



St. Charles Episcopal Church

THE PULSE



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

INFORMATION, CALENDAR, AND PRAYER LISTS **March 20, 2025 - March 27, 2025**



From the Rector

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Charles Episcopal Church,

I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade last Saturday. Our parish was represented very well. Thank you to Bo Smith and Candace Moline for organizing this, and for all those made signs and participated.

A big shout out to all who helped make our annual St. Patrick's Day lunch a great success. Many of you brought sweets, and helped set-up and clean-up. A special thanks to Kat Hari for organizing this lunch once again. Hats off to Chris Trotta for making an outstanding corn beef dinner! Thank you one and all!

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the third Sunday in Lent. Let us continue to journey together toward Easter and open ourselves up to God's invitation to new life. This week we will journey with Moses as he receives God's call to free the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt. How might we be called to usher in God's kingdom? When have we been invited to stand on holy ground? Let us contemplate these

questions together.

See you all on Sunday,

Rev. Fran



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us on Sundays at our 9:30 a.m. morning service. We'd love to see you there!

Watch the [livestream](#) of the service here:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@StCharlesEpiscopalChurchStChar>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesEpiscopalIL>

View this Sunday's, March 23, 2025 service bulletin [HERE](#) or on our [website](#)

View prior services [HERE](#)



SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR March 23, 2025 Second Sunday in Lent

https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent3_RCL.html

• Exodus 3:1-15 • Psalm 63:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9

Visitation and Funeral for Gordon Craft

Visitation and Funeral Services for Gordon Craft will be held at St. Charles Episcopal Church this Saturday, March 22, 2025.

- 10:00 a.m. Visitation in Ludtke Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service followed by a catered lunch in Ludtke Hall.

The funeral will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)
View the funeral bulletin [HERE](#)

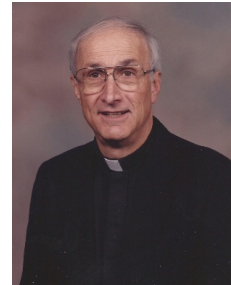
Gordon is the Ex-husband of Janet Craft and father of Chris and Todd Craft. You can read his obituary [here](#). Please keep Gordon's family in your prayers. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed by the mercy of God, rest in peace.

His ashes will be inurned in the St. Mark's Episcopal Church columbarium in Geneva later in the day.



Visitation and Funeral Services for The Rev. Drury Green

It is with sadness that we announce that The Rev. Drury Green died on Saturday, March 15 at his home in Geneva. Dru was ordained for 60 years and served faithfully in the Diocese of Chicago his entire career. Please keep his wife, The Rev. Linda Green in your prayers as well as their daughter Finda Green Davis, son-in-law Pascal Davis and grandchildren, Johnathan Drury, Edward Tarwo, Elon and Caleb.



The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Visitation: 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 27 at Yurs Funeral Home 405 East Main in St. Charles, IL

Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 29 at St. Charles Episcopal Church in St. Charles, IL

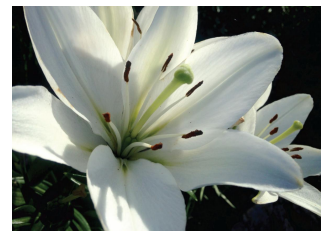
The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop of Chicago will preside, and The Rev. David Weaver will preach. A cake and coffee reception will follow the service in Ludtke Hall.

Please see the obituary [HERE](#).

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Sponsor Easter Services Flowers (April 20th):

Donations may be made to sponsor lillies for Easter Day services. Send donations to SCEC and note "Easter flowers" in the memo line. Or give online under **General Donation** and note "Easter flowers".



****The DEADLINE for Easter Services Flower donations is APRIL 13th.****

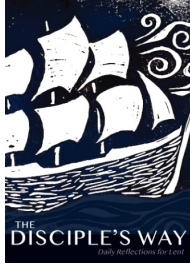
Please note if the flowers are being donated in thanksgiving for someone or in memory of someone.

Donation envelopes for Easter flowers are available in the pews. Look for the envelopes with pictures of lilies!

Please contact [Deb Sturges](#) if you have questions.

Lenten Book Study - Join us!

