



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

January 14, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This weekend is the second Sunday after the Epiphany. Our readings will be:

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 36:5-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- John 2:1-11

The transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana is the first miracle attributed to Jesus in the Gospel of John.



SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

While the writings of Mathew, Mark and Luke are similar in many areas of Jesus' life, John's writings are dissimilar. John admits that he omits much of Jesus' life, but he also covers a good bit that the other Gospel writers omit –

such as: wedding at Cana, meeting with Samaritan woman, raising of Lazarus, and the confrontation with doubting Thomas among others. Take a look at home at a [Bible Project video](#) and then come to class Sunday at 9am in the Library for light discussion. We hope to see you then. ~Jack Campbell



WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

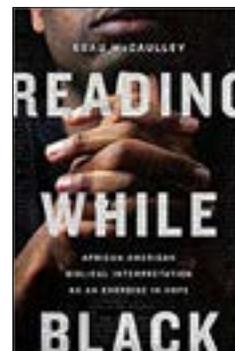
JoAnn Baker
 Bill & Margaret Baldauf
 Jim Ball
 Adam & Simon Ballintoy
 Bob & Jean Bardorf

Please include these people in your prayers.

EPIPHANY BOOK STUDY: READING WHILE BLACK

UPDATE: Due to COVID concerns, we are cancelling in-person Sunday school after the 10 A.M. service. However, Fr. Bailey will begin the book study over Zoom at 11:45 A.M We will continue over Zoom, even after we resume in-person Sunday School.

Fr. Bailey will begin with Chapter 1 of "[Reading While Black: African American Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope](#)" by The Rev. Dr. Esau McCaulley. Dr. McCaulley who teaches New Testament at Wheaton College. His book is part of the major strand of his work - helping white Christians and academics understand that there are other ways to hear and interpret the stories of Scripture. Specifically, how do other cultures - in this case, African-Americans - read the stories from their own experiences? How can we better listen to these experiences and take these interpretations and grow to greater unity as Christians while more deeply appreciating our God-given diversity? This class will give us the chance to grow in our understanding of the Scriptures, challenge some of our preconceptions, and allow us to hear the richness of diversity within our own parish but also appreciating the perspective of others' stories.



Books and E-books are available online, and there are a few copies in the Parish Office.

DR. ANANY, CHILDREN'S NUTRITION PROGRAM IN HAITI

On **Sunday, January 23, 2022**, we welcome Dr. Anany G. Propser to tell us about the vital work being done for the children in Haiti. Dr. Anany will give a presentation after the 10 A.M. worship service, in lieu of our regular Sunday School program.

ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S NUTRITION PROGRAM IN HAITI

CNP/Kore Timoun envisions a Haiti where children grow up healthy in empowered communities that raise them to attain their full human potential and bring lasting progress and prosperity to Haiti.



Dr. Anany G. Propser



Our goal is not charity, but empowerment. We are guided by principles that recognize health as an outcome of social and economic determinants and draw on best practices in global health and on the lived experiences of the communities in Léogâne. We work alongside our communities and in collaboration with the local health system and our partnering non-profits, to prevent and treat malnutrition by focusing on its root causes. We are a team of Haitian and International staff, consisting of community nutrition workers (Monitrices), nurses, public health professionals and support staff, steered by a board of directors comprised of doctors, public health professionals and financial experts. 90% of the Children's Nutrition Program is Haitian.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Every month, we include birthdays and anniversaries in our celebrations section of the Evangel. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please do us the favor of sending in your important dates - including the year - to the Parish Secretary. The default year in our database is 1900...so unless you're looking to celebrate your 122nd birthday, please include your birth or anniversary year! That information will be kept confidential - we only publish the month and day for birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you!



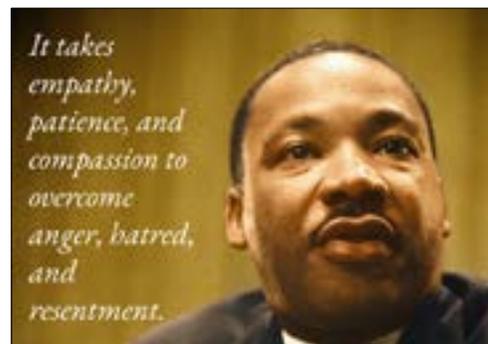
COMMUNION DELIVERY CREW

We are looking for a few good volunteers who would be willing to deliver communion to folks on Sundays. Please contact Fr. Bailey or Fr. Ashton if you would like to take communion to those who aren't able to attend Sunday worship services. It is much appreciated!



OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



2022 PARISH DIRECTORY

At the beginning of the year, we customarily update our Parish Directory. If you have any changes to your home address, phone numbers, or email address, please contact the Parish Secretary with your updated information.

Our Directory is NOT published online, to protect your contact information.