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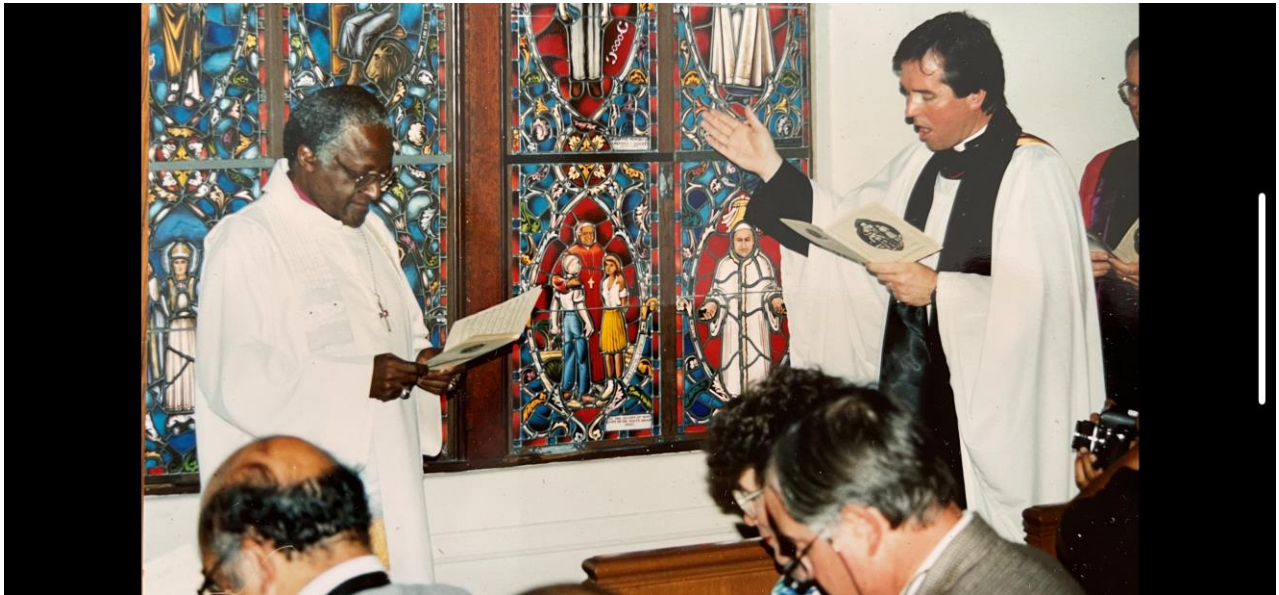


**Meet Your New Bishop
Sunday, 30 January 2022
10:00 a.m. Service**

St. Paul's was excited to hear that our new Bishop would be coming our way for a visitation during her first month of ministry. Elected as our next Bishop in July of last year and consecrated as a Bishop on December 18, Bishop Monnot eagerly looks forward to beginning her episcopate with us and going around to parishes to preside, preach, and visit with congregations at the local level.

Please mark this date on your calendar, plan to take part, and expect more details about this visitation to be announced. The Vestry will be working with diocesan staff to insure that this event is as happy and joyful as God desires it to be.

If you have any ideas for making Bishop Monnot's visit memorable, please speak to a member of the Vestry, Parish Administrator Mike Bayne or Fr. Richard.



While Rector and Headmaster of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Day School, a ministry I began in 1985, we welcomed Archbishop Desmond Tutu to our church in the spring of 1990. He came for the dedication of a new stained-glass window honoring him.

A small man in physical stature, but possessing a sky-high spiritual quality, the Archbishop preached about his desire for an end to Apartheid, yet to be realized, as he looked at the multicultural composition of the student body of our parish school. He said, "As I look at all of you, I see a beautiful, multi-colored bouquet of flowers that only God could arrange, all gathered together, making one exquisite whole. This, dear people, is what I dream that one day might be in South Africa." And, as we know, in 1994, his dream for his beloved country did come true.

When I heard of the Archbishop's recent death, the memories of that day came rushing back to me as I'm sure they did for all the adults and then children who experienced that occasion with me. We knew then, as we still know now, that Desmond Tutu was special, an extraordinary servant of God and witness to the gospel's call to free the captive and love everyone without exception.

I hope you find a moment to give thanks for him and pray that the good news he proclaimed and enacted may never perish from the earth.

Blessings,

Fr. Richard



Prayer Requests

We pray for those who have requested our prayers: Ann, Butch Baer, Jamie Baggett, Sam Chizek, Ronnie Chizek, Jody Cochrane, Connie, Beth & Tom Costello, Cheryl, Joeann Finch, Glen Davis, Ruth Davis, Lyle Hamilton, Ellis & Colleen Harmon, Larry Hays, Samantha Helmick, Orlin Klinkefus, Jon Klinkefus family, Kurt, Mark, Jessica McDanel, Annette Miley, Maria Ortiz, Joyce Ring, Linda Roberts & Family, Howard Stegmann, Frank Thomas, Sandy Vas, Maureen Wiley, Laci, Heather Ring, Mary Thomas, Sue Davis, Lily, Collette, Sarah Keller, Jason Kern & family, Amy Watson, and the family of Arthur Johnson.

We pray for all those who have died, especially Dr. Harold Gourley.

We pray for all those celebrating birthdays, especially, Tom Apgar, Janet deSilva, Carroll McInroy, Joyce Bayne, and Pat Gourley and for those observing anniversaries.

We pray for the clergy and people of every parish in our diocese and offer special thanksgivings for the consecration of our new Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Betsy Monnot. We also pray for our companion dioceses of Nzara and Swaziland in Africa, and our companion diocese of Brechin in Eastern Scotland.

We pray for all who suffer under the weight of this pandemic and strength for those who labor for our health.

We pray for leaders in every community and nation, especially for Joseph, our President and Kimberly, our Governor, that they might seek justice, promote unity, and care for all those they serve.

Parish Briefs



Cast of the Gift of the Magi

Marshalltown Community Theater (MCT): In the wake of the very successful performance of *The Gift of the Magi* in our Great Hall in early December, the Vestry met with members of the Board of MCT on December 27, to discuss the possibility of fostering on-going relationship. The discussion was lively and centered around St. Paul's providing office and storage space as well as being a venue for future auditions, rehearsals, and productions. The Vestry has proposed a 90-day contract at \$600 so the MCT can hold auditions and rehearsals for a one-act play to be performed early in 2022. MCT will be bringing our proposal to their full board for a decision soon.

VESTRY: Wednesday, January 19, the Vestry will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

PLEDGES TO DATE: We finished our year in a strong fashion, as contributions for December amounted to \$7,235.00, which well exceeded the projected income of \$3, 200.00. God bless you all for being such good stewards of our shared mission and ministry at St. Paul's.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Sheryl Readout and Glen Davis distribute nutritious meals to citizens of our community on Wednesday, January 26.

On the Lighter Side of Epiphany

