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By the time you receive this newsletter we will have just finished Christmastide and entered Epiphanytide. However, within Christmastide some very important Feast Days were celebrated and are worth our reflection: the feasts of St. Stephen (December 26), St. John the Evangelist (December 27), Holy Innocents (December 28), and the Holy Family (also known as the “Sunday following Christmas”). Each one of these feasts are important both for the reason of whom they commemorate and because these figures of the past offer direction to us Christians today.

December 26: St. Stephen, Martyr

It is no accident on the liturgical calendar that on the day after Christmas the church evokes the memory of a saint who was murdered for his faith in Jesus. Stephen is the first disciple to be martyred for the faith. You can read about his martyrdom in the Book of Acts, chapter 7 verses 54 – 60. As Stephen is being stoned to death, he asks to be received in heaven. He even goes so far as to pray for his killers. Stephen shows modern Christians that our faith should be so deep and unwavering that we would even face persecution rather than denounce it. Stephen also portrays the great virtue that Christians should pray even for those who would do us harm (Luke 6:27-29).

December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

When the New Testament speaks of the “beloved disciple” the church recognizes this to be John. John is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, three epistles and the Book of Revelation. A fisherman by trade, John was the youngest apostle called by Jesus. John lived his life as a missionary, witnessing to Jesus’ love. He died in approximately the year 100 A.D.; John is the only apostle not to be put to death. John shows modern Christians that God calls *everyone* into His service – both the young and old alike. Sadly, there are not very many young people answering God’s call to service today.

There is especially a great shortage of young priests. John was very young when called by our Lord, yet John went on to do much to build up Christ’s Kingdom here on earth. May we daily pray for an increase of priests – *the harvest is ready, but the laborers are few* (Matthew 9:37).

December 28: The Holy Innocents

After hearing about the birth of Jesus the Messiah, King Herod, fearing the loss of his political power, ordered the death of all boys under the age of two. While Mary and Joseph escaped with Jesus, Herod’s men massacred baby boys, who are considered the Holy Innocents. In our modern times we have our own form of “holy innocents” - in today’s culture the idea of abortion is becoming less and less offensive to people’s consciences. May we modern Christians strive to pray daily that our culture may repent of the direction it is going, may we pray for each of the lives being affected by this stigma and may our nation be given the grace to once again evolve into a culture of life.

Sunday after Christmas: The Holy Family

This day traditionally honors Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model of commitment based on love, peace and joy. Jesus, Mary and Joseph instruct all on the essential values of family life. As modern Christians may we look to them as role models. Theirs was a home marked by unity, love, respect and devotion to God. The Holy Family serves as a standard of how families should interact with each other today.

Again, immediately following the Christmas celebration the church puts many great things before us. Hopefully we can carry some of these things into this new year and incorporate them into our lives.

Father Hines+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

By January 11, you will receive a notice on the 2008 Parish Directory. You will be asked to check your entry, and let us know by January 21 what changes and/or additions should be made. The 2008 Directory will be distributed on Sunday, February 3.

Both the ACM and the ACW will meet on Sunday, January 13, to confirm the election of officers for 2008 and to discuss plans for the year. Heartfelt thanks to Sue and Phil Ross who have served as Presidents of the ACM and ACW for the past two years.

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held in the Undercroft on Sunday, January 27. In addition to reviewing the reports of the elected and appointed leadership, the final 2007 Budget statement will be reviewed and the 2008 Budget will be discussed in detail by Treasurer Carol O'Sullivan. The 2008 Budget relates directly to plans to retire the mortgage on our building and to fund programs and projects that will enhance the parish.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following for election to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting: Charles Bolton and Donnie Marini for second 3-year terms, and Sue Ross and Bill Gelert for first 3-year terms – all for January, 2008 to January 2011. In keeping with the term limitations in the Parish Bylaws, Norma Stafford will leave the Vestry after completing two 3-year terms. Marcia Wilson also leaves the Vestry in keeping with the policy of not having clergy family members hold elected office. The year remaining of her 3-year term will be left vacant for the time being.

At its session following the Annual Meeting, the Vestry will elect the Clerk of the Vestry and the Junior Warden for 2008 and will appoint the Parish Treasurer for the new year. Father Hines will announce his appointment of the Senior Warden for 2008 at the Annual Meeting.

In this issue of "The Sanctus," note the article of the "Policies on Parish Activities and Solicitation," adopted by the Vestry at their December 2007 meeting. These policies are self-explanatory and are designed to help all of us prepare the 2008 and future parish calendars.

At its December meeting, the Vestry approved an expenditure of up to \$3,000 for the installation of a new "Backflow Prevention Assembly Device." This is now required by Illinois State regulations to ensure the purity of water in the church and to prevent contaminated discharges into the water supply of the community. What we have is inadequate, and this new equipment needs to be installed within the next few months.

On December 19, the heating system was professionally inspected and cleaned at a cost of \$400. Our four furnaces are 28 years old, but are still in good shape. The air-conditioning system will be inspected in the spring. The Vestry is making plans to have sufficient funds available in the "Building Reserve" account to handle expenses for necessary maintenance and repairs to the heating and cooling systems and to be prepared for future major equipment replacements.

Also in this newsletter, note the article from the Incoming President and Vice President of the ACM, Bob Oschman and Dan Brush. This provides an overview of the work the men of the parish intend to undertake in 2008 and the need for suggestions for social events and future fundraising.

Father Hines will attend the Enthronement of The Most Reverend James E. Provence as Archbishop of the Province of Christ the King on January 24 and 25 in San Francisco. We are fortunate that Father Hines will represent All Saints at this significant event of the Church, to meet with other clergy and to be a part of the discussions on the future of the Province.

