



Weekly Announcements October 21, 2020

prep·o·si·tion

- a word governing, and usually preceding, a noun or pronoun and expressing a relation to another word or element in the clause, as in “the man on the platform,” “she arrived after dinner,” “what did you do it for?”



This is not as much a grammar lesson as it is a lesson for outreach and stewardship. You see, I need reminding of the purpose of the grammatical preposition when I write sermons or the weekly announcements, just as much as I need reminders of the true purpose of outreach and stewardship. I can be tempted, especially as clergy, to think that my acts of charity and outreach is *me* doing something *for* another person, and this can create a power differential between me and the person seeking spiritual guidance or utility assistance.

If I am not watchful, an encounter between me and a person in need can be what I do for someone, and it can lead to an inflated ego or sense of worth. This power differential can create, over a course of time, a paternalistic relationship with others, such that I absolutely know what is best for others in all circumstances. This can be particularly glaring when someone calls me "Father."

I was reminded of this power difference recently when Daniel Pryfogle, the consultant we are using about repurposing unused and underutilized space at St. James, ended his email signature with this: "do good with, not good for."

Simone Weil wrote that the true love of neighbor occurs when we are present for another human being in the midst of their suffering, without seeking attention for ourselves and being all self-congratulatory. She writes that "God is not present, even if we invoke him, where the afflicted are merely regarded as an occasion for doing good."*

"Do good with, not do good for." Those prepositions mean all the world in relations between people.

Faithfully yours,

Tim Heflin+
Rector

* *Waiting For God* by Simone Weil, p. 150.

Taking Care of Yourself During COVID-19

Mental health issues related to our lock down and the pandemic are especially hard for people with depression and other mental health disorders. NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Health has a 24-hour helpline: 800-950-6264. Take advantage of this outreach line or pass it along to friends or co-workers.

Online Giving

You can pay your annual pledge, make one-time donations, set up recurring donations, or give a "virtual offering plate" donation (given that we are meeting virtually for Evening Prayer and Wednesday Adult Formation) [by clicking this link on our website](#). Call Roy Rosenthal @ 318.445.9845 if you need assistance or have questions about this option of online giving.

Thank you for your support!

Adult Education/Formation

We are taking a 2 week break from our Wednesday conversations and will meet again, via Zoom, on Wednesday, November 4th @ 6:30 PM.



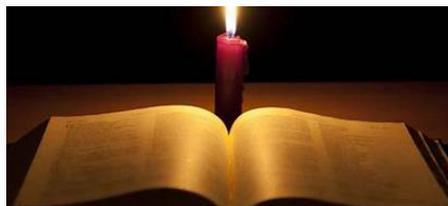
Sunday Eucharist October 25th @ 10:30 AM

In-person in the Nave

The readings for the morning, Track 2 of the lectionary, can be found by [clicking here](#).

Online Evening Prayer October 25th @ 5:00 PM

The order of service & readings can be found [by clicking here on our church website](#)



Led this week by Fr. Tim & Fred Alexius

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88983228843?pwd=NIRBT0hWRG1TN2tvaUJEZXpvmRSQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 8322 8843
1-312-626-6799

Parish Prayer List

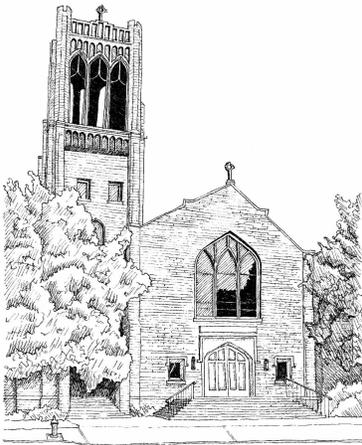
Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

Jane Y. Harris, Jude Daigle, Ricky Larsen, Chase Barnfield, Emily, Kip Hogue, Alice Gill, Kyle,

Bernard Parker, James Jay Watts, Janet Ahrens, Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Karen Donahue, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Karen Holt, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Chad Dupree, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Bill and Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Charlie, Emily, Betty Anne Close, Mark Goldich, Jim Brackett, Janet Fuqua, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Don Parker, Micah Johnson, Henry Wells, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Sarah, Pat Carter, Amy Banks, Dr. Jack Jackson, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, James Parham, Timothy Futrell, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Laura Waring, Gerard, Hannah Pierce, John McLure, Rachel Gardner, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Wes Fidler, Allie Thompson, Tanya and John Self, Heather Craig, C. J. Guillory, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Steven Rougeau, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Kenneth O. Musselwhite, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Jeffery Michael Musselwhite, Captain Patrick Downs, Chris Babcock, and Sequoia Green.



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