



**Angelus + February 2021**

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## From the Rector's Desk . . .

When we think of life in God at Grace Church, I'm sure many of us will immediately think of things like our beautiful Masses, the loved ones we know here, the prayers and healings that take place through devotion at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, time together online on Sunday evenings while pondering Scripture or doing role play games. Rightly so, these things, especially the font and the Mass, sharing in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship constitute who we are.

It's pretty rare for most Christians to think about parish Annual Meetings in the same way, though! As a way to experience the fullness of life in God with each other! Right?

Now, I actually have seen people feel inspired (in-spire, the Spirit put in them) at an annual meeting when called on to take on a ministry or when seeing the Church in action by doing business. But, again, that seems really rare when I listen to most people talk about annual meetings.

In my own head and on my office white board, just for practical reasons, I distinguish "liturgy" and "admin." Nothing inherently wrong with that. But I'm at risk of relating to the annual meeting in a way that's contrary to life in the Body.

Our annual parish meeting is coming up on Sunday, March 7. And it will be a virtual, online meeting, at that! Given everything we're going through right

now, given the challenges of using technology that can feel so challenging to some of us in order to do annual business, and given that the regular business of the parish can sometimes seem pretty mundane, how could it be possible to feel as though we're fully immersed in God's own life at such a gathering?

So many reasons we can and are called to see and believe such is the case. First, all we have to do is read the Acts of the Apostles to see how the Spiritual life of the Church in its origins had everything to do with taking care of business. Second, as mentioned above, I have seen and heard people who, when responding to a call to serve during an annual parish meeting, have felt the larger and deeper reality that inheres in organizing, planning, and doing. Third, there are countless saints who have shown us how God is close to us when doing household stuff, like doing the dishes (e.g., Brother Lawrence).

But maybe more to the point for us at Grace is that we Episcopalians, especially Anglo-Catholics like us, make much of our form of Christianity being "incarnational," that is, God is with us in the flesh and through all of material reality. So isn't that true of our annual parish meeting, too? Do we mean what we say about incarnational life when it comes to annual meetings?

When I was a novice monk, we read the Rule of St Benedict regularly, very often at our daily meetings in the morning, when we would look ahead to our day. It

was a time to look at both the deep truths of the common, Christian life, and a time to look at who was going to take out the compost and bake the bread that day. And at one point in the Rule of Benedict, St Benedict even talks about how the weekly kitchen duty teams are supposed to go off duty and come on duty. The hand off of the kitchen jobs and the pots and pans and spoons is supposed to take place in the context of the daily round of prayer. And the kitchen teams are supposed to treat the pots and pans the same way they treat the vessels for the Mass!

Growth in the life of holiness has everything to do with growing in our relationship with parish business in just this way. And even more, when we relate to our nitty-gritty business like this, we actually do experience God With Us; we enter the Kingdom that is to come and is here and now, too, even if we don't get the same emotional thrill from it we get at other times in our life in the Body. We will have a deeper sense of how we are called—through our Eucharist, prayer, service, and practical operations—to have a much fuller vision of what we are called to do and become as a parish—right here on 7th St, Sheboygan, the state, this country, and the cosmos.

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God...that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved” (Romans 8:19-24).

Peace,  
WLB+



***We will be imposing ashes on Ash Wednesday—in person!!!!***

We can gather briefly in small groups, in person, in our church!

This is how it will work:

\* We will sign up to meet in small groups just as we have for communions these past few weeks. Groups will be priest + 3 people.

\* We will use Sign-Up Genius through the link on our website.

\* We will sign up for slots of five (5) minutes each. **Please be on time!**

\* Imposition of ashes times will be: 1:30 pm-3:30 pm and 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

\* We will enter through the wooden church doors on Ontario Ave, receive the ashes at the chancel steps with prayer at the chancel steps, and exit through the glass doors in the narthex on Ontario Ave.

\* Ashes will be imposed by sprinkling. Sprinkling is a more ancient practice than smudging the forehead and it is also a no touch means of imposing the ashes.

If you have any questions, please contact our priest, Fr. William Bulson (wbulson@gracesheboygan) or our parish administrator (nbeeck@gracesheboygan; 920.452.9659).

## Ash Wednesday and Lent Service and Program Schedule Set

Many thanks for your patience as Grace adjusts during the Covid dispersion and transition of a new rector. Staff are now meeting and planning and we now have set service times for Lent. If you have any questions, please contact our priest, Fr. William Bulson (wbulson@gracesheboygan) or our parish administrator (nbeeck@gracesheboygan; 920.452.9659).

*All services will be viewable on our streaming video ministry, Grace Abounds. Sunday morning Christian Formation will be on Zoom. Please find the Zoom link on the next page or in our Sunday Bulletin Notices. Imposition of Ashes will not be streamed.*

### Feb 17 Ash Wednesday

12:10 pm Proper Liturgy and Mass  
1:30-3:30 pm Imposition of Ashes in small groups (Sign up on Sign-Up Genius for your 5 minute slot.)  
6:00 pm Proper Liturgy and Mass  
7:30-9:30 pm Imposition of Ashes in small groups (Sign up on Sign-Up Genius for your 5 minute slot.)

