

Church Chronicle

January 2014

A Christmas Prayer

Robert Louis Stevenson

**Loving Father, help us remember
the birth of Jesus, that we may share
in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the wisdom of the wise men.**

**Close the door of hate and open the door
of love all over the world.**

**Let kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting.**

**Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings, and
teach us to be merry with clean hearts.**

**May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be Thy children,
and the Christmas evening bring us
to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen.**

Why have I begun this monthly-featured article with the above written prayer? Although the commercial and secular worlds say that Christmas is over, we in the Church observe Christmas for at least twelve days: December 25 – January 5. During Christmastide, there is much emphasis on giving and sharing. When Christmas ends, we Christians can and must continue to be caring, loving, kind, generous, and compassionate. We serve others; “We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [our] neighbor as [ourselves]; we respect the dignity of every human being” (**The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 293-294**). Daily, Christ Jesus calls us to do acts of kindness.

***May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and by his grace
gave us encouragement and good hope,
encourage your hearts and strengthen
you in every good deed and word.***

II Thessalonians 2: 16-17

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Restorative Yoga 9 AM
5 Holy Eucharist 10 AM	6 Yoga 10 AM	7 Prayer Grp. 11:30 AM Audubon Grp. 7 PM Writer's Grp. 7 PM	8 Yoga 6 PM	9 Vestry Mtg. 5:30 PM	10	11 Women's Retreat 9 AM
12 Holy Eucharist 10 AM	13 Yoga 10 AM	14 Writer's Grp. 7 PM	15 Yoga 6 PM	16	17	18 Restorative Yoga 9 AM
19 Morning Prayer 10 AM	20 Yoga 10 AM	21 Prayer Grp. 11:30 AM Writer's Grp. 7 PM	22 Yoga 6 PM	23	24	25 Restorative Yoga 9 AM
26 Holy Eucharist 10 AM	27 Yoga 10 AM	28 Writer's Grp. 7 PM	29 Yoga 6 PM	30	31	

CARDINAL POINTE OF FARIBAULT

Since 1989, I, Father Henry, have lived on the Shattuck-Saint Mary's campus, where I serve as the head dorm parent at the Lodge, a residence for fourteen male students in the upper school. As I age in years, I will need an off campus residence. I have set my heart and mind on living at Cardinal Pointe, a three-story, forty-six-unit cooperative which provides independent living for those of us 55+ years of age. One of its biggest appeals to me is the location – directly across from Central park in Faribault, which faces the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour. Many other amenities – the walking distance to downtown; washer and dryer in each unit; guest room; underground parking with car wash; spacious community room – have attracted me greatly to the purchase of a two-bedroom, one bath unit on the third floor, with t scenic eastern view of the city. The closing will occur on Friday morning, January 10, 2104. Thanks be to God to all who have enabled me to make the purchase!

January Readers:

	Lay Reader	Lector	Greeters
Sun. January 5	Rev. Henry Doyle	Mark Jones	Paul & Melissa Johanson
Sun. January 12	Rev. Henry Doyle	Taylor Shaft	Phiz & Russ Olson
Sun. January 19	Mark Jones	Bev Blakeslee	Carmen & George Morley
Sun. January 26	Rev. Henry Doyle	Betty Loper	Savile Lord

Prayer Group Reminder

The Prayer Group meets every other Tuesday at noon. Anyone who has prayer needs, please feel free to attend these informal prayer meetings.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 11:30 AM
 Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 11:30 AM

New Revised Common lectionary – January 2014

	<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
Sunday, Jan. 5	<i>Jeremiah 31: 7-14</i>	<i>Psalm 84 or Psalm 84: 1-8</i>	<i>Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19</i>	<i>Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23 or Luke 2: 41-52 or Matthew 2: 1-12</i>
Sunday, Jan. 12	<i>Isaiah 42: 1-9</i>	<i>Psalm 29</i>	<i>Acts 10: 34-43</i>	<i>Matthew 3: 13-17</i>
Sunday, Jan. 19	<i>Isaiah 49: 1-7</i>	<i>Psalm 40: 1-12</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1: 1-9</i>	<i>John 1: 29-42</i>
Sunday, Jan. 26	<i>Isaiah 9: 1-4</i>	<i>Psalm 27: 1, 5-13</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1: 10-18</i>	<i>Matthew 4: 12-23</i>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*January 3 – Nancy VanderWaerd
 January 7 – Ted Gill
 January 10 – Taylor Shaft*

