



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

To coin a phrase, 'Oh, what a beautiful morning! Oh, what a beautiful day!' It was a surprisingly glorious fall day for the return of our Pet Blessing here in River Forest, Illinois, not in Oklahoma. 'Surprisingly' because some of the days for this event had been much cooler, windy, rainy and even snowing. Not this year, it was even balmy.

Pat M. and Nancy organized the lawn to be welcoming to both people and pets. There were treats for all. Eliza added treats for the two-legged creatures. Mm, mm, good.

Seventeen people and fifteen pets attended. We invited passersby to join us (it had been on the sign for weeks, so they already knew about it) but they declined. Even so, we had one person from the condos next door and a family of three thanks to Eliza. There were 11 dogs, 3 cats and 1 horse. Some were pictures brought by the owners, but we did have a nice representation of live ones.

Pet blessings take place on or near October 4<sup>th</sup>, which is St. Francis' day. He was born into a wealthy merchant family in Assisi, Italy. His conscience was pricked after encountering many lost and poor souls as a youth. He renounced his family and his inheritance to serve Lady Poverty.

His order grew rapidly across Europe. He is the most well-known of all the saints, but the least imitated. Even his Order was taken away from him by his friars (he was 'kicked upstairs') because strict poverty was too difficult to maintain.

He is credited with giving us the first Christmas crèche, which included animals. His 'Canticle of the Sun' (metrical version, Hymn 406) contains the phrase, "From thee alone all creatures came." He is typically depicted with animals, and most of his statues include at least one animal. Thus, the Pet Blessing service is on/near his day.

We had dropped the Pet Blessing from our calendar due to COVID-19. It was good to return it to our schedule. It was especially nice to be blessed with such a glorious day for such a wonderful event.

Peace be with you,  
Pete+

## AROUND AND ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

**“THE NOT SO SILENT AUCTION IV” on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2 p.m. CDT via Zoom.**

Watch for the catalog of items in your mail shortly. The link will be published October 30.

### **How to Bid:**

Bidder verbally calls their bid (whole dollars). Payment options: exact payment ONLY. Cash or check made payable to Christ Church, 515 Franklin Ave, River Forest, IL 60305. Denote item # on check. Pick-up (one week only) November 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, at the church. Please call Julie at the church between 1 and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday to arrange for pick-up of your item/s OR arrange delivery to buyer via seller.

### **EPISCOPICKLES ARE HERE FOR 2024 - all 213 jars**

Pickles are here and are ready to take home. If you'd like to pick them up during the week between 1 and 4 p.m., please call the church office at 708-366-7730 to make arrangements with Julie. They are \$7 per jar, payable when you get them. All proceeds will benefit Christ Church. They make great hostess gifts!

### **People to remember in our prayers**

Andrew, Nancy, Joy, The Reverend Bob Wyatt, Tony, Lou Dasaro, Bette Eilers, Diane & Robert Morris, Terry Kearns, Cindy Pierpaoli, Marc & Sylvette, Diane, Christina & Dean, Peter & Peggy, Merik, Kasia, Lamont, Jan Santos, Faith, Ceil, Maureen Puleo, Andy Longinow, The Rev. Mary Frances, Nicholas, Christina, Nancy Stiller, Doreen, David, Courtney, Buff Martin, Jordan, John, Hilde, John, Marilyn Leonhart, Dom, Darlene Downs, Cathie, The Aronson family, Reed, Irene, Mike & Marilyn, Marc, Frank Cassello, Patrick & Veronica, Buzz, Cecelia, Chris, Regina, Ray Platek, Betty Moody, Dawn Hughes, Judy Skowronek, Ron, John Geyer, Bill Edson, Ada, Jamie, Darcy, and those in our armed forces: Andrew Tapley, Reese Jones, Joseph Sowka, Alicia Quetzalcati, Alicia Johnson, Colton Stockholm, Zack Zobel, Hank Hamilton.

### **HURRICANES HELENE and MILTON RESPONSE FUND**

Please consider making a donation for those impacted by the devastation and aftermath of the Hurricanes Helene and Milton in communities in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina. Please make your check payable to **Christ Church** and mark for "*Hurricane Helene*." Specially marked envelopes are also available in the Narthex for this donation. Mail your donation to Christ Church or put it in the offering basket on Sundays. All our collected donations will be send to the Episcopal Relief & Development.

## BEYOND HUNGER

Please keep bringing non-perishable food items, regular size toiletries and cleaning products. **Note:** check all items for “sell by/expiration date”, the item must be factory sealed and not open, and any brands with identities based on racial stereotypes will not be accepted. Please bring them on Sundays and place in the basket in the Narthex.

### BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

2	Kristin Flanders	12	Dylan James Clary, Maddyn Abigail Clary
4	Patrick Kowal	23	Katy (Schaubel) Suarez

### IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - Men’s and Women’s Lunches at noon, Madison Park Kitchen**

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Not So Silent Auction IV, 2 p.m. via Zoom**

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - All Saints’ All Souls’ Sunday**

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> - Stewardship Sunday**

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Vestry Meeting after the 10 a.m. Eucharist**

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 187<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention on Zoom**

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - Pledge Sunday**



HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

### IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Men’s and Women’s Lunches at noon, Madison Park Kitchen**

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Red Stocking Party after the 10 a.m. Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - Vestry Meeting after the 10 a.m. Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Decorate church after the 10 a.m. Eucharist**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Eucharist 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist**