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Diocese of Springfield - Calendar for 2011

OCTOBER

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| 02 | Bishop w/ St. Paul's Carlinville (9:15 a.m.) | 12 | Annual Mission Conference, St. George's, Belleville, CANCELLED |
| 02 | Bishop w/ St. Peter's, Chesterfield (8:00 a.m.) | 13 | Bishop w/ St. Thomas', Salem (10 a.m.) |
| 02 | Northeastern Deanery Meeting, Emmanuel Memorial, Champaign (3 p.m.) | 19 | Diocesan Council, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.) |
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| 16 | Bishop w/ St. John's, Decatur (7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.) | 27 | ADVENT, Bishop w/ St. Christopher's, Rantoul (9:30 a.m.) |
| 21-22 | 134th Synod, St. George's, Belleville | | |
| 23 | Bishop w/ St. Bartholomew's, Granite City (8:45 a.m.) | 04 | Bishop w/ St. Andrew's, Carbondale (10 a.m.) |
| 23 | Bishop w/ St. Thomas', Glen Carbon (10:30 a.m.) | 10 | Bishop w/ St. Andrew's, Paris (TBD) |

NOVEMBER

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| 01 | ALL SAINTS DAY | 11 | Bishop w/ Trinity, Mattoon (10 a.m.) |
| 06 | Bishop w/ St. Paul's, Pekin (9 a.m.) | 18 | Bishop w/ St. Barnabas', Havana (10 a.m.) |
| 06 | Bishop w/ All Saints', Morton (11 a.m.) | 24 | Bishop w/ Cathedral Church of St. Paul (TBD) |
| | | 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY |

From the Bishop

Beloved in Christ,

I'm starting to get pretty excited about my first annual Synod with you as Bishop of Springfield. I attended the 2010 Synod, of course, as Bishop-elect, and spoke briefly to the assembled delegates and clergy. I recall mentioning the compelling vision from the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel of the "dry bones," and asking, with the Lord as he addresses Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?"

It's an obviously appropriate question. As I've gotten to know the geography and history of the Diocese of Springfield, I'm aware that there are more places where we no longer have an active church than places where we presently have one. In my six months as Bishop, we've already dissolved one mission, and I wouldn't be honest if I didn't say (though it should be no surprise) that there are two or three more potentially in that pipeline. I recently completed six decades on this planet, but there are congregations in this diocese whose average ages decrease whenever I visit. Our average aggregate Sunday attendance has declined over 20 percent during the last ten years. You do the math.

Of course, we're not alone. The entire Episcopal Church is in more or less the same challenging situation. Three dioceses have part-time bishops. Two others are negotiating a merger. Of the four dioceses that were reorganized in the wake of the departure of their bishops and other key leaders (and a majority of communicants) from the Episcopal Church, two are clearly not on a path toward viability (one of those is our neighbor). The other two are marginal.

However, all the historic "mainline" denominations are in the same boat: the ELCA, United Methodists, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA—even the Southern Baptist Convention! The Roman Catholics have huge numbers, so it may not look like they're shrinking. But, if it were not for Latino immigration, and their ability to import priests from other countries, their decline would be more obvious. What about the "big box" free-church evangelicals? In many places, it appears that they are thriving. Yet, as their leadership ages,

there are indications that they too are a generation away from staring into the same abyss.

Many will want to attribute our decline to the squabbles over sexuality. This is undeniably a factor. We all know people who have left the Episcopal Church, including our diocese, as a result of this conflict. But it is only one factor among many, and we do ourselves no favors if we act as though it were the only one.

The larger underlying factor is the dechristianization of our society. This has been going on for a very long time, longer than any of us have been alive. But it has gathered momentum quite slowly, so it was easy not to notice. Now, however, within the last few years, that process seems to have reached a tipping point, and the speed of change has increased exponentially. All our habits of thinking, all our unspoken assumptions, all our institutional structures, are geared toward an environment in which Christianity is the dominant religion—only the "brand names" vary—in our society, and the church is one of its fundamental pillars.

My friends, that world is gone! So this presents us with an opportunity to change our habits of thinking, to speak our unspoken assumptions and examine them in the cold light of reality, to knock down our institutional structures and build new ones that are appropriate for the world we actually live in.

This will not be easy, and I, for one, have no magic bullet. I don't even think there is a magic bullet. But I believe that Christ is risen from the dead, and that all things are possible with God, and that the very gates of Hell will not prevail against the onslaughts of a church that confesses, with Peter, that Jesus is the Anointed One, the Son of the Living God. I believe that "these bones can live."

On the second weekend in September, I met in working retreat with mem-



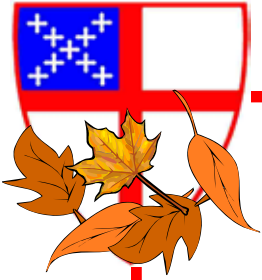
The Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins

bers of our Department of General Mission Strategy (DGMS). We were guided in our work by Mark Waight, a member of St Michael's, O'Fallon, and a professional strategic planner. This, in my estimation, was a Spirit-led event! We emerged from that retreat having crafted a Vision Statement for our diocese that recasts the DNA, not only of our mission strategy, but of our entire life together. It is a potential game-changer. I am bursting with excitement about it (!) and it will be the subject of about 98 percent of the Bishop's Address at Synod.

Of course, until this Vision Statement gets a critical mass of buy-in from the laity and clergy of the diocese, it will remain only a draft. So I will be donning my salesman's hat when I stand before the Synod on Friday afternoon, October 21. I warn you now: It will be challenging. If delegates and clergy don't leave Belleville feeling significantly uncomfortable, even apprehensive, I will probably have not done my job. But the situation we are in demands nothing less than a quantum leap in creative and "out-of-the-box" thinking. So stay tuned. And pray, my brothers and sisters. Pray.

+Daniel

**Deadline for the November
edition of the Springfield Current is
October 20th**



St. Paul's Annual Fall Festival

**Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal)
815 S. 2nd Street (2nd & Lawrence)
Springfield, IL 62704
217-544-5135**

Saturday

November 5, 2011

4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15.00

Includes:

McCormick's Pulled Pork Dinner

Live and Silent Auctions

Country Cupboard

Kids' Zone

Wine Wall

50/50 Raffle

TV Give-Away

**Musical Entertainment by the
Springfield Choral Society**

Around the Diocese

EYE Focuses on Mission Work

In June, two diocesan teens from Springfield, Abbey Yeley from Cathedral Church and Kishauna Bond from St. Luke's, traveled to the Episcopal Youth Event in St. Paul, Minn., with Bishop Martins and Diocesan Youth Coordinator Kathy Moore.

They were among more than 1,200 Episcopalians from around the world who attended the conference, which included services, workshops, and social events.

The focus for this year's event was on mission work, and Springfield's team came back with ideas and a

thirst for mission work that they hope to implement in the diocese soon.