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

January 5 (Christmas II)	Holy Eucharist
January 12 (Baptism of our Lord)	Holy Eucharist
January 19	Morning Prayer
January 26	Holy Eucharist

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Father Henry's Office Hours in January

Thursday, January 9	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 15	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Thursday, January 23	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, January 26, 2014
The Annual Meeting of the Parish

At 10, there will be the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by brunch and the annual meeting.

If you are responsible for making a year-end report, please submit it no later than **Wednesday, January 15, 2014**
Thank You.

SOME NEW YEAR'S HUMOR

You know what they say about New Year's resolutions? They go in one year and out the other. Happy New Year!

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, HAITI
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2014**

Excerpt from the letter of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori:

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

As Haiti prepares to mark the fourth anniversary of the devastating earthquake in 2010, I urge all Episcopalians to pray and give solidarity with our largest and fastest-growing diocese. I ask for your generosity in a special offering on Sunday, January 12, 2014, to aid the Diocese of Haiti in rebuilding Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince.

The Episcopal Church in Haiti for more than 150 years has taught, healed, and cared for Haitian people in body, mind, and spirit. Today, the diocesan ministry includes more than 170 congregations and 250 schools, a dozen clinics and two hospitals, serving thousands of people across the nation every day. Yet, the spiritual heart of the church's ministry centers on Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince.

The cathedral building destroyed in the 2010 earthquake housed religious art that was a national treasure. The music school at the cathedral hosts the only philharmonic orchestra in the nation, as well as internationally noted choirs. The Haitian people give glory to God through many art forms, music, dance, and liturgy, which the cathedral continues to bless and celebrate. Rebuilding the cathedral offers hope not only to Episcopalians but [also] to the nation as a whole – a sign that God is present, that God continues to create out of dust, and that God abides in the spirit of his people.

I ask that you share your blessings with the Haitian people on January 12, and offer your gift in the spirit of the Diocese of Cuba immediately following the earthquake: "We give not out of our abundance, but out of our poverty." All we are and have is a gift, and it is in knowing our poverty that we become rich in spirit.

May God bless and strengthen our bonds, one to another, in the Body of Christ.

I remain

Your servant in Christ,

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Presiding Bishop and Primate

The Episcopal Church

****** A note from Cindi: The deadline for the February Chronicle items is Friday, January 24th.***

Please try to inform Cindi when there are prayer needs
so she can include them in the weekly bulletins.

If you are hospitalized, or know of someone in the congregation
who is hospitalized, please contact the church office on T-W-TH, 9 a.m. – 12 noon.
507-373-3188, or you can send an email to: christch@q.com

Thank You

Quotes

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

Anne Frank

“Few men [or women] during their lifetimes come anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling within them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used.”

Richard Byrd

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of all virtues, but the parent of all others.”

Marcus Tullius Cicero

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”

Maya Angelou

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary; to one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

Saint Thomas Aquinas

“Recipients of our appreciation are apt to express their own gratitude to others, lengthening the unending, golden chain of connections-in-goodness that stretches across the world.”

Mary Ford Grabowsky – The Way of Mary

“Whatever our individual troubles and challenges may be, it’s important to pause every now and then to appreciate all that we have, on every level.”

Shakti Gawain

“Expressing gratefulness during personal adversity like loss or chronic illness, as hard as that might be, can help you adjust, move on, and perhaps begin anew.”

Sonja Lyubomirsky – The How of Happiness

“It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding.”

Kahlil Gibran

“God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illuminated by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.”

Dag Hammarskjold

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