



# Good News

The Newsletter of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, Chicago

February 2011

## Christmas Baskets "Thank You" Notes

Judy Van Dam shared with us some of the thank-you notes that were received from our participation in the Cathedral Shelter Christmas Basket program. We reproduce them here so that the entire parish can get a sense of the lives that are touched through this outreach ministry.

Dear Santa ...

Season's Greetings

Thank you for making this Christmas a special blessing for our family. Without you this wouldn't have been possible. We are blessed with honor roll students. We pride ourselves on being the best parents we can be. Unfortunately we are financially strapped for gifts. So we try to do the best we can with what we have. That's why we appreciate you and your kindness this time of year. Our children deserve alot because they give their all during the school year and deserve great rewards for their efforts. You have made it possible for them to feel special. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and pray that you and your family are Blessed just as we are. Thank you and God Bless. Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Our sincerest Thank  
Jose He Alvarez +  
Balden family

## Nursery Care Available on Sunday Mornings Again!

The nursery will be open for children under 3 years of age, Sunday mornings between 8:45am and 12:30pm. It will meet in the "Tot's" classroom just south of the Guild Room and at the head of the stairs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Nursery care will begin on January 30, 2011, and will run through May 1, 2011. Nursery care will not be available on February 20 (President's Day Weekend), March 20 & 27 (spring break), and April 24 (Easter Sunday).

A \$10.00 donation per family is suggested to cover the cost of childcare.

See Danielle Thompson's article on page 3 of this newsletter for additional information.

## Youth Group Plans Ice Skating in Millennium Park

Contact Charles Murphy for details

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## From the Rector

### REALIZING OUR POTENTIAL

St. Chrysostom's 2010 actual end of year pledges are \$601,760, which is 95% of the total pledged amount in 2010 of \$634,866.00. Those figures include the Great Fifty Days of Easter appeal and the matching grant by a parish family. They do not include the Lilly Grant. Pledge and plate for 2010 was \$647,362.00.

For 2011 we have 204 pledges for \$500,764 or 80% of the goal of \$625,000. The Vestry has decided to continue the appeal in this new year, until Easter—a Lenten Appeal.

- We are funding a new position, the Curate's position, and while on the whole we are trying to keep other costs flat (or when possible cut), some other expenses have gone up for 2011, notably insurance and gas.
- We are grateful to those who have made a pledge for 2011.
- We express our great thanks to those who made an increase in the Great Fifty Days of Easter appeal in 2010 and have repeated that increase for 2011.
- If you generously gave an increase in 2010, and have not repeated it for 2011, we ask you to consider doing so.
- We will continue our stewardship appeal to Easter, and after Easter see where we are. If we have to make cuts, the Vestry will, as we did when the recession hit in 2008.
- We are deeply conscious of the realities of the recession since 2008. We have parishioners who have lost jobs or are out of work. Church should be a place of comfort and strength for them.
- We have a commitment to keep parishioners' pledge amounts as confidential and private as possible. Only a handful of people know what the actual pledges are. Our goal is to keep that commitment. Your pledge is between God and you.
- We want to encourage **new pledges**. We received 43 new pledges in 2010, which is wonderful, and it is a good goal to repeat that number of new pledges in 2011. Any amount is welcome. We want to widen the circle of active members and supporters in our community of faith.
- There was such excitement last Easter about getting a new assistant, and such excitement about a new assistant being with us this fall—and our fall and Advent and Christmas worship and programs were so well attended—that we want to keep a sense of joy and excitement about the mission of St. Chrysostom's going into 2011.

Raymond Webster, *Rector*

writing on behalf of the Wardens and Vestry

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## From Our Curate



### Kids in Church

In Nashville, I worked at a church with a bustling nursery. Every Sunday morning, at least seven or eight babies and toddlers played with one another and their caregivers, while moms and dads attended Church School and worship. Meanwhile, back at my home parish my godson's mother courageously chased him up and down the nave for an hour-and-a-half, firm in her belief that he should be with us, learning about worship from his very first years.

The good news is that there's no right way to handle kids in church! The parents where I worked had figured out a routine that was comfortable for them and their children *at that particular time*, just as my friend was dedicated to her own approach to her son's religious formation. Some babies and toddlers respond extremely well to the liturgy: they love singing, seeing new faces, and all of the "shiny things" that we keep around. Other little ones love the space and the music just as much, but have trouble harnessing in all that wonderful energy!

