The Messenger

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AFTER MASS

PARISH WORKDAY and PICNIC WITH OUR TRAIL LIFE TROOP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
9:30 am until 1:00 pm

Cyndi and I want to thank you all... for the generous Christmas gift you gave to us, as well as the individual gifts we've been given this Christmas season! We are so grateful for the love and support we've received this past year and thank God each day for the blessing He has given in sending us to serve this parish! We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we keep you all in ours. –Father and Mrs. Beutell

The "P's" of Parish Ministry... The arms and feet of the Church Catholic is the parish. Each parish should be in micro what the Church at large is in macro. What the Church at large is called to do; Proclaim and Advance the Gospel, Make Disciples through the Sacraments and catechesis, Worship the Lord in Spirit, in Truth and in the beauty of holiness, Fellowship with one another and Serve, the parish is called to do locally.

The Church contains the full deposit of the Faith and each parish is a branch office where the people of God withdraw from that deposit. A parish is to be the tree that grows from the mustard seed of faith, where the birds can nest and the animals find shade from the heat of the world, the flesh and the devil (St. Matthew 13:31, 32). Parish life cannot be passive! Neither can parishioner involvement be passive. We must be active in our faith and the parish is to be our spiritual "gymnasium."

Active parish ministry can be summarized with three "P" words. The priest Plans (mass, study and other activities for growing our faith), Prepares (the masses, studies, etc.) and Presents (celebrates, instructs, etc). The parishioners Plan (to attend), Prepare (their hearts and minds) and Participate. Pretty simple, huh?

Parish Activity is not "busy work." It's life work! A synonym for Parish Activity is Parish Life. We should see our parish as the place where we obtain life. In St. John 10:10 Jesus says He came that we may have a more abundant life. St. Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:4 that Jesus is our life. We gain our access to the Words of eternal life and the Bread of life through parish life. May building this life be our priority in 2025. -Fr. Beutell

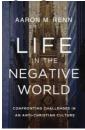
The 2025 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 after mass...at the meeting reports will be given by the treasurer and priest in charge, and the congregation will vote on the new vestry members and to approve 2025 budget. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting!

Trail Life Sunday...On February 9, our Trail Life troop will join us at mass and fellowship. Please show your support for the troop that Sunday.

Ordo Kalendars...We still have G3 Ordo Kalendars for sale. They can be purchased for \$13.00 apiece. You can also order them through the Anglican Parishes Association at: https://anglican-parishes-association.myshopify.com/

Vestry News and Notes... The Vestry did not meet in December. They will meet next on Sunday, January 12 for the 2025 Budget Meeting.

Theology on Tap... We had to cancel the October Theology on Tap, but are going to try it one more time. On Sunday, February 2 we will meet at IHOP on East-West Pkwy from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to discuss the book <u>Life in The Negative World</u> by Aaron M. Renn. This book discusses the way the culture has changed in its acceptance of Christianity and how churches and Christians can navigate it and remain faithful to the Great Commission. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Please buy the book and make plans to join the discussion on February 2!



Society of Mary Pilgrimage to St. Augustine...If the weather cooperates, on Saturday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. our ward will meet at the church and drive to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine. There we will walk the grounds, visit the chapel and shrine, pray the Rosary, peruse the gift shop and have lunch (please bring your own). All are welcome to join us! If you would like more information, please see Sue Krall.

Spring Catechesis...Will begin on February 23. We will meet after mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of February, March, April and May to read and discuss the Affirmation of St. Louis. This document, written in September 1977, is the foundation of the Continuing Church movement and distinguishes Anglo-Catholicism from the "Anglicanism" of the The Episcopal Church, the ACNA and other Anglican bodies. It outlines the truth that the Continuum is the faithful inheritors of the Catholic Faith and churchmanship within the English tradition. Every Anglican Catholic should be familiar with and be able to articulate what is in this document.

Archbishop Haverland...will make his annual Episcopal Visit on March 15 and 16 (Lent 2). Please mark your calendar and plan to attend mass on the 16th so we may receive the Archbishop properly.

Lenten Day of Reflection...On Saturday, March 22 from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm we will have a Parish Day of Reflection on the topic of Temptations. A signup sheet will be posted in the parish hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

A Blessed New Year to You All From Fr. Beutell and the Vestry