



## The Angelus November 2023

### From the Rector's Desk

There are many things to write about. Especially with all the difficult things going on in the world. But I feel moved to write briefly about prayer in my article.

I don't mean only prayer as asking God for help to make things better, though that's an important kind of prayer, too. I mean the foundation of prayer. Our holy ancestors, the saints, tell us that prayer is "the heart moving toward God." Getting close to God, with or without words, with or without actions. This is what God wants the world to do: get close, get "one-ed" with God.

I believe with all my heart that people whose hearts are constantly moving toward God heal the tears in the fabric of the world. Because it's that basic break from God, which we call "sin," through which death can pour into the world. God says through the prophet that God wants us to turn Godward and live.

Are our hearts ready to get one-ed with God, through our penitence, our recollecting ourselves in God's presence throughout the day, our pondering Scripture slowly and deeply, our looking for the face of Christ in the most broken and lost people, our wordless and restful silence?

Some very holy people have said that we don't fast all the time, we don't serve the poor all the time, we don't even celebrate Mass all the time. But the apostles and Christ have told us, the saints remind us, that we are to "pray without ceasing." The human heart was made for this and we can do it, in our waking and in our sleeping. The Gospels, New Testament, and teaching of the saints have shown this to be beyond doubt. Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

And one apostle says, "It has not yet been revealed what we will be. But we know this, that when He comes, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is."

Peace,  
WLB+

 *Give thanks to the Lord* 

## First Vote on Reunion of at Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee Dioceses Into One Diocese Passes

At the three respective diocesan conventions on October 21, Episcopalians voted to continue refining a plan for reunion and to meet in a joint convention after Easter for a final vote on whether to reunite into one Diocese of Wisconsin.

Grace's delegation has significant reservations about this plan. Our Bishop Matt has offered to meet with our convention delegates, vestry, and anyone in the parish who feels moved, so he can get our input. Stay tuned for meeting time and date. We expect the Bishop to meet with us in November.

## September Financial Focus

September Income	YTD Income	Annual Budget 2023
\$ 16,905	\$ 225,506	\$ 311,941
September Expenses	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget 2023
\$ 21,735	\$ 250,423	\$ 337 664

## Vestry Notes for September

- Healing Ministry in Shrine has begun with the anticipation that healing can be offered at both services. The ministers include Pat Sather, Karl Mueller, Sarah Clabots-Kim, and Martha Shad.
- Discussion on parish administrator position, volunteers are temporarily filling the position.
- Main Hall security door in at vendor and will be installed in a few weeks. Continue to wait for quote on safety door in downstairs hall.
- John Davis will give new sexton, Jorge Gonzalez, a facility tour and outline his duties.
- Inoperative flood lights on either side of the glass doors on Ontario Street will be funded by a grant request from GWF for \$560.
- A new couple who is getting married in the Walsingham Shrine has expressed an interest in creation of a fellowship or quasi-monastic community for the Shrine that follows a certain order of prayer and worship. More discussion needed and Fr. William will make an initial draft of what Grace's role would be.
- Stewardship committee will work with Treasurer Brian Heck on formation of final budget for 2024.
- The Diocese of Fond du Lac will vote at the convention to approve the dialogue. If this passes in Eastertide Grace's portion to support the new diocese would rise from \$33,392 to \$55,647. Fr. William will recommend to our delegates to approve.

## Mark Your Calendars

- Nov 1. All Saints, Wednesday, 6:00 PM
- Nov 2. All Souls, Thursday, 6:00 PM
- Nov. 4 Blessing of the Hunters, All Saints' Chapel
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Mass, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 3 Lessons & Carols, 3:00 PM followed by  
175th Anniversary Celebration
- Dec. 8 Holy Hour and Benediction, 6:00 PM

## Thank You

It is with deep gratitude that we thank the following parishioners for coordinating and working to keep our beautiful church in such excellent condition during this time of lack of a sexton. While it is true that “many hands” make light work, the devotion and commitment of the following people has been amazing. Many thanks to Pat Ford Smith, Jack Britton, Pat Miller, and John Davis. Also, many thanks to everyone who pitched in to help. Please introduce yourself to our newly hired sexton, Jorge Gonzalez.

## Sheboygan Community Cafe

Sheboygan Community Cafe is coming to Grace Church November 10-18. Throughout the year the cafe meets at St Luke Methodist Church but once a year they need to move their operation for a week, so we welcome them to Grace Church. The cafe is operated under the umbrella of the Sheboygan County Food Bank. They are open six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and typically serve 50-70 people daily. Lunch is a cup of homemade soup, a sandwich, and dessert. All are welcome and there is no charge for the meal. It is a wonderful opportunity for community outreach. Hundreds of volunteers help to end hunger in our community year round. If you would like to volunteer that week or any week (six volunteers are needed each day) please contact Donna at 920-254-8177. Donations of food are always welcomed. You can stay up to date on what's happening at the Sheboygan County Food Bank by signing up to receive occasional emails at [sheboygancountyfoodbank.com](http://sheboygancountyfoodbank.com). )

Food for thought: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:2 ESV).