While our 9:00am service of Holy Eucharist is perfect for infants and toddlers of *all* dispositions, a committee of parents and I have organized a nursery for children under 3 that will run from January 30, 2011 until the first weekend in May. Meg Sauer, one of the parents who has helped make this opportunity possible, shares her thoughts about the nursery below:

We are so fortunate to have the nursery returning to St. Chrysostom's on Sunday mornings. Those of us with young babies and toddlers have long been hoping for a place our children can go while we take time to worship with our older children and other families. This is a terrific opportunity for the children to be together at church and play in a place that is safe, fun, and developmentally appropriate. While sending children to the nursery is completely at our discretion, I think we will all find that our children enjoy their time there, and therefore, our time of worship will be more rewarding. Though the nursery will be staffed with two Episcopal church-trained caregivers (students from Moody Bible Institute) each week, we are counting on parents to help in the nursery on occasion (from 9-10). Children are always proud to have their parents around in these circumstances, and it fosters the larger "church family" feeling that we all love about St. Chrysostom's. The parental presence will insure continuity in the nursery and give parents the opportunity to get to know other children. Another perk: the nursery will be open during both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. What an amazing opportunity for us to attend the 11:00 service and enjoy the glorious music! We thank you in advance for your support and hope everyone will feel comfortable utilizing the nursery—we are very excited about its return!

—Meg Sauer

It is our sincere hope that you will enjoy using the nursery, should you choose to use it, and that the whole church will own it, keeping in mind the promises that we make to our children at their baptisms. Please look for more information to be posted in the bulletin, on the church's website, and in the Parents with Young Children's email correspondence.

## Outreach / Wider Mission

### Cooking for Deborah's Place

This outreach ministry convenes in the kitchen on the Thursday before the third Friday of each month. Coordinated by Noma Cave, kitchen help and delivery persons are always needed and your involvement can be as little as once a year, or as often as each month. We also need a grocery shopper (having a car helps for this activity). Newcomers to St. Chrysostom's are invited to join! Call Noma Cave at 312-475-1183 (home) or 312-942-5182 (office) to join this activity. Our next cooking day is Thursday, February 17.



### Neighbors in Need

Our next Neighbors in Need dinner is Tuesday, February 15. The Planning Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month. Volunteers are welcome to join in cooking, serving, visiting with the guests, and clean-up activities. Call the church office to become involved in this outreach ministry.

## Community Life

### Women of St. Chrysostom's

Our February program is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in the Guild Room at 1:30 pm. Marcia Whitney-Schenck will present "St. Therese of Lisieux—The Story of a Soul." Cost: \$15 includes tea and French desserts.

#### Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

##### April 5, 2011 (Tuesday)

Lenten Breakfast and Meditation.  
Guild Room, 9-10:30 a.m. Cost: \$12.  
Speaker: Rev. Danielle Thompson

##### April 10, 2011 (Sunday)

Book Sale and Bake Sale.  
Harding Room, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hon. Chair:  
Nancy Spain; Lynn Evans (Bake Sale); Sara  
Clary (Book Sale). Volunteers needed.

##### April 20, 2011 (Wednesday)

"Seven Crucial Moments in the Life of  
Christ" by Betty Marks.  
Luncheon at the home of Pam Marks,  
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost: \$20.

## Altar Flowers

It is not too early to start making donations toward the Easter flowers for the church, keeping in mind that Mother's Day comes very quickly after Easter this year. If you typically contribute towards both Easter and Mother's Day flower decorations for the church, you may want to budget funds early. You don't need a special form, but do mark on your check for which occasion you want the funds to be used.

## Christian Education

### Adult Forum

Adult Forums are part of the Sunday Morning Christian Education hour and present a wide range of diverse topics featuring guest speakers as well as St. Chrysostom's parishioners. These sessions are open to all parishioners, guests, and visitors. Come, join us upstairs in the Guild Room at 10 o'clock!

#### February 6 • SPEAKER Michael Allocca **Bhagavad-Gita, or Paradox on Wheels**

In this great poem of the Indian tradition, the warrior Arjuna asks his charioteer—the god Krishna in disguise—for advice and encouragement. He is exhorted to overcome his reluctance to kill friends, kinsmen, elders, teachers, and go forward into battle, in a poem which has gone on to give spiritual guidance to millions for centuries afterwards, including Thoreau and Gandhi. This is just one of the paradoxes that fill this work and make it so fascinating.

*Michael Allocca is Chair of the Basic Program of Liberal Education for Adults at the Graham School of General Studies of the University of Chicago. He was born in Brooklyn and educated at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. He has been a journalist, chef, classicist, linguist and theologian.*

#### February 13 • SPEAKER Adam Rose

##### **East is East and West is West? The Bible as an Asian Classic**

Despite its indisputable "Asian" provenance, the Bible has long been widely accepted as one of the foundational texts of "Western" civilization in general and of "Western" literature in particular. Indeed, the University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies' new Asian Classics program omits the Bible (as well as its precursors, such as the Epic of Gilgamesh) from its curriculum. This presentation will examine both the key assumptions involved in the categorization of the Bible as "Western" (and thus "non-Asian") and the problems such a categorization creates for understanding both the Bible itself and those "Asian" texts dependent upon it (such as the Qur'an).

