



To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep
 The larder lean ?
 And clean
 From fat of veals and sheep ?

Is it to quit the dish
 Of flesh, yet still
 To fill
 The platter high with fish ?

Is it to fast an hour,
 Or ragg'd to go,
 Or show
 A downcast look and sour ?

No ; 'tis a fast to dole
 Thy sheaf of wheat,
 And meat,
 Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
 From old debate
 And hate ;
 To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent ;
 To starve thy sin,
 Not bin ;
 And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick

Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting

When ye fast—St. Matthew 6:16

In the sixth chapter of his Gospel S. Matthew records what may have been his own personal memories of our Lord's comparison of the ideals of the kingdom of God with the practice of the professing religious people of His day. The Pharisees considered themselves, and were considered by other people, to be examples of religion, and their practice took form in the three energies of almsgiving, prayer, and fasting.

Our Lord accepts and endorses these three religious activities as the principal acts of the spiritual life. But He teaches a holier motive for each than was as a rule the basis of the religion of the Scribes and Pharisees. With them too often prayer was incantation, almsgiving and fasting self-advertisement, and the reward they sought exterior recognition. Our Lord, as always, lifted what He touched to the sphere of eternity. He showed that almsgiving should really stand for all our relations to others, prayer for all our contacts with God, and that fasting should include all personal self-discipline by which we seek to gain reality in our spiritual lives. In a word, He taught us to seek for reality, and the reward He promised was the attainment to reality.

It is a false spirituality that despises the idea of a reward. It is not the reward, but the character of the reward that is sought, that gives the key to the quality of the action. 'The Father that seeth in secret shall reward you openly' seems to mean that a true interior life will have a quite manifest effect on those who lead it. The person who really prays will become spiritual, the person who really fasts will become free, the person who really gives will become happy.

Fr Andrew

Source:
 Herrick, Robert. Works of Robert Herrick. vol II.
 Alfred Pollard, ed.
 (London, Lawrence & Bullen, 1891). 240.

Source:
 Rev. Fr. Andrew, S.D.C., *Meditations for Every Day*,
 (London: A. R. Mowbray & Co. Ltd., 1934), p 89.

Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee recommended to the Vestry that Dan Brush, Paul Drayton and Carol O'Sullivan each be re-elected to the Vestry for a three year term, January 2012 to January 2015.

The Vestry approved the Committee's report and these three people will be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to serving on the Vestry, Dan has served as president of the Anglican Church Men.

Paul is our current Junior Warden and has volunteered for the position of Church Treasurer. He will be elected to this post at the Vestry meeting to be held after the annual meeting.

Carol is finishing a five year term as Church Treasurer.

Fr Schultz



Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report for the month of December 2011 is as follows:

	December	2011
Income	\$ 15,072	\$ 144,200
Expenses	\$ 9,963	\$ 134,971
Difference	\$ 5,109	\$ 9,228

Thank you everyone for making 2011 a successful year in terms of our income and expenses. Your diligence is certainly reflected in our year-end numbers!

Carol O'Sullivan
Treasurer

Senior Warden Report

The vestry has been working very hard to prepare a balanced budget and I'm happy to report that we have been successful! You will be able to see the full report at the Annual Meeting, so please plan to attend. There will be wonderful food as always to enjoy, coordinated by the ACW!

We are still working on securing a full time organist.

The men's washroom is complete, it really did turn out beautiful, many thanks to all who had a hand in making this possible.

Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast on February 19th after church coordinated by the ACM. It is wonderful way to begin Lent and another opportunity for fellowship.

And speaking of Lent, at 6:30 on Wednesdays during Lent there are Stations of the Cross followed by mass. If you have a desire to come but don't like driving at night, please let me know and I'll try and help you find a ride.

Chris Oschman
Senior Warden



Outreach

All Saints parishioners have responded to the needs of our neighbors through donations to the food pantry established by FISH of Bolingbrook.

The Outreach Committee would ask everyone to mark the third Sunday of each month as Food Donation Day and plan to bring non-perishable food, paper goods, diapers and personal products such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. There is a more complete list of items requested on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Please make this a regular habit each month.

Outreach Committee
Deacon Wilson, Libby Bolton, Sue Ross

Anglican Church Women



December and January were busy months with all the Christmas festivities and the ACW had its share in all of it.

The annual Mitten Tree was well sponsored. We thank everyone who contributed for his or her knitting and/or shopping skills. The Cookie Sale was also a success and again we thank all those who baked and bought.

Feast and fun were had at White Chocolate in Naperville for the January ACW luncheon on January 12th. Our next February luncheon will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, after the morning service at Islamorada, Bass Pro Shop, in Bolingbrook. See Jan Semaan for details.

ACW will sponsor the Annual Meeting Brunch on January 29th. Thanks to everyone in advance for set up, food preparation, and clean up.