As a part of EYE's mission theme, a percentage of the participation fee went to pay for a Habitat for Humanity house build, which was started on the campus of Bethel University during the event. Several dioceses volunteered teams to be part of the build. At the end of the event, a house blessing service was held before the house's shell was moved to a lot where it will be finished.



At left, Abbey Yeley, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and Kishauna Bond, St. Luke's, Springfield

September 6, 2011

The Faithful in Christ Jesus in the Diocese of Springfield:

In accordance with the expressed wishes of the congregation, and with the consent of the Standing Committee, I am with this letter dissolving the organization of St. James's Mission, McLeansboro, effective September 30, 2011. The custody of the records of the Mission and all property not assigned under our agreement with Lilly Historic Properties, LLC, shall be given to the Very Reverend Keith Roderick, Dean of the Hale Deanery for safekeeping and for transmittal, as appropriate, to the archives of the Diocese.

The sadness in ending this particular chapter of the work of the Church in McLeansboro is ameliorated by the expressed desire of the purchasers to restore the church property to its original state and make it available for continuing use as an Episcopal place of worship. It is my desire that services will resume on a regular or periodic basis following the restoration of the property.

To that end, I am designating the church building as a chapel under the auspices of the Dean of the Hale Deanery. The Chapel shall be known as St. James's Chapel, McLeansboro.

I thank the officers of the Mission congregation for their long, faithful, and sacrificial service, and I pray that the new arrangement will continue to serve their needs and those of the community long into the future, just as the restored church building will serve as a sign of their past service and that of the generations of faithful servants who have gone before.

Faithfully in Christ,

(The Rt Revd) Daniel H. Martins
XI Bishop of Springfield

Diocesan Council Reports

As submitted at the August 26, 2011 Council Meeting

Standing Committee

Since the last meeting of the Diocesan Council on May 14, 2011, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Springfield has not met. However, we have conducted the following business by means of email polls:

- April 27, 2011 – Consented the Remission of the Sentence of Deposition imposed upon David E. Taylor following his voluntary renunciation of the ministry of this Church;
- May 17, 2011 – Consented to the Ordination of the Rev. John R. Henry and the Rev. Jeffrey F. Kozuszek to the Sacred Order of Priests;
- June 24, 2011 – Consented to the sale of the Rectory of St. John the Divine to the Rev. Timothy Hallett, pursuant to an agreement made with Fr. Hallett at the time of his call to the Chapel in 1978.
- July 7, 2011 – Consented to the sale of a house located at 189 Summit Avenue, Glen Carbon (across the street from the Church property), to David Brammeier;
- August 8, 2011 – Consented to the sale of the Church and Parish Hall of St. James's, McLeansboro, to Lilly Historic Properties, LLC (which is to restore the Church and has agreed to make it available for Church use); and
- August 8, 2011 – Consented to the dissolution of St. James's Mission, McLeanboro.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Christopher L. Ashmore,
President, Standing Committee

ECW

Planning meeting: The planning meeting was on July 23, 2011 at the Diocesan Center in Springfield. The board members discussed plans for the outreach project, the 2012 retreat, and the 2012 annual meeting.

Retreat: The 2012 E.C.W. Retreat will be over the St. Patrick's Day weekend at Todd Hall and the topic will be Celtic Christian

ity. The committee members will continue to work out the details but we invite you to mark your calendars for March 16, 17, and 18, 2012 and join us as we learn, fellowship, and celebrate together. The dates for the 2013 retreat have been secured with Todd Hall and will be March 8, 9, and 10.

Annual Meeting: The 125th annual Meeting, of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Springfield will be April 21st, 2012 hosted by St. Thomas, Glen Carbon.

Outreach project: The 2010 – 2011 outreach project is "Trickle-up". Trickle up is an international loan program that works closely with local partner agencies in Africa, Asia and Central America to provide the very poorest people with the right resources to help them start or expand a micro-enterprise to improve their families' quality of life. As of July we have raised \$5931.72 towards our \$10,000.00 goal. Donations should be forwarded to: ECW Outreach c/o Judy Ellison, 122 Hightide Drive, Decatur, IL 62521.

When the ballots from the churches of the Diocese were totaled at our annual meeting, it was announced that "Smile Train" will be the 2011-2012 Outreach project. Smile Train's mission is to provide free cleft lip and/or cleft palate surgery for millions of poor children in developing countries and free cleft-related training for doctors and medical professionals. For more information about Smile Train, go to smiletrain.org. This new project will officially start after a presentation at the 2011 Synod.

Synod: The Diocesan Synod meeting will be held Oct. 21-22, 2011 at Fairview Heights, hosted by St. George's Belleville. We will have a display of for our Outreach Project (Smile Train) and Mollie will do a power-point presentation. The retreat, UTO & CPC will also have display area.

Communication: We are always looking for ways to communicate with everyone in the diocese. We recently embraced so-

cial networking with a page on Facebook, just search for ecwboardspringfield or click on the link on our website - and while you are there "like us."

Our website will be completely overhauled and has a new address: ecw.board.springfield.wordpress.com. Please update your favorites list in your browser.

The old website (<http://mysite.verizon.net/ecw.board.springfield>) will not be updated regularly but will direct you to the new website, our facebook page, and some other useful links.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris DeWitt, President, ECW

Department of Youth Work

Two teens and one youth attended the Episcopal Youth Event in St. Paul, Minnesota on the campus of Bethel University in June. During their stay there they participated in large group worship services, attended workshops on a variety of topics, networked with adults and youth from all over the country, and listened to inspiring speakers. Bishop Martins was able to be present for a time during the week we were there.

The theme of the EYE this year was mission, and many of the workshops offered dealt with that topic. The teens and youth who attended brought back many ideas for engaging in mission work through the youth department.

During the EYE, a Habitat for Humanity house build was begun on the campus of Bethel University. While the house was not finished, the shell was finished and the plans were that this shell would be moved to its final site and finished there after EYE was over. A house blessing was held on the last day of EYE prior to the closing Eucharist.

Unfortunately, the New Beginnings that was scheduled to be held at St. Michael's in O'Fallon did not have enough candidates registered and had to be cancelled.

The next meeting of Youth Department members will be held at the Diocesan Center on Saturday, September 17th

at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Moore, Chair

Department of Stewardship

The initial proposal for stewardship efforts throughout the Springfield Diocese was presented to the Diocesan Council at the May 14, 2011 meeting. This proposal is attached for your convenience as we engage in further discussion of this approach. Bishop Martins had suggested that this be revisited at the next (August 26, 2011) council meeting. What is the council's wish as to future direction?

*Stewardship Report May 2011
(Reprint)*

Informal discussions with members of the Stewardship Committee have indicated that all diocesan units (parishes, missions, etc.) have unique strengths that can benefit other units when shared throughout the diocese. Vestry members from various congregations have expressed a desire to have other parishes within the diocese share their stewardship ideas together with any comments as to the effectiveness of these approaches.

