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**MAY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

- 02 ..... Labyrinth Walk, Noon
- 07 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7 p.m.
- 09 ..... Boy Scout Pancake Day, 7-11 a.m.
- 10 ..... Mother's Day
- 10 ..... Finance Committee
- 10 ..... Taizé, 7 p.m.
- 14 ..... Vestry, 7 p.m.
- 12 ..... Standing Committee
- 15-16 ..... Hesed House, 11 p.m.-7 a.m.
- 16 ..... Formation Teacher Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m.
- 17 ..... Sergio's Fundraiser, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- 19 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m.
- 21 ..... Ascension Day
- 25 ..... Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 27 ..... Soup Kitchen Pre-Cook, 7 p.m.
- 28 ..... Soup Kitchen, 10 a.m.
- 30 .. Deanery Confirmation - St. Andrew's, Downers Grove
- 31 ..... Pentecost Sunday
- 31 ..... Last Day of Formation Classes

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# MAY 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>31</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9:00 a.m. Eucharist, Adult Education / 10:15 a.m. Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist					<b>01</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>02</b> 8 a.m. AA / Noon Labyrinth Walk / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cleaning Service / 1 p.m. Canvas Labyrinth Dedication
<b>03</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9:00 a.m. Eucharist, Adult Education / 10:15 a.m. Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist	<b>04</b> 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, AA / 7 p.m. Troop 25, EFM	<b>05</b> 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>06</b> 11 a.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>07</b> 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>08</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>09</b> 7 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast / 8 a.m. AA / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cleaning Service
<b>10</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9:00 a.m. Eucharist, Adult Education / 10:15 a.m. Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 7 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, AA / 7 p.m. Troop 25, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>12</b> 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>13</b> 11 a.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Vestry Meeting	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA / 11 p.m. Hesed House  <i>Email articles to <a href="mailto:sceneusletter@sbcglobal.net">sceneusletter@sbcglobal.net</a></i>	<b>16</b> 3 a.m. Hesed House / 8 a.m. AA / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cleaning Service / 6 p.m. Teacher Dinner
<b>17</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9:00 a.m. Eucharist, Adult Education / 10:15 a.m. Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sergio's Fundraiser (Group of SCEC @6 p.m.)	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, AA / 7 p.m. Troop 25, EFM	<b>19</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>20</b> 11 a.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>21</b> <b>Ascension</b> 7:30 p.m. Women's Book Group	<b>22</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>23</b> 8 a.m. AA / 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cleaning Service
<b>24</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9:00 a.m. Eucharist, Adult Education / 10:15 a.m. Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed For Memorial Day</b> 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, AA / 7 p.m. Troop 25, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>26</b> 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>27</b> 11 a.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7 p.m. Precook Soup Kitchen / 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>28</b> 10 a.m. Soup Kitchen	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>30</b> 8 a.m. AA / 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cleaning Service / 11 a.m. Confirmation @ St. Andrews, Downers Grove

