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Common Prayer

our common life together consists of our worship of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Common Learning

our common life together consists of teaching one another how to be obedient to Jesus in all things

Common Service

our common life together consists of loving one another and the world as Jesus loves us



Men's Monkly Monthly

by Fr. Wes Gristy

If you missed our Monktoberfest Men's Gathering last month, then you missed the BIG announcement: something is brewing among the men of All Saints. While it's nice to gather twice a year over good drinks and eats—something we will certainly continue to do—we want to be more intentional in cultivating those virtues that inspired men of old to pursue the monastic life, virtues such as obedience, service, simplicity, and prayer. None of us as men want to stay in the shallows in our Christian life. Rather we desire to move into deeper waters, to be men of virtue who love God by serving others.

And so we are currently tinkering with an idea called Men's Monkly Monthly. Yes, cute, isn't it? The idea is to offer a different men's event each month geared toward cultivating one of these monkly virtues in our lives. Each month would be led by one of the men of All Saints (or a small group of men), meet at a different location, and have a different focus. So, for example, one month might be a theological forum, the next month a prayer breakfast, the next month a service project, the next month a Saturday afternoon prayer retreat, and so forth.

None of this is set in stone, so if you'd like to participate in the creative process or if you're interested in perhaps helping lead one of our upcoming Men's Monkly Monthly gatherings, you can contact Fr. Wes at wes@allsaintsjackson.com. We hope to launch sometime in January!

Steady and Ready for the New Nave!

by Fr. Wes Gristy

It's been quite a ride! Who would have imagined back in 2017 when we decided to develop our property that, first, the vision of a Mission Abbey would develop, and then that COVID would shake our world only months before we planned to break ground on our new nave, and that during this time we would help plant a daughter church, and then that an Easter 2023 move-in goal would be pushed to June, then pushed to August, and now pushed to November? I'm dizzy just rehearsing all of this!

But here we finally stand: steady and ready for the new nave. An official date has yet to be announced, but surely the move is coming soon. And when it does, it's all hands on deck: moving in supplies, setting up furniture, planting plants, training volunteers, and the like. I hope you're on the church email list, as this is likely how we'll communicate all of these happenings.

Before we know it, we'll be worshipping every Sunday as one family in one service. But even more importantly, this new Sunday schedule will give us—young and old alike—the opportunity to gather together before the service for an hour of spiritual formation. Our hope is that we will utilize this time to slow down and prepare ourselves to encounter God through a restful hour of community, learning, and prayer.

Recall that our Formation Hour will consist of four groupings: the Nursery, the Atrium for children ages 4–11 (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), Youth Formation, and Adult Formation. While we eagerly anticipate this new offering, we do recognize that this will represent a significant culture shift for us as a church. For many years, we have become accustomed to attending a single service with our families, dismissing our children for Children's Church during that time, and then leaving the grounds all in about two hours.

But now with our new Formation Hour, we will have the opportunity not only to extend the formation time for our children from 30 minutes to an hour, but we will also be able to provide a time of spiritual formation for our youth and adults. We believe that this additional hour will be a valuable contribution to our common life together.

This shift also means that our older children will now be able to participate in the entirety of our Sunday service. We celebrate this opportunity because we believe the sooner children are able to engage in the whole Sunday liturgy, the more their hearts will be formed as followers of Jesus. For our children ages 4–7, we will still invite them after the Gospel Reading to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word where they will reflect upon the day's passages in ways appropriate for their age.

Since Sunday worship is so central to our common life together, we hope you and your family will make the most of these weekly gatherings. We anticipate our new Sunday schedule will begin soon... very soon.

Join in Our Common Life

All Saints Noon Day Eucharist

In place of our monthly Prayer & Fasting Day, we will be offering a Noonday Eucharist for the Feast of All Saints on Wednesday, November 1. Come celebrate with us.

Ladies Koinonia

The ladies of All Saints are invited to fellowship together on November 12 and 26 at 6:00 pm as Joyce Heffernan continues discussion on the book, “Joyful Journey: Listening to Immanuel” by E. James Wilder.

Youth Encounter

All students entering 6th–12th grade are invited to Youth Encounter each Wednesday evening from 5:45 to 7:45 pm for a time of teaching, fellowship, and food. **Note: There will be no Youth Encounter on November 1, 22, or 29.** Contact Dn. Kevin Vailes for more information.

