



# The Churchman

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We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and Sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

## Home by Another Road

*This sermon was preached on The Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The assigned texts were Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12.*

*Lord Jesus, light of the world, star rising in the east, sun of righteousness, shine upon us. Enlighten us, show us your way for us. And then, having seen your light, teach us to follow your star wherever it leads. Make us bold in going forth as your disciples, to walk with you, to serve you, and to rejoice in your light. Amen.*

*We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star*

You may know that this favorite Christmas carol was composed over 150 years ago by the Rev. John Henry Hopkins who is supposed to have written the carol for a seminary Christmas pageant in New York City. It may come as a surprise to the Rev. John Henry Hopkins and to many of us that, of all the English translations which I compared, not one of them calls these fellows “kings,” although the mighty kings of history will one day bow down to the King of Kings. “Nations shall come to your light,” Isaiah had foreseen, “and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

There may have been three precious gifts offered to the baby King—gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh—but nowhere does the text say that there were just three of these “wise men.” Actually, one tradition suggests that there may have been as many as twelve; maybe twelve for the twelve apostles.

Most of our English Bibles politely render the word for these visitors from the east as “wise men,” but the word which Matthew uses for these people is one from which we derive words like “magic,” “magician,” and “magi.” In other words, these “wise men,” traveling from “the place where the sun rises” (this phrase, translated as such, is significant) were most likely magicians among the ancient sorcerers and stargazers, astrologers and alchemists, wizards and wanderers, enchanters *and* interpreters of dreams.

As you may know, these are not exactly the sort of “professions” that were highly regarded by Judaism. I’m thinking of King Saul who consults a medium in order to speak with the dead. I’m thinking of Elymus the magician who is blinded temporarily by Paul in the book of Acts and Simon Magus (there’s that word again) who is also frowned upon in the same book.

A Greek historian from the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC says that the magi were a caste of priests from Persia or the larger region of Medea—present day Iraq, Iran and northern Syria, the very places we seem to fear the most nowadays; yes, priests who could interpret dreams, which is a really good thing in this Gospel since there are at least five dreams in Matthew’s story of Jesus’ birth. These likely allude to the Genesis stories about Joseph, the dreamer and the dream interpreter who, like the Holy Family, is also exiled to Egypt.

Some have suggested that the precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh which the magi offered in their worship of the baby Jesus may very well have been the “tricks of their trade,” the elements that these alchemists used in their practices.

“Matthew’s wise men were a classic case of fish out of water,” writes one scholar, “Like a meeting of Iranian ayatollahs in the state of Nebraska.”

“Nations shall come to your light.”

Gazing at their star charts, these migrant magi found Jesus, while Herod’s inner circle of Bible scholars could only discern the location of his birth.

Dante spoke of “the love that moves the stars.”

Danish physicist Niels Bohr, one of the founders of quantum theory, told a young colleague, “If it does not boggle your mind, you understand nothing.”

Perhaps there are no measures which God will not take—even an intersection of faith and physics—in order to shed light upon his beloved children—children of all nations.

Today is Epiphany, not a day very well known even in Christian circles. Here already is the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas and the beginning of the Season of the Light and the spreading of that Light to the nations. Literally, an epiphany is an “appearance,” a “coming into the light,” a “shining upon” something.

The wandering star, originating in the skies from the place where the sun rises, “shines upon” the Holy Child of Bethlehem, first revealing him to the least expected of people—people who were completely in the dark about Judaism, people who were mysterious strangers, foreigners, elites—the very people whom the insiders would like to keep away. These are the people upon whom the curtain rises.

Curiously, in Matthew’s Gospel, arguably the most Jewish of the gospels, it is these extreme outsiders who are the first to see, to drop everything, and to launch out on a search for this new epiphany of God in order that they also might worship “the king of the Jews,” a title that Matthew uses only twice for Jesus, here at the beginning and again at the end of this story.

