



Good News

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

November 2011

Advent and Christmas Activity Highlights

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, 2012. Below is a partial listing of the many activities at St. Chrysostom's. The December Good News will include a complete listing and additional details, but we wanted to highlight some items that may require reservations and/or advanced planning in your personal schedules.

Sunday, November 27 — First Sunday of Advent

- 10 am Special activity in gym instead of Church School: Advent wreath making

Sunday, December 4 — Second Sunday of Advent

- Ingathering of Cathedral Shelter Christmas Baskets
- WOSC holiday Bake Sale, Book Sale, "regifting" sale
- 11:00 AM Advent Lessons and Carols

Thursday through Saturday, December 8–10

- St. Chrysostom's Day School Gingerbread House Decorating (information available through Day School office)

Friday, December 9

A benefit for the Music at St. Chrysostom's (reservations required)

- 5:00 PM Family Carols for our littlest children (in the Church)
- 7:00 PM Candlelight Carols (in the Harding Room)

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

- 11:00 AM Church School Christmas Pageant (there is no 9 o'clock service on this day)

Tuesday, December 20

- 4:30 PM Neighbors in Need dinner (volunteer helpers needed)

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 PM Christmas Eucharist, Procession and Children's sermon
A service designed to specially welcome our littlest and noisiest!
- 10:30 PM Christmas Music
- 11:00 PM Christmas Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

- 11:00 AM Christmas Eucharist and Sermon (note: one service only today)

Sunday, January 1, 2012 Feast of the Holy Name/New Year's Day

- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist (note: one service only today)

Sunday, January 8, 2012 The First Sunday after Epiphany: Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

- Services at 8 am, 11 am, and 5:15 pm (note special combined service, there will not be a 9 o'clock service on this day)

NOVEMBER 6, 2011 All Saints Day/ Stewardship Sunday

✠ Giving through Gratitude ✠

Combined Festival Service at 11 o'clock includes a festival procession, combined choirs, presenting our pledges at the altar, remembering those who have died since last All Saints' Day, and a stewardship sermon by the Rector. We encourage all parishioners to attend this special festival service at 11 o'clock.

Please note:

- There will *not* be a 9 o'clock service on this day.
- This is autumn time change Sunday (we gain one hour: set your clocks back before going to bed).

Nominating Committee

According to the bylaws of St. Chrysostom's Church, the Nominating Committee includes: the Rector; the Wardens; the three people ending their terms on the Vestry at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012 (Barbara Jones, Andrea Lamoreaux, George Mesires); and three people appointed by the Rector (in practice, in consultation with the Wardens): former Wardens Connie Frydenlund, Richard Shepro, and Tessa Craib-Cox. Parishioners are invited to let any member of the Nominating Committee know your suggestions for election to the parish Vestry.

Stewardship 2012

Where Do Our Resources Go?

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The Rev. Larry A. Green
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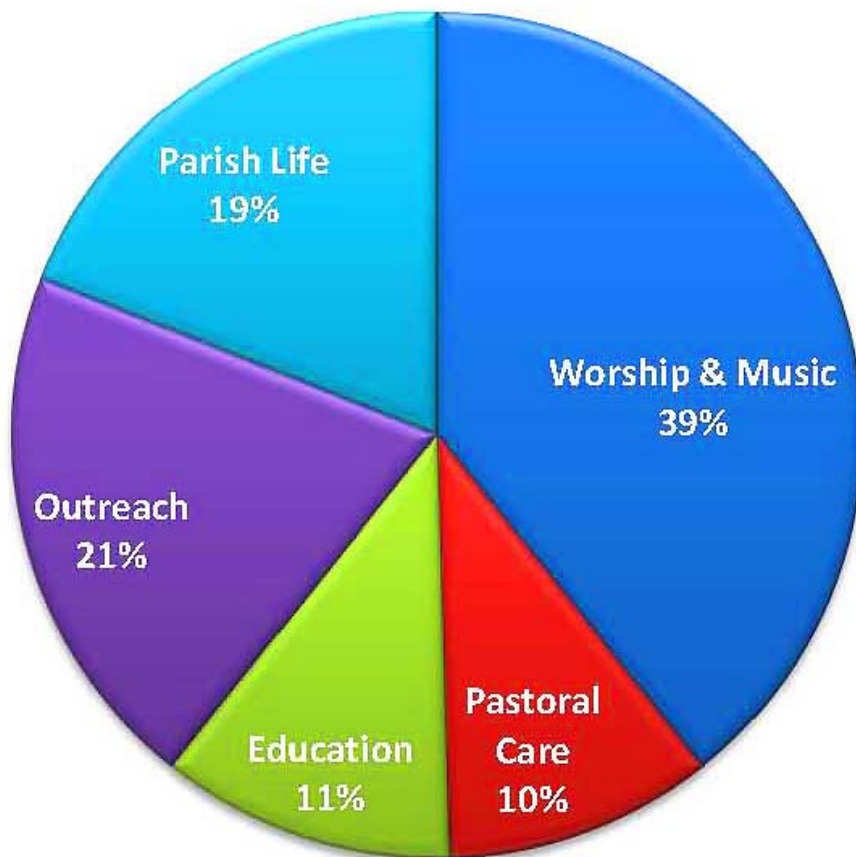
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- Building costs allocated based on estimated usage

