



# ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF

*St. Aidan's mission: To grow as a faith family so that everyone will experience God's love.*

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GRACE HOUSE  
On the Mountain



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Virginia



*Many thanks to those parishioners who donated to Grace House on the Mountain (the location of our yearly mission trip). St. Aidan's has sent a check to Grace House for \$1550 to help complete projects that mission workers cannot do this year. If you have not donated and still wish to, please send a check to St. Aidan's and identify it as meant for Grace House. Make the check out to St. Aidan's and the treasurer will send out one large check to Grace House.*



## ZOOM INTO

### Men's Breakfast August 1 -- 9 am

Watch for Zoom Meeting details from Bruce coming soon!



Our sincere thanks to the St. Aidan's Angels who organized an estate sale for **Diane and Tom Pirc**. With plenty of masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing, and a plexiglass shield at the checkout, the sale was a success.

Diane and Tom are settling in at Marquardt Village in Watertown, but you can expect to see them at St. Aidan's when we eventually regather.

Diane and Tom generously donated their share of the sale proceeds to St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Women! What a blessing!



**The ECW has CANCELLED this year's rummage sale -- you know why! Next year -- God willing!**

*"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart; to study hard; to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common -- this is my symphony."*

William Henry Channing, clergyman and reformer (25 May 1810-1884)

Please Notice This



**See Senior Warden's message -- Page 2  
For IMPORTANT worship and congregational information**



How quickly we just passed July's halfway point, a sure sign that we are well into summer, and yet COVID-19 cases continue to rise. It's more important than ever that we take steps to keep ourselves safe as we re-

turn to work, re-open schools, and want to be out and about.

### Returning to Worship

When we return to worship, and we will, you may be concerned about the health risk to you and your family.

If you are concerned about attending worship, you should first

Assess your own health risk –

if you have any symptoms, such as a dry cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or in the past two weeks have had exposure to anyone diagnosed with COVID -19, Stay home. Suggestion - safer with St. Aidan's online options.

if you are sick, Stay home. Suggestion - safer with St. Aidan's online options.

if you are part of the population *most vulnerable*, that includes those over 65 and/or those with heart or lung disease, diabetes, pregnant, or have compromised immune systems, Stay home. Suggestion - safer with St. Aidan's online options.

consult with your health care provider.

([https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fneed-extra-precautions%2Fgroups-at-higher-risk.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fneed-extra-precautions%2Fgroups-at-higher-risk.html))

We are still in a place where worship service is only online, and when you change from going to church and replace it with a screen (i.e., live streaming of worship), online 'attending' you can become easily distracted. After several months, do you maybe feel a bit of the 'doldrums' setting in? It reminds me of a story, *Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent* that Derrick wanted me to read over and over. I read the story, but I was not always 'attending.' In the story Cyrus saves the ship from the doldrums, a calm and windless area near the equator. The doldrums stranded the ship for many days, even weeks. Cyrus is patient, through the doldrums and brave through the storms, and eventually the pirates do make their voyage to a new land. Cyrus showed how much he cared for

others. Like Cyrus, I intend to be patient and engage with my online 'attending' and be brave through the changes and challenges we are facing.

We are all hoping that we can return to some sort of normal soon. In the meantime, we continue in an online mode, wear masks, and social distance. When we leave worship either at church or online, we need to take actions to keep our faith community together – and keep the doldrums away. A fun quote to reflect on during middle of summer is, "*A hobby a day keeps the doldrums away.*" ([Phyllis McGinley](#))

### St. Aidan's still needs you.

**Your gift of attendance**: attendance, whether in the church building or now online (attending morning worship/compline; lawn chats/home communion; or Zoom coffee hour) builds commitment and strengthens our spirituality.

**Your gift of time** is needed to be sure that proper precautions and accommodations ensure the safety of all parishioners; that the outdoor areas are clean, inviting, and safe; provide help with technology to those who need support; support essential workers.

**Your gift of talent** is needed to assist in supporting online ministries; outreach to parish members; start an email chain with parish members; keep up with gardens/areas around the building; make masks.

**Your gift of treasure** is needed to continue to sustain and guide the community of St. Aidan's to live more fully into its mission; support our priest/staff and our building; support outreach programs for those in need; support technology for online services/communications.

Your gift of time, talent, treasure and attending services is needed and appreciated. I continue, along with the BC and Fr. Lars, to develop/revise re-opening plans. Our plans are submitted to the diocese for approval. When active cases/100,000 population in Washington County goes down, we will be able to implement our plans for re-opening. As diocesan guidelines continue to be reviewed, our plan continues to be revised. You may have questions as we work through phases of re-opening – ask any member of the BC. We would love to chat with you.

Stay safe and well. Keep current through weekly e –blasts for new online worship services and re-opening guidelines.

Blessings,  
**Donna Dinco**



"A reading from 1 Corinthians  
12:1-11

Now concerning the wearing of masks, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that in the time before Covid, we were enticed and led astray thinking that we were not responsible for one another's health. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the spirit of love ever says 'masks be cursed!'; and no one can say 'masks are a really good idea for everybody!' except through a spirit of love.

Now there are varieties of masks, but the same spirit of wearing them; and there are varieties of mask wearers, but the same virus; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same precautions that must be shown to everyone.

To each is given a manifestation of a mask for the common good. To one a mask is given through our maskmakers, and to another a purchased one online, or in a store according to the same spirit of protection. Some fashion one after watching a video on YouTube, to another...they already had some. The knowledge of needing to wear one according to the same spirit, to another faith that the same spirit will improve health and save lives.

Another receives the gifts of healing by this generous spirit, to another this seems no less than the working of a miracle, another prophesies that we'll get through all of this sooner by observing these loving precautions, to another the discernment of figuring out how all can get one, to another the knowledge that a mask hides all kinds of mouths and tongues, to another the understanding that those mouths and tongues are still there, behind those masks.

All these are activated by one and the same spirit, and we hope to allot to each one individually just as they choose.

In other words, wear a mask!

*The authors are the Rev. Greg, priest and the Rev. Gene, Deacon of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC.*



## Alice's Restaurant

We are gifted with lots of time at home these days and like many, my time has been spent organizing. I have been going through all my cookbooks and saved recipes to consolidate things. When we cleared out my mother's house, we shared out her cookbooks among us and copied out the recipes we wanted before we passed them around. One of those cookbooks was not new when my mother got it, and she added many notes in the pages about what worked and what she changed. An item from that cookbook that was often in her refrigerator was sweet mustard. We used it instead of mayonnaise on sandwiches, served it with slices of baked ham and stirred it into salad dressings. We all have things that spark memories of other days, whether they are foods or pictures or music or Grandmother's china. They keep close those who have gone before us. I have told my daughter that when the day comes to clean out my house -- not soon mind you -- she should only keep those things that have meaning for her. They won't be all the things I kept because her memories will be different from mine. That's fine.

I hope you are all getting things done, staying safe, and spending time with friends and family as you are able. I hope things improve so we can be back together sometime soon. In the meantime, make something to share. Make something that brings back happy memories.

### Mother's Sweet Mustard

3 eggs, beaten  
1 C. sugar  
2 T. flour  
Salt and Pepper  
1 C. vinegar  
1 T. dry mustard

2 T. butter

Mix all well except butter, heat until thickened, top with butter and cover while it cools. Stir well and store in the refrigerator.

**Alice Pollock**

Recipe from **Harriet Marsh**







## BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO  
RACIAL HEALING, RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE

**St. Aidan's Becoming Beloved Community Committee [BBCC] has gathered book and media suggestions for your summer reading pleasure! We may live in a small community, but we can open our minds and broaden our experiences even during "safer at home!"**  
**Happy exploring!**

### **White Fragility** – Robin DiAngelo

The *New York Times* best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

In this "vital, necessary, and beautiful book" [M. E. Dyson], antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and "allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to 'bad people' (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

### **Evicted** -- Matthew Desmond

The book follows several families from Milwaukee as they were evicted. It won a Pulitzer.