On the contrary, it is the madman, Herod the Great (one of at least five Herods mentioned in the New Testament), nastiest of all

nasty rulers, who assumed that *he* alone was the “king of the Jews.” This Herod will soon die. But before he does, while on his deathbed, the maniac orders the elite of the city into the horse-racing stadium, locks the gates behind them, and demands that they be executed—a hideous way of guaranteeing that there would be an outpouring of grief when he himself died. And when these experts—these magi, these Gentiles—outsmart Herod, he throws a fit. He fuses and fumes, he rants and raves, until he finally commits infanticide upon a whole population of his own boy babies, so threatened that one of them would someday usurp his fragile grip on power.

So we begin 2019 with such an epiphany—“Nations shall come to your light.”

Here is the infant King already opening wide the gates of his dominion. And we see that God also “has the backs” of these strange magi migrants, these representatives of the nations.

About the madman? God lovingly cautions the migrant magi, “And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” The strangers will simply take a different road home. You cannot worship the Savior of the nations, and go home the same way as you came here.

Georgia Harkness, regarded as one of the first American female theologians and also significant in the movement for the ordination of women in American Methodism, wrote that faith is “a courageous adventure.”

“Indeed courage is presupposed in faith as trust and commitment,” she said, “for while there are some things to which to commit ourselves without incurring risk, this is not true of many things of importance. To get married, or choose a vocation, or give oneself to a cause is to act on faith—not blindly, but with full awareness that difficulties as well as delights are in store.

“We must count the cost and be willing to pay it before we can go ahead. To ‘walk by faith and not by sight’ does not mean to stumble around in the dark, but with many of the details hidden to go forward boldly by the light we have.”

Like the magi of old, let us “...go forward boldly by the light we have.”

“Come to Bethlehem and see / him whose birth the angels sing;  
/ Come adore on bended knee / Christ the Lord, the newborn king.”—*djl*

## “Thank You” . . .

Thank you all for again remembering our family at Christmastime with your many cards and gifts. You are always so kind and thoughtful to think of us in this way at this time of year, and it makes for a brighter, warmer Christmas in our home. As always, we cherish your love, support and encouragement throughout our years with you. We pray that the light of Jesus’ presence will shine in your lives and guide your steps throughout the coming year.

—*Pastor Dennis and Jane and Family*



## From the Parish Register

### Baptism

Madelyn Lorraine, daughter of Matthew and Jessica Pfennig, was baptized on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Madelyn’s sponsors are Adam and Becky Davis.

## Got Talent?...

...to share with a live audience? Dale Hawes is currently booking performers for a Mardi Gras-theme talent show and fund-raiser to be held here on Saturday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking to host bands, musicians, singers, sketch-comedy groups, comedians, magicians and others. If you have a talent that you would like to share, or just need more information, contact Dale at (708) 204-9358. The show is planned as a fun showcase of local talent. All ages are encouraged to participate.

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:15 a.m. Confirmation and Sunday Kids’ Classes  
9:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
11:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Choir Rehearsals  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

## News from the Riverside Preschool at Sts. Peter and Paul

February is going to be a “sweet” month. We will be busy making crafts and celebrating Valentine’s Day. We will also have a visit from Riverside’s own Dr. Coffey, aka the “Tooth Fairy.”.

On our annual pajama day we will be watching a movie and popping some popcorn. —*Lisa Manganiello, Preschool Director*



## February Announcements

A reminder to the congregation, especially during the months of winter weather, that complimentary cab service is available on Sunday mornings for rides to and from worship services. Please contact Blue Village Cab Company at (708) 583-6900 as early as possible to make arrangements for pick up. When arranging your pick-up, please remind the dispatcher that the ride is to be billed to account number #101755.

If you will be leaving the Chicago area during the winter months for warmer climates, please notify the church office before then so the monthly newsletter can be forwarded to your temporary residence or cancelled until you return. The congregation incurs a fee for each newsletter that is undeliverable; stopped mail delivery to your permanent residence is considered “undeliverable” and returned to the church for a fee. Thank you for your assistance.

