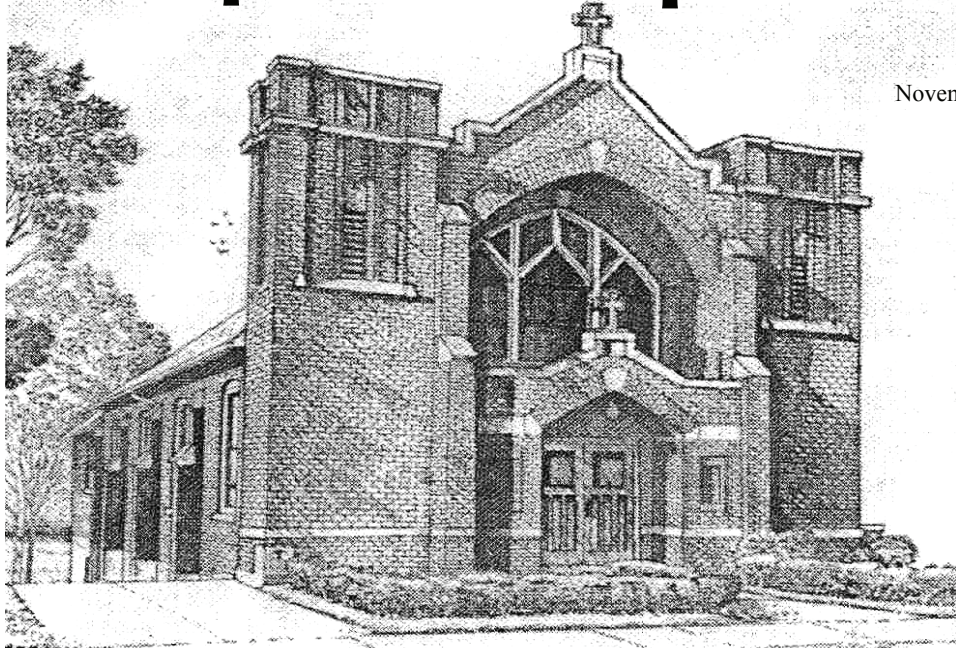


St. Paul's Epistle

November 2010



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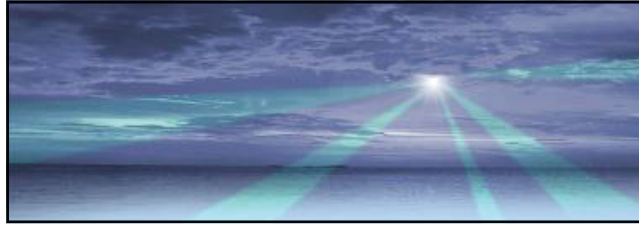
ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR November 2010

Sunday Cycle Year C

Daily Office Year Two

	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	All Saints' Day Office closed 6 pm Peanut Brittle Cooking	All Souls' Day Election Day 7:30 pm AA	6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 meal 7:00 Adult Formation	1:30 pm Prayer Shawl group 7 pm Visioning Committee	CDI Team at Ancilla	CDI Team at Ancilla Literacy Cncl Dinner 5:30, Tippecanoe Place
Sunday 7 Pentecost 24 All Saints' Sunday	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 9:00 am - Adult Morning Study 10:00 am - Choral Holy Eucharist	Office closed 6 pm Peanut Brittle Cooking	7:30 pm AA	6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 meal 7:00 Marriage Course	1:30 pm Prayer Shawl group 6:15 Vestry Meeting		
Sunday 14 Pentecost 25	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
Outreach Sunday 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist Fall UTO Ingathering 9:00 am - Adult Morning Study 10:00 am - Choral Holy Eucharist , Fall UTO Ingathering 5:30 Operation Christmas Child supper	Office closed 6 pm Peanut Brittle Cooking	11:30 SMH luncheon 7 pm Jen Fulton Discernment Cttee 7:30 pm AA	6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 meal 7:00 Adult Formation	1:30 pm Prayer Shawl group 7 pm Visioning Committee		10 am Children's Instructed Eucharist
Sunday 21 Last Sunday after Pentecost	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 9:00 am - Adult Morning Study 10:00 am - Choral Holy Eucharist Potluck Meal after Stewardship Ingathering	Office closed 6 pm Peanut Brittle Cooking	7:30 pm AA		Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am Holy Eucharist		
Sunday 28 Advent 1	Monday 29	Tuesday 30				
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 9:00 am - Adult Morning Study 10:00 am - Choral Holy Eucharist	Office closed 6 pm Peanut Brittle Cooking	7 pm Endowment Committee 7:30 pm AA				

A letter from Mother Susan



THE “S” WORD

I don't remember exactly how it began, but when my daughters were growing up, we played a game where “silly” was a bad word. Whenever any of us would slip up and say it, someone would exclaim, for example, “Dad, Mom just used the “s” word!” We have had a lot of laughter over that through the years and especially over how surprised the girls were when they learned that there actually is an “s” word to be avoided; and it isn't the word *silly*.