Implementing this gathering of stewardship ideas could be accomplished from parish level to the deanery level and thence to the diocesan level, using the deanery reports as the vehicle for consolidating and disseminating these various activities. Ultimately these reports would appear in *The Current* for individual parishes to review and select any approach(es) that they would deem effective for their own situations.

This proposal is presented, not as a final document, but rather as a point for discussion at the deanery and parish level. Participation by as many parties as practicable in the developmental stage and sharing in the decision-making process will enrich the final approach to this process.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Stephen R. Pearson, Chair

Department of General Mission Strategy

The Department of General Mission

Strategy will host a retreat that will provide a substantive opportunity to provide helpful consultation to the bishop for the development of a mission strategy.

The Retreat will be facilitated by Mark Waight who is a strategic planning consultant for Wells Fargo in St. Louis and a member of St. Michael's in O'Fallon. The retreat is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10, 2011 at the Chiara Center, 4875 La Verna Road, Springfield, IL. The registration deadline is August 29.

The Mission Conference scheduled for November 12 at St. George's in Belleville will be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Roderick, Chairman, Department of General Mission Strategy

Darrow Deanery

St. George's, Belleville - Since May, we at St. George's have been pleased to welcome our new Bishop! Without much time to prepare for his visitation, we presented one adult to be received into this Communion. (Confirmation classes are being scheduled for the fall for the bishop's next visit.) What a joy to have Bishop Daniel and Brenda here!

Sunday School classes ended on May 22, and we are grateful for so many youngsters, teachers and their parents, and our director-Dana Meyer- for providing a solid year of Christian formation. Now as we look forward to the next school year, Morgan Dickey, another of Dana's family, has taken the reins of Sunday School. At a large gathering of nearly fifty youth, teachers, parents and interested parishioners, a lively discussion occurred about the importance of our Sunday School and many aspects of this. Brian Maves and Julie Herr will be in charge of our Junior and Senior High youths, and we will have new parishioners involved as well.

The Adult Class led by the rector will study the always fun Book of Daniel when classes start in September. (It was written circa 165BC. This will guide the interpretation of the more interesting bits!)

Several longtime parishioners died, including the benefactor of Todd Hall. Word has reached St. George's of a sizable bequest to maintain Todd Hall which will be in the \$600,000+ range. This is a

great relief to the Board, St. George's and those who care for this prayerful place.

A committee has been formed by the senior warden Dan Duncan to prepare for October's Synod hosted by St. George's. We look forward to the first Synod to come to Belleville in nearly 20 years.

A great deal of work has gone into assisting St. Mark ELCA, our companion church which shares our church and facilities with us for nearly thirty years, with the calling of its first pastor since Pastor Ron Neustadt-its founding pastor. Pastor Brian Robison is an energetic, and thoughtful 38 year old with lots of new ideas! He was ordained in late July and installed as new pastor on the Feast of the Transfiguration. We are eagerly awaiting his new ministry and years pastoring here.

Finally, a newly organized Eucharistic Visitors ministry has occurred with the ministry of Dave Lavelly. Eight parishioners are involved in taking the sacrament regularly to ten parishioners. I am very happy with this crucial ministry.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Dale Coleman+

St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Granite City and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Glen Carbon - Activities this summer have been minimal with folks on vacation and dealing with the hot dry weather. Average attendance at St. Bartholomew has been 10 on Sunday mornings and about 25 at St. Thomas. We have had a number of folks in the hospital and nursing home over the summer, and thankfully only one funeral. We also baptized a young man, and he and his fiancée who will be married this fall and both individuals will be confirmed when the Bishop visits the churches at the end of October. The Bishop's Committees at both Churches have met with the Bishop to start the process of calling a new priest for the two point charge as Fr. Pence will be retiring (again) come the 1st Sunday in Advent. The Day Care Center at St. Thomas has enough students so that its income covers all of its expenses, and for that we thank the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Canon George E. Pence, Ph.D.,
Supply Priest

Diocesan Council Reports

As submitted at the August 26, 2011 Council Meeting

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Edwardsville - JUNE through AUGUST, 2011 - Summer Schedule, of one Eucharist at 9:00am, with a children's Summer Church School program, began on the first Sunday in June. Tom Atwood and Kathryn Hopkins, after many years of service, retired from their positions as Directors of our Youth Program, "Journey". The "Door Campaign" was begun. For many years now, St. Andrew's has been in need of new front doors to the church. This campaign, together with re-plastering needs in St. Mary's Chapel and the Narthex, hopes to be completed and new doors in place by the Bishop's visitation in November. The Outreach Committee sponsored:

- "Arms of Love" Mock Baby shower.
- Participation in Meals on Wheels continues
- School Supply Collection & Personal Care item Collection
- Shoe collection project

The Annual parish Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, August 27th. The Rector announced the formation of the 2011 Inquirer's Class, set to begin this fall. Fr. Tom Davis was the Sunday supply priest while the Rector was on vacation.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Virginia L. Bennett, D. Min.
Rector

Eastern Deanery

Deanery - The Deanery held a social event on Sunday, May 22nd, which was called a "Spring Fling." Our gracious hosts were Danny and Elizabeth Shuler, members of St. Thomas, Salem. The event drew participants from most of our Deanery churches, and attendees enjoyed socializing, fishing in the pond, and eating a picnic lunch together.

The clergy of the Eastern Deanery are in the practice of meeting in Clericus once each quarter. However, owing to the ordination of Fr. Jeff Kozuszek to the priesthood on June 10th, we did not meet this quarter. We are scheduled to meet

in Clericus on Monday, September 12th, however. We rejoice in Fr. Jeff's ordination.

Plans are proceeding for the Deanery's meeting on Sunday, September 25th. Tentatively, we are planning to have a picnic in conjunction with the meeting. The planned location is Trinity, Mt. Vernon. The Eastern Deanery is scheduled to elect a Dean at the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Gene R. Tucker, Dean

St. John's, Albion - At St. John's, a lot has been going on lately. A major change to the property was a removal of a dead tree that was a danger to the church structure. Plans to perhaps plant a new tree in memory of Harriett Waite Norman have been set in motion. Another change set in motion is the purchasing of new glass for the replacement of a few of the south windows that were damaged due to severe weather. St. John's has also received several memorials from past members who recently passed away, and whose funerals were held at the church. These include Paul Tippy and Harriett Waite Norman. May they rest in peace.

Several other donations have been made by members of the congregation in the past few months. Judith Puckett donated her time and some paint to repaint the entrance to the church. The Tennysons donated a new flag for use out front of the church. Sandy Coplea purchased material with which to make a new red altar frontal and lectern hanging. Also made from the same materials is a veil for the chalice. Thanks to the efforts of the Tennysons and David Works, the grounds of the church are flourishing with an abundance of flowers.