Healing Prayer

Members of our Healing Prayer Crew are available in the Nave every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm to offer prayers to anyone in need. No appointment necessary, and feel free to invite others. Everything is confidential and done with care.

Morning Prayer

Considering going deeper into our practice of Common Prayer by joining us for Morning Prayer, Monday through Thursday at 8:15 am.

Thanksgiving Service

Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Eucharistic Service on Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 am. Our own Dn. Terry Blakley will be giving the homily.

Nursery Volunteers

We are excited that our new nave will include three Nursery rooms for infants, crawlers, and toddlers. While we are committed to securing 3–5 paid Nursery workers, we will need to supplement these workers with volunteers. Please contact Dcn. Kevin Vailes if you’re interested in learning more about serving in this way.

26 Healing Miracles Online Study Now Open for Registration

by Dcn. Terry Blakley

I love delving into the healing miracles of Jesus! I know you will too! Come join me for a great adventure together as we crack open our Bibles to witness the Master Healer, the Lover of our Souls, reconcile to himself the hearts, minds, and bodies of real people, just like you and me.

You can expect warm fellowship and kind, respectful engagement between friends. As we explore the healing ministry of Jesus, you will be invited to share your insights, thoughts, and questions. We will strive to encourage one another as we learn to listen, love, and pray together—Jesus being our model and Master Teacher through it all!

“The 26 Healing Miracles of Jesus” is the foundational study of *The Order of St. Luke*, an international Christian organization dedicated to the ministry of healing prayer. It is also the entry point to anyone interested in exploring the All Saints ministry team of blessing and healing prayer. Please see the information below on how to register for this class. Hope you will join me!

26 Healing Miracles of Jesus

Dec 9, 2023—Mar 24, 2024

All meetings online (ZOOM)

Saturdays, 11–1 pm for 14 consecutive weeks
(excluding Dec 23, the Saturday before Christmas)

Go to the following LINK: <https://osltoday.org/26-miracles-course/>
Scroll down to find my course, and click on “Click Here to Register Now.”





Just One Thing

Caravaggio

by Dr. David Thomas

It's not just our actions, emotions, and thoughts that need grace. Our imaginations need to be reordered and redeemed, as well. Here the fine arts make special contributions. Today: Caravaggio.

Caravaggio doesn't come quickly to mind when we start listing saints. Born in 1571, much of Caravaggio's childhood was hungry and poor. He lost most of his family to the plague. As he reached adulthood, though, his paintings demonstrated skill enough to attract employment and, eventually, powerful patrons. Gifted, aggressive, and passionate, Caravaggio was drawn into Rome's artistic orbit with fortunate timing: churches needed art, and art patrons sought new styles as well as bragging rights. Caravaggio supplied these with his intense realism and vivid *chiaroscuro* later embraced by Rembrandt, Velázquez, Rubens, and others. Caravaggio was a sensation as a painter, hailed as a virtuoso and as the visionary whose paintings inspired the Baroque style. He was also a brawler, a thug, a companion of prostitutes, and a murderer who slept fully dressed and armed. His death at age thirty-eight remains shadowed but possible causes include revenge.

So. Why Caravaggio? Some examples.

“Caravaggio’s revolution was to treat biblical and mythological subjects with realism.”