Signup sheets for Altar Flowers and Sunday Morning Coffee Hours are available in the narthex. Also, Pledge envelopes for 2008 are available. Note, too, the sheet for listing names for the prayers of the congregation at the Sunday Mass.

So, All Saints enters into its 12th year as a parish. There continues to be more to be done to maintain and upgrade our property and our programs. We need to remember the obligation we all have to encourage others to come to All Saints and experience what we have to offer to them and their families.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

Here's a look at our information through November. I'll provide full details of 2007 at the Annual Meeting on January 27. Envelopes for 2008 contributions are now available. The sign up sheet and envelopes are in the Narthex.

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
November	\$ 11,209	\$ 11,147	\$ 62
2007 Year to Date	\$131,781	\$127,689	\$4092

Carol O'Sullivan
Treasurer

POLICIES ON PARISH ACTIVITIES AND SOLICITATION

At its December 19 meeting, the Vestry adopted the two policies stated below. From time to time, there are questions about scheduling parish activities and providing members information on local charities or events. These policies should clarify the need for our Vestry to consider and approve matters that should be brought to the attention of the parish.

Parish Activities

Only such fundraising, social events and volunteer efforts scheduled through and approved by the Vestry shall be considered "Parish Activities." Information and advertisement of these activities will be provided in the parish newsletter and the Sunday bulletin, by direct mail or e-mail from the parish office and by use of signup sheets in the narthex. To avoid schedule conflicts and other conflicts of interest, any non-parish activities shall not be advertised through the above mentioned means.

Solicitation

To avoid conflicts of interest, solicitation of members of the parish will be allowed only for those activities and events which have been approved by the Vestry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual children's Christmas party, planned and directed by Cheryl Nash, offered many fun and exciting activities which were enjoyed by all who attended. With the help of Sunday School teachers and parents, the party included the making of ornaments, games and activities, decorating of the parish Christmas tree and refreshments. Daniel Drayton summed everything up when he excitedly said "This was fun! Let's do it again."

Sunday School is back in session after the Christmas season, and I can't stress enough the importance of regular attendance. Lessons planned and carried out by the teachers are building blocks for a good Christian education.

Chuck Bolton
Sunday School Administrator

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

We want to thank the outgoing officers, Phil Ross, Donnie Marini and Deacon Wilson for their valuable leadership in 2007.

The goals we have set for 2008 are: Fellowship, FUNDraising and Fix-up.

Fellowship: The ACM wants to offer additional activities for involvement by all parish men and families through events, programs and participation in the updating of the building.

FUNDraising: Events will be determined in the first quarter of the year. Our goal is to reach outside of the parish to include the public. If you have an idea for a charity event, please submit it to Dan Brush at dnfbrush@hotmail.com by February 15, 2008.

Fix-up: We have embarked upon a three-prong approach to building care. First, Father Hines has asked us to prepare a revolving three to five year plan for major repair or replacement of critical equipment on a scheduled basis so we will not experience multiple major breakdowns or expenditures in one budget period. Second, the ACM has volunteered to take a more active roll in updating key components of the building. The first project is the bathrooms. We will be replacing the sinks and cabinetry and painting the partitions in the men's and women's restrooms. In the kitchen, we will be installing a double sink and storage cabinets. We will explore the feasibility of installing a sink downstairs. These projects are based on final Vestry approval. Third, we have developed a more proactive maintenance schedule, thanks to Donnie Marini, the goal being to enhance our preventative maintenance schedule. The first major review was completed last month. We had a professional service inspect our heating system. Thankfully the system is in working order.

Recently we were informed that our fire sprinkler connection is out of code. To bring it up to code, we will need to add a backflow prevention assembly device at the cost of approximately \$3000.

Gentleman, please let me know if you have any talents or interests that could assist us with the projects mentioned above. We would like to establish an inventory of talent to call upon when needed.

Ladies, since we will be working on the women's Restroom and kitchen projects in early 2008, we would like to have your input. Please email your ideas both large and small to Bob Oschman by January 30.

If you have any suggestions for building upgrades or would like to help with minor projects, contact Bob at roschman@sbcglobal.net or 630-852-7160.

Robert Oschman and Dan Brush
ACW President and Vice-President

COFFEE HOUR

Everyone enjoys the time spent during coffee hour chatting and catching up on each other's news. The volunteers who set up the coffee and treats find it to be a satisfying way to serve the parish. Coffee hour setup is simple – just follow the instruction sheet. With enough teams, you only need to set up one Sunday each month. Please contact me to volunteer to help with coffee hour.

Jan Semaan
Coffee Hour Coordinator

Dates to Remember

Sunday, January 6, Feast of Epiphany
Sunday School resumes

Sunday, January 13
ACM & ACW Meetings with
election of officers for 2008

Sunday, January 20
Vestry Meeting
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Monday, January 21 through Friday, January 25
Church Office Closed
Father Hines out of town

Sunday, January 27
Parish Annual Meeting
2008 Vestry Meeting

Saturday, February 2
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM

Tuesday, February 5
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 6, Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes, 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org
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Holy Eucharist and Church School
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Low Mass
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM
Wednesday, 7:00 PM

The Rev. John A. Hines, Rector
The Rev. Blair W. Schultz, Assistant Priest
The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

Newsletter Editorial Staff
Father Hines
Marcia Wilson
Technical Assistant
Deacon Wilson

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or
wish to contribute in any way,
please contact Father Hines or Marcia Wilson.

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