## Strive for 175!

As part of our 175th celebration, and to give thanks for all our many blessings, we would like to start a food drive to benefit the Sheboygan County Food Bank! Our goal is to collect 175 lbs. of food. October and November are months of scarcity for the Food Bank, so it's a great time for us to help our community. Please consider donating canned goods, boxed cereals, dry goods, juices, or other non-perishable items. We will collect every Sunday, with our Middle Schoolers assisting with collection, and then donate to the Food Bank in early November. Thank you for your generosity! To join the fun, donate, assist, or ask questions, please text Polly Schmeiser at 920-453-8872.



Herb Kohler and Natalie Black  
**COMMUNITY CAFE**

Free meals open to all  
Sheboygan County residents

MONDAY - SATURDAY FROM 11:30 AM - 1 PM  
ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
623 ONTARIO AVENUE IN SHEBOYGAN



Sign up to  
volunteer: 



## Grace Gathering at 3 Sheeps Brewery

Twelve “EpiscoPals” gathered at 3 Sheeps on October 8th at 2:30 in the afternoon for fellowship, fun, good eats and suds. The temperature was cool and the sun was shining for those that rode bicycles on the Shoreland 400 Rail Trail from Grace Church to 3 Sheeps. The Shoreland 400 Trail allowed the bicycle group to stay off roads but did require a few street crossings at controlled intersections.



Multiple walk buttons were pushed repeatedly in an attempt to make the traffic lights change in our favor faster than normal. After arriving at 3 Sheeps a table was set, beverages were acquired, favorite movies were reminisced about, recipes were shared and possible future “EpiscoPal” activities were discussed. Stay tuned for future “EpiscoPal” activities and if you think you have a good idea for an activity please let Tom Crouse or Father William know.





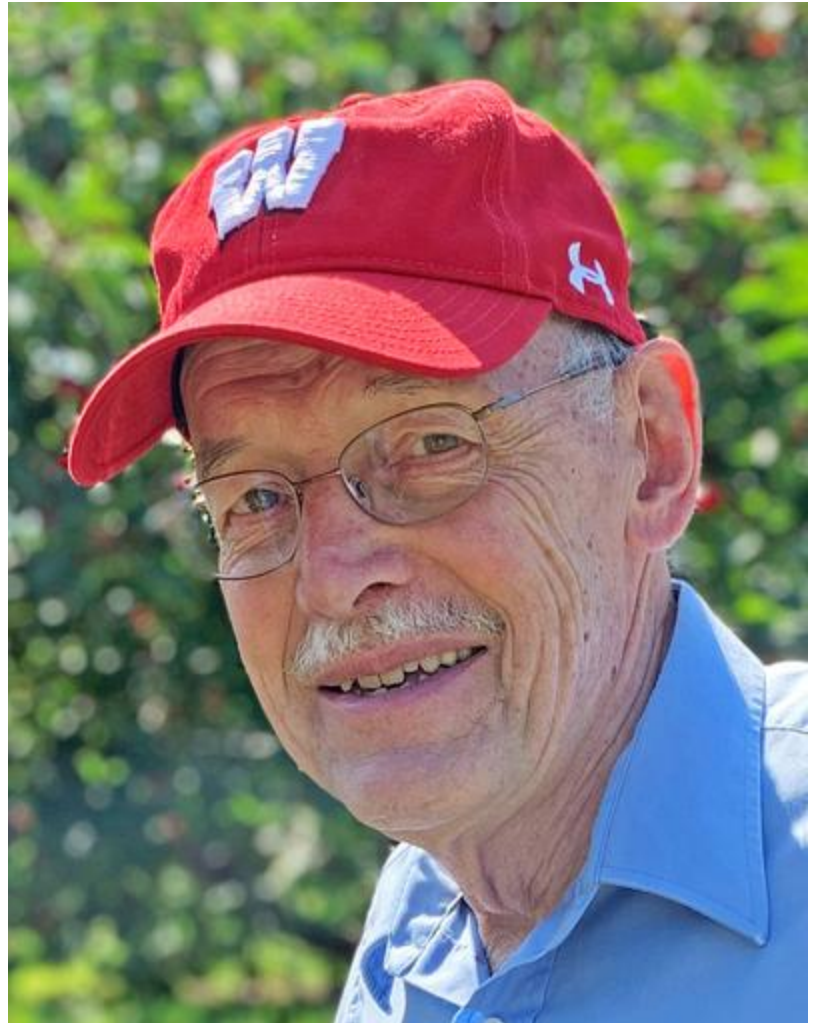
## Update—Ed Clabots Memorial Fund

It has been five months since Ed died, and I would like to update you on his memorial fund that many of you so generously contributed to. Around \$2600 was given to the Grace memorial fund. Ed's instructions (written years ago) was to have memorials to the church, refugee needs, and the YMCA — all dear to his heart. When the time came, and with Grace involved again with refugee resettlement, we decided to combine the first two suggestions. Since the parish's refugee family moved to Milwaukee this fall, the money has been waiting for the planned local resettlement office to get up and running.

