

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Craig's Corner

The Power of Sacrificial Love

In our book study of '24 Hours That Changed The World,' we've been reflecting on the power of sacrificial love. Adam Hamilton sums it up: "Sacrificial love transforms enemies into friends, shames the guilty into repentance, and melts hearts of stone. The world is changed by true demonstrations of sacrificial love and by selfless acts of service." The preeminent example of this, which Holy Week brings into sharp focus, is the way Jesus gave himself for us, as he 'opened wide his arms on the hard wood of the cross.' He did so to save us from our sins, but also to inspire us to live differently and to be transformed people.

Hamilton gives a wonderful illustration of a person who was changed because she was on the receiving end of sacrificial love. In November of 2004 Tammy Duckworth was copilot of a Black Hawk helicopter shot down by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq. Her legs were severed and her arm crushed. It appeared after the crash landing in enemy territory that she was already dead. But despite the risk of capture, her fellow soldiers refused to leave her behind. They worked to extract her from the helicopter, then carried her through fields of six-foot-tall grass, at great personal risk. By the time they got to safety, she had lost half her blood, but miraculously was still alive. She recovered, was fitted for prosthetics, and is now fully mobile. She rose through the ranks and now serves as a United States Senator for the State of Illinois.

Ms. Duckworth was asked once how she felt about the great risk her fellow soldiers took to save her. She replied, "You have to get up every day and seek to live in such a way as to be worthy of that kind of effort and sacrifice." What an amazing example of the power of sacrificial love, and its power to call forth the best in us! We Christians are similarly called to strive to live in such a way as to be worthy of Christ's great sacrifice, "by giving up ourselves to his service, and by walking before him all the days of our life." (Book of Common Prayer, 101)

See you in church,

Craig

Announcements:

Important Dates:

STATIONS of CROSS	Fridays in Lent	5 PM
24 Hours Class (7 sessions)	Sunday's in Lent	8:45 AM
PALM SUNDAY	MARCH 28	10 AM
MAUNDY THURS.	APRIL 1	7 PM
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 2	NOON
EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 4	10 AM



Art Under the Oaks

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Friday, March 19: LAUNCH DAY

Monday, March 22: LAUNCH Corks & Forks

Tuesday, March 23: LAUNCH Student VIP Opportunities

Wednesday, March 24: LAUNCH Mr. M's Treasures

Friday, March 26: CLOSE! Bidding on all items ends at 9 PM.

Week of March 29: Pick up items from 2 -4 PM, in Parish Hall

March

Happy Birthday

- 6- Noel Stiel
- 7-Carolyn Teuton
- 8-Danae' Broussard
- 9-Kaitlyn Blanchard
- 13-Andree' Alexander
- 14-Julio Medina
- 15-Ray Rhymes
- 15-Kirsten Bazet
- 17- Lynn Kelley
- 18- Sinclair Buquet
- 19-Janie Rhymes
- 21-Lona Smith
- 21-Sophia Clark
- 22-Mary Dupont
- 22-Shirley Use'
- 23-Gabriel Matherne,
- 27-Damian Willett
- 27 - Julia Bourque

Happy Anniversary

- 5-Julio and Rina Medina
- 5-Lee and Debbie Stiel

Parish Prayer List

Andr e, Jay, Norma, Sybil, Betty, Lydia, Clifford, James, Lona, Charles, Jules, Betty, Rod, Ursula, Carol & Bennett, Brenda, Beth, Pat, Mary, Helen, John, Mike, Ralph & Shirley, Betty Jean, Allen, Beth, and Legion Park School. We give thanks and pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal School, Head of School, Larke Leonard, members of the Board, faculty, staff and students, our Parish Vestry.

Don't Miss Out!

If you can't come to worship in person, then please join us on

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewshouma>

We broadcast every Sunday at 10 AM

Blessings and Peace to You and Yours!





Mission Trip

July 5-9, 2021

This year, our St. Matthew's Episcopal Youth Community will again not be traveling out of state for our annual mission trip due to COVID-19. Instead, we have decided to give back to the community who has supported us over the years. We want to offer services to our church members. Over the years we have completed many minor home repair projects, so you will find some services we are able to do listed below. If there is something not listed that needs to be done, please still let us know, and we will see if it is within our capabilities. We are excited to be helping locally, and we also want to keep everyone's safety in mind. We will practice social distancing between our youth group and those in your home and stay outside if possible. If you are in need, please fill out this form below and return it via email the address provided below, or in church by **May 30, 2021**, and we will contact you. If you have any additional questions, please reach out.

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____

Services Needed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Washing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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