

# The Abbey

The Episcopal Church of St. Benedict  
Bolingbrook, Illinois

April 2011

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday, April 17

9:00am, Palm Procession and the Passion Narrative according to Matthew; Godly Play & Sunday School to follow. Bring noisemakers!

### Maundy Thursday, April 21

6:30 pm, Last Supper Meal & Eucharist (great for kids!), Prayer Stations, & Stripping of the Altar

### Overnight Vigil: "Watch with Me," April 21-22

Thursday night through Friday afternoon, kept by turns in the sanctuary (Sign up in the narthex or call the church office for a slot).

### Good Friday, April 22

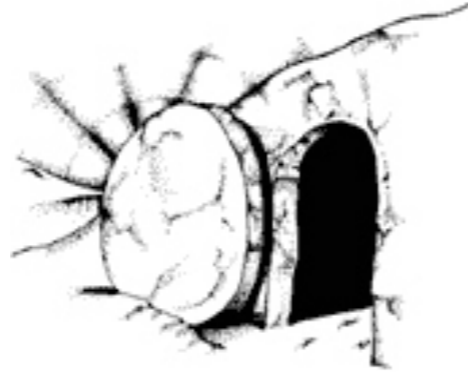
12 noon, Stations of the Cross  
7:30pm, the Passion according to John, art and images of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross.

### Holy Saturday, April 23

10:00am, Prayers and devotions  
10:15am, Decoration of the sanctuary for Easter Sunday  
8:00pm, The Great Vigil of Easter at St. James Cathedral with Bishop Jeff Lee (confirmations and receptions!)

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 24  
9:00 a.m. Eucharist & Holy Baptism  
10:15 a.m., Potluck Brunch



Do you think about your own death very much? "Day by day, remind yourself that you are going to die" is one of the teachings of St. Benedict in his Rule for monks.

Remembering we will die is a way to also remember to live. Despite our scars, baggage, hurts, and holes, we have the power to keep choosing to live mature, balanced, Christian lives. Every day, we have the power to choose to live from the love of Christ rather than from the fears and insecurities that run beneath so much of human life.

During Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter morning, we live in a heightened state of awareness of life and death, because we walk the journey of the Passion with Christ, from his kingly entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his last supper with his friends, to his execution at the hands of human leaders, to his burial, to his Resurrection. Jesus made a path through death to new life for us.

\*Annie Dillard, Teaching a Stone to Talk, "Total Eclipse"

## From the Vicar

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

Reminding ourselves that we're going to die, walking through the dark days of Holy Week with Jesus, and facing the shadows and regrets of our own lives: all are powerful, if sometimes extremely difficult, paths that loop us back from life to death and to life again: new life.

I invite you to these wondrous services of Holy Week. Bring your children, especially to Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. Enter the darkness, face death, test your shadows, "ride the monsters down\*", and enter with Christ into the light, glory, joy, and power of the Resurrection.

*Heidi +*





We receive you into the household of God...

This month, please pray for those preparing for Baptism or to renew their Baptismal Covenant, on Easter Sunday and at the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral:

- Chike Adibe (Baptism)
- Ian Zarnott (Baptism)
- Miranda Hillesheim (Confirmation)
- Christopher Wright (Confirmation)

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 819)

**Anti-Racism Workshop:**  
**May 19, 6:00 p.m. - May 21, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Lutheran School of Theology**  
**1100 E. 55th, Chicago**



Presented by Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training, this 2½ day workshop explores the historical development of racism in the U.S.; how it is perpetuated in institutions and how it continues to manifest itself in our culture; and how it affects both people of color and white people. \$70 fee includes all workshop materials, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and snacks at all sessions. For more information, contact Karen Ziech (ten.tsacmoc@hceizlk) at 815-725-6909.

**Christian Formation**

**PLEASE NOTE PROGRAM CHANGE:** In April, Godly Play and Sunday School will meet in the second and third Sundays to allow families to celebrate Easter. Looking ahead to May, Godly Play and Sunday School will meet on the first and fourth Sundays to allow families to celebrate Mother's Day.

**Godly Play (for children ages 3-7)**

Second and fourth Sundays, after worship, along the green hallway.

Sunday, April 10	The Faces of Easter 4,5 & 6	Renee Wegman
Sunday, April 17	The Faces of Easter 7	Cindy Johnson

**Sunday School (for children ages 8-12)**

Second and fourth Sundays, after worship, in the second classroom along the blue hallway.

Sunday, April 10	What Is Communion	Rev. Heidi & Erik Scheets
Sunday, April 17	Palm Sunday	Rev. Heidi & Rev. Adam

**Sunday Seminars (ages 13 to adult)**

Explore the Rule of St. Benedict for monasteries and how it can relate to your everyday life. Come every week or come once.