The Daughters of the King (DOK) Lenten book study has begun. Discussion about *The Disciples Way* is open to everyone even if you



haven't read the book! You may join us in person at the church or on Zoom. [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 893 9547 9476 Passcode: 308472 Contact [Katie Thomson](#) if you have any questions.

Update from the Search Committee Looking for Photos

Dear Church Members,

The Search Committee is now in the process of preparing our Parish Profile. The profile is designed to give an in-depth description of who we are and what we're looking for in a new rector. The Committee has split up the various sections among the members to create first drafts; we will then meet to revise and finalize our Profile.

Most Profiles contain a number of pictures, so **the Committee is asking that anyone who has a photo of our church or of any recent church events to please forward them to [Jan Hoffman](#)**. Please continue your prayers for the Search Committee as we work on this important phase of the process.

Blessings,
The Search Committee

Ladies Spring Lunch

We will lunch at the James (317 S. 3rd Street - Geneva) on **Monday, April 7 at 11:30 am**. Please join us on their beautiful glass porch for fellowship and fine food. Respond please to Carole Woods - 630-463-2507 before April 6.



Can you help SCEC find Grants?

Can you help SCEC find appropriate grants? We have people who can write grants, but we need help finding appropriate grants that can support our current programs and building needs. There are lots of grants out there if one has time to go to the library and research them on the data bases. We are seeking grants that could help support our meal programs, Green Team efforts, and other existing programs. Please let Rev. Fran or the Wardens know if you can help with this research.

Minutes from February 2025 Vestry Meeting

Minutes approved at this month's meeting, can be found using this link: [Vestry Minutes February 2025](#). Paper copies of minutes from all meetings can be found in the binders in our library.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Scott Judd, Steve Weil, Joyce Moore, Oliver Ulaszek

If you have a March birthday and were not included in this list, please let us know right away!

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, Mar 20

"The Pulse" is emailed

6:30 p.m. Love God, Love God's World - Zoom

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

Friday, Mar 21

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m. Hesus House lunch prep

5:30 p.m. Al Anon

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, Mar 22

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

10:00 a.m. Daughters of the King Lenten book study - SCEC Library or on Zoom

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 893 9547 9476 Passcode: 308472

10:00 a.m. Visitation for Gordon Craft - Ludtke Hall

11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for Gordon Craft with luncheon to follow in Ludtke Hall

Sunday, Mar 23

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service with the Rev. Fran Holliday

Monday, Mar 24

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Mar 25

1:30 p.m. Scripture Study on Zoom (contact: **Kathy Heikkinen**)

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 865 3516 0570 Passcode: 702460

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, Mar 26

6:00 p.m. Men's Group on Zoom (contact: **Bill Yeck**)

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 812 7665 5611 Password: 702450

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Ludtke Hall

Thursday, Mar 27

"The Pulse" is emailed

4:00-8:00 p.m. Visitation for The Rev. Drury Green - Yurs Funeral Home in St. Charles

6:30 p.m. Love God, Love God's World - Zoom

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

For Healing and Intercession

Scott J., Tom & Sharon M., Tina B., Buzz H., Judy M., Carol T., Betsy B., Julia R, Drew P., John E., Fay V., Chris B., Mattias W., and Kate S. We also include all those being prayed for by the Daughters of the King.

For Those Who Have Died

Robert M. Stepien, brother of Bill Stepien
Kevin, first cousin of Kathy Heikkinen
The Rev. Drury Green, husband of The Rev. Linda Green

For Our Search Committee

We pray especially for our Search Committee that they will be unified together with love and have respect for everyone's input, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit, receiving guidance and wisdom from God and the courage to act where God leads, and that they may undertake this work with Joy.



We pray for our parish during this time of our search for a new Priest, that we may show forth patience and trust for those chosen to lead the process.



CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Prayer requests may be emailed to:

prayer@stcharlesepiscopal.org

For prayers from the Daughters of the King,
send prayer requests to: scecdok@gmail.com

The Rev. Fran Holliday RevFran@stcharlesepiscopal.org

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Katie Thomson, Sr. Warden katie.thomson@sbcglobal.net

Mark Downey, Director of Music mdowney807@gmail.com

Shellie Morgan, Parish Administrator ParishAdmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org

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