# SERVER SCHEDULE

	<b>May 03</b> Easter 4	<b>May 10</b> Easter 5	<b>May 17</b> Easter 6	<b>May 24</b> Easter 7	<b>May 31</b> Pentecost	<b>June 07</b> Trinity Sunday
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>						
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7:30 a.m.	A. Wolff C. Paschal	M. Moore G. Moore	Di. Brown Do. Brown	M. Moore J. Mertes	B. Johnson Di. Brown	A. Wolff C. Paschal
10:45 a.m.	D. Hattan B. Nesbit	K. Thomson G. Meade	H. Parks J. Bachman	B. Kruse J. Ryan	J. Bachman G. Meade	D. Hattan B. Nesbit
<b>Lector</b>						
7:30 a.m.	B. Johnson	J. Kerr	A. Wolff	M. Kerr	H. Mora	J. Kerr
10:45 a.m. OT	Jr. High	J. Ryan	S. Miller	B. Smith	J. Ryan	Sr. High
10:45 a.m. NT	Jr. High	A. Hollis	T. Miller	C. Campbell	A. Hollis	Sr. High
<b>Ushers</b>						
7:30 a.m.	J. Benning F. Viverito	G. Miles J. Kerr	L. Engel M. Morrow	G. Miles B. Johnson	M. Morrow J. Kerr	J. Benning F. Viverito
10:45 a.m.	Jr. High Jr. High	J. Bachman J. Burnett	K. Thomson T. Flood	W. Bangs J. Hollis	J. Bach B. Thomson	Sr. High Sr. High
<b>Acolyte</b>						
	S. Nesbit	P. VnNortwick	D. Mugge	N. Nesbit	E. Cottrell	J. Ryan
<b>Intercessor</b>						
	Jr. High	B. Smith	W. S. Bangs	D. Bach	K. Heikkinen	Sr. High
<b>Altar Bread</b>						
	B. Nesbit	D. Bach	K. Hildebrand	K. Hari	K. Heikkinen	G. Ingraham
<b>Greeter</b>						
7:30 a.m.	Di. Brown	J. Rullman	D. Payleitner	Di. Brown	J. Rullman	D. Payleitner
9 a.m.	K. Hildebrand	J. Craft	K. Hari	K. Hildebrand	J. Craft	K. Hari
10:45 a.m.	Jr. High	B. Nesbit	WS. Bangs	J. Phipps	B. Nesbit	Sr. High
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>						
7:30 a.m.						
9 a.m.	HOSTS NEEDED. PLEASE SIGN UP IN LUDTKE HALL.					
10:45 a.m.						
<b>Home Eucharist</b>						
	A. Wolff J. Rixleben	Do. Brown L. Graf	J. Rullman J. Craft	L. Graf K. Thomson	J. Craft C. Koch	
<b>Closing</b>						
	M. Custer	C. Townsend	C. Campbell	K. Heikkinen	K. Williams	C. Townsend
<b>Altar Guild</b>						
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 4	Team 1
<b>Flower Guild</b>						
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 2	Team 3	Team 3	Team 1
<b>Flower Dedication</b>						
	Kerr		Sheehan	Wolff	Benning	
<b>9 a.m. Host Family</b>						
	Blanes	HOSTS NEEDED. PLEASE SIGN UP IN LUDTKE HALL.				

# Solvitur Ambulando

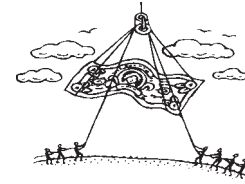
Contact Carol Townsend @ [carol.townsend@gmail.com](mailto:carol.townsend@gmail.com), 630.681.0311.

“Solvitur Ambulando” is a Latin phrase, often attributed to St. Augustine. It means “It is solved by walking.” You often see the phrase in books and articles about labyrinths, and it’s an appropriate thought to hold onto when walking a labyrinth.

The simple act of stepping into a labyrinth, of taking part in that sacred walk, gives my active brain something to focus on. I can’t get lost in the labyrinth; I don’t have to make choices or think about where I’m going; I just have to walk. There are no tricks or puzzles in the labyrinth—only one path into the center and the same path out. Giving my feet something to do gives my mind something to focus on and quiets it, allowing the prayerful side of my brain to soar.

I can focus on my prayer concern or problem—mulling it over, praying about it, lifting it to God. I am calm, and the calm and quiet of the walk allows me to listen to God’s thoughts about my prayer concern or problem. With God’s help, I can find a solution. Walking a labyrinth helps me solve stuff.

Granted, not all labyrinth walks are about solving stuff, but when I do have something that needs solving, I’m always amazed at what I come up with during a walk. During this National Labyrinth Month (May), I urge you to bring a prayer concern or problem to the Labyrinth, and in the calm and quiet you find there, let God speak to you and help you “solve it by walking.”