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Mutual Ministry

When the vestry met in September to discuss the results of our parish survey, the term “mutual ministry” came up again and again. Susan, a consultant from our diocese, used it to describe lay-persons, clergy, and staff all working together for the up-building of the church. In parishes where mutual ministry is strong, people are helped to discern their gifts for ministry, are clear about what those gifts entail, are equipped for the doing of ministry, and understand how the church “body” functions and where they fit in it. It’s something all churches have to some degree and something all churches must be intentional about cultivating.

I’ve asked for a few minutes at the beginning of each vestry meeting to explore mutual ministry from the ground up. For the rest of the program year, I’ll share here the resources we’ve used in those meetings. Three questions will frame our discussion:

1. What is our common ministry?
2. What are our particular gifts?
3. What are we able to give *now*?

In October we began with the first question about our common ministry, and in some ways it’s the easiest to answer: we are all baptized people. Before any of us were altar guild chairs, wardens, Church School teachers, or priests, we were full initiates, indissolubly bound to God in Christ through the vows and promises made in baptism. Two items in *The Book of Common Prayer* provide grist for further reflection on our lives as baptized people.

First, The Baptismal Covenant (*BCP*, 304) describes the shape of baptized life. It begins with a form of the Apostles’ Creed, an ancient, bare-bones, scriptural understanding of the beliefs that Christians profess. These may be tenets that you hold firmly or they may represent beliefs that you aspire to or struggle with—either way that make up the outline of our faith. Following the creed are five “now-it-gets-real” challenges: will you worship? Will you resist evil and repent? Will you tell the world about God? Will you serve your neighbor as though she were Jesus? Will you work for peace and for the good of all? We don’t answer, “Yes” to these questions. We say, “I will ... with God’s help.”

Second, the Prayer Book’s Catechism includes a description of ministry that addresses the role of all who serve the church, beginning with lay-persons (*BCP*, 854). Bearing witness to Christ in all sorts of places, using your gifts to work for reconciliation, sharing in the worship, governance, and serving ministries of the church, and representing Christ to everyone whom you meet describe the vocation of a baptized person. Lionel Mitchell, who taught liturgy at Seabury Western in Evanston for many years, puts it well: “Our life in the Body of Christ, bearing witness to him, and using the diverse gifts God has given us ... is the primary ministry of the Church” (*Praying Shapes Believing*, 296).

Cathedral Shelter Christmas Baskets

It may be only October, but it is not too early to sign up to participate in the Cathedral Shelter Christmas Basket program. The program entails “adopting” a family or senior citizen, purchasing a gift for each family member, and a joint Jewel gift card, so they can have a Christmas dinner. Families come in all sizes, and there are many seniors needing assistance also. If you would be interested in adopting a family in need, please contact Judy Van Dam at judyvandam0@gmail.com, or 312-867-0783. I am sure I have the right match for you. This year we have 120 families waiting and hoping to be adopted, by someone with a kind heart from St. Chrysostom’s.