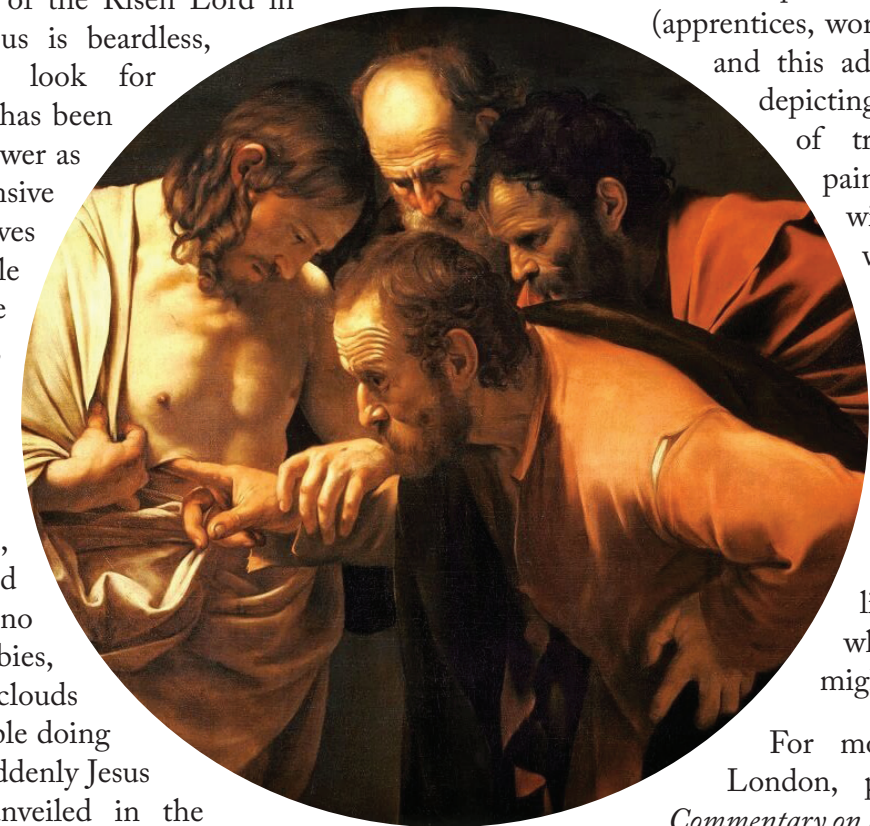
– Dawson Carr, curator of Caravaggio Retrospective at the National Gallery, London

The Supper at Emmaus (1601) portrays the encounter between Jesus and two disciples at dinner after the walk to Emmaus recorded in Luke 24:31a. The painting depicts the moment when the disciples recognize Jesus. On the edge of their seats, arms thrown wide, they stare in wonder. The figures extend beyond the reach of the canvas, drawing us in. The bread is partly concealed by the roast bird, a visual representation of the concealment of the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. Jesus is beardless, an unconventional look for that age, as if Jesus has been disguised for the viewer as well. The unresponsive innkeeper perceives nothing remarkable at all. (Some perceive the risen Lord; others' eyes remain veiled.) These are common people at a common meal -- no noblemen, no richly-dressed bishops, no angels, no fat naked flying babies, no piled, parting clouds -- just ordinary people doing ordinary things. Suddenly Jesus is among them, unveiled in the breaking of the bread. And uncommon reverence erupts from these common people.

In *The Calling of St. Matthew* (1599-1600), Jesus's face is shadowed while his illuminated hand points. Matthew also points, as if asking “you talkin’ to me?”, yet the direct eye contact suggests that the call has been answered. In the next moment Matthew will leave behind his friends and his job, and follow. In

The Incredulity of St. Thomas (1601-1602), Jesus's face is lowered while Thomas pokes his unwashed finger into the wound in Jesus' side, his great confession a heartbeat away.

Why Caravaggio? Simply this: his paintings about Scripture capture moments of stunning encounter with the power and presence of Jesus. Caravaggio was among the first modern painters to use live models (apprentices, workingmen, courtesans) and this adds to the realism in depicting people on the edge of transformation. He painted common people with grubby hands and vain preoccupations as they respond to Jesus. Startling and sometimes shocking at the time, his paintings imagine what encounter with the incarnate Lord might have been like and, by extension, what that encounter might mean for us.



For more: King's College, London, produces *The Visual Commentary on Scripture*. Each exhibit includes three works on art centered on a given Scriptural passage, with brief commentary on theology, history, and art history. For Caravaggio's painting of the Supper at Emmaus: <https://thevcs.org/videos/thematic-videos/caravaggios-supper-emmaus>. The full exhibit is here: <https://thevcs.org/road-emmaus/seeing-and-not-seeing?first=2886>.

The ASIS Angel Tree

by Dulce Maria Salcedo

All Saints Immigration Services (ASIS) provides low-cost immigration legal services to immigrants in West TN. They assist clients in family-based immigration cases and humanitarian forms of relief for survivors of domestic violence and certain crimes. They have seen favorable outcomes in their clients' cases, but for many families, their needs go beyond ASIS's legal representation. Their clients face a multitude of economic and social barriers in their journey to achieve lawful immigration status.

Every family's situation can be extremely complicated, and ASIS is excited to share how you can directly assist our clients in need. This year ASIS will be organizing our annual Angel Tree specifically to care for our ASIS clients and their families.