## Mission and Meal Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>



**Epiphany International Potluck Luncheon**  
on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord  
beginning at 12:30 p.m.  
in the dining hall following the

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**  
which will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.  
also in the dining hall.

You are invited to bring your favorite ethnic dishes  
(reflecting your various heritages if you like)  
to share at the meal  
including main courses, side dishes, salads,  
appetizers and desserts.

Email or phone in your selection(s) to a council member  
or to the church office before January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
or use the sign-up pages at the entrances to the church  
or send an email to Pastor Dennis at  
[pastor@stspeterandpaulriverside.org](mailto:pastor@stspeterandpaulriverside.org) .

Epiphany is the season when  
the Light of Christ shines forth to all nations.  
Come, celebrate this wondrous Season of Light  
around our vibrant mission,  
warm Christian fellowship and friendship,  
and international culinary delights!



February 1: Daniel Babiar	February 18: William Londak
February 4: Isabelle Boike	February 19: Gretchen Kostelny
Lois Mika	February 21: Peter Drahos
February 6: John Borysek	Adriana Kubo
February 7: David Richards	Sarah Michaels
Ann Vana	February 22: Robert Kany
February 9: Robert Skudrna	February 23: John Kostelancik
February 12: Jack Bute	February 25: Gary Drahos
Susan Hassel	James Triska
February 13: Valerie Smith	February 29: Marie Kamp

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 5, 1972: Gary and Jocelyn Drahos  
 February 14, 2008: Vincent and Valerie Smith  
 February 27, 1965: George and Joyce Hodul

### Happenings

**Congregation Council Meeting**  
 Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

**Terry Sullivan Trio**  
 Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

**Co-Dependents Anonymous** meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

**AA Big Book Study Group** meets weekly on Saturday mornings at 11 a.m.

**AA Group** meets weekly on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.

*All groups meet in the large classroom on the lower level (first classroom on the right off the main dining hall.)*

**“Legends of the Game” Volleyball** meets every Monday, 6:30-9:45 p.m. beginning through April 29<sup>th</sup>.



### Valentine’s Day Prayer

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Bright Star

(Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12)

And where have you gone, bright star,  
 you that shone like an invitation,

like a beckoning, like a summoning,  
 like a signal of something beginning;

where have you gone in the nighttime,  
 in the distances of murky darkness

that hides from our eyes the suffering,  
 the weeping, the praying, the struggling,

our eyes grown weary with watching  
 for signs of God coming to bless?

We have looked for you again in our hoping,  
 we have searched for you in our wandering. . .

Could it be, bright star, that we are looking  
 in wrong places, in the wrong direction,

that you are found no longer in the heavens,  
 no more in dark meadows of sky,

but instead you rise on horizons  
 of love’s possibilities within us –

and that we can be the shining signal  
 for which others are hoping and seeking,

that we can be the radiant beacon  
 that is a sign of God’s presence and caring,

that we can invite the wanderers  
 toward a warm place of welcome,

as we share with them the journey  
 that leads to God’s joyful kingdom. . .

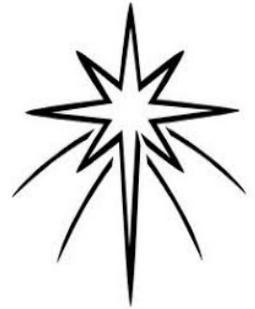
Love’s light, bright star within us,  
 will you rise in our hearts today?

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### Grief Support Group

Hitzeman Funeral Home welcomes you and your family to join them for their Grief Support Gatherings which occur on the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where support with others experiencing the same feelings can be expressed. The next gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the funeral home located at 9445 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street in Brookfield from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Seats are limited. Please RSVP by February 8<sup>th</sup> to [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto:info@hitzemanfuneral.com) or (708) 485-2000. Refreshments will follow. More information at [www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport).