### **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** --

Kim Michele Richardson

A historical novel about the persecution of the blue people of Kentucky -- yes, "blue!" Google it! The writing is only ok, but the subject is important!

Movies --

**Selma**

### Movie reviews: **Best of Enemies**

Story of KKK member, black woman ponders prejudice - Entertainment & Life - The Columbus Dispatch - Columbus, OH

<https://www.dispatch.com/entertainmentlife/20190405/movie-review--best-of-enemies-story-of-kkk-member-black-woman-ponders-prejudice>

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**The New Your Times treatment of "1619"** - the year the first slave ship arrived in (not yet) America. Just Google "1619" and you'll get all you can handle.

**Sojourners** magazine deals with social justice - and has addressed the topic of "Who is my neighbor?" Google "Sojourners Who Is My Neighbor?" I have hardcopy of both topics. [Bruce Pollock]

**What have you read that inspired, educated, opened your heart and mind?**

Send suggestions to:  
Micki Hoffmann  
mphoffmann70@gmail.com



**MORE recommendations!**



More recommendations --

### Reading Guide for Racism Discussions

From Glenview Community Church, Glenview, IL  
[United Church of Christ]

- Brown Douglas, Kelly, ***Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God***, (Orbis Books, 2015).
  - Cone, James H., ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree***, Orbis Books, 2011
  - DiAngelo, Robin, ***What Does It Mean To Be White? Developing White Racial Literacy***, (Peter Lang Publishing, 2012).
  - DiAngelo, Robin, ***White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People to Talk About Racism***, (Beacon Press, 2018).
  - Roediger, David R., ***Working Toward Whiteness: How America's Immigrants Became White, The Strange Journey from Ellis Island to the Suburbs***, (Basic Books, 2005).
  - Ibram, Kendi X., ***Stamped From The Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America***, (Nation Books, 2015).
  - Baptist, Edward E., ***The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism***, (Basic Books, 2014).
- A Conversation with White People on Race*** [NY Times short video]  
***Africa's Great Civilizations*** [Amazon Prime Video]

From Elizabeth Hartung

***Between the World and Me*** by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
***Freedom is a Constant Struggle*** by Angela Y. Davis,  
***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson,  
***Acting on Faith*** (a collection of activism stories)

From Nancy Mullarkey

***How to Be an Anti-Racist***, by Ibram X. Kendi.  
***The New Jim Crow*** by Michelle Alexander

From Betsy Martin

***White Kids: growing up with privilege in a racially divided America*** by Margaret Hagerman (A new book reviewed by PBS news hour on 6/3)

An invitation from Geri Kelly and



St. James Episcopal Church

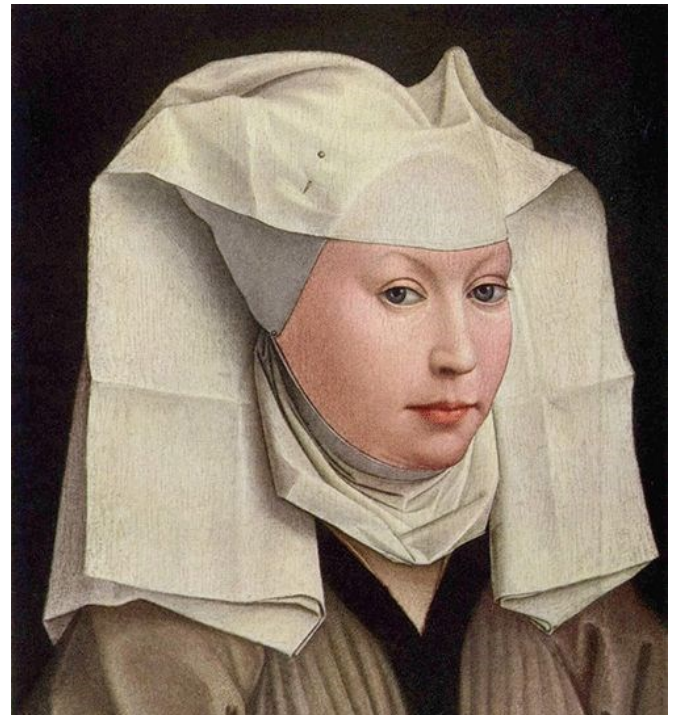
148 South 8th Ave | West Bend, WI | (262) 334-4242

Daryl Laatsch and I are starting a book club at St. James. We will be discussing the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond. It is the story of poverty and profit in an American city, Milwaukee. *The New York Times* book review named it one of the 10 best books in 2016. For those of you who enjoyed *Just Mercy*, this too is an eye-opening book on social justice.

