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From The Pastor's Desk: Why have stained glass windows?

Pastor Zachary Patterson

By the time you are reading this, the stained-glass windows will have been reinstalled in Holy Cross' sanctuary. This is a major project for Holy Cross and there is much excitement about having them back. But the question that some may be asking is this: why? Why spend so much money on some windows when it could be used for something else? While there is a lot that could be said, here are three reasons why having stained glass is important.

First, stained glass is beautiful. This may seem like a fairly trivial reason to do something but making the Lord's house beautiful is actually a very Biblical practice. Listen to the description of the temple Solomon built for the Lord, "The cedar within the house was carved in the form of gourds and open flowers...he overlaid the whole house with gold...the whole altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold...Around the walls of the house he carved engraved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms." (See 1 Kings 6:14-36 for the full description) Why spend so much to make it ornate and beautiful? Because that is where God would dwell. God's presence would be in the temple and so Solomon made it the most beautiful building he possibly could. We confess that God is present in our sanctuary as well, and so spending the money to have these beautiful windows confesses that God is here and we should glorify him by putting our best in his presence.

Second, stained glass changes the atmosphere of the room. With regular windows, the lighting in the sanctuary is identical to any other building and you can see clearly through them. With stained glass, the light coming through the windows changes into the various colors of the glass and it blocks the view inside and out. Why does it matter? It sets the sanctuary apart, that what is happening in that sanctuary is special. The colored glass/light reminds us of the throne room and the new creation in Revelation (Rev. 4, 21). And you can't just look from the outside and get a clear picture of what's happening, you must enter into the church to experience God's service to his church. Church is the most special place in the world and stained-glass windows help in creating the proper atmosphere for that.

Third, stained glass teaches the faith. Unlike regular clear windows, stained glass windows often display Christian images. These images can vary from Christian figures like the disciples or Jesus to symbols like the cross or a communion chalice. The symbols found on our stained-glass windows depict the "I AM" statements of Jesus, which will be a separate Crosslink article in itself. Just by looking at these symbols, you can learn about Jesus and have your faith strengthened. So, when you start to zone out during my sermons, you can at least look at the windows and think about Jesus, rather than what you'll have to eat when you get home.

It is a great blessing for us to be able to have these stained-glass windows in our sanctuary. Through them, we can give glory to God, keep our focus on what actually happens in church, and have our faith strengthened. Yes, these windows are not cheap, but they are a great way to honor God and may serve as a good conversation starter with the people you invite to church. God be praised that we can honor him in this way!

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Kids for Christ will be starting up on Thursday, September 8th. We will meet from 5:00-6:30. Dinner will be provided. KFC is for all kids grades 1-8. This includes Confirmation instruction from grades 7-8. To sign up or volunteer, use this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/kids4christ>

To provide dinner or sponsor a dinner with a Thrivent Action Team, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FAFAF23A13-kids>

For more information contact Chrissy Heiss at preschool@holycrosscary.org

PRESCHOOL

Our preschool director, Chrissy Heiss, has applied for our state licensure. Watch for enrollment information coming soon. Our preschool plans to serve children ages 3-5 in a traditional 1/2-day program for the 2022-23 school year.

Our program is looking for donations of tricycles and playdough. For more information, contact Chrissy Heiss at preschool@holycrosscary.org

OWLS HAPPENINGS

OWLS will meet at noon on August 4 in the lower LOFT. Jeanine Thelander will host and provide a devotion, cold drinks and dessert. Bring you bag lunch and join us for a cool afternoon with friends. You may bring your favorite game to play, magazines and books to share.

OWLS will meet at noon on August 18 at Hoffman Park in Cary. Mary Jane Kopacek will host and provide a devotion and dessert. If you need a ride, just let us know. Bring your lunch and have a picnic with us.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for a way to serve Holy Cross? Think Altar Guild. Working with a partner, only once a month, you will be responsible for preparing Communion and cleaning up after the service. Training will be provided.

