

# THE ALMANAC

St. Alban's Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

March 2011

“Sit here while I pray.” ...  
“Stay here and watch.”

Mark 14:32-34



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## Rector's Notes

**Imagine a sunny morning with a cool breeze blowing in from the Sea of Galilee. Three friends are standing around, catching up on what they've been doing. Another man walks toward them, and John the Baptist says to his friends, "Look, here is the Lamb of God." He's told them about the baptism the day before, how the Spirit descended like a dove and the voice from heaven said, "Here is my child, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus looked at the two men and asked them, "What are you looking for?"**

*Well, what are **you** looking for?*

This is as good a question to guide us through Lent this year as anything else I can think of. What are you looking for?

It is a question that leads us toward silence, toward a time and place that is not filled with distractions. Lord knows, we don't stumble upon such places in this world. We have to seek them out. We have to create them. We have to block time out on our calendars, hours or maybe a day or two that we make unavailable for work or TV or shopping or looking at any sort of a screen. It becomes a time of deep listening.

It doesn't mean that all the stuff we do – our work, our household chores, our families, entertainment, church – it doesn't mean that it is bad. Just that it is difficult to hear our own inner truth when there is so much else going on. It is hard to hear God's voice when the TV is turned up loud or you are navigating I-35 in heavy traffic or refereeing a soccer game or a siblings' quarrel.

Lent is the season for creating listening time, beginning with our worship on Ash Wednesday and the reminder that these precious earthly lives are not going to go on forever.

## Come and see!

John 1:39

Lent confronts us with the fact that every minute is sheer gift and is precious. In this silence we consider how we really want to spend these irretrievable minutes and hours and days.

There are a number of opportunities here in our parish life for quiet, listening times during Lent, and I urge you to take advantage of them. I ask you to remind me that I need them as well.

And that together we might listen to Jesus' answer to their question. They say, "Lord, where are you staying?" and he answers them, "Come and see."

This is our invitation straight from Jesus. "Come and see." It's little enough to ask, to follow him and check out where he lives. I think that is exactly where we'll find what we're looking for. And we may be surprised as to where Jesus lives. It is not Galilee.

On Sunday, March 13 we will begin our new worship schedule. This was a decision made by the parish after a great deal of discussion and consideration. Until this morning I had no idea how to describe this service, but then it occurred to me that until we come up with a better name, I, at least, will simply say, "**Come and see.**"

What are we looking for this Lent?  
The place where Jesus lives.  
Where is that?  
Come and see.

Peace and blessings,  
*Margaret+*

**COME AND SEE!**

**A NEW WORSHIP  
EXPERIENCE**

**at 9:00 Sunday  
Mornings  
at St. Alban's**

**beginning March 13**

What will you find?

A gentle and inviting liturgy,  
music that all of us can sing,  
time to get to know each other,  
time to get to know Jesus

Coffee hour will follow our 9:00 A.M. worship.

Christian Formation for all ages at 10:15

**Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

(second service)

11:15 A.M.

# Children's Ministry NEWS

## Last Month

We have been getting ready for this year's **Vacation Bible School**. Thanks to the incredible generosity of many of our parishioners, we have already received a good amount of our materials for "Shake it Up!" If you are interested in providing materials or volunteering for the program (July 14-18), please contact me at any time. The more people we have involved in this vital ministry, the better!



Two of our *Daughters of the King* members, Katherine Muhlenbruch and Marcia Gruber, joined us for **Children's Chapel** on February 6<sup>th</sup> to get to know the children and explain to them what the "Daughters" are all about. We had a lovely time visiting and talking about prayer and ended the session with the children creating a "prayer box" that they decorated with their fingerprints. Now, each week during chapel, when we ask the children if they have special prayers, we write them down and put them in the box for the Daughters to pray over. This is a great step toward creating the "Great Family" we dream of having here at St. Alban's. Thank you Katherine, Marcia, and all the Daughters of the King!



