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ACOLYTES AND READERS: THE RETURN

With COVID numbers declining and more people getting vaccinated we are bringing back acolytes and readers to the 9 and 11 am services.

For now we will have only one acolyte at each service. Acolyte duties will include carrying the cross and ringing the bell. If you have a child or grandchild going into 2nd grade or older and they would like to be trained to be an acolyte contact Cynthia or Fr. Charlie. Vera is taking over Barbara Grove's position as "Acolyte Grandma" and will take care of the acolyte vestments.

There will be 2 readers scheduled at each service like we have done in the past. The first reader will read the first lesson and lead the psalm, and the second reader will read the second lesson and lead the Prayers of the People. Readers may go up to the lectern on the right hand side (facing the altar) to read, or if you feel more comfortable staying in your pew, that will work as well. Traditionally the leader of the Prayers of the People has read those prayers from their pew and we will carry on that tradition for now.

In conjunction with the Bishop's office's guidelines, we are looking at protocols for bringing back the other ROTA positions - chalice bearers, servers, and greeters.

If you would like to join (or rejoin) the ROTA schedule please let Shawn know.

CELEBRATING MOTHERS

This year, Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 9th. In honor of all mothers and mothering figures in our lives, All Saints' is putting out a call for diapers and menstrual hygiene products to donate to local food banks (as well as Samaritan House), where they are in much demand. These products are necessary and it is difficult to imagine struggling to pay rent and buy food for the family while also desperately needing diapers, tampons, and pads.

If you make a COSTCO run in the next couple of days, please consider picking up some of these products. Or if you'd rather stay put, we'll do the shopping for you! Simply send or put a check in the plate with "Mother" in the memo line.

We'll be stacking these items before our altar on the 9th, but if you'd rather drop them by before then, please feel free to place them in the big plastic bin in front of the office.



MOM
Happy Mother's Day

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HOLY WEEK PHOTOS

Maundy Thursday - April 1, 2021



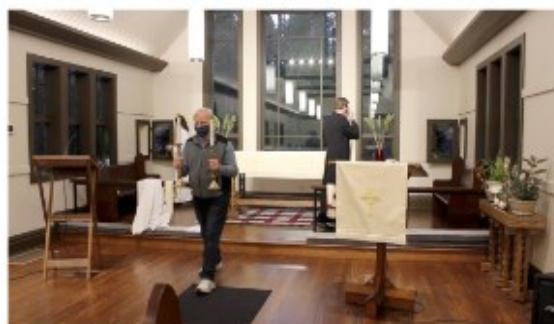
Ready to begin the service



Celebrating the Eucharist



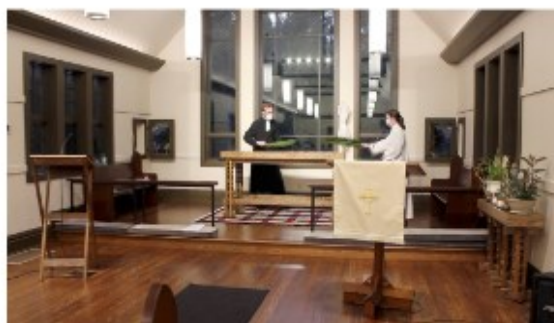
Clergy strip their vestments



Stripping of the altar



Stripping of the altar



Washing of the altar



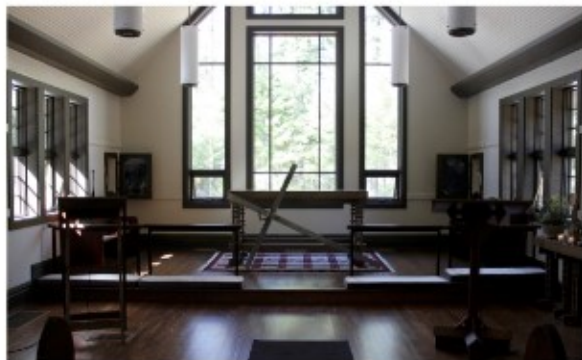
The stripped altar



Reserve sacrament

HOLY WEEK PHOTOS

Good Friday - April 2, 2021



Holy Saturday - April 3, 2021



EASTER PHOTOS

Easter Sunday - April 4, 2021



This year for Easter we held our 2 main services outside so we could make a joyful noise unto the Lord and sing to our hearts content. We had approximately 120 people in attendance at the 4 services. Much better than last year's Easter service which had to be virtual only. We had little campfires like at Christmas (although they didn't get going as well as at Christmas, but it was about 30 degrees warmer so we didn't need them as badly) as well as some propane heaters. The weather held out and it was wonderful to have so many of our All Saints' family together again!



