



St. Charles Episcopal Church

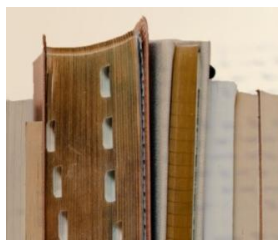
THE PULSE



"Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but the same God who activates them in everyone." ~1 Corinthians 12:4-6

INFORMATION, CALENDAR, AND PRAYER LISTS

March 6, 2025 - March 13, 2025



From the Rector

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Charles Episcopal Church,

This Sunday we will be celebrating the First Sunday in Lent. Lent which began on Ash Wednesday is a 40 day season of penance, fasting, prayer, and scripture study in preparation for Easter. Lent is a time of self-examination, a time to reorder our lives so that they reflect the teachings and ways of Jesus. During this Holy Season let us prepare for Easter and renew our baptismal promises in word and deed. Let us live as Jesus has called to live.

This Sunday, March 9 the Rev. Deb Bullock will be our supply Preacher and Celebrant. I will be off Sunday however please note I will be here this Saturday, March 8 for the funeral for Bo's mother, Laura Smith.

Rev. Fran



Bishop Paula Clark's Invitation to a Holy Lent

This Lent, Bishop Paula Clark invites the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago to look both inward and outward, finding ways to share our many blessings and talents with neighbors in need. *Watch the video in English with Spanish subtitles.*

2009 Archbishop Rowan Williams' Lenten Message

An excerpt from Archbishop Rowan Williams' Lenten Message of 2009 (a link to the full message is below):

"... it's important to remember that the word 'Lent' itself comes from the old English word for 'spring'. It's not about feeling gloomy for forty days; it's not about making yourself miserable for forty days; it's not even about giving things up for forty days. Lent is springtime. It's preparing for that great climax of springtime which is Easter – new life bursting through death. And as we prepare ourselves for Easter during these days, by prayer and by self-denial, what motivates us and what fills the horizon is not self-denial as an end in itself but trying to sweep and clean the room of our own minds and hearts so that the new life really may have room to come in and take over and transform us at Easter."

Read the full message [HERE](#)

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 9th

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 9th. Be sure to "spring ahead" and set your clocks forward an hour!



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>

We are unable to livestream on Facebook at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

View this Sunday's, March 9, 2025 service bulletin [HERE](#) or on our [website](#)

View prior services [HERE](#)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR March 9, 2025 First Sunday in Lent

https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent1_RCL.html

• Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13 • Luke 4:1-13

Funeral for Laura Smith



This Saturday, March 8th

A Visitation and Funeral Service for Laura Smith, Bo Smith's mother, will be held at St. Charles Episcopal Church **this Saturday, March 8, 2025**. The Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by an 11:00 a.m. service and a light reception in Ludtke Hall. The service will be livestreamed on our [YouTube channel](#). (We are unable to livestream on Facebook at this time.)



Laura will be laid to rest in Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego CA with her husband Col. Albert Jr. at a later date.

View the funeral bulletin [HERE](#)

View her obituary [HERE](#)

May her soul and, the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Taizé Prayer Service

On **Sunday, March 9, 2025** St. Charles Episcopal Church will hold a Taizé Prayer Service at 4:00 pm, featuring the parish choir and instrumentalists.



Taizé is a small village in eastern France. For over 50 years, it has been the home of a Christian monastic community made up of brothers from many different countries, speaking many different languages and, uniquely, belonging to several different Christian denominations. Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants, Orthodox and others live and pray together, share a simple life and welcome tens of thousands of visitors who come to spend time with every year from all over the world.

This prayer service will follow a pattern based on the worship of the Taizé Community, one of whose aims has always been to make Christian worship as simple and uncluttered as possible. Short repetitive musical chants are sung as participants reflect on the Light of Christ. This quiet, reflective service combines music with the spoken word.

Job Fair to be held at Wheaton Public Library

A job fair will be held **Thursday, March 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton. This is the 10th annual career fair sponsored by the People's Resource Center. WorkNet DuPage and other significant community resources are also involved.