Our Valentine's **Parent's Night Out** was a great success with 7 adult volunteers and 4 youth volunteers. The 19 kiddos who attended had a great time playing games, decorating cupcakes, making crafts, and generally horsing around! Thank you so much to the new volunteers who braved this extremely high-energy event for the first time. You were all amazing and I absolutely could not have done it without you!



Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of this fantastic outreach program, please let me know. We are always looking for new friends to become a part of our growing children's ministry here at St. Alban's.



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# Children's Ministry

Cont'd **NEWS**

## This Month

With Ash Wednesday coming up on March 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Alban's is gearing up to get ready for Easter! This year, during Lent, we will be having a special Children's Series during the adult program.

The series will be called "I Belong to Jesus!"

A short Eucharist will be held at 5:30pm, with dinner immediately after.

Children and adults will split up after supper from about 6:30-7:15pm for their programs.

If you are interested in helping out with this program, please let me know. **If you are able to serve in the nursery during the program (only about 45 minutes), there is a sign-up sheet for nursery care at the welcome center.** If we can get volunteers, we will save lots of money and encourage parents of little tiny ones to join in our Lenten programs.

We are looking forward to a Spring full of learning and love at St. Alban's and welcome all of you to get involved with the kids in one way or another. Our children need YOU to become a part of their faith family. Please do not hesitate to visit with me if you can give some of your time, talent, or treasure to these precious children of God.

God's Blessings,  
Catherine LaGrone



# EYC UPDATE

## EYC UPDATE

by Brian Tarver

This year already seems to be moving so fast, but at least we are having fun. February was a full month for our EYC.

What have we been up to?

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Our Youth participated in the nationwide attempt to "Tackle Hunger". We want to thank all of you who donated money or food. We were able to raise \$272 and collected over 130 lbs of non-perishable food to donate to El Buen Samaritano. It is always amazing to see our parish fully support service projects and outreach programs.

### A Super Bowl Party

It is always good to just get together and have some fellowship. And fellowship is always better with pizza, party snacks, funny commercials, and football.

Our Youth also took part in other events like Parent's Night Out and the Contemporary Service.

What is coming up in March?

### Crop Walk

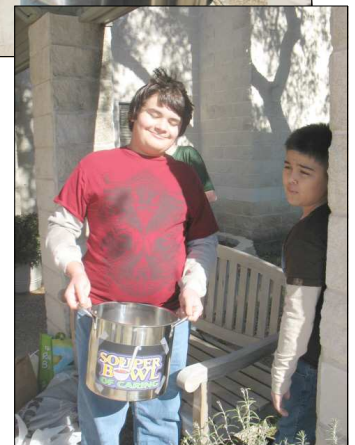
On March 5<sup>th</sup> we will join the parish in the Crop Walk "to raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting." So make sure to sign up to walk or support someone who is walking as we continue to fight hunger.

### Pancake Supper and Talent Show

On Shrove Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, come celebrate with us as the Youth provide a wonderful pancake supper. If you think you have what it takes to compete with St. Alban's finest, don't forget to sign up for the talent show! All money earned will go toward our Mission Trip to Tennessee in June.

### Wessendorf Ranch Retreat

The EYC will be headed out to Wessendorf Ranch from March 25-27 for a Youth retreat. If it is anything like our retreat last year, we will have plenty of pictures and stories to share when we come back.



**OUTREACH**

by Jill Binder & St. Alban's Outreach Committee

**EVENTS & NEEDS**

**MARCH**

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 5**

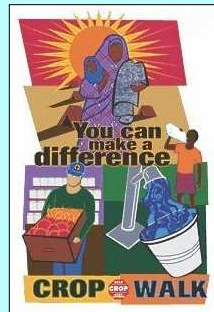
8:30AM Meet at Church  
(Breakfast Tacos!)

then travel to ...