Our courtyard provides an ever-changing palette of seasonal visual treats such as this view of the outdoor pulpit with colorful autumn foliage in the foreground.

Neighbors in Need Dinner

Our next Neighbors in Need dinner is Tuesday, November 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. Donations needed: 12 cans whole cranberry sauce; 12 pies (preferably pumpkin). Please call the church office to make sure the items are still needed.

Cooking for Deborah's Place

Call the parish office regarding the continuation of this ministry. The next scheduled cooking day is Thursday, November 17.

Episcopal Charities Ball

Help "Connect People with Possibilities" by joining friends from across the Diocese for dinner, dancing, and fun on Friday, November 4 at the 52nd Annual Episcopal Charities Ball at the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago. This black-tie-optional gala raises funds for the Diocese's social outreach through Episcopal Charities and Community Services (ECCS). Thousands of men, women and children are helped to realize a more abundant life through the work of ECCS and its ministry partners. Tickets for the Episcopal Charities Ball are \$250 per person. Reservations for the Ball may be made through Rev. Webster (www.revwebster@saintc.org) or Anne Sawkiw at ECCS: 312-751-6721 or sawkiw@eccsonline.net or www.eccsonline.net.

Adult Forums

November 6: SPEAKER: Ian Fielding

And Can Any of You, by Worrying, Add a Single Hour to Your Span of Life?

There are many reasons people worry. Jesus (Matthew 6:27) made it clear that worrying does nothing, a point echoed by modern day medical science. Yet worry, along with its companions fear and anxiety, is rampant in society. In this presentation, Dr. Fielding will explore the nature and function of worry. Drawing from both Scripture and science, he will examine ways to challenge worry, fear and anxiety.

November 13: SPEAKERS: John Mayes and Ruth McMahon

Mental Health in Illinois

In the 1970s, mental health institutions all over the US were dismantled in the belief that drugs alone would provide "cures" for diseases like bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. It was believed that smaller facilities like Trilogy in Rogers Park could monitor sufferers on a mostly outpatient basis, lending greater dignity to the mentally ill while at the same time saving money for the states. Is this policy working? John Mayes is CEO of Trilogy. Ruth McMahon is the center's Director of Development.

November 20: SPEAKER: Ian Fielding

Learning to Listen

How do you teach empathy to young people? Are teenagers naturally self-centered? How hard is it to love your neighbor as yourself? As Episcopalians, how do we facilitate this very difficult and complicated social understanding? It may sound easy, but it isn't. Dr. Fielding will explore these challenges in a presentation that examines the most important social relationship skill of all: listening.

—Ann Kadinsky-Cade

Church School Activity for November 27:

Make an Advent Wreath

Church School classes will not meet on November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. There will be a special activity in the gym at 10 o'clock that will be of interest to all parishioners: Catechesis teachers will lead their classes in preparing an Advent wreath for their classroom while families are working on a wreath to use at home. Brooke Kuehnle and Katie Bensen are organizing this activity and will provide the wreath forms as well as the fresh evergreens.

Music at St. Chrysostom's

Concerts at St. Chrysostom's

Our concert series continues in the new year, so mark your calendars for these upcoming concerts and watch for details after the holidays.

Sunday, February 12 at 2:30 p.m. —Leipzig, Royal Chapels & Convents

An exquisite afternoon of music for treble voices, strings and organ includes music of J. S. Bach, Couperin, Charpentier, and Lucrezia Orsina Vizzana (a 17th-century Italian nun).

Sunday, March 11 at 2:30 p.m. —Viols & Verse Anthems

A delightful afternoon of Tudor and Restoration music: verse anthems sung by members of The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church directed by Richard Hoskins and accompanied by a consort of viols and strings led by Craig Trompeter.

Concerts at St. Chrysostom's are graciously supported by the generosity of parishioners and friends. Your contribution is welcomed at each concert.