St. John's continues its donations of non-perishable food items to the Hope Center in Albion for families in need. Also, donations were made to Rest Haven, the nursing home in Albion, on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

Confirmation classes started for those who wished to be confirmed, and on July 17th, Bishop Martins visited St.

John's and held a service of Confirmation and celebrated Mass for the new confirmands and for the church. Confirmed that Sunday were Gib Tennyson, Linda Tennyson, Robert Tennyson and David Works.

Thanks to the efforts of Robert Tennyson, St. John's now has a Sunday School class. The church is making its way through studying women of the Bible. St. John's also has a prayer group that meets at the church on the first and third Saturdays of the month. This prayer group will learn more about praying the Rosary in the Anglican tradition.

Upcoming events include the annual Heritage Days on October 1, 2011. St. John's will again be a part the city-wide tour as the oldest church in Edwards County.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Richard Tribe

St. John's, Centralia - St. John's is blessed to be a congregation which is made up of very dedicated, active members. Throughout the summer months, parishioners have assisted in preparing and serving hot meals to needy persons in the community through the Friendship Meal program. This program is supported by a number of area churches, and St. John's assigned day is the third Thursday of every month. In August, 94 persons were served.

St. John's also supports the outreach ministries of the Salvation Army in the Centralia community, financially and with contributions of non-perishable foodstuffs. Attendance at Sunday services this summer has been quite steady, while attendance at Thursday evening Mass during the same period has increased over last year.

We continue to enjoy the musical ministry of Ms. Barbara Crain, who became our organist last March. We are introduced to new hymns on a regular basis, and her preludes and postludes are a delight to hear.

Care for the gardens and the lawn of the church has been ongoing this summer. Flower beds received a goodly amount of care, while a schedule for mowing the

grass has been a ministry that about six of our men have supported.

Bishop Martins made his visitation to St. John's on Sunday, June 5th. A large congregation was present on that occasion, and a splendid brunch followed the service.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Gene R. Tucker, Priest-in-Charge

St. Laurence, Effingham - St. Laurence has had a lazy summer doing all of the summer-related tasks around the church—cleaning, lawn care and building maintenance. And, of course, in our daily lives keeping cool in the triple digit temperatures that we have experienced has been a task in itself.

Needy people come by our church on Sundays for assistance. We haven't had any fresh garden produce this year to take to Catholic Charities for distribution to the needy.

We are having interior repair work done to the facade-like walls of the basement in the dining area.

We were surprised to receive a monetary gift from St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Mt. Carmel. Our understanding is that St. John's was gifted two legacies which St. John's decided to share among the churches in our deanery. We are grateful to have been included in this gift sharing. We have not yet decided how to best use the money in our Christian outreach into the Effingham community and the surrounding area but when we do decide, the money will be used in a wise and conservative manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Carolyn Pogue, Bishop's Warden

St. John the Baptist, Mt. Carmel - The summer has been brimming with many activities at St. John the Baptist church. Probably the two biggest events in the church's life was one, the news that the parish had been gifted with an additional \$150,000 from the estate of Jane Blood. In obedience to our call to be thankful in all things, the parish, in turn, gifted each of the five mission churches in the Eastern deanery with \$10,000 each. The other exciting news for us was to welcome personally our new bishop and wife, Brenda, to the parish on July 17. The day was an

enjoyable event for all those who were able to attend. We now look forward to September as we will resume our adult study group. St. John's continues to support our local social service outreach agency with monthly collections of specific items requested by the agency. We have also supported the local outreach to help the less fortunate in the community with school supplies. Summer has seen many new faces at our services. May God be always praised for His good works! We remain ever faithful and hopeful.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Don Kensell, Parish Warden

Trinity, Mt. Vernon - Care of properties has occupied much of the parish's attention this summer. In early June, a contractor filled the water cistern whose roof collapsed on April 26th. The final total needed to fill the cistern was 30 tons of stone. Once the stone had had a chance to settle, the contractor came back to top it off with topsoil. A project which has been considered for sometime was also accomplished during June: the sidewalk leading to the Parish Hall was removed and replaced, along with a widening of the sidewalk leading from the Parish Hall to the Church. The old sidewalk leading to the Parish Hall had become a tripping hazard, so we are thankful to be able to upgrade this part of our property. Since widening the sidewalk required coordination with the City of Mt. Vernon, the parish is especially grateful to our Parish Warden, Mr. John Lewis, for his work done in supervising the entire project, and for working with the city to ensure that procedures were properly followed.

Our outreach ministries continue: We financially support Mt. Vernon's only homeless shelter, the Hope in Christ Ministries, and we have also supported the Park Avenue Food Pantry, and Angels on Assignment, a volunteer agency which assists those in need with meeting expenses like rent, utilities, and so forth. We also collect non-perishable foodstuffs for Hope in Christ. A new homeless shelter, which is known as the Lifeboat Shelter, is in the planning stages, and Trinity has become involved in discussing what our support role might be for this new and much-needed venture within our community.

Attendance at Sunday services has increased, this summer over last, and

midweek attendance at our Wednesday morning Eucharist and at Friday's Evening Prayer service has been high this summer.

We are preparing for Bishop Martins' visitation to Trinity on Sunday, September 4th. A Parish Dinner will follow the confirmation service, at which time we expect to present three persons to be confirmed.

God is good, God is good all the time! Certainly that is true in our experience at Trinity, for we are blessed to have very dedicated and active members who strive to discern what God's will is for our parish, and to put that knowledge to work in this place.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Gene R. Tucker, Rector

St. Mary's, Robinson - Caring and sharing God's blessings seem to be an ongoing theme at St. Mary's. Parishioners are most generous with their time, treasure and talents. Donations have been made to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund; Summer Success (a program of enrichment for students in the lower grades); the Christian Crisis Pregnancy Center; to help support a missionary to Bulgaria (who is working with Sports Crusades with young children there); and to Trickle Up.

Parishioners provide their time and talents and help with a food distribution program sponsored by the Methodist Church in Robinson; provide a nursing home service several times a year in Oblong; participate in local social justice issues and also in historical events in the county. Our organist has been recovering from an attack of appendicitis and a parishioner has filled in and provided us with music while she recovers. We support the Hutsonville Cabins and provide Evening Prayer services during the summer. Several of our parishioners are active in activities at Ft. Lamont with reenactments and educational programs.

Wednesday evening services continue to be well attended as do Sunday mornings. We are small in number, but faithful in attendance. We had our first Memorial Service for friends and relations who had died in the past twelve months and hopefully we can continue this remembrance annually.

We welcomed back into the fold a family which had been gone for a year, but

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Eastern Deanery, continued

now have returned to live in Robinson. We are growing and God is blessing us in many ways. We are thankful to St. John the Baptist in Mt. Carmel for a \$10,000 grant which will provide us with funds to fall back on in time of need. We were blessed by Bishop Daniel's homecoming and continue to be blessed as Fr. Gene Tucker comes monthly to bring us a full Eucharistic Service. God is most kind and generous towards us.