Our annual ACW Ladies' Retreat will be held March 9th and 10th at the Brush's house in Rushville, the same location as last year. We will attend a seminar given by The Sister Circle, featuring the mother of Colton Burpo. He is the young man who inspired the book *Heaven is for Real*.

The same slate of officers for the ACW from 2011 was approved and consists of the following ladies:

President: Fabi Brush
Vice President: Jan Semaan
Secretary: Sue Peterson
Treasurer: Lilli Longinow

Fabi Brush
President, ACW



Have you chosen some devotional material for Lent? Check out what our library has to offer. A display with items will be available February 5th.

Stop by the library and find something to enhance your time with God during Lent.

Sue Peterson
Parish Librarian

Anglican Church Men



The ACM met on Sunday, January 9, and elected Bill Jepson President and Donnie Marine Treasurer for 2012. It was noted that we begin this year with a balance of \$1,193 in the treasury.

The ACM will host a Pancake Breakfast for the parish on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 19, with Dick Konigsfeld as Chair. All food and supplies will be donated by members, and parishioners may make contributions if they wish.

Plans for 2012 were discussed. The ACM will host at least one theater party, and we are looking at what is being offered by Drury Lane Oak Brook, Pheasant Run in St. Charles and The Rialto Theater in Aurora. A family Miniature Golf Outing will be scheduled this summer, and we hope to have some activity for the Church School children.

Members are asked to bring suggestions for fund-raising activities to the February meeting, with recommendations for projects and charitable causes that we may wish to consider, and we will discuss ways to increase attendance at Morning Prayer Services.

Work has been completed in the Men's Washroom, with new tile on the floor and the north side wall, new ceiling sections in the Undercroft and some necessary professional plumbing repairs. We appreciate what Bob Oschman did to coordinate this project, and the allowance provided by our insurance company more than covers the approximate expense of \$3,400.

In the spring, the heating and air-conditioning ducts in the Undercroft crawl spaces will be wrapped with insulation and seams will be sealed. This will increase the efficiency of the systems and should lower our gas and electric bills. Dan Brush has taken on the responsibility for this project.

The importance of the Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 29, was noted, and sign-up sheets for Altar Flowers and Coffee Hours are available in the Narthex.

All the men in the parish are encouraged to attend the ACM meetings, which will be held monthly, except for August and December.

Bill Jepson
President, ACM

All Saints Christmas Party 2011

Thanks to everyone who helped make the All Saints 'Adult' Christmas Party, held Saturday December 3rd, a HUGE success! Once again the spirit which makes All Saints the true family it is showed itself in full force!

A special thanks to Catherine Nashief for recording the occasion in detail. These are just a sample of the photographs she took. The entire album can be seen by logging on to the All Saints website and pressing the 'photo' button.



Christmas Eve



Ariyo Akinyemi

Following the Carol singing on Christmas Eve, 7 year old Ariyo Akinyemi, eldest son of Ibu and Jennifer Akinyemi performed a Cello solo before the Mass.

Ariyo played the carols "O come, O come Emmanuel" and "Joy to the world". He was accompanied by John MacKey at the organ.

Epiphany Party

An exciting Epiphany party for Sunday School children was held at church on Saturday, January 7th. Sunday School teachers headed by Cheryl Nash planned and executed the party.

The children undecorated the Christmas tree, played games and had a healthy lunch in the church kitchen. Lunch concluded with cutting a king's cake which had three almonds tucked inside representing the three kings. The child who got an almond in her or his piece of cake was a king.

Many, many thanks to our teachers not only for this party, but also, for planning and teaching Sunday School each Sunday. They are, indeed, some of our church treasures!

Chuck Bolton



**"All are from the dust,
and
to dust all return."**

(Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV)

**Mass and the Imposition
of
Ashes**

February 22nd

at

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Dates To Remember

Month of February:

Saturday, February 4th
Morning Prayer followed by breakfast 8:30am

Sunday, February 12th
ACW and ACM meetings

Sunday, February 19th
ACM Pancake Breakfast
Distribution of Mite Boxes
FISH Sunday

Wednesday, February 22nd, **Ash Wednesday**
Mass and Imposition of Ashes
10:00 am and 7:00 pm
ACW Luncheon at Islamorada following 10am Mass

Wednesday, February 29th
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Mass

Month of March:

Wednesday, March 7th
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mass

Friday, March 9th through Saturday March 10th
ACW Ladies Retreat in Rushville, Illinois

Sunday, March 11th **Daylight Savings Time begins**
ACW and ACM meetings

Wednesday, March 14th
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 18th
Vestry Meeting and FISH

Wednesday, March 21st
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, March 28th
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mass

Newsletter Deadline

Please note, the deadline for submitting articles to be included in the next issue will be **March 20th**.

Thank you for your co-operation!
Sandy Spencer

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Holy Eucharist and Church School

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Low Mass

Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, The Rev. Blair W. Schultz, Rector

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If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or wish to contribute in any way, please contact Father Schultz or Sandy Spencer.

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