



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 2022 Epistle

A Publication of St. Paul's Episcopal Church
201 East Church Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Sunday Worship Services

10:15 a.m. Church
4:00 p.m. Zoom

St. Paul's Staff

The Head of the Church, Jesus Christ
The Bishop, The Right Rev. Betsey Monnot
Priest in Partnership, The Rev. Richard Graves

Senior Warden, P.J. Colbert
Parish Administrator, Michael Bayne
Pianist, Andrew Thelen

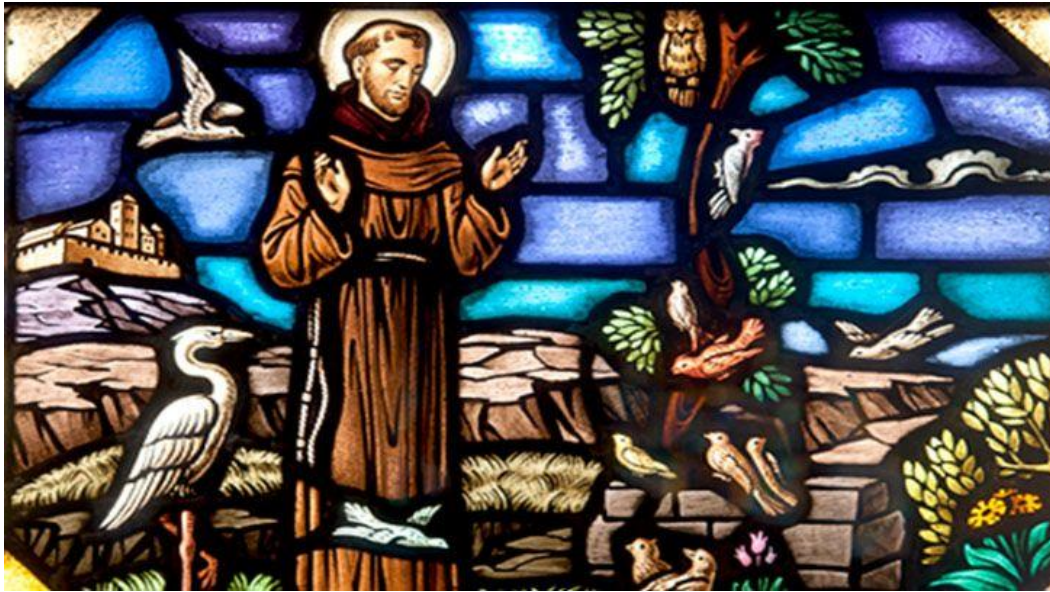
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In the Spirit of Blessed Francis of Assisi, the 13th century Italian saint, we will gather at St. Paul's for a ***Blessing of the Animals*** service on **October 2 at 3:00 p.m.** Weather permitting, the event will be held outside in the playground area east of the Church; otherwise, we will have the blessing in the Great Hall. Chairs will be available.

All animals, great of small – lizards, rabbits, cats, rats, canine, etc. – are cordially invited to attend, provided that their owners testify that they have been properly vaccinated and come properly restrained. Oly is coming in semi-formal attire (I had to talk him down from a tux) and I have been praying the blessing takes this year!

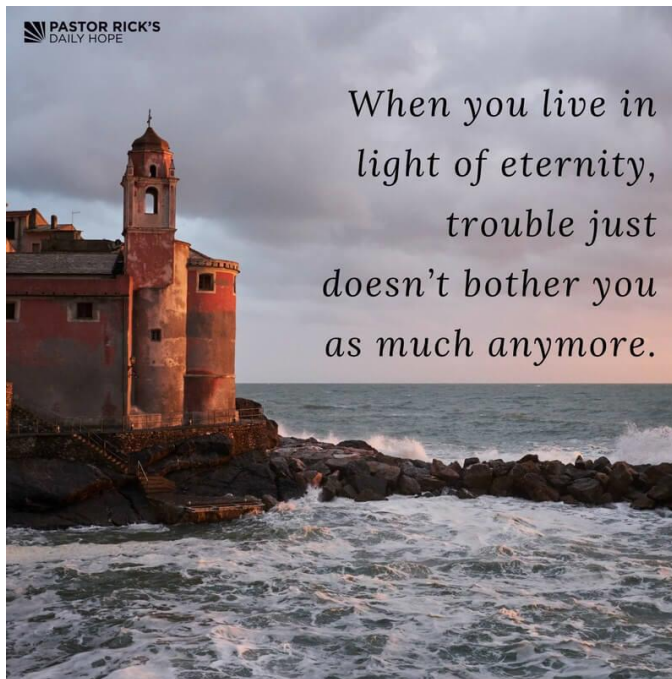
Refreshments consisting of animal crackers will be served.