## Planning a Fundraiser?

Contact Bo Smith @ 630-262-9512 or [bosmith99@aol.com](mailto:bosmith99@aol.com).

The Fundraising Committee may be able to offer valuable assistance to your fundraiser; Please let the committee know before you plan a church-related fundraiser, so that dates are reserved and the event is properly publicized.



Contact Wendy Bangs @ 630-377-1174 or [wsbangs@aol.com](mailto:wsbangs@aol.com) or Christy Becker @ 630-377-4369 [knitterchristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knitterchristy@sbcglobal.net).

The church continues to raise 2 to 18 percent from gift card sales. Check out the list of stores where these cards can be used at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Then, order on Sunday from a member of the fundraising committee. A portion of your purchase is automatically donated to the church.

## Welcome Newborns!



**Oliver Burnham Ulaszek** was born on March 30 to Rob and Lisel (big sister Zoe). **Tyler Andrew Custer** was born on March 31 to Mike and Amy (big sisters Nikole and Karlie and big brothers Ryan and Kyle). **Liliana Rose Englehart** was born on April 24 to Derrick and

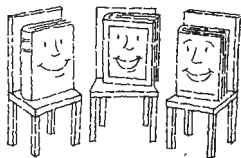
Erika Engelhart (big sister Emma).



## Eucharist, Home Blessing, And Pot Luck Dinner

Contact Lix Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

During the summer months (June through August), Wednesday evening Eucharist is “on the road.” We will meet at different parishioners’ homes for Eucharist and a house blessing (Fr. Bill will bless rooms and closets from afar if you wish!). Following the service, we will enjoy a potluck dinner and fellowship. Please sign up to be a host on the sign up sheet in Ludtke Hall.



## Women’s Book Group

**May 21, 7:30 to 9 p.m.**

Contact Deacon Lix Meade @ 630-584-2596 or [scecdiacon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecdiacon@sbcglobal.net).

Join the discussion about the May book: Maria Dorian Russell’s *The Sparrow*. The meeting date is tentatively set for May 21. Check the Pulse closer to that date to confirm.

# ReStore ReWards

**May 20-23**

Contact Jim Bachman @ 630-584-1190 or [jbachman1190@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbachman1190@sbcglobal.net).

Northern Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity is launching a pilot fundraising program, called ReStore ReWards. The program is simple: You just have to present a ReStore ReWards certificate when shopping at ReStore (800 N. State Street, Elgin, from May 20-23, and 5 percent of your purchases will go towards the next Pottawatomie Habitat Partnership building project.

**ReStore ReWards slips are available in Ludtke Hall.**

ReStore recycles building supplies and sells them to builders and the public. You can find plumbing fixtures and cabinets, as well as hardware, tools, and lumber there.

## Don’t Put Off ’Til Next Month, What You May Want To Do Again Next Month

**May 15, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.**

Contact Wink Bangs at 630-377-1174 or [wdbangsjr@aol.com](mailto:wdbangsjr@aol.com), or Ed Manning @ 630-208-9136 or [ekmanning5@aol.com](mailto:ekmanning5@aol.com), or Joe Ryan @ 630-762-0353 or [j\\_ryan@bi-linkil.com](mailto:j_ryan@bi-linkil.com).

Imagine the reward in helping to provide a safe place for someone to sleep and a good meal so that same someone can go to a job with a full stomach and work toward moving back into a home of their own. On the third Friday of each month, our parish volunteers overnight at the Hesed House in Aurora. Four to six volunteers are needed from 11 p.m. Friday until 3 a.m. Saturday to supervise the sleeping areas and make 160 sandwiches for 80 sack lunches for those who will work on Saturday. Six to eight volunteers are needed from 3 to 7 a.m. Saturday to supervise the sleeping area and prepare and serve breakfast for 100 to 120 men, women, and children.

We need new energy for this ministry that would allow some of the regular Hesed House volunteers to take a break. Please join this ministry, if for only one month. We car pool down and back, so you won’t have to make a new drive alone. Teenage members of the parish are welcome so bring one or two along.

