



The Angelus

January 2024

From the Rector's Desk

Our annual parish meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024!

There will be one Mass at 9 AM with the meeting following after.

The annual meeting is when we elect members to serve on our vestry, or parish council. The vestry, chaired by your rector, is the parish body that makes decisions about money, property, and the vision the parish has for its life and ministry. The vestry is the body that provides the members with the vision and means to carry out the ministry God has called them to do.

Please do attend, listen, speak, and join with the Body at Grace to represent Christ in the world, and in your vocation and ministry carry out Christ's work of reconciliation.

I thank God I get to serve with you another year!

Peace,
WLB+

Twelfth Night Open House at the Rectory

Please join Fr William and Tomomi Kanemaru for Epiphany Eve/Twelfth Night of Christmas at the Rectory, Friday, January 5, 6 pm-Whenever

Some food and drinks will be provided, but please bring something to eat, drink, and share, potluck style, to close out the Twelve Days of Christmas and usher in the showing of Christ to the nations of the world, the Epiphany. There will be a brief seasonal blessing of Tomomi and Fr William's home along with an evening of friendship and warm belonging. No need to RSVP. And bring a friend or two who don't yet know our delightful congregation or might be nervous about approaching Church otherwise. Questions? Contact Fr William: wbulson@gracesheboygan.com; 920.452.9659

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 21st. There will be one Mass at 9:00 AM followed by brunch, meeting, and fellowship. Please submit your ministry reports to the parish administrator's office by 12 noon on Thursday, Jan. 11. Reports submitted after that date will not be presented at the annual meeting. Thank you. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for the vestry or a delegate to our Diocesan Convention please contact either Fr Bulson or Sr Warden, Mary Snyder. There are three positions open to serve on the vestry as well Senior and Junior Warden openings.

October and November Vestry Highlights

- Motion unanimously passed that two-thirds of the Clabots Memorial Fund go to the Diocese of Jerusalem and one-third be designated to local refugee efforts through Love INC.
- Walsingham Pilgrimage saw a lot of pilgrims including more younger participants.
- Fr Bulson has written a draft of what the duties of a parish administrator and office volunteer staff will be. No pastoral duties will be included. He will now begin the process of looking for a new administrator.
- Our seminarian, Starrla Lares, is taking a year off and will be attending Grace and serving in other ways until she returns to Nashotah House.
- About \$840 in church merchandise has been sold so far. For every dollar spent, GWF will give a dollar to the refugee ministry.
- Vestry affirmed the Holiday Giving Tree and the hot chocolate stand following the Holiday Parade Thanksgiving weekend.
- Fr Bulson has contracted with Clayton Logue to be Interim Choirmaster.
- John Davis reported that the safety door for the office will soon be installed.
- Heating repairs are finished, leaks outside St Mark's Room and classrooms have been fixed.
- John Davis was able to negotiate a garbage collection pricing and reduce the cost by \$200 per month.
- Love INC with Episcopal Migration Ministries, has been approved to open a refugee resettlement office as part of a government immigration program. Kim Oreck of Love INC will make a presentation between services on December 10.
- Pat Sather attended a de-escalation training at the Mead Public Library. The training specifically addressed ways to positively interact with the homeless.



A Visit from St Nicholas

The Patron Saint of Grace Church, St Nicholas, visited the congregation on the Second Sunday of Advent to tell his story and bring sweets to the children. They were delighted.

Sunday Adult Forum New Offering!

We have benefitted from Cindy Weiss teaching Reading Revelation Responsibly since September. Her offering concluded on Dec 17. Please thank her for her wisdom and teaching.

Migrant Ministry and Grace Episcopal Church with Dcn Paul Aparicio, Beginning January 7

Our Dcn, Paul Aparicio, will begin Migration Ministry and Grace Episcopal Church on January 7, 9 AM in St Mark's Room downstairs. This group will continue through January 28. Please let Dcn Paul know you will be attending and learn more about this central reality of Anglo-Catholic life: service with the most vulnerable.

Adult Forum Offerings later in the year are:

1. Basics of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer for Christian Competency

All Sundays from February 4, 2024 through March 17, 2024

Led by Fr William Bulson

We'll learn how to use the practical structures for regular reading and pondering the Bible that our Book of Common Prayer provides, gain confidence in reading and pondering the Bible, and maybe be changed and equipped in the process.

2. Knowing Mary and Why She Matters

All Sundays from April 14, 2024 through May 12, 2024

Led by Fr William Bulson

Please Update Your Instant Church Directory Online info!

We use a secure online parish directory with the contact information and photos we choose. Since recently we have had volunteers handle many administrative tasks since Den Nicci left, we are now able to update things like our online directory. If you do not already have the Instant Church Directory Online app, please contact Tomomi Kanemaru at parishadministrator@gracesheboygan.com to help you set up the app. Or if you need to update your information, please go into the edit function under Menu and update your information.

Stewardship Update

The results of our 2024 stewardship campaign as of December 18, 2023 are 54 pledges for a total of \$226,103.

Christmas Joy

A big thank you to all the volunteers (Pat Miller, Ann Hanlon, Mary Clabots, Deb Gagin, Mary Snyder, Jessica Ambelang, Claudia Fischer, Pat Sather, and Barb MacEwen) who helped make Christmas Joy such a success. Deliveries on December 19th of homemade cookies and poinsettias were made to ten parishioners who are elderly and/or sick. It was most appreciated.



Anglican Quote

Here is a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. It's the "collect" or kind of summary, theme-setting prayer for the second Sunday after Christmas. Read the prayer slowly and out loud, and let the words settle onto your tongue and into your mind and heart. What startles you about this prayer? Have you ever thought Jesus came to conquer our human nature? Have you ever thought Jesus became human to restore it? Have you ever thought Jesus came so we could be morally good and his example is so helpful? Or have you ever thought that, to quote one of the people that helped lead us to form our Nicene Creed, that "God became human so that we could become divine?" What do those words really mean in our collect and in St Athanasius's teaching? What do they not mean? What do they have to do with the babe in the manger?

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars



- Jan. 5 at 6:00 PM, Open House at the Rectory
- Jan. 6 at 6:00 PM, The Epiphany Mass
- Jan. 11 at noon, deadline to submit ministry reports
- Jan. 21, 9:00 AM Mass followed by Annual Meeting



January Birthdays

Sutton Cecil	1/1	Anne Hanlon
Bob MacEwen	1/8	Barb MacEwen
Bob Hanlon	1/10	Steve Schmeiser
Brian Heck	1/13	Doris Yang
SJ Schmeiser	1/18	Darlene Bain
William Bulson	1/22	January Anniversary
Rachel Boland	1/23	Mary & Dale Massey

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Parish Staff

The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, *Bishop*
The Reverend William Bulson, *Rector*
The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*
Clayton Logue, *Interim Choirmaster*
Jorge Gonzalez, *Sexton*

The Vestry

The Reverend William Bulson, *Chair*
Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*
John Davis, *Junior Warden*
Brian Heck, *Treasurer*
Helen Mullison, *Chancellor*
Vestry: Jack Britton, Tasha Crouse, Mary Gallimore, Jane Hanson, Shannon Luckey-Mueller, Robert McMillan, Jean-Margaret Merrell-Beech, Pat Sather, Connie Schneider

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