



ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF



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

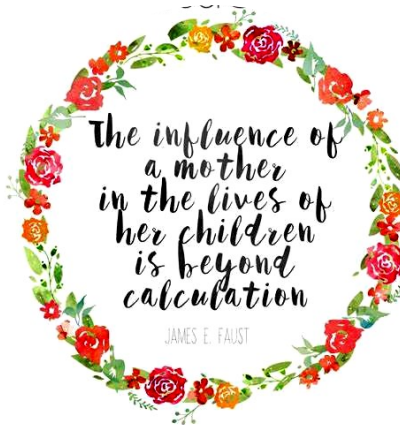


Highway Cleanup May 2 – 1 pm

Rain date – May 16, 1 pm

Please meet at the Erin Motel on Highway 83. Park at the south end of the property.
See you there!

The hand-woven rainbow cross tapestry, used as an altar frontal or banner, was created by Alice Pollock from ribbons donated by the congregation and their friends, far and near. It commemorated our return to the church after the fire. It is fitting that we use it in the Easter season of new life -- especially this year as we begin to gather again in face-to-face community. *Alleluia!*



*Happy Mother's Day to
all mothers and to all
those who mother.*

May 9



*All of them were filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak
in other tongues as the Spirit
enabled them.*

ACTS / 2:4

**Memorial Day
May 31**



THANK YOU

Honoring those who serve with honor.
Cherishing the memory of those who gave everything.



YOU CAN GET ANYTHING YOU WANT AT ALICE'S RESTAURANT. ♪ YOU CAN GET ANYTHING YOU WANT AT ALICE'S RESTAURANT. ♪ JUST A HALF A MILE FROM THE RAILROAD TRACK ♪ WALK RIGHT IN IT'S AROUND THE BACK ♪ JUST A HALF A MILE FROM THE RAILROAD TRACK ♪ YOU CAN GET ANYTHING YOU WANT AT ALICE'S RESTAURANT. ♪



*Alice's
Restaurant*

In our family we have several birthdays in a row in April. Today we celebrated my brother-in-law's day with a great afternoon together, a rarity for the last year as you know. Our lunch provided the recipe for today, but mostly it was the pleasure of being together. Ann and I experimented with a craft project, we traded book recommendations, and actually we had a normal, ordinary and thus totally unusual (for the last year) day. I am hopeful that we are entering the home stretch for this pandemic, but I am sure I will have an altered view of what I consider normal as we go forward. Some normal things I am grateful for: we will be celebrating birthdays, we will be joining each other in church, we will be meeting for coffee and conversations, and all of those things are things we do together.

Here is the chicken salad recipe, and I hope you have someone to share it with!

Chicken Salad with Cranberries

- 1/2 C. plain Greek yogurt
- 2 T. milk
- 3 T. lemon juice
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 t. onion powder
- 1/2 t. garlic powder

Stir these things together for the dressing.

- 2 C. shredded or diced cooked chicken (rotisserie is fine)
- 3/4 C. raisins
- 1/3 C. celery finely chopped
- 1/3 C. diced green pepper
- 1/3 C. sliced almonds
- 1/4 C. chopped parsley

Mix together with dressing and serve on a bed of Lettuce

Alice Pollock



Easter morning at St. Aidan's



New Easter grandchild and new Easter dresses!



Easter light --

Traditionally, our Easter Candle, made from candle-end donations, has included names and other prayerful things. Please print whatever you would like on the candle on a piece of paper and put it in the box next to the office door or email **Alice Pollock**.

[alice1pollock@gmail.com]
"Peace" is already on the candle, as well as the names of our parishioners who died this last year. There is still room for your requests.



Where We're Going from Here!

The past couple weeks I have been 'grappling' with ideas from Thom Rainer's blogs (blog@churchanswers.com) and from the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) newsletter links. I would like to share a couple with you.

Easter Is Over... Now What? Thom Rainer, April 10, 2021.

Easter is over..... What do we do now? Profound? A wake-up call? Yes, exactly a feeling I had as I pulled into the church parking lot two weeks ago. To my surprise, Laura and John Johnston were weeding the flower gardens. How uplifting! Yes, Easter is over, but our personal ministries are never over. Thank you, Laura and John for your ministry to keep the gardens of St. Aidan's inviting. Warmer weather will continue to welcome outside projects; and inside a light replacement project will begin this week, along with more cleaning and sanitizing for safe in-person worship on Sundays. Thank you to Pastors Esther and Loretta, church staff, tech volunteers, readers/acolytes/ushers/altar guild, and vestry for providing worship and music through this uncharted territory. One answer to *now what?* Gratitude.