# Easter Thank You

Thank you to the clergy, choir, and Altar Guild for the many nights of work to make our Easter Week so very special. There are just too many faithful servants to name!

Thank you to those who provided the delicious food for the clergy and choir on Easter morn: the Bangs, the Grafts/Rixlebens, the Lesters, Liz Johnson, Beverly Nesbit, the Ryans, Katie Thomson, and Marilyn Wicks. Thanks to Wendy Bangs and Joe Ryan for clean up.

Thanks to Liz and Jack Benning, Wendy Bangs, Dottie Finatri, Carol Paschal, and Sarah Travis (Flower Guild) for filling our church with glorious fragrant and colorful flowers.

Thanks also to the outdoor work crew, especially Sam Nesbit and his friend Dane who brought energy from Troop 25, on April 5 that readied the grounds for Easter week.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry An Inspiration

**May 7, 7 p.m. and May 19, 10:00 a.m.**

Contact Mary Zupke @ 630-208-4666 or [maryzupke@hotmail.com](mailto:maryzupke@hotmail.com) or Christy Becker 630-377-4369 or [knitterchristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knitterchristy@sbcglobal.net).

Word of our Prayer Shawl Ministry is getting around. Recently, SCEC received a request from a church in Wheaton as to how to start their own prayer shawl ministry. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry founder, Christy Becker, wrote a letter to the church detailing how she established the growing ministry and shared with them our vision of giving a tangible gift of God's love to those who are facing a challenge, celebrating a great joy, or needing a reminder that God is still with them.

Our church has knitted or crocheted more than 300 shawls, afghans, and baby blankets since 2005. Not just for our parishioners—our shawls have been sent across the country and around the world. They wrap folks of different religions and those who haven't heard God's words in a while. Inside our parish, they give us a support group of friends with meaningful work to do. Join us at our next meeting. We will teach you to knit or crochet these much appreciated wraps of God's love.



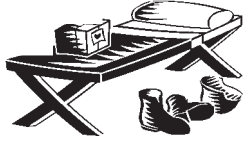
### May Birthdays

- 05 Glorianne Campbell
- 05 Elise Parks
- 06 Timothy Bachman
- 09 Kevin Thomson
- 11 Katherine McCleary
- 11 Sarah Miles
- 12 Erika Englehart
- 13 Joe Ryan
- 14 Dick Hattan
- 15 Barbara Haase
- 15 Susannah Haase
- 15 Annie Hollis
- 16 Karen Hattan
- 18 Marge Mejia
- 19 Eoin Cottrell
- 21 Thomas Van Nortwick
- 22 Kyle Ingraham
- 24 Alan Wolff
- 24 Liz Benning
- 26 Patrick Haase
- 28 James Wolff
- 28 Christopher Wicks
- 31 Jane Wolff
- 31 Tom Flood

### May Anniversaries

- 12 Jim & Barbara Bachman
- 16 Gary & Liz Meade
- 17 Bill & Kristen Bangs
- 18 John & Kai Godina
- 20 Jim & Chris Lyng
- 27 Jack & Liz Benning
- 27 William & Darlene Gillis
- 29 Tom & Sharon Miller





## Support Our Troops

Contact Katie Thomson @ 630.584.2133 or [katie.thomson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katie.thomson@sbcglobal.net).

SCEC is again sponsoring a supplies drive for Operation Support Our Troops Illinois. The drive is designed to collect specified items to be sent to U.S. troops all around the world. Our congregation donated three large bins of supplies last year; We hope to collect even more this year! See the list below. Please purchase only the sizes indicated. The drive ends May 31.