Sunday, April 3

**Hospitality and Community**

(from Chapter 7 of *The St. Benedict Toolbox* by Jane Tomaine)



Sunday, April 10

**The Holiness of Work and Labor**

(from Chapter 9 of *The St. Benedict Toolbox* by Jane Tomaine)



Sunday, April 3

**What Are You Looking For? Developing a Rule of Life**

(from Chapter 10 of *The St. Benedict Toolbox* by Jane Tomaine)

## Around St. Benedict

### Capital Campaign 2011

Our "Dreamcatching" committee, consisting of Carol Todd, Barry Conlin, and Beth Erickson, were hard at work all during the month of March. In addition to collecting all of the Dream suggestions from each of our ministry groups, they also conducted several open sessions after Sunday worship to capture Dream ideas from individuals not associated with a specific ministry. The committee will now be spending the next week or so compiling all of the ideas and preparing to forward the results to the Communication Committee, who will consolidate everything into a report for our campaign consultant, Andi Tilmann. Finally, we will get to see these results ourselves and find out what everyone is dreaming for St. Benedict's future.

We would also like to remind everyone once again that the process of our campaign is very open, and we urge anyone with questions or comments to please approach Rev. Heidi, Esther Simonson, Renee Wegman, or any of our Bishop Committee leadership to speak with them directly about it.



### Serving Alcohol at the Church of St. Benedict

In the interest of keeping people safe, and after reviewing the Diocesan Policy Manual with regard to Pastoral Care, the Church of St. Benedict leadership is working on creating a manual setting out guidelines and requirements in connection with serving alcohol at our church. Because this is your church, we look for ideas and comments from you, too. Please contact Rev. Heidi (revheidi@stbenedict.ws) or Ruan Wright (ruanwright@comcast.net), if you have any. Thank you!

### The St. Benedict Festival is Back!

We've started planning this year's St. Benedict Festival. Our second annual Festival will take place on Saturday, July 17. This year's event will feature many of the same attractions as last year's event, including crafters, vendors, yard sales, food, drawings, prayer opportunities, and a labyrinth.

If you are interested in helping to plan the festival or to help coordinate an aspect of this fun event, please contact Tish Wallace or Bill Scheets. Be on the lookout for a festival flyer in May that will contain more information. Mark the date on your calendar and prayerfully take some time to consider how you could be a part of making the St. Benedict Festival a fantastic, fun, and successful event!



## Around the Diocese of Chicago



### Bishop Chilton Knudsen to visit Chicago

**Tuesday, April 15 at noon**

The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, former vicar of St. Benedict, former pastoral care officer for the Diocese, and retired bishop of Maine, will be at the Cathedral to discuss a book she has co-authored on alcoholism in churches and clergy. For reservations call Ann Ryba at 312-787-7360. A \$10 fee includes lunch. \$9 parking vouchers are available.

### Joseph Haydn's The Seven Last Words of Christ

**8 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, at St. James Cathedral.**

A lecture will precede the performance at 7 pm. Scripture passages will be read by Martin E. Marty, professor emeritus of the University of Chicago Divinity School; Stan Guthrie, editor-at-large of Christianity Today; Bishop Jeffrey Lee, and others.



### Art Auctions to help Haiti!

**Saturday, April 30, Clarion Inn, 933 S. Riverside Dr., Elmhurst;  
Friday, May 6, St. James Cathedral, Huron & Wabash, Chicago.**

Both auctions begin at 6 p.m. with a light reception and a chance to view the paintings. Live auction starts at 7 p.m. With the help of Episcopal Relief and Development, the Diocese of Haiti is working to rebuild their churches and schools and to help those remain homeless. On Facebook, see updates under "Haitian Art Auction."



### Holy Land Pilgrimage

**July 26 - August 8, 2011**

Join Bishop Jeff Lee and Lisa Lee on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Palestine of Jesus, conducted by St. George's College, Jerusalem. Contact Elizabeth Nelson for more information: 312-751-4215 or enelson@episcopalchicago.org

## Thank You!



**Esther Simonson**, for her excellent mentoring of the Education for Ministry (EfM) class on Sunday evenings.

**Vince Macikas, Margaret Bauman, Cindy Johnson, Bill Scheets and Joel Wegman**, who have been bringing communion to members who can't be with us in Church on Sundays.

**Brian Cromer**, for singing so beautifully in worship for us and for his engaged, skilled leadership of the choir.

**Beth Erickson**, for leading us in two workshops on Keeping God's People Safe.

**Rev. Heidi** for writing an awesome kids liturgy for the Ash Wednesday service

**Donnie Williams, Bill Scheets, Andrew Wright, and Chuck Wallace** for dis-assembling and re-assembling the sanctuary for Lent.

**Chuck Wallace, Jennifer Kyser, and Bill Scheets** for cooking at the Shrove/Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper.