Another *Now what?* suggested in this blog is that more churches will minister to their communities more than ever before. That can be great news and one we join in as the Vestry works on its goals, particularly, the goal to ***Increase contacts and connections with the community by creating a place to belong. How do we provide a welcome space for others; for groups to meet safely, for observing diverse traditions, for celebrations?***

Rainer also suggests to **remember your church's address**. Seriously? Profound? Or another wake-up call? Then, I remembered that Fr. Mike would be quick to add that God gave us this location for a reason, and that it was not an accident. Our goal to increase connections with the community may mean to walk around our community neighborhoods or to take a fresh look at where St. Aidan's is located and why. Rainer also stresses the importance of investing in each other; writing letters, cards or emails, making phone calls or sending a text.



From ECF, "*A church is not only supposed to be in a community, it should be a ministry to the community*". Very definitely, we have come to realize the visibility St.

Aidan's faith community has to the greater community through online services. Indeed. It is a complement to the in-person service. An ECF survey indicates it is often a first step for many to come to the in-person services. A hybrid world of digital and in-person worship is emerging, not unlike the hybrid options for state/national conferences, on-line courses, etc. Digital services become a viable option for those not able to physically attend, those who travel, have moved, a child that moves or is in college, etc. In what ways can St. Aidan's continue to provide that access or find out who needs access? Another vestry goal is to ***Coordinate "Faith in 3D," to re-gather and welcome each other and new people to church.*** How do we integrate worship in person, inside the church or outside and online? This goal addresses gaining greater visibility in the community.

Last, this past week the Wardens in the diocese participated in a Zoom meeting with Bishop Jeffery Lee, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese. From Bishop Lee on the pandemic/masks: there is "*light at the end of the tunnel, but we are still in the tunnel.*" It is important to keep everyone safe -- masks and distancing are still required. As a Vestry, it is necessary to provide adequate ventilation, hand sanitizer, and a clean, sanitized worship environment. We have created guidelines for in-person worship, patio, and/or driveway services. When you want to attend in-person worship, remember to sign up by clicking the link that is provided in the weekly ENews. Currently, our capacity is limited to 35.

The Diocese COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard will be maintained as a resource and service to parishes. However, the frequency of updates will change as things improve, from daily to every other day so that ratings and trends can continue to be assessed by county. Bishop Lee's priorities are to reach out and make connections with clergy and parishes – that may be Zoom visitations, outdoor visits; confirmations and receptions.

Even though we may not like it, we have become more receptive to change. I know I have become more patient and determined to make adjustments to meet the needs of the parish.



Blessings,
Donna Dinco



Learn to bloom where you are planted. Even if you find yourself planted under some concrete at the moment, look for the crack in the concrete to find your way out.



GOOD NEWS
As of April 5th, the vaccines are available for all persons over the age of 16 in Wisconsin and 600 additional sites will open.

Please get the vaccines when you can!

NOT SO GOOD NEWS

Active case rates are going up throughout the area covered by the diocese. We are not out of this yet, so there is **CDC guidance for vaccinated persons.**

What's Changed

If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
- However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

What Hasn't Changed

For now, if you've been fully vaccinated:

You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

Take these precautions whenever you are in public:

- Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
- Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk
- You should still avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.
- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace

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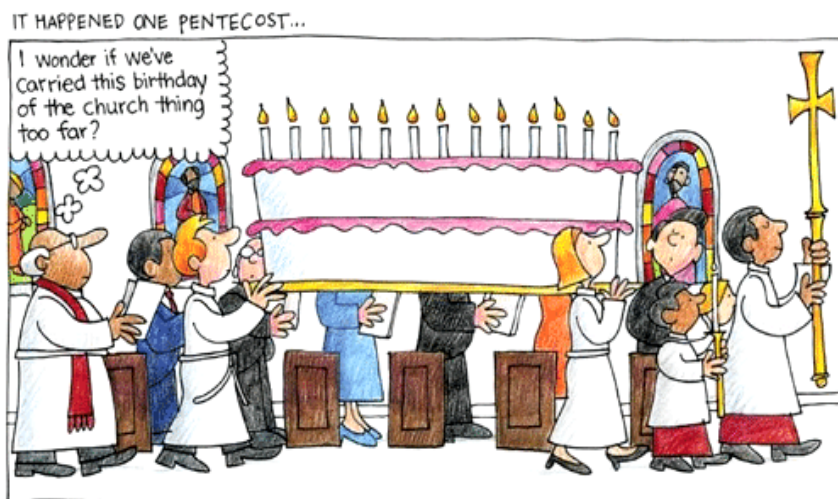
Dear Friends,

The month of May provides some exciting imagery for the church! In the fifth and sixth weeks of the Easter season, we find in our scripture reading images of Jesus first as the true vine (we are the branches), then as a caring friend, and then as a divine mentor. Imagining Jesus as the source of our strength, and as friend and mentor, prepares us for receiving the message of God's love.