9:30AM Registration at  
Walter E. Long Park  
6614 Blue Bluff

[map](#)

10:00AM Walk Begins



**COMING SOON!**

MAY 8th SAFE PLACE Shower  
MAY 13th RELAY for LIFE

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- WALKERS for Crop Walk
- BOOSTERS (Donors) for Crop Walk
- Donate clothing (children's, adult's)  
baby diapers, personal care items, etc.  
for SAFE PLACE

**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

Please continue to make your Amazon purchases by going first to [OUR AMAZON STORE](#) (or by going to our church website homepage to click on the link there) where all your purchases will help raise money for our Kids' READING INITIATIVE. Or make direct donations to this fund.

**WHY a CROP WALK?**

by Kathy Luckett

CROP Hunger Walks are organized by Church World Service to raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. The walk symbolizes our solidarity with people in poverty around the world who have to walk long distances to obtain food or to gather clean drinking water.

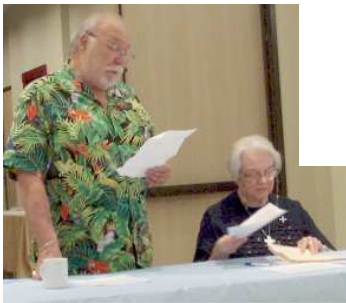
Where does the money go? Twenty-five percent of the money raised locally stays locally. The Austin Crop Walk will provide funds for the Capital Area Food Bank, the food pantry at Dolores Catholic Church, the interdenominational relief group called Micah 6, the Urban Roots gardening project that involves teenagers with organic gardening, and Refugee Services of Texas.

The remaining 75% helps to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially the grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts of partner agencies in some 80 countries. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide tools of hope that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs.

**Help support the St. Alban's walkers  
in this year's CROP Hunger Walk!**

**OUTREACH**

# TRINITY CENTER



Executive Director  
Irit Umani

On February 17th we were privileged to have Irit Umani speak at our COH meeting.

She is such an animated and very passionate speaker that pencils dropped as we stopped taking notes and simply listened as she talked about the role of Trinity Center (especially during our recently bitterly cold weather) and the value staff and volunteers both give and receive in their warm relationships with our neighbors who live on the streets.



from <http://www.trinitycenteraustin.org/>

Trinity Center grew from the concern of parishioners of St. David's Episcopal Church for people experiencing homelessness, their downtown "neighbors," who were living in shelters and on the streets near the church.

Programs are based on a neighbor-to-neighbor approach that fosters trust and community between those who have homes and those who do not. They offer companionship, community, food, and – for those who desire it – a place of worship for neighbors who have lost the comfort of home.

The Center currently offers opportunities for volunteers and neighbors to develop positive relationships with each other, serves meals six days a week, and informs neighbors about social service resources.

**YouTube**  
Neighbor to Neighbor

**Video link on TC website**

Women to Women

**Video link on TC website**

*Off the Hill* Ministries & Contacts



Mentoring 1st and 2nd Graders at Menchaca Elementary School.  
Contact: Jill Binder



Reading Initiative to buy several books for 1st & 2nd graders where we mentor. Books to own themselves to read over the summer.



Joining teams to help build affordable homes for low income Austin families.  
Contact: JoeAnn Wright



Assisting arriving refugee families with housing and other needs.



Provides meals and more for homebound and other people in need through programs that promote dignity and independence.  
Contact: Judy Evans



Saint Alban's Inmate Literacy project trains and takes volunteers into county correctional facilities to tutor inmates.  
Contact: David Polacheck



Trinity Center is a place where many homeless "neighbors" find loving friendships as well as other needed services.  
Contact: John Rouse

## The LORD'S PRAYER

### Young Adults Class (between Sunday services in the Upper Room)

Please join the St. Alban's Younger Adult Class each Sunday morning (between services) in the Upper Room.

The theme of our study will be the Lord's Prayer throughout each Sunday in Lent. Every Sunday the class will consider the background of a different phrase of this well known prayer of Jesus and apply fresh meanings to our contemporary lives.