However, when I learned last week that the hospital in Gaza that was hit by rocket fire was the only Christian hospital and Anglican, I knew Ed would be very pleased if some of his memorial money could go there as well. For those who don't know, Ed taught 'Non Western Cultures' to 9th graders for his whole Sheboygan teaching career, so was very interested in the Middle East. He realized a long held dream when he went to the Holy Lands with a diocesan pilgrimage in 2015.

There is an organization of "American Friends" who can get donations directly to them—and if a particular hospital or school etc. is named, 100% of the donation will go there. Fr William and the vestry discussed it at their recent meeting and have decided to send about two thirds of the memorial money to al Ahli Hospital and retain one third for the local refugee resettlement. Less than 2% of Israelis are Christian; most Christians are of Arab background. This hospital serves anyone, but most are Palestinian. Actually we have probably been supporting al Ahli for years, as the Good Friday collection traditionally goes to "the Church in Jerusalem" and that is exactly who provides for this hospital: The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. If you would like to learn more, you can go to: <https://afedj.org>. As of Oct 25th, the hospital was open, but overwhelmed with patients and were very short of everything. There is a much more detailed update on the web site. If you want general information this is their FAQ s page: <https://afedj.org/about/afedj-faqs/>

Thank you again for all your gifts in Ed's memory.



Mary Clabots

## **Blessing of the Hunters, November 4, 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.

Grace Episcopal Church and its chapel All Saints are honored to share in the Blessing of the Hunters with you each year, on or around November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

St Hubertus and all you saints, pray for us!



# Blessing of the Hunters

*In Honor of St. Hubertus, Patron of Hunters!*

**Saturday  
November 4  
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**  
N7902 County Road P, Elkhart Lake  
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[www.gracesheboygan.com](http://www.gracesheboygan.com)



## Anglican Quote

Pondering the miraculous after the annual pilgrimage to our shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham leads one to recall CS Lewis's book, *Miracles*. Our shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham at Grace is especially for the ministry of healing and prayers, of course, including on occasion what some people might call the miraculous. For those of us who wonder if there's a conflict between miracles and, say, science or the laws of nature, CS Lewis—the most well-known Anglican writer ever and a no-nonsense, real-world Christian—can help:

The rightful demand that all reality should be consistent and systematic does not therefore exclude miracles: but it has a very valuable contribution to make to our conception of them. It reminds us that miracles, if they occur, must, like all events, be revelations of the total harmony of all that exists. Nothing arbitrary, nothing simply 'stuck on' and left unreconciled with the texture of total reality, can be admitted. By definition, miracles must of course interrupt the usual course of Nature; but if they are real they must, in the very act of so doing, assert all the more the unity and self-consistency of total reality at some deeper level.... If what we call Nature is modified by supernatural power, then we may be sure that the capability of being so modified is of the essence of nature—that the total event, if we could grasp it, would turn out to involve, by its very character, the possibility of such modification.



## 175th Anniversary Celebration with Lessons & Carols

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (Note date change). The Grace choir will offer Lessons & Carols at 3 p.m., followed by a reception to mark the founding of our parish. Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration of our faith family, past and present. This is also an opportunity to mark the beginning of Advent in a holy, beautiful space.



**November Birthdays**

Bob Imig	11/2	Polly Schmeiser
Katie Maki	11/11	Kristin Plucar
Polly Bohenstengel	11/12	<b>November Anniversaries</b>
Margaret Knocke	11/13	Deb & Bill Gagin
Cindy Weiss	11/14	Claudia & Steve Fischer
Patricia Miller	11/23	Kathy & Douglas Jenkins

**Parish Staff**

11/25	The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, <i>Bishop</i>
11/28	The Reverend William Bulson, <i>Rector</i>
	The Reverend Paul Aparicio, <i>Deacon</i>
11/10	Sandie Palmer, Karen Christopherson, <i>Interim Music Leaders</i>
11/23	Jorge Gonzalez, <i>Sexton</i>
11/27	

**The Vestry**

The Reverend William Bulson, *Chair*  
 Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*  
 John Davis, *Junior Warden*  
 Brian Heck, *Treasurer*  
 Helen Mullison, *Chancellor*  
*Vestry:* Jack Britton, Tasha Crouse, Mary Gallimore, Jane Hanson, Shannon Luckey-Mueller, Robert McMillan, Jean-Margaret Merrell-Beech, Pat Sather, Connie Schneider

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