



The Angelus

November 2024

From the Rector's Desk

Thanksgiving is this month. It feels a little bit more poignant to me because of the political tension in the US, especially around the elections early in November.

Thanksgiving is a US national holiday. And though it is in the calendar of the Episcopal Prayer Book, its inclusion as a holy day isn't because of its connection with Christ or the Mysteries of the faith but because American Anglicans early on viewed a new nation starting on this continent to be the work of God's provision, God's Providence.

I've lived and studied in other countries and the US is rightly proud of so much. And very often when people sing the praises of the US, they point to our material prosperity. Compared with most humans throughout our history as a species, we are wealthy beyond the imaginings of some of the most powerful people who have lived. I know I'm so grateful for the opportunities for education and work that have presented themselves to me quite readily here and can only thank God that it's possible for my wife to move from Japan and come to live here.

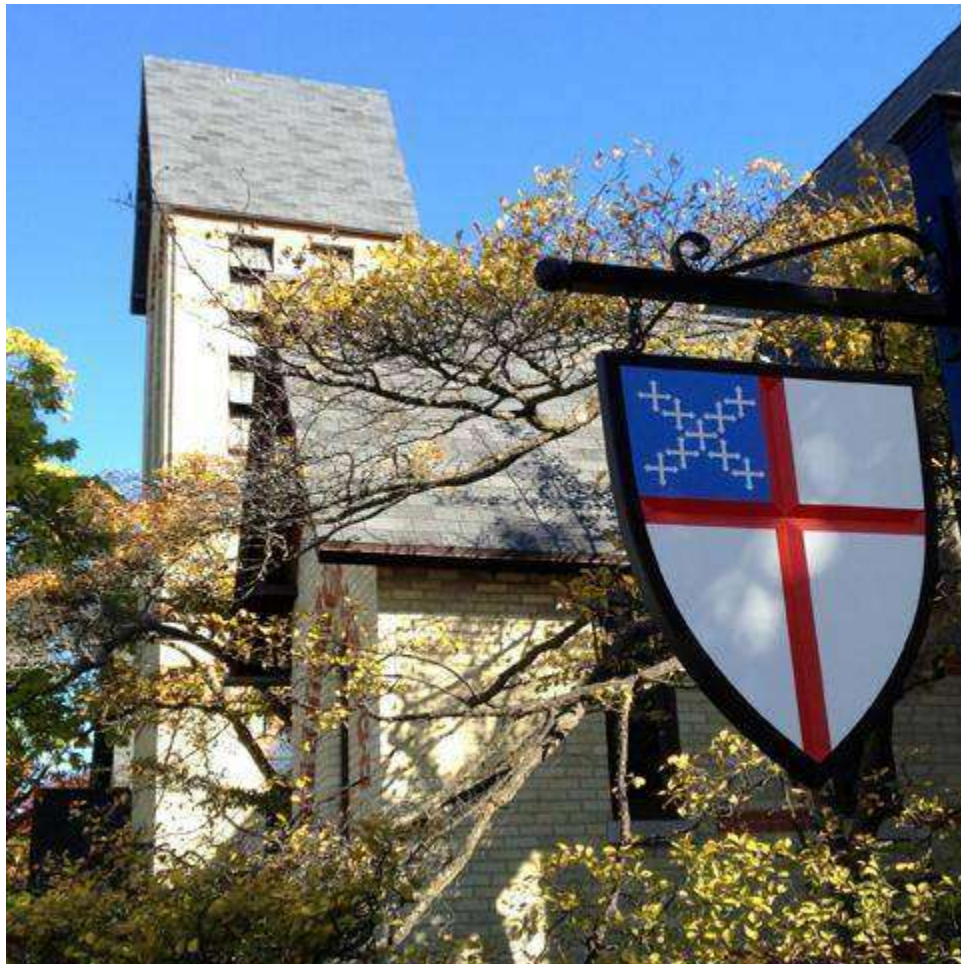
When we read the Bible readings the Prayer Book appoints for Thanksgiving Day, then, it's striking that we don't hear so much about having so much. Rather, we hear Jesus telling us in His sermon on the mount about how to be in deep joy and love with God through having very little. (Matthew 6:25-33) And the gratitude that early settlers had came not out of their experience of abundance so much as out of the hardship and deprivation that led them to know their holy, providential dependence on God.