Our congregation is small, but loving and trusting and we are providing an important witness in Crawford County. Through the grace of God we shall continue to grow and minister in His name.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Ann H. Tofani,
Assisting Deacon

St. Thomas, Salem - There has been no time to slow down at St. Thomas this summer! Bishop Daniel Martins' first visit to St. Thomas was the June 2, Ascension Day service for which he served as celebrant and preacher. Elizabeth Shuler sang Ralph Vaughn-Williams' *The Call*, accompanied by organist Martha Stiehl. Following the service, the ECW provided a fantastic BBQ dinner, where many of us had an opportunity to meet our new bishop.

Only a week later, on Friday, June 10, Bishop Martins returned to Salem for the ordination of Deacon Jeff Kozuszek to the priesthood. The service, truly a moving, joyous celebration, was held at St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Our esteemed organist Martha Stiehl provided music for the service and also coordinated selections by Adam Shafer, tenor; Salem Community High School Choral Studies Director and Grace United Methodist Church Choir, directed by Jeannie Malone and accompanied by Dottie Register. Additionally, the Five Bells Brass, comprised of Diane Sechrest, horn; Don Beaty, trumpet; Debbie Woodruff, trumpet; William L. Reynolds, trombone; and Steve Gramlick, tuba, provided music. St. Thomas Episcopal Church Women provided refreshments for the reception, which was held in the parish hall.

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Father Jeff Kozuszek celebrated his first mass at St. Thomas on June 12, and everyone was happy to welcome back Father Tom Davis as co-celebrant.

Parish members and friends celebrated Virginia Griggs' 75th birthday at the Shuler Ranch in Timbuktu on July 4. Virginia and husband Robert have been members of St. Thomas for 50 years. Nick and Brendan Kozuszek attended Episcopal Church Camp in July. Nick summed up the experience, "I want to go next year!" Sounds like a good recommendation!

St. Thomas has already begun a full season of activities and fundraisers, including an August rummage sale and food booth at Salem's Antique Power Days in September. The church has taken on an outreach project of providing hygiene and clothing supplies for the Salem Community High School Closet, which distributes these items to underprivileged students. The need in Salem and southern Illinois is great, and St. Thomas is truly blessed to assist our youth in this way.

On a final note, St. Thomas seems to be excited to have Father Jeff in our midst, and there's a rumor going around here that Father Jeff is pretty excited to be placed here as well!

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Jeffrey F. Kozuszek, Vicar

Hale Deanery

St. Andrew's, Carbondale - St. Andrew's completed its Christian Authors Forum on Sir Isaac Newton in May. The vestry continued discussion with NeuroRestorative Care for the purchase of the church and property. The potential buyer has opted out for purchase at this time. However, the vestry continues to look for other buyers with the intent of relocating the church in the future. In July, Fr. Roderick traveled to Beirut, Lebanon as part of a fact finding delegation to discuss the future of Christians in the Middle East and in particular, Lebanon. Fr. Richard Swan, Dean of the Hale Deanery accepted an interim position in Decatur. Fr. Keith Roderick has been assigned to be the Dean of the Hale Deanery. The parish

conducted a collection for school supplies in conjunction with a Boy Scout project.

St. James', McLeansboro - The seventh and eighth of May were joyous with a visitation of Bishop Daniel Martins, with a BBQ dinner on Saturday and a Mass and reception on Sunday. In June the Bishop's Committee met with Bishop Martins to discuss the plans to close St. James as a mission. The purchase of the property is in negotiation. However, it has been decided that the congregation will continue to worship on a regular basis with the permission of the buyer and that St. James will be designated as a chapel.

St. James', Marion - In May, the members gathered bleach and other cleaning supplies to support a Ministerial Alliance drive to make up buckets for flood survivors to clean their homes. On May 22nd the ECW hosted a Parish potluck to raise money for a widowed mother in need in Herrin. On the 4th of June the members of St. James' (supported by members of St. Stephen's) held their second annual Chicken BBQ raising a little over \$300.00 and donated 37 meals to the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter. On the 18th the ladies of St. James' toured the Southern Illinois Wine trail and on the 24th they held a "meet and greet" evening for the Hale Deanery women. On Sunday, July 24th, Mother Sherry Black began her assignment to serve St. James on a regular basis. Fr. Tim Goodman is celebrating mass on Tuesday's at noon. The Bishop made his annual parochial visit to St. James on Sunday, August 14.

St. Mark's, West Frankfort - Ms. Andrea Hays and Mr. Aaron Bolen were united in Holy Matrimony on May 21st, Fr. Jon Griffin officiated. In June, a long standing problem with flowing water in the basement of St. Mark's building was solved. St. Mark's now has a new organist, Ms. Claudia Krump. Fr. Jon Griffin is celebrating mass weekly at St. Mark's.

St. Stephen's, Harrisburg - In May, as seen in the Current, St. Stephen's members presented checks for \$600 each to the Anna Bixby Shelter for Women, the

Bridge Medical Clinic, and The Guardian Center for Children. On the 26th of June the members celebrated the baptism of our newest member, Cole Zachary Smith. Fr. Tim Goodman is celebrating mass each Sunday at St. Stephen's.

Redeemer, Cairo – Redeemer is now hosting services for both the Episcopal and the Lutheran congregations during the summer months. The Bishop made his annual parochial visit to the church on Saturday, August 13. A reception in the Parish Hall followed.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Roderick
Dean of the Hale Deanery

North Eastern Deanery

St. Christopher, Rantoul - St. Christopher had three campers go to church camp in Bloomington this summer. In August we celebrated the 95th birthday on one of our members with a party. The church's Thrift and Gift Shop is still going strong on the first Saturday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Ann Alley

Chapel of St. John the Divine, Champaign - At Pentecost, the parishioners at St. John the Divine, Champaign, bade farewell and Godspeed to Father Timothy Hallett and his wife, Mary, after 35 years of ministry. The celebration included Solemn Evensong followed by a festive dinner and tribute. Many Chapel friends and alumni joined the parish family; the presence of Bishop Daniel and Brenda made it very special. Pentecost was never as spirit-filled as 2011. The Vestry has spent the summer hard at work on maintaining all the functions of the parish, as well as undertaking a search for an interim. The interest of Bishop Daniel and Archdeacon Denny has been very encouraging. The campus ministry team represented the Chapel on Quad Day and we look forward to meeting new students and faculty. We give thanks for those who have served as supply priests: Mother Mollie Ward, Father John Richmond, Father Larry Phillips, Rev. John Setterlund, and Father Jim Cravens.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Wene, Rector's Warden

Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville - Bishop Martin Visitation The Church of the Holy Trinity was indeed wonderful. Easter joy was still very much evident on Sunday May 22nd. This was a glorious day for parishioners and friends of The Church of The Holy Trinity, when Bishop Martins' first official visit took place. He celebrated Mass to a full church and inspired us with a great Sermon! We are pleased to announce the Baptism and Confirmation of Christopher Moore by Father Scanlon and Bishop Martins, the Confirmation of Melvin Cornell, and the Reception into the Episcopal Church of Christina Cornell, Victor Ochoa, Darrel Jacobs, and Sheila Huxted. Christopher's son also received his Baptismal candle, joining his father in the ceremony. It is felt by many that the Holy Spirit was present at this special liturgy. A big thank you to the Bishop and his wife Brenda for giving us such a joyful event!