Let me know if you are interested and if the idea of getting out every other Wednesday is appealing after isolating.

I hope we will be able to meet this Fall in our Common Room, masked and from a distance, of course. See you in September?

Geri Kelly  
262-685-7774



"He said not 'Thou shalt not be tempted, thou shalt not be travailed, thou shalt not be dis-eased'; but he said, 'Thou shalt not be overcome.'  
- St. Julian of Norwich

**"WE ARE  
THE  
OF  
THE** **Episcopal** **BRANCH**  
**Jesus movement"**  
—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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Brian Schrunck

Gary Stage

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Linda Weber

*Life is fragile  
handle with Prayer*

**Phyllis Paquette** coordinates the prayer chain for St. Aidan's. If anyone has a prayer need for someone or

something, please call Phyllis at 262-397-8549 or the church office.



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**Diocesan  
Convention 2020 -  
Preliminary plans**

The July 16 Special Convention authorized a virtual diocesan convention this year. However, the date of the convention business meeting will remain October 3. This makes **August 3 the due date for resolutions**

**and nominations to be considered at the convention**, as our Constitution & Canons require that they be submitted at least 60 days prior to convention. Information on positions to be elected at convention, the form for submitting nominations, and information on submitting resolutions may all be found on the convention page of the diocesan website.

**See page 9 for election information.**



**and get married in AUGUST!**

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## Parish Profile -- The Stages

She was raised a Southern Baptist. He came from a Catholic background. So, it's almost predictable that Sarah and Gary Stage eventually became Episcopalians, joining St. Aidan's in 2011 after they moved to Hartford.

The couple and their twin daughters, Jenna and Lacie, age 7, moved to Germantown last year but maintain St. Aidan's as their church home. "The first time we were there it felt like home," Sarah said.

The Stages have been staying in touch with their church friends and watching the Sunday service online. They admit it is difficult to be away from church during the Covid-19 pandemic. Gary is on the Bishop's Committee and a regular at the BC Zoom meetings but he hopes in-person meetings will return soon.

The family's life has been altered by the coronavirus outbreak, with Sarah now working from home rather than heading into Pewaukee for her job as a quality nurse with ProHealth Care. She does administrative work and chart revisions with doctors at the clinic. "It's a little challenging but we can accommodate this alternate universe," Sarah said.

Jenna and Lacie finished the school year with online classes while Sarah helped as a home-school teacher. The twins attend Amy Belle Elementary in Germantown and will be entering second grade in the fall. The school situation for the fall - online or in-person classes - is still in flux with the virus remaining a primary concern. "One thing that is being lost is school where your ideas are supposed to be challenged," Gary said. "Reading, writing, arithmetic and critical thinking."

Gary still is working his job at Sharp Packaging Systems in Sussex, a firm that produces pre-opened plastic bags on a roll. "I keep all the machines running," he said. Staffing is better than it

was in past years, which allows Gary more time with his family. He said that "we work open-ended 8's (eight-hour shifts)" but indicated the on-call schedule is much improved.

The girls are active in a German dance group based in Freistadt and take Tae Kwon Do lessons, which now are restricted to Zoom sessions. Many of the dance performances for the girls' 5-to-8-year-old group have been canceled this year, but Sarah said there still is hope for a few appearances this fall. "A little sense of normalcy would be nice," Sarah said.

Sarah and Gary have known each other for more than 25 years and been married for 12. They met while working at the Sentry grocery on Howell Avenue in Milwaukee. "We dated off and on. We broke up and got back together," Gary said. "Then seven months later we were married."