**Roger Ostrovecky** for burning the palms into ashes for the Ash Wednesday service.

**Everyone who led a dream-catching exercise** for helping to gather the dreams of the St. Benedict congregation.

**Esther Simonson and Ruan Wrigh** for decorating the chapel space for Lent.

**Barry Conlin, Elizabeth Erickson, and Carol Todd** for leading our dream-catcher team.

**Adam Frieberg** for preaching on March 27.

our coffee hosts in March, **Rosie Terrazzas & Cesar Diaz, Bob & Esther Simonson, Ruth Denofrio, and Jill Crisman.**

## Thank you!



We raised \$240 for Feed My Starving Children at the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. Learn more about FMSC at [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org) or volunteer at their packing site in Aurora.

## Coming in May



**Kids' Lock-in**  
**Friday, May 13**  
**7:00 p.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

For kids ages 8 and up.  
Games, a movie, friends, worship, and food!  
Friends are welcome.

## Wednesday evening series: "How Does God speak my life?" starting Wednesday May 4

An Introduction to Spiritual Direction: Join Rev. Heidi to learn more about the Christian practice of spiritual direction and engage in structured group spiritual direction over the course of several weeks.

## Leadership & Ministry Fair: Saturday, May 7, 9am - 3pm The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, at the Lutheran School of Theology

Come for the morning, the afternoon, or both! Workshops will cover: Lifelong Christian Formation, Ministry Discernment, Spiritual Development, Church Growth, Digital Media, Church Administration, Vestry and Bishop Committee development, Leadership Development, Planned Giving, Community Outreach, Liturgical Planning, and many more! A great way to get more involved in the diocese and to deepen your personal faith and discipleship. Watch for registration information at [www.episcopalchicago.org](http://www.episcopalchicago.org)



**Rogation Days! May 21-22**  
**Saturday, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, Church clean-up day**  
**Sunday, 9:00 am Eucharist, with blessing of the church building and grounds.**



In England, Rogation Days have been celebrated for hundreds of years: people walk around their churches and bless everything around them. "Rogation" comes from the Latin word for "ask" -- like to ask for God's blessing.

## BC Highlights

### HIGHLIGHTS of a meeting of the Bishop's Committee held on Monday, March 21, 2011

**Present** - Rev. Heidi Haverkamp (Vicar), Joel Wegman (Warden), Ruan Wright (Warden), Jill Crisman, Cindy Johnson, Frank Klupshas, Don Williams, Margaret Bauman (member and Clerk)

**Guest** - Esther Simonson

**Apologies** - Reneé Wegman (Treasurer)

Meeting Commenced at - 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer - Rev. Heidi

Bible Study - Jill led a meditation on 1 Peter 5:1-11, "Tending the Flock of God"

Prayer Requests - Those present requested intercessions and offered thanksgivings.

**February Budget Report** - Joel, for Reneé: Pledge Support is down 10% for the month but is trending well for the year at 98.7%; Plate Offerings Support is down a little for the month; Other expenses included the purchase of the bell plates; paid for by monies in the Dunlap Music Fund. Frank asked when we could expect to begin seeing expenditures for our summer contractors, such as lawn service. Joel confirmed that most of the work is done by volunteers; we own a rider mower and various members take turns mowing.

**Vicar's goal for 2011:** Rev. Heidi's focus this year will be Christian education for older kids and adults.

**BC goal for 2011:** After some discussion, the BC decided that Community Outreach / A Focus Outward should be the BC's goal for 2011. Strengthening hospitality was also discussed as a possible goal.

**Diocesan "incentive grant" for 2011** - Rev. Heidi and the Wardens have been discussing what to apply for this year and asked if the BC was willing to let them make the decision, without BC having to approve the decision since the deadline is April 15. All were in agreement that Rev. and the Wardens can make the decision on behalf of the BC.

**Alcohol policy input** - Ruan and Joel: We need to have a specific policy for insurance purposes and to ensure that we follow diocesan policy. Ideas and concerns were shared.

**Reviewing St. Benedict's Parochial Report for 2010** - Rev. Heidi: we reviewed our 2010 statistics for attendance & membership and finance & giving in detail, with a compare / contrast to our 2009 report.

**Piano donation update** - Ruan and the technician visited the Williams' piano (baby grand built in the 1930s) and received a promising bid. The restorer comes highly recommended by Michelle Braxton, who worked with him at Friendship Methodist. There is enough money in the Dunlap Music Fund to cover this if we decide to move forward.

Thank you for The Abbey  
Compline (BCP 127) was led by Cindy.  
Meeting Concluded at - 9:05pm  
Date of Next Meeting - Monday, April 18th, 7:00pm



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Monday - Thursday  
9:30 am - Noon



ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development) is gathering information on the scale of needs in the devastated areas. Donations to assist with the relief and recovery may be made via their

web page at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org). Donations are also being accepted by The Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. A prayer for the people of Japan has been written by The Rev. Jennifer Phillips:

*Merciful God, in your hands are the caverns of the earth and the heights of the hills: our times also are in your hands. Hear our prayers for those suffering in the aftermath of earthquake, explosion, and flood in Japan; soothe those in distress; watch over those trapped and hoping for rescue; comfort the bereaved; strengthen those who labor to help others, lift up those who cannot help themselves; and in every danger be their very present help by the power of your Holy Spirit; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*