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Geoffrey E. L. Scanlon, Dean

Northwestern Deanery

St. John's, Decatur - The months of May and June were a time of transition for the faithful of St. John's, Decatur. On May 5, Bp. Martins met with St. John's congregation to discuss the future of St. John's following Fr. Reischman's resignation. Bp. Martins gave us his vision for our church and replied to questions from those assembled. About 50 people attended this meeting.

On Sunday, May 22nd, St. John's had a special reception during Coffee Hour for the Graduates of Jr. High, High School and College.

On the fifth of June Allison Plinske was baptized by The Ven. Shawn Denney. On June 12th, the Parish held a picnic. We had a good turnout of families with activities for all ages.

The Parish Picnic was held at Spitler Woods State Park. More than 50 people came together for this celebration. On the 28th of June members came together for a "work day" to clean up the gardens and grounds of St. John's. Fun, weeds, sweat and poison ivy were shared...

Fr. Richard A. Swan began as Priest in Charge on July 1st. After a week at Church camp he began to settle in with a

warm welcome. On the third of July Tess Hazelrigg was baptized. Just two weeks later, Katherine Elliott was baptized. On the 11th of July St. John's hosted a Red Cross blood drive for Decatur that exceeded its stated goal of 30 units.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Richard A. Swan, Priest in Charge

Trinity Church, Jacksonville - This past Trinity Sunday - June 19 - Trinity Church celebrated its Feast of Title and had its first official Episcopal Visitation from the Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins, accompanied by his wife Brenda. Bishop Martins preached at the 7:45 am service; led a discussion group during the Adult Academy time; celebrated, preached and received one from the Roman Catholic Church at the 10:00 am service, and joined us for a Parish Pot-Luck luncheon. The Parish thoroughly enjoyed our time with Bishop Martins and Brenda.

On Sunday, August 14 Trinity Church celebrated the 179th anniversary of our founding with our annual Founders' Day celebration (the actual founding date was August 11, 1832). With hymns and sermon geared to the day, we reaffirmed the necessity of each generation to enter into and perpetuate the vision of the Founders. We followed with a Pot-Luck luncheon (we do a lot of those at Trinity). It was a good opportunity for clergy and laity to recall its past in order to live faithfully in the present.

On Thursday evening, August 25, Trinity Church hosted a dinner for the MacMurray College football team in the Parish Hall. With literally gallon buckets of pasta, about two acres worth of salad, enough lemonade to cure the Texas drought, and an array of desserts to die for, we watched in awe as the team devoured the food. This is a part of MacMurray's effort to get their kids out into the community, so that good relationships can be fostered between school and town. And as an added bonus, the Cub Scout Pack that meets in our Church helped with the serving and clean-up.

Respectfully submitted,
Very Rev. Christopher L. Ashmore, Rector,
Trinity Church

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Northern Deanery

St. Matthew's, Bloomington - The program year ended well for St. Matthew's. In May, we enjoyed a parish outing to the Corn Crib, home of the Normal Corn-belters Baseball Team. We were treated to the use of a luxury box and the proceeds from the ticket sales went to support our youth on their mission trip. A good time was had by all.

Our annual Vacation Bible School, "PandaMania", was held in June. One of the successes of the program was seeing our new "20s-30s Group" take leadership of the program.

Fr. Halt attended a two-week session at Nashotah House for continuing education and work on a D.Min. The two courses were "English Spirituality from the 12th-16th Centuries" and "Worship, Wisdom and the World: Liturgy and Catechesis."

The highlight of the summer was our first ever youth mission trip. On July 17, 9 youth and 6 adults left St. Matthew's for the Big Easy. We were hosted the first night by St. James' Church in Jackson, Mississippi, and spent the remainder of the week with the Free Church of the Annunciation (Episcopal) in the Broadmoor area of New Orleans. Over the week, we worked on three different homes, scraping, priming, and painting. We toured the 1814 Chalmette Battlefield, the French Quarter, and various sites associated with hurricane Katrina, including the Lower 9th Ward (sight of the most significant flooding). Even after seven years, there is still much work to do to bring the city back. We tasted the best of the local cuisine, and enjoyed a special treat each evening.

It was a great trip, and all came home healthy and happy. The adults who took the trip observed that our youth were courteous, good listeners, great workers, and never complained. The parish is proud of its youth, and the adults would take this group anywhere.

St. Barnabas, Havana - Fr. Boeve is deployed in the AOR of Central Command, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. His expected return is mid-October.

Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Boeve, USAF, is serving as Chief of all the Fallen Warriors ceremonies which honors all our troops Killed in Action. Please pray for all our service members of our Armed Forces and their families.

St. Barnabas is currently be served by Fr. James Fedosuk on Saturday nights and Fr. Eugene Stormer on Sundays. Things are going very well here but could always use a few more warm bodies to fill the pews. There is not a lot of social activity going on right now with Fr. Boeve away, however the day care that we support and is located in our church is growing like wildfire. We are concerned how we can handle any more children and have been giving consideration to an addition or finding another property close that we could expand into. We are also in a "fix and repair" phase as we have just replaced all of our furnaces and air conditions and are trying to get someone to work on our roof.

Trinity Church, Lincoln - Trinity has been without a rector since August, 2010, when Fr. Jim Cravens retired from parish ministry. A search committee was formed in late 2010 and thus began the work of compiling a parish profile to share with future candidates who express interest in interviewing for the rector position. Once Bishop Martins was ordained as Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, Trinity was able to actively begin the process of reviewing candidates.

Trinity has been in the rector search mode for months now. This summer the activities have included reviewing candidate information and scheduling interviews with prospective rectors. As of this writing, the Rector Search Committee continues in the interview process. In God's time, we look forward to welcoming a new rector.

Trinity has been blessed with working with wonderful supply priests and deacons. Fr. John Richmond and Deacon Bruce DeGooyer have taken the lead in covering the services on Sundays. Fr. Gene Stormer, and Deacon Al Feltner have been instrumental in filling in as needed. We are grateful for their dedication, commitment and service to Trinity.

This year, a new website for Trinity

was put into service. The website includes general information about service schedules and contact information. A parish profile can be found on the website along with a video that was produced celebrating the history of the parish.