Call Joan Hogarth: 847-927-0566 (cell) or 224-241-8234 (home)

HUMAN CARE BLOOD DRIVE

The Human Care Ministry is sponsoring a blood drive for the Versiti Blood Centers on August 15, 2022, from 3:30PM-7:30PM here at Holy Cross. There is a shortage of blood due to the COVID outbreak therefore the donations are down. The Blood Center is short of the 600 donations needed every week to cover the 70+ area hospitals. Please consider donating and inviting a family member or friend to join you. By donating just 1 pint of blood you will help as many as 3 patients. GIVE A FREE GIFT OF BLOOD so that another may live and regain their health. GIVE FROM THE HEART!!! You may call Barb Molzer at

H-847-639-8024 or C-630-222-9668 with any questions & to schedule an appointment. Watch the News/Notes for more information. Donors can schedule a donation time on line at www.versiti.org/IL To honor & respect all donors who schedule a donation time they will be taken ahead of walk-in donors. We have ALWAYS VALUED our LOYAL Walk-in Donors & hope you will continue to donate with a Convenient Scheduled Time. All donor support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at the Drive on August 15th between 3:30PM & 7:30PM! Remember blood can't be manufactured so we all must continue to be regular blood donors and please encourage someone to be a NEW DONOR with you. Mark your calendar to be A BEACON OF HOPE on August 15 !!!!

When you give blood you give another birthday,
Another anniversary, another day at the beach,
Another night under the stars, another talk with a friend,
Another laugh, another hug, and another chance!!!

HEART SAVER CRP/AED CLASSES

In previous years we were able to hold CPR Certification/Recertification/AED Classes here at Holy Cross for anyone who wished to attend. We are unable to hold these classes at Holy Cross any longer. The Cary Fire Department on Cary Algonquin Rd offers the HEART SAVER CPR/AED Classes on the 1st Wed. of each month at 7PM-Class Time is 2-2 1/2 Hrs. If you live in the Cary Fire Dept. District there is no charge for the class, otherwise the charge is \$30.00. To sign up for the class: Call 847-639-2121 from 8:30AM-4:30PM and ask for Lorie to be scheduled for a class. The classes for July are full currently...Holy Cross Church has an AED in the sanctuary ushers' closet & in the kitchen cupboard above the phone in the LOFT. In the event of an emergency, it is important to have some church members certified in CPR. Anyone can go get the AED & call 911 to help start emergency care before the paramedics arrive. Any questions? Barb Molzer @ 847-639-8024

SHARE YOUR GIFTS

We need musicians, sound/slide people, lay readers, and chair set up for the LOFT services. If any of these fit your God given gifts and you would like to serve, please contact Liz Gezella at elizabethgezella@gmail.com or Ellen Gezella at ecgezella@gmail.com Serve once a month. Flexible Schedule!

HELP NEEDED

Brad Miller needs ushers to fill several recent vacancies. The task involves serving as an usher one Saturday or one Sunday per month. Training will be provided. Please let Brad know if you can help.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Al Anderson	08/12
Angie Kreher	08/01
Anthony Kosiba	08/23
Bob Wagner	08/09
Brian Janssen	08/22
Calvin Slimko	08/27
Chloe Czaplá	08/24
Christina Neubiser	08/04
Clarisa Hill	08/04
Clarissa Mathaei	08/28
Dolores Hadady	08/21
Elaine Hagenmueller	08/08
Emma Bulava	08/20
Fran Jahnke	08/06
Frank Steckelberg	08/19
Jack Giel	08/25
Janice Dranka	08/06
Joe Stefinsky	08/06

Joshua Glaysher	08/31
Julia Rauscher	08/27
Karen Luebbers	08/22
Kathy Harnisch	08/16
Kaysi Radek	08/16
Landon Wellendorf	08/26
Mike Roseland	08/30
Mike Peake	08/12
Natalie Turskey	08/13
Niko Tselikis	08/01
Pierce Gray	08/19
Rebecca Bulava	08/17
Rebecca Stone	08/20
Rich Carlson	08/26
Robby Radek	08/04
Russell Vasquez	08/11
Stephanie Vasquez	08/09
Steven Dority	08/17

Happy Birthday!

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3	4 12:00P OWLS	5	6 5:30P Worship
7 8:30A Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45A Bible Study 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	8	9 7:00 pm Cultured Pearls	10	11 10:00A Prayer Shawl	12 Betty Iverson Funeral at Holy Cross 11-12 pm Visitation 12-1 pm Funeral service	13 5:30P Worship 7:00P Taizé Service
14 8:30A Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45A Bible Study 10:45A Worship (LOFT)		16 6:30P Elders	17	18 12:00P OWLS At Hoffman Park	19	20 5:30P Worship
21 8:30A Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45A Bible Study 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	22	23 6:30P Governing Board	24	25 10:00A Prayer Shawl at Panera	26	27 5:30P Worship
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