Candlelight Carols

Join us once again as we welcome the Christmas season with our rollicking wonderful Candlelight Carols! This year we again have two Carol Sings on December 9: the first at 5:00 p.m. is for families with young children; the second at 7:00 p.m. is for adults and families with older children. We'll sing favorite carols, hear about Christmas in well-loved prose and poetry, partake of the Wassail Bowl, and Harold the Boar will make his annual appearance! All are welcome, a jolly time is promised to all!

Choral Music for November

November 6

All Saints

The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church

The Children's Training Choir

The Advanced Children's Choir

Avery/Marsh: I am the church

Parry: I was glad

Mozart: Sanctus (*Requiem*)

Stanford: How beautiful are their feet

November 13

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church

Walton: Jubilate Deo

Bainton: And I saw a new heaven

November 20

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church

Handel: Hallelujah

Gibbons: O clap your hands

November 27

The First Sunday of Advent

Members of The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church

Sumsion: Service in G

Purcell: Rejoice in the Lord

RESERVATION FORM

Family Carols at 5:00 p.m.

Please reserve _____ places

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

\$ 35 per Family

\$ _____ my contribution to the Wassail Bowl

\$ _____ Total enclosed

I will bring Christmas Sweets Yes _____ No _____

Candlelight Carols at 7:00 p.m.

Please reserve _____ places

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

\$ 20 per person *or*

\$ 35 per family

\$ _____ my contribution to the Wassail Bowl

\$ _____ Total enclosed

I will bring Christmas Sweets Yes _____ No _____

Reservations are required and due by Tuesday, December 6 – please fill out the appropriate form and send with your check to the Parish Office.

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WOSC

Well, the children's hats for the Christmas Stockings couldn't be cuter. About 20 women joined the sewing effort to create soft, colorful, pom-pomed winter hats. If you missed that joyful event, don't miss the next one. On Wednesday November 16, the fun continues. WOSC joins Mary Ellen Christy and the children of the Day School once again to offer our gifts at the altar. The Chapel service starts at 11:45 and is followed by a delicious luncheon provided by Mary Ellen. Items to bring for blessing at the altar are: *kids' toothbrushes, socks for 3-5 year olds, coloring or activity books, kids' bandaids*. The actual stocking stuffing (12-2) happens on December 7 from 12-2. The recipients are Chicago Public School children in our own Sarah Lisle's classrooms. RSVP to Lisa Valiani at 773.276.7821 or respond to her invite. Heartfelt gratitude to Sherri Wick, Pam Marks, Mary Ellen Christy, Katie Benson, and Katie Heaton who all co-chair this event.

On December 4th, our annual book and bake Holiday Sale will have a new twist. Annie Brown is putting together a regifting table. Do you have an unused Christmas gift that you'd like to donate? Will something that you gave last year pop up on our table? You'll have to join us to find out. Lynn Evans is chairing the bake sale, Sara Clary is chairing the book sale, and Annie Brown is chairing the regifting table. **Volunteers are needed.**

Thanks to all, *and there were way too many to mention*, who helped make Possessions Night a success. WOSC made nearly \$4,000 that will help us continue to renovate the Guild Room.



Deacon Notes

History of Thanksgiving

The origin of Thanksgiving Day has been attributed to a harvest feast held by the Plymouth Colony. In 1621, Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony proclaimed a day of "thanksgiving" and prayer to celebrate the Pilgrims' first harvest in America the year after their arrival on the merchant ship Mayflower. The picture you usually see of a few Native American men joining the Pilgrims at the feast is a bit inaccurate however. From original settler Edward Winslow in a letter to a friend in 1621, we know that some 90 men accompanied the Wampanoag Chief, Massasoit, to visit at Plymouth for three days of fish, fowl, and venison. But of the roughly 100 English settlers who had spent their first year on the Massachusetts coast, about half had died by this time. This would have left about half the 52 survivors as English men. So the Native men outnumbered the Pilgrim men by over three to one!

The idea of a day set apart to celebrate the completion of the harvest and to render homage to the Spirit who caused the fruits and crops to grow is both ancient and universal. The practice of designating a day of thanksgiving for specific spiritual or secular benefits has been followed in many countries.