In January, after 18 years as organist, Rachel Hall stepped down from the position. Trinity was blessed to have had Rachel all of those years and we wish her the best that life offers. At this time, Trinity is without a full time organist and is in search mode to fill the position. Thanks to the dedication of parishioners and "supply" organists, we have been able to fill-in the organist position. With this said, our goal is to find an organist/pianist to fill the full time position.

While Trinity is in a transition at this time, we continue to function.

The search committee diligently works together in discerning candidates, Lay leaders continue in their ministries and the congregation continues to be involved in parish life. The Vestry has been working together overseeing the operations of the church. As a parish, we look forward to the day we call a new rector to Trinity, Lincoln. As Senior Warden, I, too, look forward to welcoming a new rector!

Best regards,
Stacie Wachtel, Senior Warden

All Saints', Morton & St. Paul's, Pekin

- The health of our joint relationship is a blessing from the Lord and puts both congregation on sounder financial footing. Having biannual joint meetings of St. Paul's Vestry and All Saints' Bishop's Committee is a factor contributing to the healthy relationship. Another factor is that All Saints' members have a sense of ownership of their own primary clergy person in Deacon Laurie Kellington and a sense of being well cared for.

The Vestry and BAC met jointly in June. One idea coming from the meeting is to have joint services on one location once each in spring and fall beginning in 2012. In June All Saints' members joined the people of St. Paul's in the annual Washington Street Sale. We raised \$493 for Relay for Life. During the Kellingtons'

vacation the people of both congregations were blessed to have Bishop Donald Parsons for supply and some hospital pastoral care. All Saints' held their annual Church in the Park at Fondulac Park in East Peoria August 21. St. Paul's is holding a picnic instead of a cookout this year on August 26. Adult Education will resume after Coffee Hour at St. Paul's on September 11. The All Saints'/St. Paul's Speakers' series will resume in the Fall.

Christ the King, Normal - At Christ the King parish we continue to affirm our Vision which is to "become a community of joyful disciples who make joyful disciples of all people."

In this report, I share how we continue to become a community of joyful disciples through Worship, Education [Christian], Evangelism and Service [Outreach].

Discipleship through Worship. Besides, offering our regular Sunday morning Holy Eucharist Service at 10.15 am, we have offered two healing Services which were very well received and has the potential and the prospect of becoming a regular aspect of our Sunday morning worship on every second Sunday of the month.

Discipleship through Education. We sponsored five of our children and Youth to attend our diocesan summer camp at Lake Bloomington. This has greatly encouraged our children and Youth to become strong followers of Jesus Christ.

Discipleship through Evangelism. We hosted an open house for our neighborhood offering free, grilled food, games and fun. The evening saw 17 people who were not members of our parish attend and participate in the event and as a result one family of four have been coming for our Sunday morning worship Services. We hope to offer this kind of neighborhood outreach in an attempt to grow our parish and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Discipleship through Service. We hosted three dinners for both Safe Harbor and Jesus House on their premises during the months of June through August when we fed on an average about 80 – 85 people for the evening.

Please pray with us that we will continue to be a community of "joyful disciples who make joyful disciples of all people."

Joyfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Desmond C. Francis,
Rector, CTK

Around the Diocese

Work Week 2011



Kris Houser from St. Luke's removes old siding

Diocesan's WorkWeek participants gathered the week of June 12 to do mission work for the diocese and The Lord.

In the initial planning stages the WorkWeek design team considered working at various sites in the East St. Louis metro area, and also for Neighbors for Renewal, and Toddhall. The team settled on Neighbors for Renewal, a not-for-profit corporation that works within East St. Louis. NFR finds condemned houses, inspects for asbestos and mold, buys the house for rehab, completes the rehab during the next year, and sells the home to low-income families at well below market price. NFR uses the money from each sale to purchase its next home.

The group comprised teens and adults from throughout the diocese. Participants included Elaine Etheridge, O'Fallon; Sierra Gore, Belleville; Abby Yelley, Sherman; Kaleb Ousley, Kris Houser, and Lakeia Crawford, Springfield; Austin Sonsoucie, Erika King and Joe Hooten, Swansea; and Linda Jacob, Tilden.

The team removed a basement full of concrete blocks, drywall from the ceiling and walls, and cabinets. They broke up a concrete patio and walkway, and cleaned floors to ready the site for rehab.

The entourage had great support from member parishes in the Diocese of Springfield. They lived and played at the Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center in Columbia, owned and operated by St. George's, Belleville, and St. Michael's, O'Fallon hosted a picnic there Monday night. "This picnic at the home base is always a blessing, since we never know what that first day might bring," says Kathy Moore, chairperson, Dept. of Youth. "And, not having to travel to a church makes the first day easier. St. George's also hosted a great meal for us. The team was also blessed with a pool party, hosted by Bob and Sue Vaughn, and we were spoiled with meals at Toddhall on Thursday.

"The team, as usual, produced outstanding work and was a super example of Christian youth at work," Moore adds. "The NFR supervisors and workers praised our workers not only for being great, dependable workers, but for just being great Christian youth."

**Deadline for the November
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October 20th**

Prayer Calendar

Saturday, October 1

Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, 530

ANGLICAN CYCLE: St Albans - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Alan Gregory Clayton Smith St Albans - Bedford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Richard Neil Inwood St Albans - Hertford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Paul Bayes
DIOCESAN CYCLE: O God, this morning I come into the quietness and stillness of your presence to begin the day.

Sunday, October 2 16 Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

ANGLICAN CYCLE: St Asaph - (Wales) The Rt Revd Gregory Cameron
DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Christopher Episcopal Church, Rantoul, The Rev. Steven Thorp, Vicar; St. Barnabas Church, Barbados, The Rev Mark Harewood, Rector; St. Michael's Parish; Birthday of The Rev. Dr. Gregory A. Tournoux, Springfield.

Monday, October 3

ANGLICAN CYCLE: St David's - (Wales) The Rt Revd John Wyn Evans
DIOCESAN CYCLE: All Saints, Morton, Admitted to the Diocese, 1964; St. Christopher's, Rantoul, Admitted to the Diocese, 1964; Birthday of The Rev. Ann Tofani, Mt. Carmel.

Tuesday, October 4

Francis of Assisi, Friar
ANGLICAN CYCLE: St Edmundsbury & Ipswich - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd William Nigel Stock; St Edmundsbury & Ipswich - Dunwich - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Clive Young
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Keith R. Roderick, Herrin, Ordination to the Priesthood;

Wednesday, October 5

ANGLICAN CYCLE: St Helena - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Richard David Fenwick
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a

wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals.

Thursday, October 6

William Tyndale, Priest
ANGLICAN CYCLE: St Mark the Evangelist - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Martin Andre Breytenbach
DIOCESAN CYCLE: The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for.

Friday, October 7

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Sunyani - (West Africa) The Rt Revd Festus Yeboah-Asuamah
DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Laurence, Effingham, Admitted to the Diocese, 1967.