## Memorial Flowers

*Thank you to the following individuals and families who purchased poinsettias to decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for our Christmas services:*

Ruth and Larry Bakalich, Kristine Boike and family, Richard and Ruth Hurbanis, John and Shirley Kostelny, Annette Kozik, Fred Kuzel, Ladies Altar Guild, Martin and Ann Pennino, the Slahor and Babyar Families and Olga Zavodny.

*Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>:* In memory of dear husband and father +Emil Mendel+ on the 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth by remembering wife Mildred and family.

*Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>:* In memory of +Katherine Predny+ on the anniversary of her birth.

In memory of +Mildred Predny Kessler+ on the anniversary of her death.

In memory of dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather +Alfred Kovalsky+ on the sixth anniversary of his passing by remembering wife Ludmilla and family.

*Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>:* In loving memory of beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt +LaVerne Hanzel+ on the tenth anniversary of her death by remembering children Karen Cox, Kevin and David Hanzel and their families, sister Audrey Bucz and her family, and niece Adrienne Gana.

In memory of +Paul Predny+ on the anniversary of his birth.



## Memorials and Honorariums

### ❖ For the Church ❖

Patricia Ann Mathis, in memory of +Judith Kozik+.  
Kevin and Julie Hurbanis.

Rev. Don Borling, in memory of +Judith Kozik+  
Michael and Mary Janik, in memory of +Judith Kozik+.

Diane Kozik, in memory of mother +Judith Kozik+.  
Brian and Hope Boor.

Larry and Sue Kusch, in memory of dear mother +Shirley Wood+.

In loving memory of beautiful Mom +Mildred E. Melka+ who is missed every day by her daughter Nancy, son-in-law John Phelan, her grandchildren, and great-grandsons.

Scott Michalec, in memory of +Edward Michalec+.

Dave and Deborah Bark, in memory of +Shirley Wood+.

Luddy Kovalsky, in celebration of great-granddaughter Peyton's baptism on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Bob and Sue Skudrna and family, in memory of brother-in-law and uncle +Robert Frank Smutny+.

John and Shirley Kostelny, in memory of +Margaret Ilene Richards+.

In loving memory of beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt +LaVerne Hanzel+ on the tenth anniversary of her death by remembering children Karen Cox, Kevin and David Hanzel and their families, sister Audrey Bucz and her family, and niece Adrienne Gana.

Wally Kessler, in loving memory of dear wife +Mildred Kessler+.

## Little Is Much

*As you go about your daily life, recall the lad who sacrificed the little things for his Lord.*

A little lad who stood peering up at Jesus. Five loaves. Two fish.

The gift was cute, in a way. A young child gladly offered up his lunch to Jesus, his trusting heart willing and eager to do anything to serve the Master. Yet, to those who could not see his heart, his sacrifice must have seemed pitiful. Even ridiculous.

Five loaves and two fish... To feed how many? A multitude. Unlearned fishermen and scholars alike knew that so trifling a lunch could scarcely feed a few of them, let alone thousands of famished men, women and children. Something so little, so paltry, so meaningless could scarcely be used to further the work of the Master.

Until that Master took those small loaves and fish in His hands and blessed them.

A child with a trusting heart took the first step. Jesus completed the work, blessing the sacrifice and working a miracle beyond anything the little lad or disciples had ever fathomed. Scripture tells us that over five thousand people were fed and filled, with full baskets left over from the feast. Could He have done it without the loaves and fish? Of course. But how special it was that a child had a part in it, offering his lunch and—more importantly—his heart to Christ.

How often do we feel that our sacrifices are too small, too paltry to be used by Christ? How often are we ashamed to offer Him our “little” talents, our small gifts, our “meaningless” labor? A multitude stands before us—and we have only our loaves and fishes to offer. We feel weak, even useless.

Praise God that He used the foolish things of this world. He reveals His strength through our weaknesses. And, when we have a heart of faith, He even takes things like our loaves and fish to proclaim His power.