This is the time of year when we talk about another “S” word that some would just as soon avoid, and that is the word, **Stewardship**. You are perhaps expecting such a conversation. We are approaching the end of the year – that time when we start thinking about financial offerings and budgets. Here is the place where you are expecting to be exhorted to give and to give more.

When my husband and I had been married five years, we made a bold decision to begin tithing. We understood about tithing being the Biblical standard for giving, but even more than that, we wanted to give back to God in gratitude. Good things were happening in our lives, and we were thankful! It took us a couple of years to get our contribution up to 10% and at first it was only 10% of our take home pay. Today, however, we give 10% right off the top of each of our gross salaries. Our financial tithe is divided between St. Paul's, St. Elizabeth's (where my husband serves) and St. Thomas' Church in Plymouth (the church that raised each of us up for ordination). We pay those tithes electronically each month, asking the bank to make those payments first.

I can imagine your response: “You are priests! We expect our priests to tithe!” However, Tom and I made these decisions as lay persons, and we have simply carried those habits into our priesthoods. Many years ago, I could not have imagined that I could tithe. However, now that we are doing it, I will say we have not missed the money. We have adapted quite nicely to living on 90% of our income. Great things are still happening in our lives and we are thankful!

Which brings me to the whole point of my talking about the “S” word. This is not about guiltting you into tithing. Instead, it is an invitation to encourage you to consider those places in your lives where you are grateful and then to imagine what you might give back to God in order to express your gratitude. Ten per cent may seem like a lot, but consider this. Look at what you were able to give last year and then challenge yourself perhaps to give ten per cent more. For example, if you were able to give \$500 or \$1000 to St. Paul's, is it possible that this year you could increase that to \$550 or \$1100? Give it some thought, but whatever you do, let it be done out of love and gratitude.

And while we are talking about giving, I encourage you to think outside of the box. Some simply cannot give financially, but have found ways to give to the church through the offering of their time and talents. I thank God for you, because through those offerings you are enabling St. Paul's to have a tremendous impact in our community. As we approach Stewardship Sunday (November 21), I encourage you to consider your other gifts of time and talent and how you will offer them as well.

God showers abundance upon us. Many gifts we receive each day. In gratitude for those gifts, what will we give back to him?

Yours affectionately in Christ,

Mother Susan+



Outreach Report

Pam Jentz

The Food Pantry received 266 pounds of food in September, and 207 in the first part of October (as of the 17th). Thank you for your consistent support to feed the hungry.

See the outreach bulletin board for current information and photos regarding improvements and updates at Marafiki. Many goals have been implemented to further their self-sufficiency. It is very exciting to see their progress in the areas of school and dorm facilities.

Our outreach offerings were disbursed in the third quarter as follows: Episcopal Relief and Development \$151.84; Marafiki \$251.84; St. Margaret's House \$201.84. Thank you for your support of these organizations that help those in need and are good stewards of the gifts they receive.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the **St. Margaret's House** Fashioning Our Lives event, that will celebrate 20 years of creating community. The women of SMH will share their stories of strength, courage, and hope. The guests of SMH plan this event from start to finish, and it is a wonderful venue that showcases their talents. The date is Tuesday, November 16 at the Hilton Garden Inn (933 & Douglas Rd @ St. Mary's College). Time: 11:30-1:00. Doors open at 11:00 and lunch is served at 11:30. Tickets are \$35.00 and all proceeds benefit the programs of SMH. The annual Thanksgiving dinner for SMH guests will be held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 24. Pies and rolls are always needed. See Pam if you have questions or wish to participate.



Some Marafiki kids

Thanksgiving Basket sign-up is underway and the sheets are located in the back of the church on the shelf. Outreach will shop for your basket, which costs \$30. Make your check payable to St. Paul's and put "Thanksgiving basket" on the memo line. Or you can fill your own basket (or contribute food toward one); the list of food items needed is located with the sign-up sheets. Drivers will be needed on Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21. I have a volunteer to help with shopping and could use help with gathering boxes and making phone calls for deliveries.