Michael Bishop  
Leader

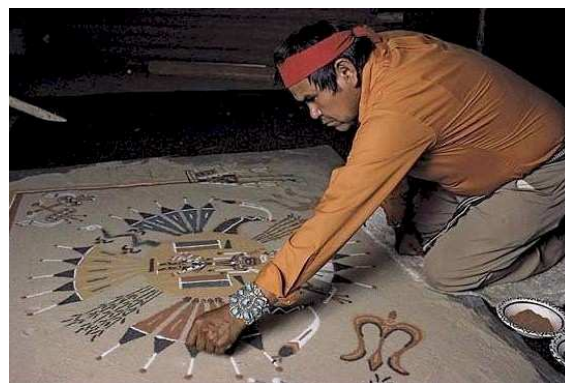


## The Scriptures and Mandalas

Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning circle. When we draw a mandala it is taking the sacred circle form and drawing it on paper. When we combine this sacred form with a verse from scripture it can lead us into new dimensions of what the scriptures are saying to us.

Every Sunday in the parlor, right after the final coffee hour, we will be experiencing the beauty and the clarity held in each person's individual exploration of the sacred circle and sacred texts from the Bible. The group is led by Paula Engelhorn.

If any of you who join the class can donate some oil pastels, regular pastels, or drawing paper to our group we would be grateful. The group will be open to new comers for the next few weeks.



Rose Window at Chartres  
Cathedral (France)



*There seems to be something in the hearts of “cradle” Episcopalians as well as those newly drawn to our community that resonates with the rhythm and grace of the long traditions reflected in our liturgies.*

## Untie us in our worship!

One of our parishioners here shares with us something he once wrote in his personal journal and which he revisited after enjoying, for the first time, the new liturgy we will be using at our early service beginning March 13th. For those of us who may struggle some with such change — the gentle humor accompanying his nostalgia refreshes our hearts.

**Today the lector who read the lessons made one of those serendipitous spoonerisms/Freudian slips that are so delightful and somehow insightful. He was supposed to say the word “united” in his paragraph about helping us to be united in our worship but instead he said “untied.” So inadvertently the soul of the passage was changed to be “untie us in our worship.” That slip lit up my whole morning.**

When I was a Baptist boy back in Henderson Texas, our worship agenda was unchanging from Sunday to Sunday. If you didn't get off to the preacher's creative riffs on salvation/hell/damnation then you might as well sleep through the whole service, and I did, often.

How different for me to go with my friend Mal, to his church on Christmas Eve for midnight mass. An Episcopalian, Mal was happy for the three of us who made up a best pals group to go with him to that service. There was incense, there were people in vestments, there were candles burning; there was a sense of calm joy that underlay the service that even we teenage boys, usually a bit boozy and pleased with ourselves, could feel. It was a service intensely and impersonally ritualized, and it seemed to offer my soul a magic carpet, all that pomp and ceremony, and my heart rose up, floated right off its moorings. I left that little church with a peaceful soul. And I thought that if I ever grew up I would like to be an Episcopalian.

It was many years before I became one, but here I am, 35 Episcopalian years later, still coming with pleasure and a soul that absorbs peace and comfort from a service filled with ritual. Ritual is the backbone of the Episcopal service-- it is a deep upwelling of forward motion in the act of worship, carrying me from beginning to end of the service, enabling me to focus and center myself and to enter into a communal act of relating to God every time I step into the church whether I'm personally in the mood or not. I always have the sense that my soul might stumble serendipitously into a new insight into God's abiding presence. New things might freely enter the worship experience, and they do: example -- last week, in the middle of the service we bid adios to a *dog* that was moving across the country to become a service animal—you wouldn't see *that* in a Baptist church, would you? *We celebrate God's presence* and in doing that oddly private thing in such a communal way, we transform our own yearning for God into a realization that here He is.