Little truly is much. It has been said that it is the little things that contribute the most joy to life. Or, from the more poetic pen of Arthur Conan Doyle, “It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important.” Rather than grow discouraged over our paltry work, remember that little is much when God is in it.

*Little is much when God is in it!*

*Labor not for wealth or fame.*

*There's a crown—and you can win it,*

*If you go in Jesus' name.*

As you go about your daily life, recall the lad who sacrificed the little things for his Lord. The same Lord Who has the power to bless anything we do in His name and for His service.

Written by Alicia A. Willis

—submitted by Charles Matthies



*We must work unceasingly to uplift this nation that we love to a higher destiny, to a higher plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness.*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

## The Terry Sullivan Trio in Concert

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul

Riverside resident Bobby Schiff will perform an intimate concert of mainstream jazz with vocalist Terry Sullivan and bassist Stewart Miller on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church in Riverside. Schiff has performed on piano and keyboards, directed, composed and arranged for and with the best—Mel Torme, Peggy Lee, Johnny Hartman, Carmen McRae, Frank D'Rone and Bobby Rydell, among others. Concert admission is \$25 per person, \$20 for seniors. Cash only at the door; no advance sales. Information at (708) 488-1701.

Bobby Schiff's classical training in piano performance and composition began at age five. As a youngster he worked several years at Universal Recording Studios in Chicago, honing his skills in the music production and publishing business. Later, several years in Los Angeles provided feature film and television opportunities in composing and arranging. There he played in recording sessions with such greats as Marvin Hamlisch and Jerry Goldsmith.

Vocalist Terry Sullivan, a resident of Forest Park, sang in early music ensembles and small concert choirs before turning to jazz. An Ohio native, she has a degree in flute from Ohio University, but began singing after college. Anita O'Day and Blossom Dearie are influences. In addition to traditional musical training beginning in grade four, she studied at the Aebersold Summer Jazz Workshops at the University of Louisville, Kentucky.

Stewart Miller is a regular in jazz clubs, recording studios and festivals in and around Chicago. In the 1980s he toured for two years with the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Miller is a member of the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic and Instructor of Jazz Bass at the Music Institute of Chicago. He can be heard on recordings by jazz artists Orbert Davis, Russ Phillips, Bobby Schiff, Judy Roberts, and the trombonist Curtis Fuller.

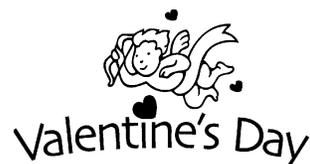
Contact Terry Sullivan at [tsullivan@midtown-metro.org](mailto:tsullivan@midtown-metro.org)



Coffee Hour Hosts are  
Welcome!



A sign-up page is now available at the west entrance to the dining hall for hosting Sunday morning coffee hours. Hands-on orientation for hosting these events will be provided by Janet Broussard, Ann Head or Sue Skudrna. Please speak with any of the three for further information.



### A History of Saint Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14<sup>th</sup> was a holiday to honor Juno who was the Queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15<sup>th</sup>, began the Feast of Lupercalia.

The lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate, however, one of the customs of the young people was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often they would fall in love and would later marry.

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II, Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius canceled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, about the year A.D. 270.

At that time it was the custom in Rome, a very ancient custom indeed, to celebrate in the month of February the Lupercalia, feasts in honor of a heathen god. On these occasions, amidst a variety of pagan ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed.

The pastors of the early Christian Church in Rome endeavored to do away with the pagan element in these feasts by substituting the names of saints for those of maidens. And as the Lupercalia began about the middle of February, the pastors appear to have chosen Saint Valentine's Day for the celebration of this new feast. So it seems that the custom of young men choosing maidens for valentines, or saints as patrons for the coming year, arose in this way.