EASTER PHOTOS*Easter Egg Hunt - April 4, 2021*

This year with services being held outside a little different Easter Egg Hunt was called for. We had one hunt after the 11 am service. The older youth hunted for eggs down the stations of the cross path and in the woods, and the younger kids searched in the grass in front of the church where we held outdoor services last summer. Easter gift bags were handed out to those who attended the 9 am service and couldn't make it back to the Easter Egg Hunt. A fabulous time was had by about 20 egg hunters. Thanks to all those who helped make this year such a success!



FLOWER GUILD

Vera Smith

SPRING HAS SPRUNGthe grass has riz, I wonder where the flowers is! (If this gets published, know the Editor is cringing!)

Couldn't help myself from quoting a childhood favorite saying! But wanted to draw your attention to altar flowers!



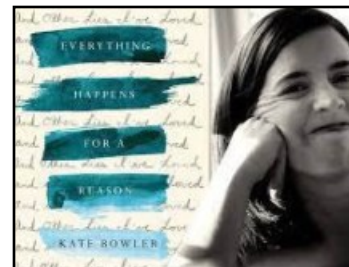
When you sponsor flowers for the altar not only do you bring Glory to God but you also memorialize someone special in your life. Additionally, these beautiful flowers are yours to take home and enjoy, or gift them to another person. We have a delivery service available!

Our very talented Flower Guild look forward to putting together two lovely arrangements for you!

Please call, text (471-9157), or email Vera (smithavera@gmail.com) to select your upcoming dates!

BOOK STUDY

The Thursday evening book group will be starting a new book on May 6, Kate Bowler's [*Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*](#). Bowler is a professor of Christian History at Duke who studies the emergence of the [prosperity gospel](#) in the United States. In her mid-thirties, Bowler was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. This book is an examination of what it means to suffer in a culture that views suffering as a moral or spiritual failing. While hers is a serious story, Bowler is really irreverent and fun.



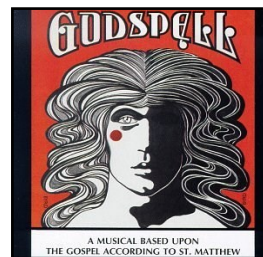
Even more exciting than the subject matter is the fact that we'll be conducting this book study as a "hybrid" offering, meaning that you can attend at the parish hall or via Zoom. So plan to join us with this new book starting May 6 at 6 pm either via Zoom or in person in Memorial Hall.

GODSPELL

Cynthia Benkelman

Alpine Kids Theatre Company will be presenting Godspell, a musical composed by Stephan Schwartz on the weekend of May 21. The musical is structured as a series of Parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew. The parables are interspersed with music, some of it including lyrics from traditional hymns, with the passion of Christ appearing near the end of the show.

We're planning to find a date to take our youth group, and we encourage everyone to go. It's a fantastic and moving musical with music that will inspire and entertain!

**THANKS TO YOUR GIVING SPIRIT**

Here are what you generously gave during the Season of Lent:

Lenten Community Offering to Flathead Warming Center: \$2,070.00

ERD Offering from Lenten Coupon Books: \$1,225.00

Good Friday Offering for the Church in Jerusalem: \$155.00

SAM BENKELMAN

We have watched our former Choragus Sam Benkelman go from kid to teen, to college man (Harvard, no less!). This past week Sam took flight to Prague to start the next chapter of his life: employed person! He is now working as an associate with Boston Consulting Group. This photo was taken outside his new apartment.

Kudos to this wonderful young man and to the wonderful parents mom, Cynthia and dad, Cody who raised him.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

If you or anyone in your family has some news, something you are celebrating, or anything you'd like to share with your All Saints' family submit your article and/or photos to Jan, the eletter editor at khatlover@msn.com.

BEA BOTT

On April 10 about 55 people gathered at All Saints' for a Requiem Eucharist for our dear sister in Christ, Bea Bott, who died in December. Due to COVID restrictions the service was held outside in the parking lot. It was a most memorable service, with Mother Nature sharing a multitude of weather conditions: sun, rain, wind, hail, and graupel. Our Choragos, Grace Benkelman sang a beautiful rendition of the Pie Jesu just as the graupel really started to fall. Fr. Charlie had already celebrated the Eucharist once in a hailstorm last fall, so he didn't miss a beat in continuing to celebrate on this day.