We might pay attention, too, to the Bible readings for Thanksgiving that remind us that material prosperity, an abundance of so much that is good in itself and can lead to flourishing, can easily lead away from God. A land flowing with milk and honey is a blessing and at the same time a mortally dangerous distraction that can lead us to forget God. (Deuteronomy 6:17-20)

As elections draw near, as we feast on Thanksgiving, at this time of great concern over what America is and will become, maybe the best thing we Christians can do for this country and for the life of the world is to sing that verse of a hymn sung to a familiar, old melody:

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy, Ghost.

Peace,
WLB+



Blessing of the Hunters

In Honor of St. Hubertus, Patron of Hunters!

**Saturday
November 9
11:00 am**

All hunters are invited to get their dogs, gear, clothing, and themselves blessed at All Saints Chapel and St. Hubertus Hall, Elkhart Lake, with brief prayers and blessing for a safe, respectful, and bountiful hunt.

**All equipment must be unloaded and encased*



All Saints Chapel
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Blessing of the Hunters, November 9, 11 am, at All Saints Chapel, Elkhart Lake

Our chapel in Elkhart Lake is where Grace does some of its best mission and evangelism. Attendance at our Masses in summertime out there, spills out the doors. Weddings are done there. And in November we will have the second annual blessing of the hunters, with the prayers of St Hubertus, the patron of hunters, whose feast day is November 4, who has a stained glass window in All Saints, and after whom the parish hall there is named. Bring your dogs, equipment, and open hearts to go deeper into the Gospel with this saint who found Christ in the outdoors.

The Story of St Hubertus

Hubertus was born the son of a duke in 656 A.D., in what is now France. He led a life full of luxury, leisure, and education. He was good looking and intelligent, strong and energetic, influential and friendly. When he was young, he especially loved the outdoors. He spent much time hunting and was known as an expert bowman. He hunted so much that he didn't have much time for prayer, hunting even on holy days, which was considered a great sacrilege.

His beloved wife and hunting companion, Floribanne, died during Holy Week of 684 and on that Good Friday Hubertus went hunting to console himself. As Hubertus was hunting a stag, he had a vision of a crucifix (the Cross with the crucified Jesus on it) shining between the stag's antlers.

The Lord Jesus Christ told Hubertus in the vision that he needed to find purpose and comfort not only in hunting but even more especially in serving the Gospel. He told Hubertus to go visit a holy bishop, Lambert, to find out what to do next. Hubertus was touched to the heart by this vision and was eager to do what the Lord told him.

Hubertus was so committed to the Gospel of Jesus that, under the guidance of holy Bishop Lambert, he gave all his wealth to the poor and his noble titles to his brother. He became a priest and spread the Gospel of Jesus among the country people and hunters he loved so much. He fasted and prayed a great deal, was a moving preacher, took care of the poorest in the countryside, and was a wise steward of the forest and wildlife.

Hubertus eventually became Bishop of Liege and was known for his miraculous works of healing. He died peacefully in 727 and was recognized as a saint in 743. His body is in St Hubertus Church in Belgium, which has been the site of pilgrimages and miracles ever since.

People who love the outdoors find St Hubertus to be a friend and intercessor, with his special concern for hunters, bowmen, hunting dogs, hunting raptors and falconers, and the inhabitants of the forest. His Feast Day is November 3rd.

He has a window dedicated to him in All Saints Chapel, Elkhart Lake, that depicts his vision of the crucified Jesus in the stag's antlers. And the fellowship hall on the grounds of the chapel is named St. Hubertus Hall, not far from where a hunter's cabin once stood on the chapel grounds.

St Hubertus and all you saints, pray for us!