Sarah is a native of Cudahy but moved to Wichita Falls, Texas and spent her elementary school and high school years there. That explains her Southern Baptist upbringing. Gary is from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He grew up in Stephenson, population 2,000, before moving to Milwaukee for his junior and senior years of high school at Thomas More on the south side. "My mom remarried when I was a junior in high school and my stepdad had a job down in the Milwaukee area," Gary said. He still has family in Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin, and enjoys making trips near his former home in the Upper Peninsula. "There's not a lot to do there," he said. "Forestry and tourism, some farming."

Life in Germantown is now the family's focus. Gary was trying to recall exactly when the family moved to Germantown when Lacie intervened and told her dad it was Sept. 20 one year ago. Pretty sharp for a 7-year-old.



**Charles Gardner**  
Senior Staff Writer



**Important update about Casa Guadalupe Education Center's largest fundraiser of the year, Fiesta Latina:**

Out of responsibility for the safety and health of our community, we recently made the difficult decision to cancel our 8th annual event, which was originally rescheduled for Saturday, Sept 26. While we are disappointed that we cannot gather in person as we normally have in years past, we are looking at the opportunities this provides to plan different fundraising activities to support our nonprofit's mission and programs.

**\*\*We are excited to announce that between Sunday, Sept 27 - Friday, Oct 2 we will be celebrating FIESTA WEEK!\*\***

There will be multiple ways you can support Casa Guadalupe that week! To start off, on Sunday, September 27, our friends at The Norbert restaurant in West Bend will open to serve up our Fiesta menu for dine in or carry out and will donate 100% of the proceeds to Casa! We are working out more details to collaborate with other restaurants in the area for that week and will keep the public informed! Stay tuned!

We will also still be selling raffle tickets for our large raffle drawing! Tickets will be available for purchase soon and we'll update the public on where they can be purchased:  
\$5 for one and \$20 for five  
The last day to buy tickets will be Sept 27th.  
We will be pulling winners the week of Sept 28th - Oct 2nd!

**\*\*We are still looking for raffle prize donations!**  
If you would like to donate, please call 262-306-2900 or email [noelle@casaguadalupeonline.org](mailto:noelle@casaguadalupeonline.org)

If you are interested in donating to our organization to support our mission and programs, please consider mailing a check to our office at 419 Roosevelt Dr. West Bend, WI 53090 or donating through PayPal by visiting our website: <http://www.casaguadalupeonline.org/donate/>



Deadline for submitting  
Nominations is  
**AUGUST 03, 2020**

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee  
173<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Convention  
October 03, 2020

Nominees are needed for these positions to be elected at the 2020 Diocesan Convention

## **DIOCESAN TREASURER**

ONE person (lay or clergy) to be elected to a one-year term

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

TWO clergy persons to be elected to three-year terms

TWO lay persons to be elected to three-year terms

## **GENERAL CONVENTION ALTERNATE DEPUTIES**

FOUR clergy persons (deacons or priests) to be elected as alternates to 2021 General Convention

FOUR lay persons to be elected as alternates to 2021 General Convention

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

ONE lay person to be elected to a four-year term

ONE priest to be elected to a four-year term

## **TITLE IV DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

TWO clergy persons to be elected to three-year terms

ONE lay persons to be elected to a three-year term

## **TRUSTEES OF FUNDS & ENDOWMENTS, INC.**

TWO persons (lay or clergy) to be elected to three-year terms

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**Important:** Nominations and Biographical information must be submitted using the attached Nomination Form. Biographical information may be edited by the Nominations Committee. (Please see the sample biography on page 3).

See Diocesan website for position descriptions and nomination forms.

**[www.diomil.org](http://www.diomil.org)**

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*St. Aidan -- Feast Day, August 31*

## **August 2020 ST. AIDAN'S NEWSLETTER**

### **Services –**

**Sunday Morning Prayer**

**@ 9:30 am**

<https://www.facebook.com/staidanshartford/>

**Wednesday Compline/Reflection**

**@ 7 pm**

<https://www.facebook.com/staidanshartford/live>

**Friday Morning Prayer**

**@ 9:30 am**

Zoom [link in weekly dNews]