Parishioners and friends needing job assistance are encouraged to reach out to Bo Smith at SCEC's jobs ministry at 630-263-9512 or BoSmith99@aol.com. You're invited to get involved in this ministry.

Come and Make Signs for the St. Patrick's Day Parade Getting Creative to Celebrate Our Ministries!

Join me at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 13** in Ludtke Hall to make some signs for the St. Patrick's Day Parade! Bring permanent markers and a flair for fun!

~ Candace

St. Patrick's Day Parade - March

15th

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 15th, 2:00 p.m.** for the St. Charles St. Patrick's Day Parade! Won't you walk with us? We will walk down main street with the SCEC banner and proclaim our faith and ministries from 6th St. to 4th Ave. This is an opportunity to have fun and grow our church. Interested to know more? Contact Candace Moline 630-244-9660.



Annual Lar Party Day Invitation!

Carol Townsend would like to invite you to attend the annual Lar Party Day 1 on **Saturday, March 15th**. It will be held here at the church from noon to 6:00 pm. Bring games, snacks, drinks... we will have use of the church kitchen... just come and have fun. To RSVP click [HERE](#)

A Day 2 of the Annual Lar Party Day will be held virtually on Sunday, March 16th Day 2 of Lar Con 2025 is online - so that all the folks who can't make it here to Illinois can still celebrate the gamer that brought us all together. To RSVP for Day 2 click [HERE](#)



St. Patty's Day Luncheon

St Charles Church members and guests are cordially invited to a St. Patty's Day luncheon held in honor of the YES Group on **Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 11:30 am Ludtke Hall** .

Traditional St. Patrick's cuisine will be served. Serving traditional Irish fare of corn beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes, salad, Irish soda bread, dessert and beverages.
~ Entertainment Provided ~ Jeremy Glaser on piano ~

Tickets: 65+ \$8, Adults \$10, Kids \$5 (under 12)
RSVP – Kathy Hari 630-842-2517 call, text or jkhari@sbcglobal.net

Search Committee Update - What's Next in the Process

Thank you all again for your excellent participation in the small group discussions, and for taking the time to provide essential feedback! Your Search Committee now is going through the notes from the eight small group sessions to learn common themes of where you think the church is, what direction you want it to head, and the key characteristics and skills you're seeking in your next rector.

Once that has been discerned, we will write a Parish Profile to be approved by the Vestry and Bishop. With those approvals, a job posting will then be created with the Episcopal Church's Office of Transition Ministries, which will then post the position for 60 days. Applications will then be sent to the Search Committee to start the interview process.

Communicating with you and continuing to get your feedback is of utmost importance to us! Feel free to reach out to anyone on the Committee: Jan Hoffman and Victoria Skyles Co-chairs, Kathy Knobel, Melinda Oakey, Ed Manning, and Bo Smith.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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 6

"The Pulse" is emailed

10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - SCEC Library

5:00 p.m. Lazarus House supper

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 7

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m. Al Anon

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, Mar 8

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

10:00 a.m. Visitation for Laura Smith family

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Laura Smith with light reception to follow in Ludtke Hall

Sunday, Mar 9

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service with the Rev. Debra Bullock

11:00 a.m. Daughters of the King

4:00 p.m. Taizé Service

Monday, Mar 10

Fire Extinguisher Inspection

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Mar 11

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Mar 12

5:30 p.m. Search Committee Meeting - SCEC Library

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

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 812 7665 5611 Password: 702450

Thursday, Mar 13

"The Pulse" is emailed

1:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Parade banner making - Ludtke Hall

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

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

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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., and Fay V. We also include all those being prayed for by the Daughters of the King.

For Those Who Have Died

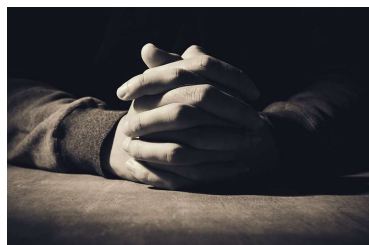
Laura Smith, Bo Smith's mother
Robert M. Stepien, brother of Bill Stepien

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

The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe deaconsteve@theloweclan.net

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

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Shellie Morgan, Parish Administrator ParishAdmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org

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