So here is my realization for the day: in my church there is always the possibility that I *might* be “untied” in my worship, but I will never fail to be contained within the comforting light of relationship with God: Untie my heart and free my soul from its bonds oh Lord God. Whoo! What a rush that would be!

Incidentally, the concept of a rush isn't a hangover from the 60's-- it's the deeper concept of a rising wind blowing through my soul, whipping out the cobwebs and turning the dust-bunnies into butterflies that might lift me straight into heaven.

Jim Tennison  
Sunday, January 31, 2010

## PARISH FAMILY PHOTOS



If you have noticed a new excitement in the energy in St. Alban's parish it is probably from the enthusiasm of all these folks who received the BLESSING OF NEW MEMBERS on 2/13.



Sunday, February 13th we had a baby shower.  
Next thing we knew ... we had a new parishioner!



*Julia Catherine Kimmitt*



Friday, February 18

Baby Julia arrived today at 8:22am. She is 8 lbs 10 ounces and is 21 inches. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Lindsey & Chris



## PLANNING A GRACEFUL EXIT

Saturday, March 12 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

Every year without knowing it I have passed the day  
When the last fires will wave to me  
And the silence will set out  
Tireless traveler  
Like the beam of a lightless star

Then I will no longer  
Find myself in life as in a strange garment  
Surprised at the earth  
And the love of one woman  
And the shamelessness of men  
As today writing after three days of rain  
Hearing the wren sing and the falling cease  
And bowing not knowing to what

from the *Anniversary of My Death*  
by W. S. Merwin

And I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter,  
And I gave forgiveness I'd been denying.  
And he said, Some day, I hope you get the chance,  
To live like you were dying.  
Like tomorrow was a gift,  
And you got eternity,  
To think about what you'd do with it.  
And what did you do with it?

from Tim McGraw

Keep the reality of death always before your eyes,  
have a care about how you act every hour of your  
life and be sure that God is present everywhere and  
that he certainly sees and understands what you are  
about.

from the *Rule of Benedict*  
Chapter 4

Please join us on Saturday, March 12 as we spend time considering how we want to say good-bye.

Is this morbid, to consider what needs to be taken care of at the time of our death? Hardly! It is an opportunity to meditate on the fact that every day is a precious gift, and it is a most generous action to leave those who must make our funeral plans and write our obituaries with clearly articulated wishes.

We'll meet in the church at 10:00 to walk through the liturgy for Burial of the Dead. Then we will gather in the Parish Life Center to have a light lunch, talk through funeral planning, and writing our obituaries. This year we will also spend time learning how to write a spiritual will. While it is important to our heirs to know how to disperse our material possessions, how much more valuable it is to leave them with the true riches of our lives — the wisdom, experience, and insights that have enriched us during our life on this earth.

Sponsored by Community of Hope and the Vergers.

Please make reservations by Wednesday, March 9.

Please invite your family members and friends who do not attend St. Alban's.

Our **Community of Hope** is sponsoring a Lenten retreat on **Saturday, March 19th** at **Wellspring Retreat Center** at Wessendorf Ranch, which is in Blanco, Texas.

We'll meet at the church at 8:45AM, and carpool to the ranch, which is about an hour away for a day of meditation, study, worship, fellowship and relaxation.

We'll return to the church about 4:00.

Everyone is invited.

Sign up sheets are on the table in the foyer of the Parish Life Center.

Retreat Leader: **Paula Engelhorn**

## SPRING RETREAT

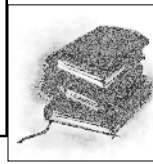


It is my pleasure to lead this all day retreat at Wellspring. I'm looking forward to being with all of you. We will be meditating throughout the day on Native American Spirituality, and how it can and does help ground us in our deep, abiding belief in Christianity.

Paula



## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RECTOR



### Cartoons

#### Life at St. Swithin's



Life in the Episcopal Church offers plenty to laugh about, and priest and artist Jay Sidebotham sees the humor everywhere. Take a moment to smile and come back to see his latest inspiration.