Saturday, October 8

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Swansea & Brecon - (Wales) The Rt Revd John Davies
DIOCESAN CYCLE: O God, forgive us for the faults which make us difficult to live with.

Sunday, October 9 17 Pentecost

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Swaziland - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Meshack Boy Mabuza
DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. James Episcopal Church, Marion, The Rev. Sheryl L. Black, Priest in Charge; St. Cyprian's Church, Barbados, The Rev Canon George Knight, Priest-in-Charge, St. Michael's Parish; Anniversary of the Consecration of The Chapel of St. John the Divine, Champaign; Wedding anniversary of The Rev. Bruce U. and Sylvia DeGooyer, Bloomington.

Monday, October 10

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Sydney - (New South Wales, Australia) The Most Revd Dr Peter Frederick Jensen; Sydney - Liverpool - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Peter John Tasker; Sydney - North - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Dr Glenn Naunton Davies; Sydney - South

- (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Robert Charles Forsyth Sydney - West - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Ivan Yin Lee Sydney - Wollongong - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Al Stewart
DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Mary's, Robinson, Admitted to the Diocese, 1956; All Saints, Morton, dedication of church building, 1965; Birthday of The Rev. Robert D. Harmon, Mt. Vernon; Birthday of Robert, husband of The Rev. Ann L. Alley, Champaign; Birthday of Larry, husband of The Rev. Sheryl L. Black, Whittington.

Tuesday, October 11

Philip, Deacon and Evangelist
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tabora - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sadock Makaya
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us.

Wednesday, October 12

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Taita-Taveta - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Samson Mwakitawa Mwaluda
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Have mercy on us, Lord. Heal our lives and your world.

Thursday, October 13

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Taiwan - (Province VIII, USA) The Rt Revd David J H Lai
DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Barnabas', Havana, Consecration of church building, 1887; Birthday of The Rev. David J. Halt, Bloomington.

Friday, October 14

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop of Shanghai
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tamale - (West Africa) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Anyindana Arongo Coadjutor Bishop of Tamale - (West Africa) The Rt Revd Dr Jacob Kofi Ayebo
DIOCESAN CYCLE: O Lord our God, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, and forsake not those who put

their trust in thee.

Saturday, October 15

Teresa of Avila, Nun

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tanga - (Tanzania)

The Rt Revd Phillip D Baji

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Loving Lord Jesus, enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness.

Sunday, October 16 18 Pentecost

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tasmania - (Ex-P, Australia) The Rt Revd John Douglas Harrower

DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Springfield, The Ven. Shawn Denney, Vicar; St. Leonard's Church, The Rev Jeffrey Gibson, Rector, St. Michael's Parish, Barbados; St. Matthew's, Bloomington, Consecration of church building, 1955; Birthday of Mary, wife of The Rev. Timothy J. Hallett, Bloomington, Indiana.

Monday, October 17

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch and Martyr

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Temotu - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd George Takeli

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Wedding anniversary of The Very Rev. Gene R. and Deb Tucker, Mt. Vernon.

Tuesday, October 18

St. Luke the Evangelist

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tennessee - (Province IV, USA) The Revd John C Bauer-schmidt

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Feast of Title, St. Luke's, Springfield.

Wednesday, October 19

Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary to India and Persia

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Pray for All those involved in Interfaith; Bishop of Texas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd Charles Andrew Doyle, Suffragan Bishop of Texas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd Rayford Bains High, Suffragan Bishop of Texas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd Dena A Harrison

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of the Rev. John F. Wall, Fredricksburg, VA; Wedding anniversary of The Rev. Timothy A. and Carol Goodman, Johnston City; Wedding anniversary of The Rev. Benjamin H. and Lynn Hunter, Davenport, IA.

Thursday, October 20

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Thoothukudi -

Nazareth - (South India) The Rt Revd J A D Jebachandran

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with reverence and with fear.

Friday, October 21

ANGLICAN CYCLE: The Arctic - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Andrew P Atagotaaluk Suffragan Bishop of The Arctic - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Larry D Robertson Suffragan Bishop of the Arctic - (Rupert's Land, Canada)

The Rt Revd Benjamin Arreak
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the 134th Synod of the Diocese of Springfield, convening in Belleville.

Saturday, October 22

ANGLICAN CYCLE: For Rowan, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and for the Anglican Communion.

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the 134th Synod of the Diocese of Springfield, convening in Belleville.

Sunday, October 23 19 Pentecost

ANGLICAN CYCLE: The Murray - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd Ross Owen Davies

DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, W. Frankfort, The Rev. Jon E. Griffin, Priest in Charge; St. Mary's Church, Barbados, The Rev Von Watson, Rector, St. Michael's Parish;

Monday, October 24

St. James of Jerusalem

ANGLICAN CYCLE: PRAY For the office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations, New York, and the Anglican UN Advisory team in Geneva, as they enable the Communion to give voice to the poor and the vulnerable. Thika - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Gideon Gichuhi Githiga.
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of The Rev. Laurie R. Kellington, Pekin.

Tuesday, October 25

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tirunelveli - (South India) The Rt Revd Jeyapaul David Swami-dawson

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the sun that always rises, but never sets.

Wednesday, October 26

Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Toamasina - (Indian

Ocean) The Rt Revd Jean Paul Solo
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord, may we always walk in your light, be nourished by your food, sustained by your mercy, and warmed by your love.

Thursday, October 27

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tohoku - (Japan)

The Rt Revd John Hiromichi Kato

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of The Rev. Martha J. Bradley, Springfield.

Friday, October 28

St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Tokyo - (Japan) The Rt Revd Andrew Yoshimichi Ohata

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Richard A. Swan, Decatur, Ordination to the Priesthood.

Saturday, October 29

James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa and his Companions, Martyrs

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Torit - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Bernard Oringa Balmoi

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord, grant us the fullness of your grace, that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

Sunday, October 30 20 Pentecost

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Bishop of Toronto

- (Ontario, Canada) The Rt Revd Colin

Robert Johnson Toronto - Credit Valley

- (Ontario, Canada) The Rt Revd Philip

Poole; Toronto - Trent-Durham - (Ontario,

Canada) The Rt Revd Linda Nicholls;

Toronto - York-Scarborough - (Ontario,

Canada) The Revd Canon Patrick Yu; To-

ronto - York-Simcoe - (Ontario, Canada)

The Rt Revd George Elliott

DIOCESAN CYCLE: All Saints Episcopal

Church, Morton, The Rev. Brian Kellington,

Priest in Charge, The Rev. Laurie Kellington,

Deacon Administrator; St. Matthew's

Church, St. Michael's Parish, Barbados, The

Rev Hugh Sandiford, Rector; All Saints,

Morton, Consecration of church building,

1976.

Monday, October 31

All Hallows Eve

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Toungoo - (Myan-

mar) The Rt Revd Saw John Wilme

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Almighty God, give

us grace to cast away the works of dark-

ness and put on the armor of light.

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