*Adam Rose is an instructor in the Basic Program of Liberal Education for Adults at the University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies.*

#### February 20 • SPEAKER Raymond Ciacci

##### **Plutarch's Lives of the Greeks and Romans: His Goals and Philosophical Predispositions**

That Plutarch intentionally steps out of his monumental work on the *Lives of the Greeks and Romans* to engage us in further enquiry is invaluable to our understanding and greater appreciation of this work. Not all authors choose to do this. In true detective fashion, let's unravel his own personal remarks with a view to greater comprehension.

*Raymond Ciacci is the Director of the Master of Liberal Arts program, Dean of Students in the Graham School of General Studies, Lecturer in the Humanities Collegiate Division, and Instructor in the Basic Program at the University of Chicago.*

#### February 27 • SPEAKER: Clare Pearson

##### **The East-West Dialogue on Self, Soul and Divinity in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries**

This talk will briefly sketch out some of the basic positions of Vedic and Buddhist philosophy of the self and consider how these positions pushed some of the major Western thinkers of the 19th and 20th centuries to reconceive what we are, how we are and what it means to be.

*Clare Pearson did her graduate work with the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago and teaches at St. Xavier University in the Philosophy Department as well as for the Basic Program of Liberal Education for Adults at the Graham School of the University of Chicago.*

## Music at St. Chrysostom's

### *Concerts at St. Chrysostom's*

#### The 2010-2011 Concert Series

**Sunday, February 27 at 2:30 p.m. — Le Grand Siecle**

**Music by the Masters: Charpentier, Couperin, De La Lande, Lully, and Marais**

*Sopranos:* Lindsay Metzger, Jennifer Schneider & Nora Engonopoulos

*Countertenor:* Alexander Edgemon

*Tenors:* Micah Dingler & Marcus Shields

*Baritone:* Matthew Hayden

*Violins:* Martin Davids & Wendy Harton Benner

*Viole de gambe:* Craig Trompeter;

*Organ:* Richard Barrick Hoskins

**Sunday, March 27 at 2:30 p.m. — Pergolesi-Bach**

**Bach: Psalm 51 (Tilge Höchster, Meine Sünden); Arias from the St. Matthew Passion; works for organ**

*Soprano:* Heather DeSouza; *Mezzo-soprano:* Angela Young Smucker;

*Violin:* Martin Davids & Garry Clarke; *Viole de gambe:* Craig Trompeter;

*Organ:* Richard Barrick Hoskins

**Sunday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m. — The Glorious Voices of St. Chrysostom's**

Diana Lawrence, Lindsay Metzger, Jennifer Schneider, Nora Engonopoulos, Alexander Edgemon, Angela Young Smucker, Micah Dingler, Herbert Lentz, Marcus Shields, Justin Adair, Matthew Hayden

Richard Hoskins, *Piano*

**Sunday, May 22 at 2:30 p.m. — The Parish Recital**

The multi-talented members of our Parish perform!

### From Our Archives—100 Years Ago

This photo (circa 1910-1915) is of the St. Chrysostom Choir of Men and Boys, John Astley-Cock, Choirmaster and Organist. The tradition of an all male choir



was maintained until World War I which greatly reduced the availability of men to fill the ranks of singers in church choirs. It became necessary to change to a mixed adult choir, a tradition that has continued to this day with our excellent professional choir. What a difference 100 years can make!

### *Choral Music for February*

**February 6**

*The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church*

Howells: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Howells: Office of the Holy Communion

(Collegium Regale)

**February 13**

*The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church*

DiLasso: Jubilate Deo

Charpentier: Laudate Dominum omnes gentes

Poulenc: Exultate Deo

**February 20**

*The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

*The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church*

Pärt: The Beatitudes

Byrd: O quam suavis est

**February 27**

*The Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church*

*The Advanced Children's Choir*

Sumsion: Service in G

Mozart: Laudate Dominum



### Chorister News

We are very proud to announce that Georgia Dettmann and Elizabeth Bryant received scores in the top 4% of the Royal School of Music's Theory Exam! We congratulate our wonderful choristers on this great accomplishment.