Everyone loves to receive gifts and this year millions of children throughout the world will experience Christmas joy when they receive gift-filled shoe boxes and hear the message of Jesus' birth, through **Operation Christmas Child**. Please help St. Paul's pack shoeboxes to send to the children. Bring God's love to a child and a smile to their face. This is fun and an easy process. To get started: Use a shoe box and wrap it in paper or purchase a plastic box from the store. Decide if you want to buy for a girl or boy and fill it with gifts. If you can donate \$7 to defray shipping costs, it would be appreciated. There is an envelope provided for cash or check. Complete information on how to pack a box is included in the folder located on the shelf in the back of the church. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items, war-related items or toys, chocolate or food items, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications, or any breakable items. Pam will have a filled shoe box for display and will be happy to assist you. Please help us to provide many boxes for the children who would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. Boxes need to be at St Paul's by Sunday, November 14. A light meal will be shared Sunday evening, November 14th at 5:30, as we prepare the boxes for shipping and pray over them. It is a fun night and I hope you will join us.

If you need information or help with any of the above, please get in touch with me: 574-272-4193 or pamjentz@comcast.net.

This is a very busy time for our church and I thank you for your prayers and your loving and generous hearts to show the love of Christ to those in need. God bless you.

Pam

Sunday School Teachers

November Schedule



- November 7: Alice Campbell (preschool)
Amanda Williams (primary)
- November 14: Pam Jentz (preschool)
Julia Philip (primary)
- November 21: Betty Jo Adamson and Jon Adamson (preschool)
Linda Ruthig (primary)
- November 28: Jen Fulton (preschool)
Barbara Books and Jonathan Julfs (primary)

As we near the end of our second month of teaching, I want to thank you all again. I haven't needed to worry whether we're covered on a given Sunday, which is a blessing. And at least my two girls are very happy with their Sunday School experience. You all are fantastic! Alice Campbell has recently volunteered to teach the preschool kids. This rounds out our teaching volunteers quite nicely.

Scrip Update

We have met our goal for 2010—with three months to go! Scrip sales for September totaled \$9240, with a profit of \$356.85, for a year-to-date total of \$1,302.42—and we didn't even get started until ???. Our goal was \$1300 to meet a projected parish budget shortfall. And with a matching gift of \$500 from the peanut brittle fund, we're well in the black. Thanks to all of you who supported the program, and remember you can do a lot of your Christmas shopping with scrip. Buy "stuff" with it, or give the cards themselves as gifts. They're always the right size and the right color.

Thanks to all of you who have helped make this program such a success. We'll do even better next year!

St. Paul's Literacy Project

The Outreach Committee is happy to report that sufficient funds have been raised to cover the cost of tutor training. Training will be conducted at St. Paul's in January. Due to the interest and demonstrated commitment of St. Paul's volunteers, the training will be customized and possibly expanded to nine hours to best prepare our team for this important ministry. Upon completion of training, each team member will be matched with an adult learner from Mishawaka to provide one-on-one tutoring. There are currently fourteen Mishawaka residents awaiting tutors. Please consider helping St. Paul's wipe out this waiting list. The tutoring team roster as it currently stands: Teresa Betz, Ida Forbis, Jen Fulton, Mother Susan, Pam Jentz, Jude Keltner, Angelo Pascucci. If you are interested in changing lives through literacy but are undecided about becoming a tutor, please contact Jude Keltner for additional information.



We're also *very* pleased to report that the Literacy Council's fundraiser on November 6, a dinner-theatre event at Tippecanoe Place featuring our own Jeanne Dams, is sold out! In fact, the Council is thinking of doing it again if demand warrants. So if you didn't manage to get a ticket and would like to see a play based on one of Jeanne's historical mysteries set at Tippe (and see her fantastic vintage hat), let Jude know and she'll pass the info along to the other organizers.



(That's not actually my hat. And I was never that young and pretty! Jeanne)

BITS & PIECES

We were saddened to learn of the death on October 24 of Lloyd Hap Morris, in the Sanctuary at Holy Cross. Please keep the Morris family in your prayers, for his wife, Rosalee, his daughter, Chris (Cannoot) and his sons Matthew and Bill.

A Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated for him on Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas' Church, Plymouth. Visitation with the family will be at 10 a.m. at the church. Mother Susan will preside at the Eucharist, and Fr. John Schramm will be the preacher. St. Thomas' Church is located at 412 N. Center Street in Plymouth.

Mrs. Helen Glaub of St. Thomas is coordinating a funeral luncheon for after the service. She has indicated that she would welcome the assistance of any St. Paul's parishioners in contributing to this luncheon or with its serving in the parish house following the service. If you are able to do this, please contact Mrs. Glaub at 574-936-9145.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Lloyd. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Diocesan Convention

Many things happened at the 112th Convention of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, which was hosted by St. Paul's Church, Munster. To learn of these things, we encourage you to read Bishop Little's address at www.ednin.org.

Of special interest to our own congregation here at St. Paul's in Mishawaka, we are delighted to let you know that at the Convention Eucharist our own Sharon Katona was named an honorary canon of the Cathedral Church of St. James (the seat of the Diocese) in recognition of her twenty-three years of faithful service handling the finances and bookkeeping for the Diocese. Sharon is retiring from the Diocese (but not from our parish) at the end of this year. Congratulations Canon Sharon L. Katona!

Children's Instructed Eucharist

All children of the parish are invited to join Mother Susan at the altar (*yes, right up at the altar*) at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 20 for an Instructed Eucharist. During this time, Mother Susan will be explaining what happens at the altar during the Eucharist. We will be able to look up close at vestments, handle things that normally go on the altar, practice lighting candles, learn the names of *everything* and celebrate together. When we are finished, we will gather together downstairs and enjoy a potluck Thanksgiving feast (food should be child-friendly). *Eucharist* means Thanksgiving, so this is a fitting end to our time together. Please mark your calendars and let Mother Susan know that you are planning to attend.

UTO Ingathering

On Sunday, November 14, 2010 we will be having our Fall 2010 UTO Ingathering. Please remember to bring your Blue Boxes and Donation Envelopes to either the 8 am or 10 am service. For, your generous giving becomes a part of the "action of grace" that UTO grants provide. Extra Blue Boxes and Donation Envelopes are available at the usher's table should you be in need of them.

God Bless,
Barbara Books



Stewardship Corner



Giving Catch-Up

Fall is in full swing and attendance is back up. If you fell behind in your giving during the summer months, now is a good time to catch up. St. Paul's is grateful for your generous gifts!

Where Does Our Money Go?

As we approach a new budget year, it might be helpful to know from time to time a few tidbits about how your gifts to St. Paul's are used. The staff and lay leaders of the parish endeavor at every level to be good stewards of our resources. Some things are budgeted and we make every effort to remain within budget. Other things are donated, and we are grateful for the gifts of money, other treasures, talents and time. Here are a couple of examples: **Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is *not* a budgeted item. Those who faithfully execute this ministry donate the things they serve. The church does have a small budget line to cover the cost of paper goods and coffee. However, the food you eat during coffee hour is pure gift. Be sure each Sunday to donate a small amount of money (if you can) toward defraying the cost of coffee and supplies and then give a big thank you to those who provide and serve the food. **Sunday School:** On the one hand Sunday School *is* a budgeted item, and on the other hand, it is not. We do set aside money in our budget to cover the cost of curriculum, but the services of teachers is another pure gift. We have a full rota of Sunday School teachers, each of whom donates one Sunday a month to preparing and delivering the lesson to our children. We are grateful for this ministry. Likewise, with **Adult Education**, while we have a small amount of money available to buy books and curriculum, both of those who teach (Fr. Michael and Joel Dodson) are offering their own talents. Attendance in both our children's and adult classes speaks to the many ways in which St. Paul's is benefiting from the services and talents of those who give of their time.

Update on the Photo Directory

Kyle Lendel and Dave Jentz are still planning to create a digital photo directory of St. Paul's parish, but have delayed the photo shoot until after the new year. Please stay tuned for details.