[www.cpg.org/onlineresources/cartoons/](http://www.cpg.org/onlineresources/cartoons/)

Jay Sidebotham is a priest who has a great talent for nailing the Episcopal Church with his cartoons. You will recognize that he is the artist who does the Advent and Lenten calendars we give out each year.



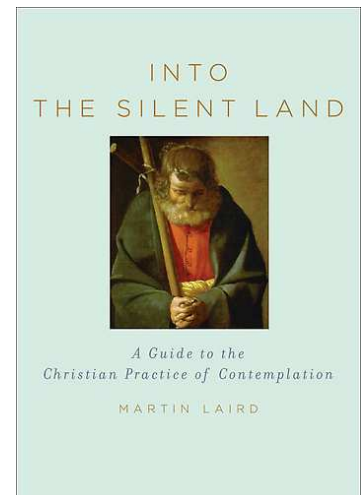
<http://missionalchurchnetwork.com/reggie-mcneal-videos/>

Reggie McNeal champions the belief that church is not a building but a people, and that wherever we go, there is church. He likens our physical church to an airport; the mark of our success is not to have all the gates filled, all the planes on the ground, and all the people in the building. Rather, we enrich ourselves in worship, learning, and fellowship for the sake of our true purpose, which is to take God's blessing to the world. Please give him at least eighteen minutes to set your heart on fire. I doubt you'll want to quit before the ending of this most inspiring and also hilarious talk.

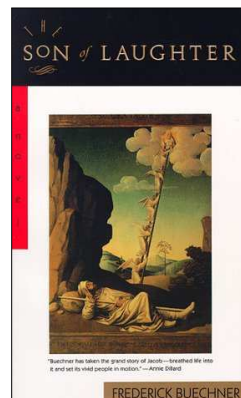
#### Into the Silent Land:

A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation  
by Martin Laird

Lent is the perfect time to begin a daily practice of contemplation, to return to one, or to deepen one. This book is a gentle and wise reminder of the gift of a designated time and place to sit in silence and the presence of God.



#### Son of Laughter by Frederick Buechner



If you have not read Buechner, you are in for an unimaginable treat. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church -- he said ordination is the worst thing he could ever have done to his literary career --

he is a man of deep and complex faith and immense imagination and eloquence. In this novel he tells the story of Jacob and Esau in a way that makes it not only alive and accessible and memorable to us, but deeply engaging, enjoyable, and inviting. You will never hear these Genesis stories the same again.

# CINEMA PARADISO

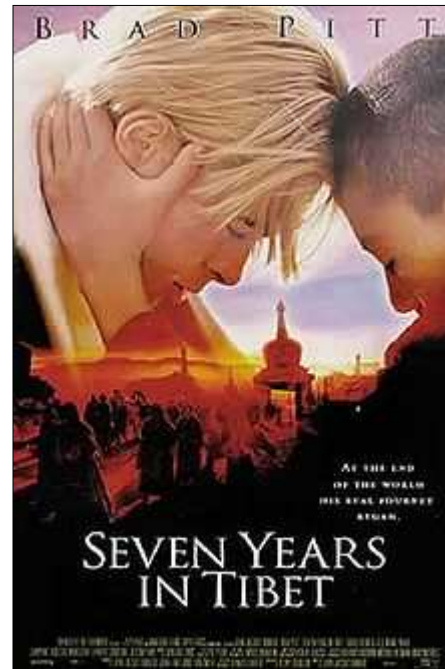
from Tony  
Garcia



## SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET

This film is from the book of the same name, written by the man who experienced the adventure, first-hand. Heinrich Harer was a national hero in Germany, one of the world's finest mountain climbers, during the zenith of the Hitler's Third Reich. With Hitler firmly in control of Europe, the Nazi Party sent their national mountain climbing team to the Himalayas to summit the world's highest peak, Mt. Everest, with obvious implications for the rest of the world. But Harer and his team are imprisoned in India by the British because, as members of the Nazi Party, they could pose a risk to British war efforts. Harer and his team escape from prison and flee to Tibet.