Our organist, Jenanne Solberg was tucked out of the weather under the portico, so the organ was safe from all the moisture. And luckily the speakers, microphone, and cameras all survived being graupeled and rained on. Family members came up before the service to share memories, and following the service both Bea and her husband Ed were interred in the All Saints' Memorial Garden. All Saints' will miss Bea's smiling face sitting in that 3rd pew from the front on the right hand side. May she and Ed both rest in peace and rise in glory.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

On April 16th, Ken Sebrowsky, husband of one of our organists Peggy, died at home after a brief illness. Ken was one of the legends of hockey in the Flathead Valley. He was instrumental in creating the over 60 league and was inducted into the Whitefish Adult Ice Hockey Association (WAHA) Hall of Fame in 2018. Ken will be missed by his wife Peggy, daughters Cheryl and Stephanie, and granddaughters.

Betty Lou Wambeke, a community leader and former organist at Holy Nativity, died on April 22nd. Betty Lou was the founder of the North Valley Music School, where she taught several generations to make a joyful noise. Decisions have yet to be made regarding services, but prayers are welcome.

May Ken and Betty Lou rest in peace and rise in glory.

In Loving Memory
of those who are forever
present in our hearts.



BUILDING PHOTOS

Shawn Sloan

Building Project Nearly Completed

I know I keep saying it, but the building project is really truly, nearly, almost complete. There are a few minor loose ends to tie up, but the contractor has completed the punch list items, the pew kneelers have gotten some more stain on the bottoms as well as some padding to ease them hitting the floor, some trim has been put around the bottom of the pew kneelers to cover up the staples that were showing, the ground behind the church has been regraded and is ready for landscaping, gravel has been spread along the outside of the building, and most importantly (to me anyway) the overhead speakers have been reconnected as well as the microphone cables have been run through the floor boxes. YAY! No more cables running under the carpet runner and along the wall. Basically all that remains is for the Bishop to come and for us to have a rededication and reconsecration service. We are hoping to have that happen soon (depending on the Bishop's schedule). It has been a very long project, much longer than we expected. But we at All Saints' don't like to just sit back and admire our accomplishments, so on to the next project...offices.



From multi cameras, speakers and wires on the floor, amps and CD player to.....



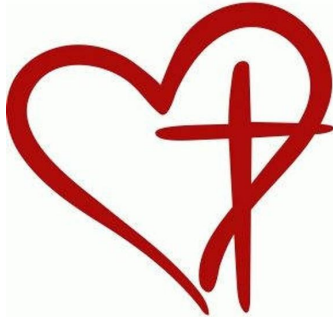
One camera, no wires on the floor, and speakers overhead YAY!!!!

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Service Hours: See page 10	3	4	5 Bible Study Live or Zoom 10:30-12 noon	6 Book Study Live or Zoom 6:00-7:00pm	7	8
9 Mother's Day Ingathering Service Hours: See page 10	10	11	12 Bible Study Live or Zoom 10:30-12 noon	13 Ascension Day Noon Service Book Study Live or Zoom 6:00-7:00pm	14	15
16 Grad Sunday Service Hours: See page 10	17 Vestry Live or Zoom 5:00 pm	18	19 Bible Study Live or Zoom 10:30-12 noon	20 Book Study Live or Zoom 6:00-7:00pm	21	22
23 Pentecost Get Your Red On! Service Hours: See page 10	24	25	26 Bible Study Live or Zoom 10:30-12 noon	27 Book Study Live or Zoom 6:00-7:00pm	28	29
30 Trinity Sun. Service Hours: See page 10	Memorial Day 					

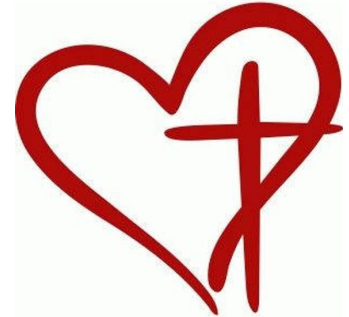
SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

7:30 am - service only, no music



9:00 am - service with hymns

9:00 am service is also streamed live on
Facebook & You Tube Live



10:00 to 11 am -Drive through communion

11:00 am - service with hymns

7:00 pm - Contemplative service, no music

HOME COMMUNION AND VISITATIONS

If you have had to take some time away from church, but would like to receive the sacraments, please let us know! While the bishop has requested that clergy refrain from scheduling home visits, (hospitals and senior living facilities won't allow them either!), Fr. Charlie would be more than happy to bring you the sacrament/say prayers with you on your doorstep, the hospital parking lot, or at the church.

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*Glory to God, whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine: Glory to him from generation to
generation in the church, and in Christ
Jesus forever. and ever.*

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