It is written that on the day of Pentecost the fire of the Holy Spirit appeared on the forehead of Jesus' mother Mary, and the other disciples, including some women. On May 23, Pentecost Sunday, we wear red in solidarity with all of them and as a sign of receiving the Holy Spirit! This day is considered the birthday of the church and we mark this special day to remember how the Holy Spirit was sent to dwell in each of us, through our baptism and in a way we understand. We might imagine the gift of the Holy Spirit appearing as a flame on our own foreheads, empowering us to share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus.

To illustrate empowerment by the Holy Spirit, I invite everyone to join in speaking the reading from Acts 2: 7-21 on Sunday, May 23 - in all the languages spoken by members of this church community. God communicates with us and through us in a great diversity of experience. Let us affirm solidarity with each other as members of the one body of Christ, the church!

May the peace of God be always with you,
Esther +



St. Aidan's Ministries Schedule



	2	9	16	23	30
Reader	A. Pollock	L. Molenda	S. Martin	M. Schmidt	B. Schrunck
Prayers	B. Pollock	J.P. Schrunck	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	L. Schrunck
Acolyte	G. Mercado	A. Schrunck	L. Daley	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunck
Usher	Molenda	Schmidt	Pollock	Schrunck	Weber

If you cannot serve your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute. Thank you.
Any **permanent** changes to the schedule should be reported to
Gail Hefti at gail.hefti@gmail.com or 920-740-3997.



The Hartford Kettle Moraine Lions Club is starting a plastic collection.

Once we collect 500 lbs. of plastic, our club can earn a Trex park bench.
The club and the City of Hartford are collaborating for a new river walk park and park building.
We hope to earn a few benches to donate to the river walk and new park, which will be home to many new events to come.

If you have any of the plastics shown below, please bring them to me at the funeral home. Bags will be collected until the end of October!
Thank you for your donations in advance.

If you know of anyone else who may have these plastic items willing to donate, please forward this information on!
Thank you!!

Kacey Meyer-
Nienstedt
Shimon Funeral
Home
(262) 673-9500

What can be recycled?

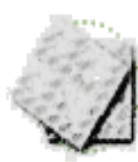
All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags



8 Caitlyn Lenz	19 Christopher Daley
10 Hannah Daley	Kendra Gross
11 Pat Schnorenberg	21 Loretta & Bert Mendoza
16 Grace Masset	22 Sandi Lenz
17 Laura Johnston	24 Peter Hoffmann
Jan & Dave Pietsch	27 Linda Weber

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If anyone has a prayer need for someone or something, please call **Alice Pollock** [262-707-3456] or the church office.

Good NEWS !



Leah, daughter of **Michal and Dennis Daley**, serving as acolyte for the first time with Pastor Esther. Thanks, Leah!



Owen Sanderson's first Sunday as an acolyte at St. Bart's Catholic Church in Indiana. He is the son of Rohnn Sanderson and grandson of **Donna and Ken Dinco**. Congratulations!



To My Mother

I was your rebellious son,
do you remember? Sometimes
I wonder if you do remember,
so complete has your forgiveness been.

So complete has your forgiveness been
I wonder sometimes if it did not
precede my wrong, and I erred,
safe found, within your love,

Prepared ahead of me, the way home,
or my bed at night, so that almost
I should forgive you, who perhaps
foresaw the worst that I might do,

And forgave before I could act,
causing me to smile now, looking back,
to see how paltry was my worst,
compared to your forgiveness of it

Already given. And this, then,
is the vision of that Heaven of which
we have heard, where those who love
each other have forgiven each other,

Where for that, the leaves are green,
the light a music in the air,
and all is unentangled,
and all is undismayed.

Wendell Berry

The God of Second Chances

Come now O God of second chances
Open our hearts to heal
Remove our hate and melt our rage
Save us from ourselves.

Come now O God, release our demons
Open our eyes to see
The shame within, our guilt and pain
Mend us, make us whole.

Come now O God, and still our anger
Open our minds to peace
Embrace our fear, and hold us close
Calm the storm within.

Come now O God, shake our resentment
Open our way to choose
The Way of love over revenge
Show us a new way.

Come now O God, and grand compassion
Open our hearts to love
May we let go of all our hurt
Help us to move on.

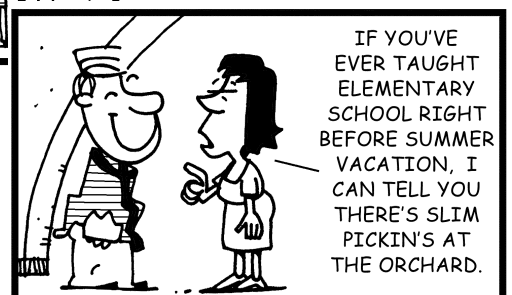
Come now O God, of second chances
May we forgive ourselves
May we become your living sign
Children of God's love.

