung on St. Patrick's Day, as well as at other significant times such as ordinations.

For my message this month I would like to share a portion of the hymn. It is a great piece on which to reflect; and to discern our role in the life of Christ, and Christ's role in our lives.

*I bind unto myself today  
The strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three.*

*O bind this day to me forever  
By pow'r of faith Christ's incarnation,  
His baptism in the Jordan River  
His cross of death for my salvation  
His bursting from the speied tomb,  
His riding up the heavenly way  
His coming at the day of doom  
I bind unto myself today.*

I ask His blessing on you this holy season.

Faithfully,  
Meredyth+

### Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service: 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service: noon, followed by Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil: 8:15 p.m. (Service will begin with a joint fire of new life with Nativity Catholic Church.

The service will be in the playground area between St. Augustine's and Nativity)

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services will begin at the usual Sunday time of 9 a.m.



## **Good Friday Offering**

The Good Friday Offering of the Episcopal Church is one way to help connect the love of Christ on the cross with our support of the ongoing ministry of love and compassion carried out in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Donations made on Good Friday will be forwarded to the efforts to support Christianity in the Middle East.

## **Lenten Laughter**

Enjoy a bit of laughter and some pizza at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4. We will watch the movie "Bruce Almighty." Please sign up in the Guild Hall.

## **Women's Gathering**

'Hope' is the theme of a women's gathering on Monday, April 8 at Nativity Catholic Church. A potluck gathering will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by discussion/activities until 8:30 p.m. The event will be held in the gathering space at Nativity. Sign-up sheets are in the guild hall.

## **ECW**

Episcopal Church Women will hold a craft day on Tuesday, April 9th at 1:00 p.m. Watch for announcements about future dates.

## **Youth Easter Activities**

Communion bread baking and the making of bursted tombs will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. in the church kitchen. All youth are invited to participate.

## **Sharing Box**

Occasionally someone has something they want to leave for another parishioner and it gets put on a table somewhere, only to be hanging around for a while. There is a mailbox on the wall near the kitchen labeled sharing. If you have something relatively small, and let someone know you have something for them, place it in that box for pick up.

## **Thank you**

Thank you to several anonymous donors.

One provided a new microwave for the kitchen, this is greatly appreciated.

Another anonymous donor provided funds for new altar candles, making the lives of the altar guild members much easier.

Thank you for donations of a new coffee pot for the kitchen for small group use and for the donation of a newer TV and an easel (makes Mother Meredyth's life easier).

During the heavy snowstorms of March, the church building property and the rectory property were so buried in snow that we had to have snow removed with heavy equipment. Thank you to the anonymous donor who paid for that expenditure.

## **Coffee hour thanks**

Thank you to the Steffen family for providing the Shrove Tuesday on Sunday pancake dinner. And...a thank you to Karen Windorff and JoAnne Maass for making the Reuben sandwiches for a special St. Patrick's Day coffee hour.

Speaking of coffee hour, there has been a shortage of people signing up to host coffee hour. Please consider doing so. Or, if you are not able to take care of an entire coffee hour, please provide a coffee cake, loaf of quick bread, cookies, etc. to keep in the freezer for days when no one has signed up to host. Thank you.



## Facebook page

Ivy Windorff is now maintaining our Facebook page. If you have something to add – pictures etc., please send it to her at [iverdiverdoodle@yahoo.com](mailto:iverdiverdoodle@yahoo.com).

## Companioning in Grief

A training on how to companion an individual in grief is being held at the Rhinelander district Library, Monday, April 22 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Ascension AT Home Hospice. For information call 715-301-7215.

## Anti-racism awareness

A Gathering of People of Faith on Saturday, April 13, includes a personal appearance of award-winning film producer Katrina Brown. In seminary, Browne discovered her Rhode Island ancestors were the biggest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She decided to confront this painful past. The resulting award-winning film, *Traces of the Trade* (PBS: 2008,) follows her modern-day family's journey of discovery as they come to grips with this buried Northern history and its ripples in the present day.

“As a white woman,” Browne shared in a recent interview, “I’ve come to feel called to this work of racial repair not out of guilt, but grief.”

The gathering starts at 10:00 a.m. at The Beloved Community of Intercession Episcopal and Redeemer Lutheran, 900 Brilowski Road on the east side of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Registration is at [diofdl.org/tott](http://diofdl.org/tott). It is open to the public.

Event planners from four area denominations are working cooperatively to promote healing across racial divides. The morning includes a viewing of *Traces of the Trade* followed by discussion led by Browne. The afternoon includes presenting information about *Sacred Ground* ([episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground](http://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground)), a new free resource from the Episcopal Church which is a film-based race dialogue series for small groups in congregations.

The event sponsors include the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ELCA), the North East District of the Wisconsin United Methodist Church, and the Winnebago Presbytery. Denominational leaders meet regularly to discuss ways they can work together to enhance their ministry.

## Episcopal Diocese holding Festival

The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac will hold its annual Eucharistic Festival at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 51 West Division Street in downtown Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on Saturday, June 29, 2019. The Festival will begin with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Bishop's Picnic. The day ends with Evening Prayer and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The preacher will be the Very Rev. C. Patrick Perkins, Dean of the Cathedral.

The Eucharistic Festival was the vision of the Fifth Bishop of Fond du Lac, the Rt. Rev. William H. Brady. It is designed to draw people together each year to display unity in Christ and proclaim the Christian faith through recognition of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. A diocesan choir will lead congregational singing. There is no cost for the Bishop's picnic which includes hot dogs, brats and ice cream.

“This Festival continues Bishop Brady's vision of gathering together for worship and fellowship,” according to Bishop Matt Gunter. “It's a great time to see old friends and make new ones while worshipping God.”

For additional details, visit [diofdl.org/ef](http://diofdl.org/ef). All are welcome to join and there is no cost to attend or for the lunch. A free offering will be taken.