

The many seasons of StGs 2022



ST. GREGORY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Radiates God's Grace, Equipping All
People to Change the World



A year in the life of a parish is as full, complex, and fleeting as a year in the life of any other family, group, or organization. The seasons come and go, and we experience life in varying ways as the weather and landscape changes around us. Let's reflect on the changes and growth of the past year!

Annual Meeting

Opening prayer Fr. Adam Spencer
 Opening comments Susan Hitch-Zint
 Elections
 2022
 Family Ministry Report Shelley Byrnes
 Music and Engagement Ministry Report Kathryn Duncan
 Better Together Partnership Wardens
 Finance Committee Donna Shelton and Ob Soonthornsima
 2023
 Finance Committee Donna Shelton, Ob Soonthornsima,
 and Nancy Buller
 Financial Campaigns..... Jim Millspaugh
 Liturgical Schedule Jim Millspaugh
 Program restart(s)..... Susan Hitch-Zint
 Parish conversations..... Susan Hitch-Zint
 Questions Wardens
 Closing Comments..... Jim Millspaugh
 Closing Prayer Fr. Adam Spencer

Dear St. Gregory’s community,

We invite you to enjoy “The many seasons of St. Gregory 2022 booklet”. Both a summary and pictorial representation of our time together celebrating community, it showcases our mission to radiate God’s grace, equipping all people to change the world. What a wonderful way to share our memories with each other and our Better Together partners. Many thanks to our staff who put it together and to you, our parish family, for participating in so many wonderful programs both online and on site.

Today, at our Annual Meeting we gather to reflect and embrace our community time in 2022 and start the planning for 2023. We invite you to prayerfully consider our mission statement in today’s gathering and how you can continue to be the Lord’s light in our world.

Faithfully in Christ,

Susan & Jim



Dear ones,

One blessing of the past few years is that we can easily move online only when conditions suggest we should. While this is Chicagoland, and some villages do a very good job with snow removal, others do not. With an eye to caring for all and not wanting to burden all the people who get out early to serve us for worship, we are moving worship online only today.

Just as we did for so long, we can join via Zoom, watch on Facebook, or watch the stream directly on our website. The service will be posted to YouTube later this morning.

Announced a “Snow day” with our website and online service



Epiphany

✦ Epiphany pageant written by Caroline Bielski

✦ Annual Meeting – by the numbers and Bingo!

✦ Tell me the Truth about Racism – 7 sessions with Trinity teaching us how to build beloved community together!

✦ First Joyful Noise Sunday back onsite!

✦ Scout Sunday – StGs continues to sponsor both Troop 50 (Scouts) and Pack 50 (Cub Scouts)

✦ This year St. Isidore's Guild has fully formed, running the technology that allows us to be onsite/online together



St. Gregory's 2021 by numbers...

1 Advent Quiet Day



1 StGs quartet at first Deerfield Winter Market

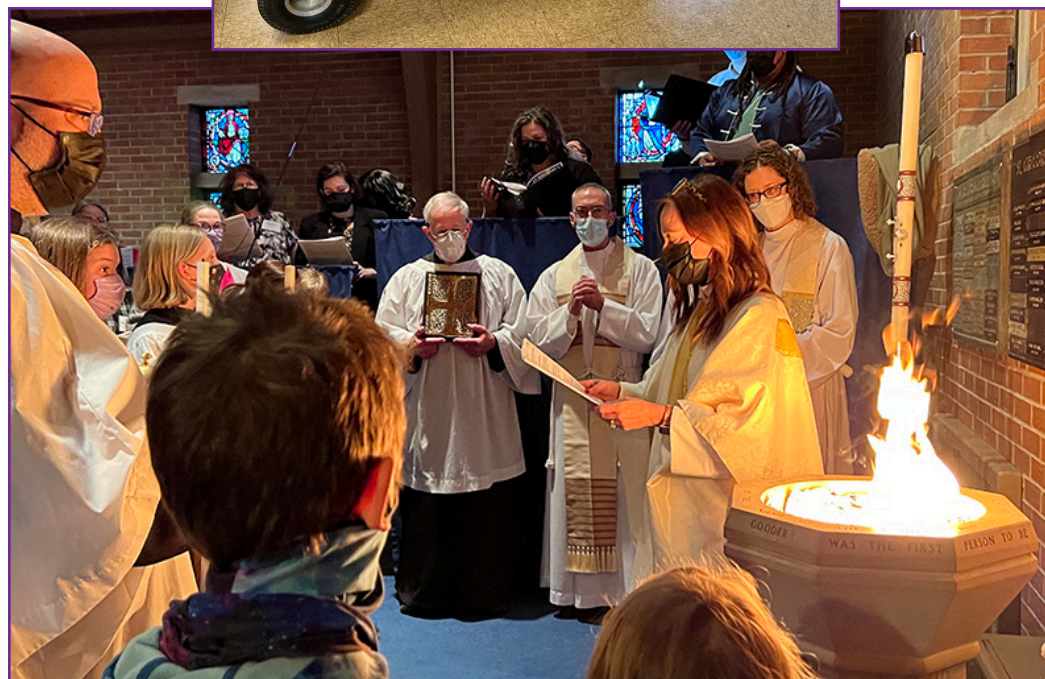
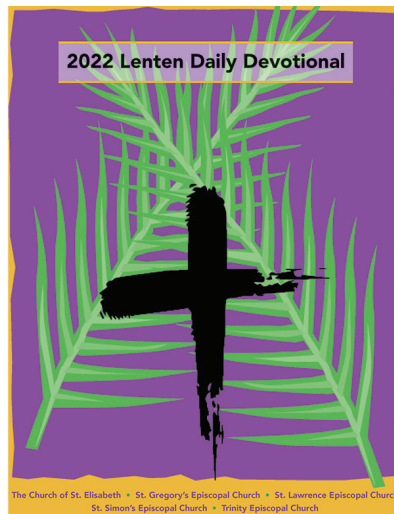