Cold drink mix packets for bottled water ■ Unscented wipes (adult size) ■ Bags of beef jerky ■ Peanut butter (20 oz. or less) ■ Foot powder (20 oz. or less) ■ Crackers (16 oz. or less) ■ Pocket pack tissues ■ Coffee singles and powdered creamer packets ■ Non-aerosol insect repellent ■ Medical bag supplies [eye drops, saline nasal spray, 2 oz. anti-itch cream, OTC allergy, cold, and flu medications (tabs or capsules), muscle rub or hot hands, heat wraps, and multi-vitamins (200 or less)]

# Eat Great Fundraiser!

May 17, 6 p.m.

Contact Bo Smith @ 630-262-9512 or [bosmith99@aol.com](mailto:bosmith99@aol.com) or Christy Becker at 630-377-4369 or [knitterchristy@abcgloba.net](mailto:knitterchristy@abcgloba.net).

Come join us for some relaxed fellowship and good food while earning money for our church. On Sunday, May 17, Sergio's Cantina, 30 West State Street in Geneva, will donate 15 percent of purchases made between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Just mention SCEC when ordering to ensure our donation. Sergio's will keep copies of receipts to calculate the 15 percent.

You (and your friends and family) can stop by for brunch, lunch, or supper. However, there will be a group of SCECers there around 6 p.m. Dinners cost about \$10; Kid's meals are \$5. You can see the complete menu at [www.sergioscantina.com](http://www.sergioscantina.com)

This will be a regular outing at different restaurants. Please let Bo or Christy know if your favorite restaurant will host our fundraiser. Some give up to 20 percent!

**New Interactive Google Calendar**

Contact Carol Townsend @ [carol.townsend@gmail.com](mailto:carol.townsend@gmail.com) or 630-681-0311.

Check out the new interactive "Calendar of Activities" at [www.stcharlesepiscopal.org/](http://www.stcharlesepiscopal.org/). The calendar was created using Google Calendar, and it is very easy to use.

Google Calendar is one of the new applications available free on the web through the standard internet search engine company "Google." Anyone can look at and print the calendar from our website. However, if you already have a Google account, then you can click on any event in the church calendar and copy it to your personal calendar.

Events can be added to the calendar by contacting Beth Burnette at 630-584-2596 or [scecoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecoffice@sbcglobal.net).

# Bibletimes Marketplace

Registration  
Now Open!



**August 10-14**

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

Bibletimes Marketplace offers all sorts of opportunities to share your skills with the children of this parish and the community. This year we will be holding a smaller version of this program here at SCEC for children ages four years through fifth grade. Since we are going solo this year, we need lots of help from seventh graders (Fall) on up.

## Tribal Leaders

Tribal Leaders assist a group of approximately five to seven children of varied ages as they experience the daily life of a Tribe of Israel: praying together, making bread, watching history unfold, and trying the Biblical arts at the Marketplace Tent.

## Artisans

If you are gifted at arts and crafts, there are many places where your skills could be used:

Basket Maker ■ Beauty Shop Attendant ■ Brick Maker ■ Carpenter ■ Cloak Maker ■ Cloth Dyer ■ Grain Grinder ■ Jewelry Maker ■ Kite Maker ■ Leather Worker ■ Metal Worker ■ Mosaic Creator ■ Musical Instrument Maker ■ Needle Worker ■ Potter ■ Rope Maker ■ Sandal Maker ■ Scribe ■ Sower (Planter) ■ Spices & Herbs ■ Stone Cutter ■ Weaver

## And More

We also need help with pre-event tasks like assembling crafts as well as set-up and take-down, plus we need the following:

Actor ■ Childcare Provider ■ Costume Maker ■ Dance Leader ■ Games Leader ■ Kitchen Helper ■ Photographer ■ Story-teller

There are training sessions for newcomers, and experienced volunteers will help you with your chosen "profession."

Registration forms and sign-up sheets are in Ludtke Hall.

## Pilgrimage In The Mountains

**June 9-14**

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

The Sr. High group will be in Sewanee, TN for their Pilgrimage from June 9-14. Please keep them in your prayers.