After surviving one harsh Tibetan winter, Harer and fellow mountaineer, Peter Aufschnaiter, find themselves traveling with a group in pilgrimage to Lhasa, the holy city of Tibet. A local Lhasa marketer, who happens to have Western connections, discovers the two and welcomes them into his household. Heinrich and Peter begin to compete for the affections of a local seamstress, which culminates at a makeshift skating rink, where Peter gains the upper hand. Heinrich consoles himself by teaching a Buddhist monk how to skate. The Dalai Lama (the current Dalai Lama) spies this act of kindness through his palace telescope and requests an audience with Heinrich.



Heinrich meets this energetic, articulate 13 year old teenager, who seeks to learn everything about "the Modern world". In fact, "Kundun", the title used by only those close to the Dalai Lama, asks specifically for Heinrich to build a movie theater. The two meet on a daily basis and the arrogant, self-indulgent Heinrich discovers an inner transformation, which begins by acknowledging his own selfishness and unthoughtful actions. For two years, before the invasion of Communist China, Heinrich and Kundun trade lessons — sciences/technology for the ontology of Eastern Buddhism. And both men grow.

Beautifully filmed and superb performances by Brad Pitt, David Thewlis, and Mako, make this true life story an unforgettable movie experience!

**COMING Sunday MARCH 13th at 6:00PM**  
to The Parlor at St. Alban's Parish Life Center

# LENT & EASTER CALENDAR

## Shrove Tuesday

March 8

Pancake Supper at 6:00 PM

Talent Show to follow  
(EYC Benefit)

## Ash Wednesday

March 9

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Noon & 7:00 PM

## Palm Sunday

April 17

Worship at 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Passover Seder at 5:30PM

(with Cantor Marie Betcher)

## Maundy Thursday

April 21

Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar 7:00 PM

*Vigil in the Sanctuary* 9:00 PM through 8:00AM on Friday

sponsored by Daughters of the King,

with security by Brotherhood of St. Andrew)

## Good Friday

April 22

Stations of the Cross 12:00 Noon

Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 PM

## Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday April 23

8:15 PM

## Easter Sunday

April 24

Easter Festival Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM & 11:00AM

(with reception following)



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:30 PM • Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

6:00 PM • Pot Luck Soup Supper

6:30 • Speakers' Presentations

### March 16

Speaker: Kathleen Russell, Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology at the Seminary of the Southwest

### March 23

Speaker: Joe Eaton

“The Joy of Creation: Embracing A Faithful Scientific World”

Be prepared for a lively discussion of how faith and science can be mutually reinforcing instead of an either/or proposition. (Joe is a professional scientist and a member of St. Alban's, Shannon's husband, and the proud dad of Asher and Evelyn.)

### March 30

Speaker: Tom Gebhard

“True Mission: Our Brothers and Sisters in Southern Malawi”

Tom is a member of St. David's Episcopal Church and has been privileged to travel to Southern Malawi on a number of mission trips, focusing especially on providing them with safe water.

### April 6

Speaker: Scott Bader-Saye

Scott is Professor of Ethics at the Seminary of the Southwest.

### April 13

Speaker: Paula Engelhorn

“Native American Spirituality”

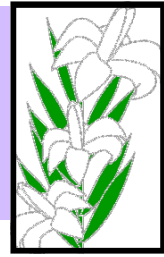
Paula is our seminarian.