Whatever you do, don't miss this awe-inspiring, infectiously happy event.

Faithfully,

Richard

P.S. If your animal cannot attend, bring a photo to be blessed.



When you live in
light of eternity,
trouble just
doesn't bother you
as much anymore.

May The Light Of Your Soul Guide You, by John O'Donohue

May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work

You do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those

Who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.

May you be present in what you do.

May you never become lost in the bland absences.

May the day never burden you.

May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams,

Possibilities and promises.

May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.

May your soul calm, console and renew you.



During the month of August, we finally had the roof on the church repaired. While we didn't need the whole roof replaced, there were some problem areas that need attention, and these were taken care of by Procrafters Roofing.

We are about to receive an estimate for repairs to the bell tower at the main entrance of the church. Ciro DiLorio and his subcontractors have reviewed this part of the church that has been a leaky problem area for a long time and have indicated that the repairs needed will be extensive. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope it won't be too expensive.

Our pledges are on a good track this year relative to our budget projections - we anticipated July/August pledges to be around \$6,000 and you have given \$6,700 during that period. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Matching the crazy cycles of the stock market our endowment, our endowment increased by about \$6,800 in July and then went down by almost the same amount in August, leaving us with a net gain of around \$100. I think the volatility of the markets is going to remain like this for the foreseeable future so we will just have to keep a close watch on the fund.

Last week we installed our community Blessing Box on the Church Street side of the church. A project initiated and headed by the DeMeyer family, it was stocked with food and necessities last Friday and has seen a great deal of use since the first day. This will be an opportunity for us to help in a tangible way those in our community who are in need.

Anyone can donate to the Blessing Box - if you have anything you would like to contribute, simply drive up and put it in the box, leave it at the church on Sunday or call the office and we can collect it from you and stock the box from here.

I'd like to thank all those who devoted their time, money, and effort to this project, and I know your efforts will go a long way in helping the less fortunate in Marshalltown.



Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bayne
Parish Administrator



Our Parish will be represented by Fr. Richard and Nick Lindborg. **Please note the Convention Service of Holy Eucharist will be lived streamed to St. Paul's, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 30.** The Bishop has authorized the Lay Distribution of Communion in all parishes of the diocese.



- **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** occurs every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. The Scripture for the study and the zoom link is emailed prior to each meeting. For more information, please contact the Church Office.
- The next meeting of the **VESTRY** is slated for Wednesday, October 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you have anything for the agenda, please contact the church office.
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** will be delivered on October 26 – thanks to the ministry of **GLEN DAVIS** and **SHERYL READOUT**.
- **PARISH POTLUCK, 6:00PM CONFERENCE ROOM:** We will gather on **October 6** to enjoy enchiladas from the *cucina* of **JOYCE** and **MIKE BAYNE**. Please bring salads and sides to share.
- **ST. PAUL'S** is hoping to form a facility-sharing partnership with a not-for-profit to better serve our community. If you know of any group that might be interested, please speak to **FR. RICHARD** or **MIKE BAYNE**.
- **ARTS@ST.PAULS:** As we plan to end our first full season of this new outreach program of St. Paul's, we look forward to **two upcoming concerts, a "Halloween" program on Sunday, October 30, at 3:00 p.m., and a Christmas program on Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m.** Both concerts are being produced by our Artist in Residence, **HUDSON LOURENCO**, who will be performing on both dates.



Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Orlin & Sally Klinkefus, Colleen Harmon, Ruth Davis, Scott, Eleanor Stegmann, Dan and Carroll McInroy, Bob & Nancy Petersen

We pray for Ellis Harmon who died on September 8, and for his family.

We pray for all those celebrating birthdays during the month of October, especially Danny Mayo and Joyce Ring. We also pray for those observing anniversaries.