### Feb 19 Friday

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a meditation and teaching with Fr. William Bulson

### Feb 21 First Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Christian Formation with Fr. William on Zoom. *(Zoom link on next page or in our Sunday Bulletin Notices.)*  
10:15 am Great Litany and Mass

### Feb 26 Friday

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a meditation and teaching with Fr. William Bulson

### Feb 28 Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Christian Formation with Fr. William on Zoom. *(Zoom link on next page or in our Sunday Bulletin Notices.)*  
10:15 am The Decalogue, Penitential Order, and Mass

### Mar 5 Friday

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a meditation and teaching with Fr. William Bulson

### Mar 7 Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Christian Formation with Fr. William on Zoom. *(Zoom link on next page or in our Sunday Bulletin Notices.)*  
10:15 am The Penitential Order and Mass

### Mar 12 Friday

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a meditation and teaching with Fr. William Bulson

### Mar 14 Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Christian Formation with Fr. William on Zoom. *(Zoom link on next page or in our Sunday Bulletin Notices.)*  
10:15 am The Penitential Order and Mass

### Mar 19 Friday

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a meditation and teaching with Fr. William Bulson

### Mar 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Christian Formation with Fr. William on Zoom. *(Zoom link on next page or in our Sunday Bulletin Notices.)*  
10:15 am The Penitential Order and Mass

### Mar 25 Thursday The Annunciation

6:00 pm Mass

### Mar 26 Friday

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a meditation and teaching with Fr. William Bulson

***Please Stay Tuned for Our Holy Week Schedule!***

## **Weekday and Feast Day Mass Times Will Consistently Be at 8 am and/or 6 pm**

Standard times for services is one of the easiest ways to make sure even more people in the congregation have the right information, AND it's one of the quickest ways to make easier points of entry for seekers, inquirers, and friends we invite to pray and celebrate with us. So, starting Ash Wednesday of this year, weekday and feast day Mass times will consistently be at 8 am and/or 6 pm.

There will be a few exceptions, of course. For example, Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm, 12:10 Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 pm, etc. So, please stay aware of schedules printed in our Sunday bulletin and newsletter, for example, as well as our online info. But we'd ask you to remember that our weekday and feast day Masses will normally be at 8:00 am and/or 6:00 pm.

## **Stations of the Cross Followed by Meditation & Teaching on the Fridays of Lent, 6:00 pm**

Our rector, Fr. William Bulson, will officiate our observance of the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent.

*Following the service, Fr. William will offer a Meditation and Teaching on The Cross. He will meditate on topics such as what the Cross meant to people in Jesus's day, why God chose the Cross instead of a magic wand to reconcile heaven and earth and to overcome sin and death, the crucifixion in the Bible, why the Cross matters now for the life of the world, and other topics.* Both Stations and the teaching will be viewable on Grace Abounds.

## **Sunday Morning Christian Formation on the Sundays of Lent—Topic to be Announced**

On the Sundays of Lent, February 21-March 21, 9:00 am-9:45 am, our rector, Fr. William Bulson, will lead interactive sessions on Zoom to explore Christian faith, life, and practice.

*The topic for our interaction will be announced soon!*

## **Sunday Morning Christian Formation Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/92972924344?pwd=UWVLb1RTNDBBbmN1ZWVkVG5mM3M1dz09>

Or join by phone by calling (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 929 7292 4344

Passcode: 416185

## **Revised Morning and Evening Prayer Schedule Begins Ash Wednesday, February 17**

Since his arrival at Grace, Fr. William has been officiating Morning and Evening Prayer (a.k.a. the Daily Office), Monday through Thursday, in our Christ the King Chapel. He will continue to do so, with the hope that, as the lessening of the pandemic allows, others will join in this beautiful communal prayer and adornment of the Eucharistic life, and even share in the officiating.

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the times for the Daily Office (Morning and Evening Prayer) in Christ the King Chapel will be:

### Sunday-Thursday

7:30 am Morning Prayer

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

It's hoped, too, that small groups in our church that pray the Office together at various other times will continue to do so.

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## February Birthdays

Colin Fessler	2/1	Amelia Fitzsimmons	2/14
Beth Bouck	2/5	Tim Miller	2/14
Brian Munro Jr.	2/6	Randie Barrows	2/16
Liz Schumacher	2/7	Deb Gagin	2/16
Mthr. Michele Whitford	2/8	Alison Weinert	2/18
Ellen Aparicio	2/11	Carver Beeck	2/20
Melissa Davis	2/11	Ed Clabots	2/21
Nathaniel Manzoline	2/11	Helen Mullison	2/21
Robert McMillan	2/11	Nancy Imig	2/25
Elizabeth Boland	2/12	Clever Soe Lin	2/28

## Parish Staff

The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, *Bishop*  
The Reverend William Bulson, *Rector*  
The Venerable Michele Whitford, *Priest Associate*  
The Reverend Michael Burg, *Deacon*  
The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*  
Dr. R. Benjamin Dobey, *Organist Choirmaster*  
The Reverend Dcn Nicci Beeck, *Parish Administrator*  
Julie Davidson, *Sexton*  
Nick Whitford, *Director of Youth and Family*

## The Vestry

Kristin Plucar, *Senior Warden*  
Ed Clabots, *Junior Warden*  
Brian Heck, *Treasurer*  
*Vestry:* Randie Barrows, Jack Britton, Sutton Cecil, Amelia Fitzsimmons, Luke Fitzsimmons, Helen Mullison, Stuart Schmidt, Mary Snyder

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