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Our schedule of services changes on the 13th — with our new liturgy which begins at 9:00AM.</b></p> <p><b>COME AND SEE! ☩</b></p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10:30AM Tai Chi</p> <p>6-9:00PM EFM</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:30AM Adult Bible Study <i>Gospel of Matthew</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>9AM</b> <b>CROP WALK</b></p> <p><b>10AM</b> Klickety-Klack</p> </div>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:00AM Rite I 9:30AM Christian Formation</p> <p>10:30AM Rite II &amp; Children's Chapel</p> <p>3-4 PM Confirmation Class (EYC)</p> <p>4-6 PM EYC</p> <p>4-6 PM Adult Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6:30PM "A Joyful Theology"</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:30AM Tai Chi</p> <p><b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b></p> <p>6-8:30PM Pancake Supper &amp; Talent Show</p> <p>6-9PM EFM</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>1-4PM EFM</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:30AM Adult Bible Study <i>Gospel of Matthew</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30PM Scrabble</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:30AM B.O.S.A.</p> <p>10AM—1PM Planning a Graceful Exit (funeral planning workshop)</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00AM Eucharist ☩ &amp; Children's Chapel</p> <p>10:15AM Christian Formation</p> <p>11:15 Rite II &amp; Children's Chapel</p> <p>3-4 PM Confirmation Class (EYC)</p> <p>4-6 PM EYC</p> <p>4-6 PM Adult Confirmation Class</p> <p>6 PM Cinema Paradiso</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:30PM "A Joyful Theology"</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:30AM Tai Chi</p> <p>6-9:00PM EFM</p> <p>7:00PM Daughters of The King</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>1-4PM EFM</p> <p>5:30 PM Evening Prayer with Eucharist</p> <p>6:00PM Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30PM Guest Speaker</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30AM Adult Bible Study <i>Gospel of Matthew</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9AM—4PM C.O.H. Retreat at Wellspring Ranch</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00AM Eucharist ☩ &amp; Children's Chapel</p> <p>10:15AM Christian Formation</p> <p>11:15 Rite II &amp; Children's Chapel</p> <p>3-4 PM Confirmation Class (EYC)</p> <p>4-6 PM EYC</p> <p>4-6 PM Adult Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>6:30PM "A Joyful Theology"</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:30AM Tai Chi</p> <p>6-9:00PM EFM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>1-4PM EFM</p> <p>5:30 PM Evening Prayer with Eucharist</p> <p>6:00PM Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30PM Guest Speaker</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30AM Adult Bible Study <i>Gospel of Matthew</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30PM Scrabble</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10AM Klickety-Klack</p> <p>3PM BINGO</p> <div style="background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>EYC Retreat at Wellspring (Wessendorf Ranch)</p> </div>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00AM Eucharist ☩ &amp; Children's Chapel</p> <p>10:15AM Christian Formation</p> <p>11:15 Rite II &amp; Children's Chapel</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>EYC Retreat Conclusion</p> </div> <p>4-6 PM Adult Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>6:30PM "A Joyful Theology"</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10:30AM Tai Chi</p> <p>6-9:00PM EFM</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>1-4PM EFM</p> <p>5:30 PM Evening Prayer with Eucharist</p> <p>6:00PM Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30PM Guest Speaker</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:30AM Adult Bible Study <i>Gospel of Matthew</i></p>	<p><b>COME AND SEE! ☩</b></p> <p>Service of Eucharist A Gentle and Inviting Liturgy Music that All of Us can Sing</p> <p>(no longer than an hour)</p>	



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### PHOTO CREDITS

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Recently I have been thinking I ought to assign credit to those who snap those wonderful photos that absolutely are what make the Almanac pages shine with the spirit on our hill. But, you know ... there are too many of those who celebrate our community in that special way! If I put the names of all the photographers on their photos it would take away from the impact of the photos themselves. (And, here is my red face ...

I am just not well enough organized through the chaotic process of putting the Almanac together to keep the sources straight.) But I am grateful to all of them; and I know you all are also — because you *oooh* and *ahhh* over them all the time. But those who take the pictures don't always get to hear that. So THANK YOU to those who took the pictures appearing in this issue ... with apologies to any I forget.

Jack Shirley, Tom Brotherton, John Bennet Waters, Lisa Perez, Brian Tarver, Catherine LaGrone.

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