Here is the Love INC update

Love INC is in need of \$25 Kwik Trip gift cards (not gas only cards) to be awarded at the closing ceremony to participants in the New Way classes which were held this Fall. Your donation will be appreciated and can be delivered to your Church Ministry Coordinator (Connie Schneider) or to the Love INC office at 807 Forest Ave, Sheboygan Falls no later than November 15, 2024.

November is Homeless Awareness Month. On November 10th from noon until 3 at 3 Sheeps Brewing there will be a Winter Wear and Blanket donation drive with a presentation by the Sheboygan County Housing Coalition.

The Winter Wear and Blanket donation drive will continue until November 30th. Donations will be collected and distributed by Sheboygan Area Pay It Forward.

The Live Out Love Fundraiser was held on October 19 at Pine Hills and the response from the attendees to the auction and to the games was fun to watch and even more fun as a participant. Grace Church had a table of 8, which included one lucky auction winner. I have not received a confirmation on the total amount raised, but the goal was \$75,000

The Furniture Team is in need of additional members. The time commitment is once per month as you are available. The opportunities are: delivery team leaders, neighbor care coordinator, trailer specialist (for safely maneuvering the trailer) and furniture mover. If you have some time and are willing, call the Love INC office to volunteer at 920-783-6701.

Constance Schneider



The 73rd Annual Pilgrimage to the American Proto-Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Pilgrimage was a glorious success! It was a true honor to see so many young clergy participating. Many blessings to those who participated, worked, helped, volunteered, and made contributions for our blessed event for Our Lady of Walsingham. A great thank you to everyone.



Joyce Wessel

Our dear parishioner, Joyce Wessel, will be departing to Chippewa Falls, Wi on November 1, 2024 . She is moving there to be closer to her family. A short biography of Joyce is that she was raised in Greenbush, baptized in the Methodist church and began singing in the church choir in seventh grade. She furthered her education by earning a degree in Stevens Point in 1966 and became a music teacher. In 1976 she attended Western Michigan, Kalamazoo to earn a degree in library science and worked as a librarian in Watertown where she was confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Upon her retirement she returned to Sheboygan County to help her parents. She became the iconic salad lady at Country Crafts in Plymouth and joined Grace Church where she became well known in the choir as a soprano. This was in 1997. She contributed to other ministries such as teaching Sunday School and baking cookies for Spring Cheer / Christmas Joy as well as contributing to the many bake sales and the Harvest Hoe Down where her famous grape pie was a hit. We will miss her talents and smiling face but it is time for her to start a new journey. All blessings and our prayers to Joyce. If You wish to contact her, her new address is:



Joyce Wessel

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Community Cafe at Grace Church November 10-17, 2024

Again this year Grace Church will host this ministry. We need 2 people to act as hosts Monday through Saturday from 10:30-1:00. Can you help? Sign up sheet is on the narthex table.



Mark Your Calendars

- November 1st All Saints Sunday
- November 9th Blessing of the Hunters at All Saints Chapel at 11 am
- November 27th Thanksgiving Eve service at 6 pm
- December 1st First Sunday of Advent
- December 15th Advent Lessons & Carols (details to follow)

November Birthdays

Bob Imig	11/2
Katie Maki	11/11
Polly Boherstengel	11/12
Margaret Knocke	11/13
Cindy Weiss	11/14
Patricia Miller	11/23
Polly Schmeiser	11/25
Kristin Plucar	11/28

November Anniversaries

Bill & Deb Gagin	11/10
Steve & Claudia Fischer	11/23
Douglas & Kathy Jenkins	11/27

Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A Gunter, *Bishop*
 The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Rector*
 The Reverend Paul D. Aparicio, *Deacon*
 Clayton Logue, *Interim Organist-
 Choirmaster*
 Crystal Lopez, *Parish Administrator*
 Javier Delgado, *Sexton*

The Vestry

The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Chair*
 Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*
 John Davis, *Junior Warden*
 Brian Heck, *Treasurer*
 Helen Mullison, *Chancellor*
Vestry: Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech,
 Jack Britton, Fr. Jack Connelly, Tasha
 Crouse, Jane Hanson, Mary Gallimore,
 Shannon Luckey-Mueller,
 Connie Schneider, and Steve Weinert



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