A hymn by Davis Haas
Find choral presentations on You Tube



May is
**National
Bike Month**

PENTECOST
THE GIFT OF THE FATHER



Symeon. the New Theologian,
a tenth century mystic, writes --

*We awaken in Christ's body
as Christ awakens our bodies,
and my poor hand is Christ, He enters
my foot, and is infinitely me.
I move my hand, and wonderfully
my hand becomes Christ, becomes all of Him
(for God is indivisibly
whole, seamless in His Godhood).
I move my foot, and at once
He appears like a flash of lightning.
Do my words seem blasphemous? — Then
open your heart to Him
and let yourself receive the one
who is opening to you so deeply.
For if we genuinely love Him,
we wake up inside Christ's body
where all our body, all over,
every most hidden part of it,
is realized in joy as Him,
and He makes us, utterly, real,
and everything that is hurt, everything
that seemed to us dark, harsh, shameful,
maimed, ugly, irreparably
damaged, is in Him transformed
and recognized as whole, as lovely,
and radiant in His light
he awakens as the Beloved
in every last part of our body.*

From a blog by John Beddinfield on the Crypt
at the National Cathedral [[https://
jfbeddingfield.com/2012/04/08/disguised-
resurrection/](https://jfbeddingfield.com/2012/04/08/disguised-resurrection/)] shared with us by **Pat Gardner**.



Detail from Christ with St. Mary Magdalene at the Tomb
Rembrandt, 1638.

And so, this Easter and always: Keep your eye out
for the gardener. Or the boiler room man, or the taxi
driver, the nurse, the waiter, the politician, real es-
tate agent, teacher, or kid playing soccer. It may be
Christ shining through.

And live aware, as well, that Christ may just as soon
shine through you to bring his light more fully into
the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.



OPEN ART STUDIO

Second Thursdays

10 am to Noon

May 13

June 10

**St. Aidan's
Fellowship Hall**

Come and Play!

Creativity is more than realistic drawing and
painting! It's music, poetry, and "What can I do
with these crazy ideas!"

Lynn Molenda and Alice Pollock are offering
this "space" and time for anyone interested in
artistic adventures -- whatever medium you want
to explore. Some materials will be available to
get the creative juices flowing -- or bring your
own!



*Everyday a treasure!
Every ONE a treasure!*

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
2021 Vacation Bible School
Registration**

Classes: Pre-school (3years by 9/1/2019) Through 5th grade

Dates: **TBA**

Time: **TBA**

Location: St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 670 E. Monroe St, Hartford WI 53027
262-673-7273

Parent's Name _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Please PRINT the names of children attending VBS, their birthday and the grade last completed

NAME	BIRTHDATE	GRADE COMPLETED
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Please list any special needs or allergies your child(children) may have

I hereby agree to hold St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and any or all representatives from any harm or liability that could arise out of my child's participation in the 2021 VBS program. I further authorize that emergency medical treatment may be administered to my child by licensed emergency medical technicians or by licensed health care providers in the event that my child is injured and I cannot be reached.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Return form to St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

Questions regarding registration please contact: Linda Weber 262-442-3364



2021 FIESTA LATINA

FIESTA LATINA Fundraiser – and – LATIN AMERICAN Cultural Celebration

SATURDAY, MAY 22
11:30am-7:00pm / Regner Park

800 N. Main Street, West Bend (on the side of Park Ave. & Main St.)

FREE ADMISSION!

Donations appreciated / No carry-ins allowed

FEATURES

Latin American Music, Entertainment, Food & Drinks

Fun for the whole Family / Kids' Games / Dancing / Raffles... and more!

(For a complete list of features and activities, visit our website: www.casaguadalupeonline.org)

SCHEDULE

11:30am-12:30pm	Bilingual Mass	3:00pm-4:00pm	La Distancia de Villa de Allende
12:30pm-12:45pm	Welcome	4:15pm-5:15pm	Los Jinetes del Rancho
12:45pm-1:30pm	Scholarship recipient recognition	5:30pm-6:30pm	Los Pasajeros de K-Liz
1:45pm-2:45pm	Ballet Folklórico Sones Mexicanos	6:30pm-7:00pm	Raffle Drawing
2:45pm-3:00pm	Casa's director, Noelle, sings in Spanish		

Raffle Tickets can be purchased at Casa Guadalupe's office, Faith & Giggles in Hartford, and River Shores Chiropractic in West Bend.

Last day to buy tickets is Saturday, May 22nd at 6:00pm!

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