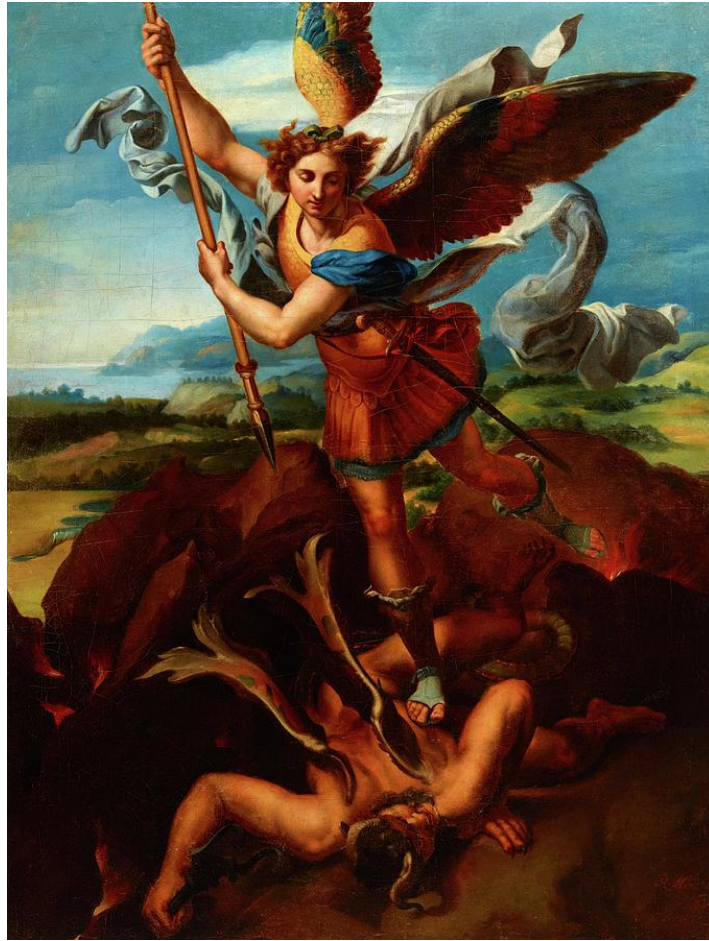
We pray for the clergy and people of every parish in our diocese. We also pray for our companion dioceses of Nzara and Swaziland in Africa, and Brechin in Eastern Scotland.

We pray for the people of Florida and other southern states as they respond to Hurricane Ian.

We pray for leaders in every community and nation we entrust with the authority of government, especially for Joseph, our President and Kimberly, our Governor, that they may be filled with the love of truth and righteousness and seek the common good.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that they will soon know justice and peace in their land.

We pray for an end to Coronavirus 19 and for all those working world-wide to care for those who have contracted the virus.



Painting by Raphael

The Feast of Michaelmas

September 29, 2022

Leslie Scoopmire

Inspired by Revelation 12:7-12

Who is like God? The nine choirs of angels shouted,
and Michael, leading the heavenly host,
ground the bat-winged dragon beneath his heel,
he who once bore light, Lucifer,
rocketing to earth on a lightning bolt.

In that moment, Satan, crowned with blackberry brambles,
slinks off trailing intrigue like shadows.

Sword drawn, Michael bows before the Son of Man,
ready to intercede for those in crisis—
his breastplate gleaming like noonday
against the fear that stalks in darkness,
less a messenger than a warrior,
when killing in the name of God was expected.

That's what the old folk say.

And so, as equinox recedes,
the days grow short, the meadows
rattle with spent blossoms, but
Michaelmas daisies flare like blue stars—
little suns among the weeds.

Stubble stands in harvested fields,
carrots and Queen Anne's lace are sorted,
the fishermen return to port one last time,
nets bursting, home until spring.

The rent's due but the cake is sweet.
Innkeepers seethe as the tourists depart at summer's end,
and throw statues of Michael into the sea.

The fasting Francis of Assisi rises from his knees:
forty days past Ascension,
St. Michael's Lent gives over to feast,
and there is a moment of luxurious quiet.

Thoughtfully hiding a goose
behind the hem of his robe,
he has her *to* dinner, rather than *for*,
offers her a carrot, and smiles.

The Lighter Side



*"It says to call tech-support after 3:00 PM.
That's when the 3rd graders they hire get home
from school."*



**COFFEE IN HAND, SUPPLIES AT THE READY,
ALICE SETTLES IN, WAITING FOR THE
FIRST TELEMARKETER TO CALL.**

**Doesn't matter what you ride , enjoy it
like nobody's watching!!**

Hillbilly Motorcycle