**May 2**

Contact Carol Townsend @ [carol.townsend@gmail.com](mailto:carol.townsend@gmail.com), 630.681.0311.

Join us at noon on the first Saturday of every month for a communal, contemplative walk. Our May walk, to be held on May 2, coincides with World Labyrinth Day.

People from all over will be walking labyrinths that day; We can be part of the global community by walking the labyrinth in our own church "backyard." See you there!



# Formation Update

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scceyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scceyouth@sbcglobal.net).

Spring has sprung, and even though the Formation year is coming to an end, the kids are still working hard.

The **Purple Atrium** (preschool) is learning stories about the Good Samaritan, the Ascension, and Pentecost. The **Green Atrium** (K - 1 grade) is learning about the hymns and our liturgy. Why do we do the things we do. The **Blue Atrium** (2 - 4 grades) continues to learn about Paul and his ministry.

The **Middler Class** (5 - 6 grades) is working on “discipleship.” The lessons are structured to help them discern what that means in **their** world! The **Jr. High Class** (7 - 8 grades) will serve at the 10:45 a.m. service on Youth Sunday. Then, they’ll continue their Bible study and learn more about the Labyrinth. The **Sr. High Class** is preparing for the Pilgrimage.



Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scceyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scceyouth@sbcglobal.net).

Mature, dependable, faith-filled adults who have a willing heart, sense of humor, and love of children, are needed to expand the Youth and Children’s Formation Program. No experience is necessary. Must have been in our parish for at least one year. Short hours, great benefits!

## Formation Sunday

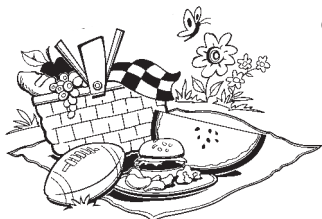
**June 7, 10:45 a.m.**

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scceyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scceyouth@sbcglobal.net).

All children and youth are invited to be part of a formal blessing at the 10:45 a.m. service on June 7 which will be held at Mt. St. Mary Park. Current Formation students should plan to be at the park no later than 10:30 a.m.

Special recognition will be given to students who are “graduating” from their Formation class, and members of the Sr. High Class who will be participating in the Pilgrimage will receive a “special blessing” at this service.

Bring your own picnic to eat while socializing and enjoying the park after the service. There is no fee for parking.



## Teacher Dinner

**June 16**

Contact Katherine Williams @ 630-761-2717 or [kwill10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwill10@sbcglobal.net).

Formation teachers will enjoy a special appreciation dinner, acknowledging the gifts they give to our youth, on Saturday, May 16 in Ludtke Hall. Help is needed to plan, prepare, and serve the meal. Call Katherine Williams to volunteer.

ministry, both paid and volunteer. We want to have a mission statement and job description for each and every thing that we do. Why? So that we know who is responsible for what. Then, people can more easily find and join the ministry that excites them. Also, knowing the roles makes the task of stepping into an existing position easier.

We have become too large to run things “by the seat of our pants,” and if we are to hope to continue to grow, we need to formalize just a bit. My request of you is this: If you hold any job in this Parish, I would like to ask you to develop that mission statement (one or two sentences stating the reason that this job exists) and a job description (a listing of just what you need to do in order to fulfill your mission). Although Kathy has developed a pretty comprehensive list of missions and jobs here at SCEC, we will need to develop that even further with your help; We intend to get a more formal request out to you all soon. For now, please be thinking about how you would like to describe your ministry.

This will be a “living and ongoing” project. The “final” document that we produce should be changed every time

there is a change in what we do, how we do it, or who does it. The document should be thoroughly reviewed at least once a year to ensure that it is current and relevant.

It’s a big job but a very important one.