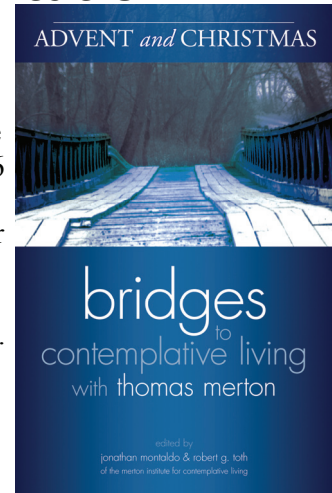
Marriage Course to Begin



The second segment of our 2010-2011 Adult Education Offering will be a course on Christian Marriage. This course is designed for married couples who are seeking to enhance and enrich their married life, a gift given to them through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. In order to begin, we will gather on Wednesday November 10 at 6 pm in the church for Evening Prayer (to which everyone is invited, married or not). After Evening Prayer we will enjoy supper together and then use the remainder of the evening to plan how we want to structure this course and our time together. Children are welcome. If you would like to participate in this course and have not let Mother Susan know, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Advent Contemplation and Meditation

Advent begins Sunday, November 28. At this time we enter a season of meditation and contemplation to prepare our hearts to receive joyfully our Lord in the celebration of his nativity. On Wednesday evenings we will engage in a study designed to give us time to reflect and to pray together. We will begin as we usually do on Wednesday evenings with Evening Prayer at 6 pm in the church. After this, we will gather in the Undercroft for a light supper (provided, free-will donation accepted). At 7 pm we will begin our prayer and study. During this season we will be using a new book from a series offered by Ave Maria Press entitled *Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton: Advent and Christmas* by Jonathan Ontaldo and Robert G. Toth. Please let Mother Susan know if you would like a book. The price, if we place our group order before November 12, is a modest \$5. If you've ever wanted a better approach to Advent, this is your opportunity. There will be a sign-up sheet for the course in the back of the church.



A Little House-Keeping Matter



The vestry, wardens, and staff are trying to assemble a list of parishioners who have **keys** to the church and those to whom the **alarm security codes** have been issued. Please let us know, by calling the church or sending an email, if you have a key and/or an alarm code. We hope to get this list successfully compiled by the end of the year.

Discernment for Holy Orders

During the month of October, our own Jen Fulton received permission from the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry formally to enter discernment for Holy Orders. This means that she will spend the next 9 months to a year working intentionally with a committee from our parish to discern her possible vocation to the priesthood. At the direction of Bishop Little, the rector, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, has appointed the following people to serve with Jen on her discernment committee:

Fr. Michael Cover
Angie Hambling
Jude Keltner
Peter VanInwagen
Mtr. Susan, *ex officio*

If you would like to offer any input during Jen's discernment process over the coming year, please offer that either to Jen herself or to one of these Discernment Committee members. Our first meeting is scheduled for November 16. Meanwhile, please continue to pray for Jen as well as for her family as she engages in this most important and holy task.

Ministry Schedule for November

8:00 AM

	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28
Chalificers	Sara Wolfe Bill Whitman	Bill Whitman David Betz	David Betz Marty Wolfe	Marty Wolfe Sara Wolfe
Lectors	Marty Wolfe Teresa Betz	Bill Hambling Jeanne Dams	Sara Wolfe Jim Gross	Bill Whitman Teresa Betz
Ushers	Jim Lovelace	Jim Gross	Bill Whitman	Jim Gross
Oblationers	Sharon Katona	Christine Cannoot	Gina Myers	Diane Haywood

10:00 AM

	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28
Chalificers	Tami Lewis Scott Williams	Jim Pecsí Jen Fulton	Betty Jo Boyer Ken Finkbiner	Mike Thompson Jim Pecsí
Lectors	Pam Jentz Joel Dodson	Brad Thames Alice Campbell	Mike Thompson Sharon Burget	Peter VanInwagen Mary K. Bissell
Acolytes	Rebecca Haynes	Ken Finkbiner	Madeline Randall	Ken Finkbiner
Torches	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Ralph Burget Ken Finkbiner	Jason Vice Dave Jentz	Dale Keltner John Lendel	Jon Adamson Ralph Burget
Oblationers	B & J Fulton	Betty Jo Adamson	R & S Burget	Tami Lewis
Intercessors	Manuela Thames	Mike Thompson	Jen Fulton	Joel Dodson

NOTE: If you cannot fulfill your scheduled ministry, please make arrangements for someone to take your place.

Round and About the Vestry

The Vestry met on October 14 and made the following announcements and decisions (in addition to those mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter): A new check request form has been created. We will, by the end of the year, create a committee to oversee the long-term finances of St. Paul's. Bids are being sought for roof repairs, and an estimate for repairing a crack in the stairwell wall. We are looking into getting a new alarm system. 2012 is the 175th anniversary of St. Paul's. We will probably want to start thinking about what we want to do to celebrate.

The Bottom Line

	Sept	YTD
Total income	15,192	132,230
Total expenses	16,045	131,832
Bottom line	-845	407