If you are interested in providing an ASIS family with Christmas gifts or necessities, please take a tag off the Angel Tree that will be set up in the narthex from November 19 to December 10, and then be sure to write your name on the signup sheet for the tag you chose (so we can have a record of who took which tag). Your wrapped gifts are due back on Sunday, December 17.

Thank you for supporting these families in need. If you have additional questions, please contact grace@allsaintsimmigration.com for more detailed information.



New Vestry Member Recommendations

by Fr. Wes Gristy

We are blessed each year to have such a wonderful and servant-hearted crew of folks who serve on our vestry. As you know, the vestry at All Saints consists of eight members elected by the parish and "vested" with the responsibility of making administrative and budgetary decisions. They are also responsible to work with the clergy and staff in offering spiritual leadership for our church.

Each year, four individuals roll off the vestry and four new members are elected to serve a two-year term. The outgoing vestry members serve as the Nominating Committee for those who will be elected by the parish in January, and they would like to hear from you.

If there is anyone whom you think would make an excellent vestry member, please recommend that person to Vicki Burch, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, at vicki.burch@eplus.net. We are looking for folks who are involved and confirmed members of All Saints, humble servants with a Christ-like character, intentional in cultivating their life with God, team players who work well with others, and cheerful givers to the church not only in terms of money but also of time and talent. Also make sure not to recommend anyone who's spouse or immediate family member is currently on the vestry.

The committee will meet at the end of the month to decide upon four nominees and will then inform the parish of those nominees in December. The other members of the Nomination Committee include Ben Matthew, David Nailling, and Rachel Strandquist. Please be in prayer for this process.

What's a Pledge Ingathering?

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Before coming to All Saints, I had never before heard of the word "ingathering." I quickly learned that an ingathering is a due date of sorts. An Ingathering Day is when we turn in, for example, our Angel Tree gifts in December, or our Bishop's Well bottles in April, or for Sunday, November 19, our financial pledge forms for 2024.

If you are a member or regular attender of All Saints, then you should have already received a stewardship packet in the mail, which includes your pledge form for next year (there are extra packets available at the church). You are invited to prayerfully consider what you will pledge financially to All Saints for 2024, fill out your pledge form, and turn them in on our Pledge Ingathering Day—Sunday, November 19.

Most churches have their leadership determine each year's financial budget and then ask the people of the church to give to that budget. We instead ask our people to prayerfully make financial pledges for the upcoming year and then the leadership works within that total amount to form

next year's budget. This approach takes seriously that the Spirit of God is among the people of God, leading them to make these key financial decisions.

We realize that not everyone feels comfortable making a financial pledge in advance for the upcoming year. While no one is required to give according to this system (you can certainly make donations to All Saints without making a pledge), we encourage as many people as possible to pledge since next year's budget will only be based on the amount that is pledged.

You will also notice an additional line on our pledge form this year inviting you to indicate what you intend to give to Phase One of the Mission Abbey in 2024. These figures will help our Financial Committee develop our financial strategy for the coming year. Only fill this line out with offerings that are above and beyond your regular tithe so that our ongoing ministries will not be hindered. If you have any additional questions, please let us know.



NOVEMBER *at a glance*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Holy Eucharist 9:00am • 10:45am</p> <p>Birthdays Anniversaries</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Healing Prayer 12:00pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>All Saints Noontday Eucharist 12:pm</p> <p>Lowe Finney Gray Slack Debbie & Phil Colgrove Jason & Rachel Strandquist</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 9:00am • 10:45am</p> <p>Bev Carr Chelsy Crawford James Crawford</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Healing Prayer 12:00pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Youth Encounter 5:45pm</p> <p>Will Pinson</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Holy Eucharist 9:00am • 10:45am</p> <p>Ladies Koinonia 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Rory Krebs</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Healing Prayer 12:00pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Youth Encounter 5:45pm</p> <p>Megan & Will Pinson</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Ben & Denise Matthews Billy & Sally Slack</p> <p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>PLEDGE INGATHERING DAY</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 9:00am • 10:45am</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Ally & Jeremy Blaschke</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>Healing Prayer 12:00pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Evening Prayer 5:30pm</p> <p>Vestry Meeting 6:00pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>Lupe Mitchell</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day Service 9:00am</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Wendy Williams Dcn. Terry Blakley & Len Diffie</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Nita Mehr Joanna Priester</p> <p>25</p>
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