**Deacon Notes**

February 2011 marks my sixth anniversary as an ordained deacon in the Episcopal church. I am so happy for all of the support that my friends at Saint Chrysostom's have given me in my parish and outside ministry. I am once again asking for your help with Bishop's Lee's challenge. I am the water rep at St. Chrysostom's. This year, Bishop Lee has challenged the Episcopalians of the Diocese of Chicago to dig wells! Make a difference in the lives of others a world away. The Bishop requests that *every* Episcopalian participate in the challenge to fund the digging of 50 wells next year in villages that need clean water the most. It costs \$5000 to dig a single well. Please do your part to help out. I think that our parish should be able to fund at least one well. When you donate \$15, (make it in honor of someone you love!) you'll receive a beautiful card to send your loved ones telling them about the gift given in their honor. Please make sure that when you write a check that in the memo section you note "well project."

— The Rev. Larry A. Green, *Deacon*

**Pre-Lenten Men's Retreat  
Scheduled for March 4 & 5**

Our annual men's retreat is open to all men of the Chicago Diocese and will be held again at the DeKoven Center, Racine, Wisconsin, March 4-5, 2011. It is just 22 hours long, beginning at 6 pm on Friday evening, March 4, and concludes at 4 pm Saturday afternoon, March 5. This year's theme is "Heroes." Rev. David Stanford, Associate for Pastoral Care at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, Chicago, is our retreat leader. The DeKoven Center provides an easily accessible and beautiful retreat center, just 72 miles from downtown Chicago. Space is limited. The cost is \$99 for Friday night's accommodation and meals. A film by the title "Hero" starts off the theme Friday evening, and Rev. Stanford will challenge us with the stories of men of the Bible who were heroes. To reserve a place at the retreat, please E-mail: Dr. Bob Schenck at rschenckmd@gmail.com. Questions? Call him at 312-371-1535. The retreat is sponsored by the Men's Groups of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church. Men's groups and members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew are encouraged to car pool. Are you a hero? Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for men to fellowship together, in this pre-Lenten season.

**Christmas Basket Thank You** *(continued from page 1)*

Donor,  
I felt compelled to write a letter to you express my sincere gratitude & appreciation for your generosity. I would love nothing more than to provide for my children for the holidays but unfortunately this year has been a struggle for us. With that being said, I feel so fortunate to have someone out of the kindness of their heart provide when I couldn't. Your kindness is astounding and from my children and myself, I appreciate and thank you for everything. Blessings to you and your family.

*If only everyone were as thoughtful as you.*



## February Calendar Highlights

### Wednesday, February 2

7:30 am Holy Eucharist  
4:00 pm Training Choir rehearsal  
6:00 pm Day School Haitian Fête  
6:30 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, February 3

3:00 pm Neighbors in Need planning meeting

### Friday, February 4

3:45 pm Advanced Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, February 6

*5th Sunday after the Epiphany*  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Family Eucharist  
10:00 am Christian Education  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist & Sermon  
5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

### Monday, February 7

6:00 pm Employment Council

### Wednesday, February 9

7:30 am Holy Eucharist  
1:30 pm Eucharist at Kenwood  
4:00 pm Training Choir rehearsal  
6:30 pm Bible Study

### Friday, February 11

3:45 pm Advanced Choir rehearsal  
5:30 pm Parents with Young Children pizza party (Harding Room, gym)

### Sunday, February 13

*6th Sunday after the Epiphany*  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Family Eucharist  
10:00 am Christian Education  
11:00 am Morning Prayer & Sermon  
5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

### Monday, February 14

1:00 pm WOSC book club  
6:00 pm Employment Council

### Tuesday, February 15

10:30 am Eucharist at Hallmark  
4:30 pm Neighbors in Need dinner

### Wednesday, February 16

7:30 am Holy Eucharist  
11:45 am Day School chapel  
4:00 pm Training Choir rehearsal  
6:30 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, February 17

3:00 pm Cooking for Deborah's Place

### Friday, February 18

3:45 pm Advanced Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, February 20

*7th Sunday after the Epiphany*  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Family Eucharist  
**Note:** Christian Education classes do not meet today  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist & Sermon  
5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

### Monday, February 21

President's Day holiday  
Parish office closed

### Tuesday, February 22

Mayoral Primary voting (gym & Harding Room)  
1:30 pm WOSC program (Guild Room)

### Wednesday, February 23

7:30 am Holy Eucharist  
4:00 pm Training Choir rehearsal  
6:30 pm Bible Study

### Friday, February 25

3:45 pm Advanced Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, February 27

*8th Sunday after the Epiphany*  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Family Eucharist  
10:00 am Christian Education  
11:00 am Morning Prayer & Sermon  
2:30 pm Concert: Le Grand Siècle (vocal music by French composers)  
5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

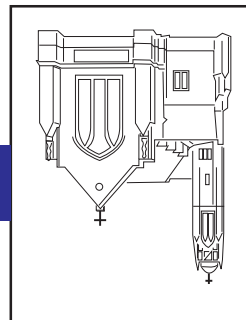
### Monday, February 28

6:00 pm Employment Council  
6:30 pm Vestry meeting



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