Building
Beloved
Community



Lent and Holy Week

-  Lent Devotional booklet
-  Gathering Place information sessions
-  Series on Hope and Lent adult formation with StE
-  Blood drive on Palm Sunday
-  Progressive Holy Week services with our BT partners, including 2 baptisms at the StGs Easter Vigil!
-  Holy Week booklet won the Polly Bond Award from the Episcopal Communicators
-  College care packages
-  Active shooter discussion with police
-  Hosted Premier Martial Arts in our building





Green Season

Community rally against gun violence including our U.S. and State Rep., mayors, religious and community leaders

StGs kids (plus pom poms!) did the Pentecost gospel reading, featuring the Lord's Prayer read in 9 different languages!

Refugee resettlement

Roe v. Wade response service on Zoom

Started pulpit swaps

Free self-defense class held by Premier Martial Arts

Started youth study group on the Lord's Prayer through the summer

June 26 – We celebrated Pride Sunday with a Joyful Noise Senior Sunday, followed by a Pride Picnic at StE!

Lightning strike – alarm, computers fried, lighting, thermostats on west side, Sexton AC, etc



a service of lament & healing

for all affected by the overturn of Roe v. Wade

Thank you for joining us this evening - let us know you're here in the chat. The bolded words are yours, so please read along at home.

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EPISCOPAL PARTNERS
St. Elisabeth's
St. Gregory's
St. Lawrence
Trinity



Green Season

✿ Enjoyed a potluck meal with our BT friends with games and activities for all (including shoe painting!)

✿ Our community banded together after the Highland Park shooting, with prayer and community vigils both onsite/online, a prayer wall at the Farmer's Market, and handouts for how to deal with trauma

✿ Feed My Starving Children

✿ Power Chord in the park (lawn games, blessing of the backpacks)

✿ Once again we welcomed our neighborhood kids back to school from the corner of Deerfield and Wilmot!

✿ Anne elected as one of 3 candidates to be Bishop of Ohio

✿ The staff enjoyed a short spiritual retreat

✿ Several StGs members participated in Paula Clark's Consecration as the new Bishop of Chicago



5,4,3,2,1 Exercise
Take three big, slow breaths first. Then:

5 Look around and name out loud five things you see.

4 Name out loud and touch four things.

3 Name out loud three things you can hear. If it is silent make some noise: snap fingers, hum, tap feet and name it.

2 Name and smell two things. Armpits, food, flowers.

1 Name and taste one pleasant but strong taste, i.e. toothpaste, lemon, breath mint.

Take three more big, slow breaths.





Green Season

- ✦ Beginning of Better Together Confirmation and Formation
- ✦ Pumpkins! We hosted many activities in the patch this year, including pet blessings, Michael's Music Machine, face painting, Disney & Donuts, a self-defense class, It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown, a preschool field trip, and the Scouts Haunted House!
- ✦ College care packages
- ✦ Our All Saints/All Souls service featured photos of our beloved dead
- ✦ Zoom Thanksgiving service
- ✦ Our rector Anne was elected the first female bishop of the Diocese of Ohio!
- ✦ We continue to host the Deerfield Indoor Winter Farmer's Market

ST. ELISABETH'S
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Grow and Engage Your Faith

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WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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Episcopal Church

worship on
THANKSGIVING

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Rite II Book of Common Prayer
All music under CCLI license #1167830

Food Pantries:
Deerfield FP – \$4,869.03
Vernon FP – \$4,869.03
Hope FP – \$4,869.03





Advent

-  Advent Devotional booklet
-  Christmas presents for Nicasa
-  Kids did sign language to Silent Night at our Christmas Eve service



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All Year Long

-  Jewish Sunday School held in our building every week
-  We continue to host 12-step programs for the community
-  Scouts/Cub Scouts
-  Free yoga for all ages every Friday morning
-  Our Community Meals program continues to regularly serve hot meals and packed lunches to those in need in Waukegan
-  Monthly book club
-  Spring movie club
-  Education for Ministry