### **Keeping Us In The Forefront**

Staff, Vestry, and others are attending the Diocese Leadership Conference and the Managing for Growth and Transition Conference this month, and Liz Ryan is attending the CREDO Conference in May in order to increase our knowledge and improve our skills in the roles of service that we have in this Church. All that we learn is of little value without your continued active participation. In the end, our role on the Vestry is to make it possible for you to engage in and carry out your ministry. We can’t do that very well unless you tell us what you need and what you want to do. Give us a call or send an eMail.

**Colin C. Campbell**  
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## **Prices Set For Pig Roast**

**September 13, Noon to 2 p.m.**

Contact *Katie Thomson* @  
*630.584.2133* or  
*katie.thomson@sbcglobal.net*.

Planning is underway for the SCEC Pig Roast to be held September 13 from noon to 2 p.m. (Mark your calendars!)

A PIG dinner (spit roasted pig, baked beans, assorted sides, one beverage, and one dessert) is available for \$10, and a DOG dinner (hot dog, chips, carrots, one beverage, and one dessert) is available for \$5. Additional beverages and desserts will be available for purchase. The ticket price includes musical entertainment and games for the kids!



Contact the church office @  
*scecoffice@sbcglobal.net* or *630-584-2596* if any of your Directory information has changed.

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What a wonderful Easter week we had this year! I must confess that I have not always attended many of the services of this very special week, but this year Glori and I tried to get to almost everything. It became a special time of reflection and renewal for both of us. As many who know me will attest, I am not a deeply religious person. I continue to struggle with the concept of faith and I probably always will. But keeping the Vigil in the “Chapel,” the ritual bathing of feet, the renewing of our baptism, the fellowship after the Great Vigil service, and everything together proved to be a truly meaningful and rich experience. Some of you have known this all along, but for those of you who have not had this experience, may I urge you to try it next year. I assure you that you will not be disappointed.

### eStuff

As usual, there is so much to report on, and so little space. Have you seen our new “All Parish Full Year Calendar” yet? Carol Townsend and Liz Ryan made it available on the SCEC web site. Just go to [www.stcharlesepiscopal.org/](http://www.stcharlesepiscopal.org/) and click on the calendar link, and you will know everything that is happening for the next year! If you want to schedule an event, just check the

calendar first for possible conflicts before setting a firm date. Then, please contact Beth in order to get your event posted into the calendar!

And speaking of the internet, we sent out our very first “eNewsLetter” last month. It was beautiful! We are joining many churches and other organizations in attempting to do as much communicating as possible via the net. It’s green, more timely, and saves time and money (about \$1 per copy, per month) for copying and distribution, and it is more convenient for most of us.

Paper copies will still be available. However, if you are willing to read the newsletter online or print it yourself from your eMail (and you haven’t already told us), send a note to [scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net) and let us know that we no longer need to print a hard copy for you.

### Reorganization Revisited

Both Kathy and I have mentioned that one of the Vestry’s major projects this year is a total reorganization of the organizational structure of our Church. The Vestry organization and division of responsibilities have been completely changed, but that is only the first step. In the end, we want to create an organization chart that includes every job and

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! There is such joy in the Great 50 Days of Easter.

We have progressed through the fasting and penitence of Lent and have moved into the great celebration of Christ's Resurrection. It is a time that culminates at the Feast of Pentecost, when the gift of the Holy Spirit descends upon mankind—not just then, in biblical days, but even now, in today's time.

What shall we do to celebrate? Let us each recommit to living into the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let us commit ourselves, again, to following Christ and proclaiming His love and forgiveness to all those we meet. The season reflects this as we see new life everywhere!

The tulips are up, the crabapples are laden with blossoms, and even the lawns are looking green. In the spring, we become a thankful people, a people resurrected with new life.

Signs of new life are all around us. We have seen the births of five new babies in our parish. We are instituting a new program offering the world a free dinner once a month. We continue to minister to those at Hesed House and at Trinity Soup Kitchen. Please join us. Your smile, your welcome, your participation is all that is needed to make folks see the face of our risen Lord in you.

Blessings as we continue forward in this great thanksgiving.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**Deacon Liz**