

# Holy Cross Episcopal Church

*Wisconsin Dells*

*May 2017 Newsletter*



My sisters and brothers in Christ.

On Sunday, June 4th, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost, a day which we consider to be the birthday of the church, because on that day God's Holy Spirit filled the apostles with the power that they had been waiting and praying for. That power was given for the work of ministry. It is a power that is given to each Christian at his or her baptism and is exercised in various ways, depending of the gifts that each Christian has been given.

On that day we will renew our Baptismal Covenant in which we promise to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Prayer is vitally important to our continued ministry together and so I offer you the many resources for prayer which can be found in another article in our newsletter entitled "***Thy Kingdom Come***". I pray that you will join the Episcopal Church and the Worldwide Anglican Communion in this wave of prayer and promise that you will be blessed.

I also offer you the following prayer, which I have found to be very important in my life.

***Come, O Holy Spirit, come. Come as the wind and cleanse. Come as the fire and burn; convert and consecrate our lives to our great good and your great glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

During this special time of prayer, please use this prayer for the members of Holy Cross Church. May we continue to accept God's cleansing, empowering Spirit in our lives. Take time to thank God for the gift of the Spirit given to you, and for the many ways that the members of this church have supported you in your life in Christ. Take time also to ask yourself to what extent you have supported the baptized people of our church by **your** prayers and **your** witness. **Most of all take time to thank God for his great love for you.**

In Christ's Love,

***Al+***

Albert W. Majkrzak  
Pastor and Priest in Charge



# The Kilbourn Book Worms ~ by Holly Pennington

**May 25, 2017 Close Your Eyes by Iris and Roy Johansen** – The authors of this book are a mother and son collaboration! This is the fourth book they have written together.

Blind for the first twenty years of her life, Kendra Michaels honed her other senses to almost superhuman perfection—and unintentionally became a secret weapon for the FBI. Her uncanny ability to pick up the most subtle audio, olfactory, and tactile cues in the world around her made her a law-enforcement legend. Today, her expertise is called for once again. When Kendra is approached by a dubious source about a serial murder investigation, her instincts tell her to steer clear. This time, however, the case is personal: The next name to turn up on the killer's hit list is Kendra's own ex-lover, an FBI agent who disappeared without a trace. Now it's up to Kendra to pick up the trail—or close her eyes again...forever.

## \*\*\* MAY Donations to Community Action..... Dish Soap \*\*\*

Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by prayer  
and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.  
And the peace of God, which  
transcends all understanding, will  
guard your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus.  
- Philippians 4:6-7

Thank you for your April Donations !!



## MANY BLESSINGS AND JOYS TO

### May Birthdays

Kate Griffin	05/07
Margaret Scott	05/17
Bill McIntyre	05/27
Lydia Zapuchlak	05/29

### May Wedding Anniversaries

Jacob & Rachel Griffin	05/11
Tom & Candy Reeder	05/14
Peter & Janice Pauc	05/17
Tom & Gail Heiting	05/22
Mark & Laura Shaw	05/26

## **Panera Bread Donations**

***-submitted by Linda Scott***

Thank you Bill, Lois, Janice and Christine for helping with the Panera Bread donation recently. We split the donation up this time. Christine took bread to the two homeless shelters in Portage and the rest went to the J 1 students. For those that aren't aware, the rectory at St. John's has been turned into a men's shelter and down the street is a shelter for homeless women and children. If anyone knows of other places we can share our bread donations please let us know.

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#PLEDGE2PRAY

***Submitted by Fr. Al***

The Episcopal Church has joined the Worldwide Anglican Communion in *Thy Kingdom Come*, a campaign initiated by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby calling for prayer by individuals, congregations and families.

*Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day – May 25 - and Pentecost – June 4 - for more people to come to know Jesus. *#ThyKingdomCome* Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead the *Thy Kingdom Come* video messages on Thursday, May 25.

***You'll be hearing and reading more about "Thy Kingdom Come" in the days and weeks ahead.***

In the meantime make a commitment to join in prayer with the entire Anglican Communion by using the ***Pledge to Pray***, website.

### **Pledge2Pray**

***Sign-up for the Pledge2Pray any time after May 5***

You can sign up to pray on this website where you will find resources for individual, families and young people and churches. You will also have the option of receiving daily email prayer resources.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2Pray>

*From Lois McIntyre:*

*Bible study at Holy Cross on June 7th at 6:30 PM.*

*All are welcome! We will be discussing the readings and gospel for Sunday June 10.*

**Downtown Dells Farmer's Market starts this Sunday.**

The new Downtown Dells Farmer's Market will begin on Sunday, May 14th. It will run every Sunday from 9am to 1pm until October, so there is plenty of time to get there after church and buy farm fresh produce. It's located at 200 LaCrosse St. behind JustAgame Fieldhouse in the train station parking lot.

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### **GO GO JO WRAP-UP**

*Submitted by Rachel Griffin*

*Thank you to all that donated and volunteered for the 8th Annual Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis. 250 walkers participated in the walk and raised \$42,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Our family is humbled by your generosity and continued support to make this walk such a success. We Are Go Go Jo!*



*-The Griffins*

*Jacob, Rachel, Kate and Josie*

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**SAVE THE DATE!! June 11.... Endowment Builders Breakfast**

**10:30 after Church....all are welcome!**

**More details from Tom Reeder will be in June Newsletter!**