### A Prayer of St. Augustine for Epiphany

*O Holy Spirit, Love of God, infuse Thy grace, and descend plentifully into my heart; enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling, and scatter there Thy cheerful beams; dwell in that soul that longs to be Thy temple; water that barren soil, overrun with weeds and briars, and lost for want of cultivating, and make it fruitful with Thy dew from heaven. Oh come, Thou refreshment of them that languish and faint. Come, Thou Star and Guide of them that sail in the tempestuous sea of the world; Thou only Haven of the tossed and shipwrecked. Come, Thou Glory and Crown of the living, and only Safeguard of the dying. Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy, and make me fit to receive Thee. Amen.*

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVERS

### February 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Greeters: Ann Kmet and Annette Kozik  
Acolyte: Matt Decosola  
Assisting Minister: Tom Micheals  
Comm. Minister: Beverly Tarbox  
Lectors: John Broussard and Philip Painter  
Ushers: Janet Broussard and Walter Cudecki

### February 10<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Bob Melnyk and Katie Melnyk  
Acolyte: Ben Myers  
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies  
Comm. Minister: Carrie Watkiss  
Lectors: Tom and Vicki Michaels  
Ushers: Gregg Valek and Paul Watkiss

### February 17<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik  
Acolyte: Aidan Altavilla  
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss  
Comm. Minister: Kathy Ganschow  
Lectors: John and Shirley Kostelny  
Ushers: Gregg Valek and John Kostelny

### February 24<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny  
Acolyte: Sebastian Myers  
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels  
Comm. Minister: Tom Myers  
Lectors: George Valek and Matt Decosola  
Ushers: Gregg Valek and Dale Hawes

#### Sacristan and Altar Care:

Janice Hapgood

#### Worship Servers Please Note...

...that if you are unable to keep your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement and call the church office with the change. Thank you.

We are in need of congregation members and friends to serve as acolytes, ushers and nursery attendants. If interested, please speak with Pastor Dennis or a member of the Worship and Music Committee.

#### December 2018

#### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

*Budgeted Offering: \$2,683.00*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering</u>
12/2	\$2,916.00
12/9	\$1,725.00
12/16	\$2,908.75
12/23	\$2,670.00
12/30	\$2,216.00

## MARCH WORSHIP SERVERS

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Greeters: Philip and Linda Painter  
Acolyte: Claire Watkiss  
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels  
Comm. Minister: Lois Mika  
Lectors: Brandon Michaels and Jane Lauritsen  
Ushers: Paul Watkiss and Gregg Valek

### Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Ed and Joanne Sefara  
Acolyte: Abby Tarbox  
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers  
Comm. Minister: Charles Matthies  
Lectors: J. T. and Beverly Tarbox  
Usher : Fred Kuzel

### March 10<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Sandy Garvey and Karyn Bute  
Acolyte: Isabella Myers  
Assisting Minister: John Broussard  
Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino  
Lectors: Tom and Lavinia Myers  
Ushers: Janet Broussard and Gregg Valek

### March 17<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Ann Kmet and Annette Kozik  
Acolyte: George Valek  
Assisting Minister: Tom Michaels  
Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels  
Lectors: Gary and Jocelyn Drahos  
Ushers: Gregg Valek and John Kostelny

### March 24<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Walter and Judith Cudecki  
Acolyte: Bryan Galdun  
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies  
Comm. Minister: Beverly Tarbox  
Lectors: Robert Melnyk and Katie Melnyk  
Ushers: Gregg Valek and Walter Cudecki

### March 31<sup>st</sup>:

Greeters: Carole Pollitz and Carl Busch  
Acolyte: Matt Decosola  
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss  
Comm. Minister: Kathy Ganschow  
Lectors: Matt Decosola and Kristine Boike  
Ushers: Donald Haase and Johnathan Haase

#### Sacristan and Altar Care:

Ruth Bakalich

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## Mardi Gras and Talent Night

Benefitting Summer Youth Service Projects

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
6:00-7:30 p.m. Food Served  
8:00 p.m. Talent Show

If interested in sharing your talents, please contact  
Dale Hawes at (708) 204-9358 or the church office at (708) 442-5250.

Entertainment provided by talent and bands from local communities.  
Piñata for the children!