

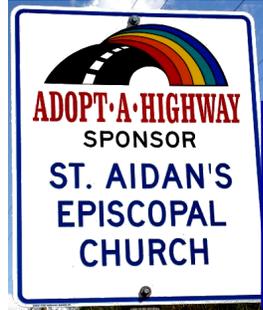


# ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF



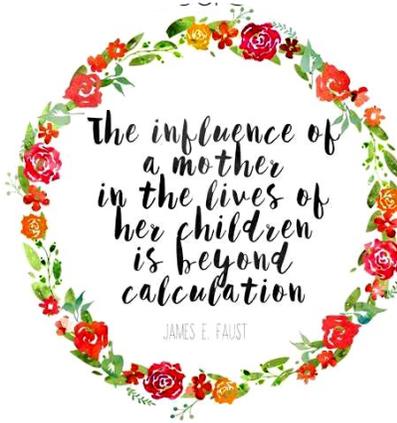
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*St. Aidan's mission: To grow as a faith family so that everyone will experience God's love.*



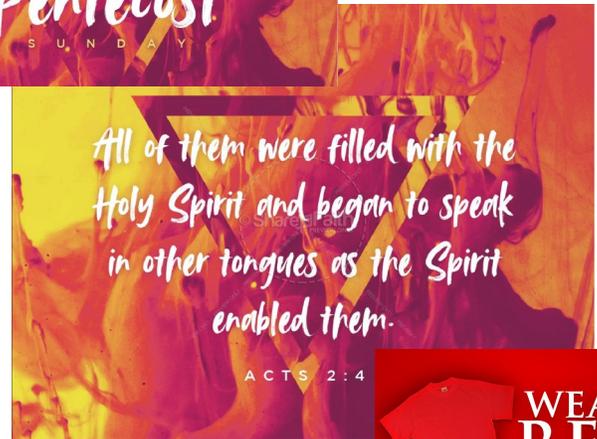
**Highway Cleanup May 2 – 1 pm**  
**Rain date – May 16, 1 pm**  
Please meet at the Erin Motel on Highway 83. Park at the south end of the property.  
See you there!

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







## Where We're Going from Here!

The past couple weeks I have been 'grappling' with ideas from Thom Rainer's blogs ([blog@churchanswers.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

Deacon Bill Dunlop  
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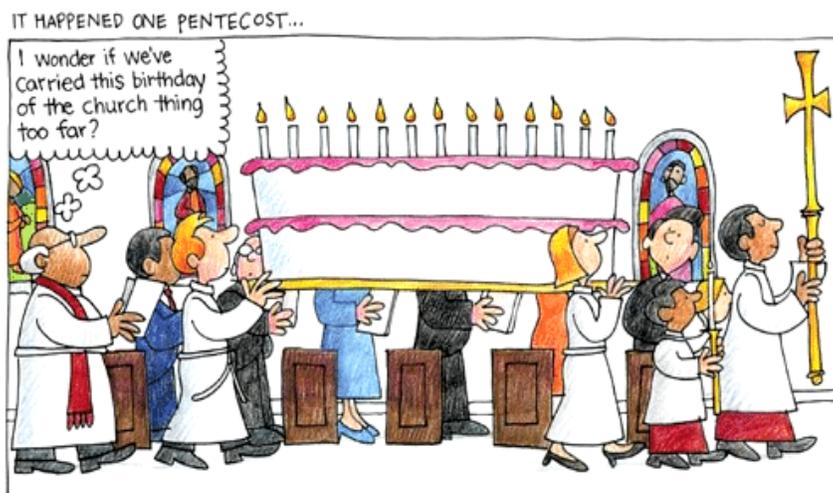
Dear Friends,

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
<b>Reader</b>	A. Pollock	L. Molenda	S. Martin	M. Schmidt	B. Schrunk
<b>Prayers</b>	B. Pollock	J.P. Schrunk	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	L. Schrunk
<b>Acolyte</b>	G. Mercado	A. Schrunk	L. Daley	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk
<b>Usher</b>	Molenda	Schmidt	Pollock	Schrunk	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](mailto: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?

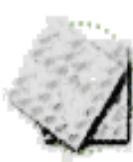
*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue*



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



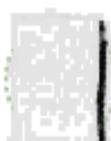
Ice bags



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.

**g**ood 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.

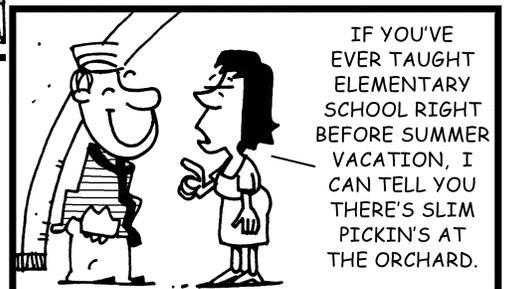
Come now O God, of second chances  
May we forgive ourselves  
May we become your living sign  
Children of God's love.

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 Beddingfield on the Crypt  
at the National Cathedral [[https://  
ifbeddingfield.com/2012/04/08/disguised-  
resurrection/](https://ifbeddingfield.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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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