One of the first general proclamations was made in Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1676. President George Washington in 1789 issued the first presidential thanksgiving proclamation in honor of the new constitution. During the 19th century an increasing number of states observed the day annually, each appointing its own day. President Abraham Lincoln, on October 3, 1863, by presidential proclamation appointed the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day, due to the unremitting efforts of Sarah J. Hale, editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*.

Each succeeding president made similar proclamations until Franklin D. Roosevelt, in 1939 appointed the third Thursday of November, primarily to allow a special holiday weekend for national public holiday. This was changed two years later by both congress and the President to the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving Day remains a day when many express gratitude to God for blessings and celebrate material bounty.

This Thanksgiving I personally want to thank God and the loyal members of Saint Chrysostom's Episcopal Church for helping me provide 125 back packs, 2,766 pens, 3,212 pencils, 400 composition books, 366 packs of filler paper, 88 erasers, 509 spiral note books, 576 2-pocket folders, 10 glue sticks, 10 3-ring binders, 15 boxes of crayons, 200 colored pencils, 12 protractors, 75 rulers, 12 pairs of socks, 1 bulletin board, 200 sharpies, 5-pencil box holders, and wide variety of other items. I send you thanks from the kids of UMOJA at Ace Tech on the Southside and Manley on the Westside of Chicago.

Happy Thanksgiving

—Rev. Larry A. Green, *Deacon*

November Calendar Highlights

Tuesday, November 1

6 pm Ben Varnum deacon ordination

Wednesday, November 2

8:15 am Holy Eucharist

4:00 pm Training Choir rehearsal

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, November 4

4:00 pm Advanced Choir rehearsal

Sunday, November 6

All Saints

Stewardship Sunday

Autumn Time Change

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Combined Festival Eucharist

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Monday, November 7

6:00 pm Employment Council

Tuesday, November 8

1:00 pm WOSC Book Club
(Guild Room) ????

6:30 pm Communications Committee
(Guild Room)

Wednesday, November 9

8:15 am Holy Eucharist

1:30 pm Eucharist at Kenwood

4:00 pm Training Choir rehearsal

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 10

Day School Holiday Faire

Friday, November 11

Day School Holiday Faire

4:00 pm Advanced Children's Choir
rehearsal

Saturday, November 12

Day School Holiday Faire

Sunday, November 13

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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, November 14

6:00 pm Employment Council

Tuesday, November 15

10:30 am Eucharist at Hallmark

4:30 pm Neighbors in Need dinner

6:30 pm Vestry meeting

Wednesday, November 16

8:15 am Holy Eucharist

11:45 am Day School Chapel

4:00 pm Training Choir rehearsal

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 17

3 pm Cooking for Deborah's Place

Friday, November 18

Diocesan Convention

4:00 pm Advanced Choir rehearsal

Saturday, November 19

Diocesan Convention

Sunday, November 20

Last Sunday after Pentecost

UTO Ingathering

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Family Eucharist

10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 21

6:00 pm Employment Council

Wednesday, November 23

8:15 am Holy Eucharist

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

Parish office closed

Friday, November 25

Parish office closed

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Family Eucharist

10:00 am Advent wreath activity (gym)
Christian Education classes do not
meet today

11:00 am Morning Prayer & Sermon

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 28

6:00 pm Employment Council

Wednesday, November 30

8:15 am Holy Eucharist

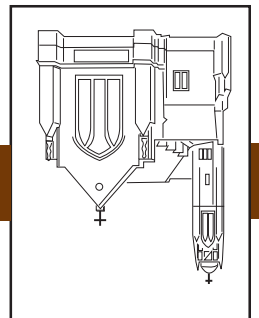
6:30 pm Bible Study



The Women of St. Chrysostom's hosted Possessions Night for a second year. These photos shared by Colleen Kamin give you a glimpse of the festive event where experts in several areas provided appraisals for antiques and collectibles. Throughout the evening tasty food and beverage was available as well as an educational presentation by Sarah Reed on Audubon prints. Funds raised at this event are earmarked for continued refurbishing of the Guild Room and Harding Room.

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