



The Lion's Roar

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A View from the Courtyard
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Holy Eucharist Schedule

Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30

Tuesday — 12:30 pm

Wednesday — 7:00 pm

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Gretchen R. Naugle,
Priest Associate

Jim Karas, *Senior Warden*

Kate Maattala-Sirota, *Junior Warden*

Lisa Sutton, *Treasurer*

Jessica Freeman, *Asst. Treasurer*

Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*

Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

Kirsten Boothe, *Nursery*

Denise Meredith, *Admin. Assistant*

Trevor Vargason, *Sexton*

*St. Mark's on the Campus
strives to be a Eucharistic
Community of reflection and
action, acceptance and
growth, Gospel and world.*

Dear Friends,

Sunday, February 19, 2012 has been designated as diocesan "FAT SUNDAY."

Many of you know that, because of financial constraints, the diocesan growth and development budget has been completely cut (as in zeroed out, caput, gone). That budget was the source of the money we received from the diocesan family for campus ministry; hence, no money available for this year for that purpose. The \$4,000 in our 2012 budget comes from our offerings.

As the Bishop said at Annual Council, the various ministries need to go on, so we must find another way to fund them. Therefore, we now have "FAT SUNDAY!"

Based on Fat Tuesday, held in many places as a last hurrah before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday the following day, FAT SUNDAY is being celebrated on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We at SMOC have often had pancakes this day, the traditional food on Fat Tuesday in order to get rid of the fat out of the pantry before Lent begins.

The request from the Bishop was that parishes around the diocese celebrate FAT SUNDAY as a fundraiser to help support the ministries that were cut from the budget. All funds raised on FAT SUNDAY will go to the Bishop to be distributed among the ministries affected.

Elsewhere in this issue of "The Roar," you'll find details about FAT SUNDAY here at SMOC. So come, pig out on pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, etc, and support diocesan ministries!

FAT SUNDAY: February 19th! 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.!

Fr. Jerry

2011 ANNUAL MEETING POEM - Mark Musick

Welcome to 2012, so long eleven,
The past year has been a little bit of heaven.
Sit back, and relax as notable events we recall,
Such as Nebraska starting Big 10 competition last fall.

During the last year many changes have thrived,
None the least a new Bishop has arrived.
A wonderful gift was made for solar panels to reduce electrical consumption,
Which assumes the sun continues to function.

A big thank you for all of the hard work of Fr. Jerry,
Who makes our church life sweet and merry.
Sidnie thank you for your gift of education,
Which will influence youth in choosing a meaningful vocation.

Thanks to Kurt and the Choir for all the beautiful tunes,
Which adds to our church experience before Sunday noon's.
Thanks to Stephanie for keeping finances steady,
And to Denise to ensure pledge envelopes are ready.

Sunday educators are second to none,
Which opens up our minds to God's son.
Vestry approved installing glass of many panes,
Now there are no worries when it rains.

Lyn thank you, you have been a warden extraordinaire,
For your dedication of time, no one can compare.
Jim is now stepping up to the plate,
You are going to be in many meetings that you will hate.

Colleen, Opal, and Tim have been on the Vestry for the past three years,
Your Sunday afternoon schedule now clears.
A big thanks to Anne Puls for the stacks of sacks,
With all those cans she could use some strong backs.

New for 2012 is an elevator from Ferd and Jo,
It will improve access to the basement, don't you know.

Renewing a long standing tradition of St. Mark,
The Niobrara River we will again embark.
The Thomason's thought it was time to renew,
The infamous trip down the river in a canoe.

This year will offer challenges that are new,
Faith in God's power will give us a clue.
With Jesus' help we will fill each pew,
Next year we can say, see how we grew.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS

The Future of the Past: How Technology Has Changed Our Understanding of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 @ 4:00 PM - Bessey Hall, Room 117

SPEAKER: Robert Cargill, Assistant Professor of Classics and Religious Studies, The University of Iowa

Dr. Robert Cargill will present a digital model of the archaeological site of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Cargill will guide the audience through the site using digital "fly through" technology, enabling the audience to get "up close and personal" with Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Dr. Cargill is a member of the University of Iowa Public Humanities in a Digital World initiative, and the author of *Qumran through (Real) Time* (2009), which uses digital modeling to reconstruct the ancient site of Qumran. Sponsored by the Department of Classics & Religious Studies, 237 Andrews Hall, University of Nebraska – Lincoln; for information, call 402-472-2460.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - FEB 22nd

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
12:15 pm and 5:15 pm, plus the 7:00 PM SPACE liturgy

Also during Lent: Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 12:15

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

- ✘ The congregation elected Jim Karas as Senior Warden and Kate Maattala-Sirota as Junior Warden; also elected new Vestry members Nancy Benton-Brown, Jeanine Jewell, Kevin Cole (three-year terms) and Sarah Fairchild (two-year term); joining Don Gray, Todd Sneller, Lisa Sutton (one remaining year); and Berwyn Jones, and Donna Harler-Smith (two remaining years); received Father Jerry's appointment of Allison Cole as a Student Vestry Member.
- ✘ Passed a motion from the Vestry that up to \$35,000 be borrowed from the Capital Improvement Funds to finish paying for the replacement windows and the elevator, with the intention that the monies be replaced through offerings from parishioners and other sources.
- ✘ Elected Ray Lowther, Jeanine Jewell and John Flint as delegates and Connie Backus-Yoder and Nancy Benton-Brown as Alternates to Annual Council.
- ✘ Presented Allison Cole and Margaret Fairchild with the Extraordinary Service Award for the year.
- ✘ Heard that Father Jerry has committed to working as part of the LGBT Concerns Committee at UNL.
- ✘ Received the annual Mark Musick poem, which is included in this issue of the Roar and will be placed on the website.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Boy Scouts Collin & Evan Sipple, Kenny Thomason, Parker & Jake Durham, and Nathan & Mitchell Karas will be presenting the Pantry basket for the February 5th collection.

HEALING EUCHARIST

Father Jerry will be offering a Eucharist with prayers for healing three times during the season of Lent: Thursdays, March 1, March 15, and March 29. If you have never attended such a Eucharist, it is a normal, said Eucharist, but with a time for prayers when congregants may kneel at the altar rail, the celebrant lays hands on your head, anoints your forehead with oil for healing, and says a specific prayer for healing. Prayers for healing may be offered for one's self or for another. All are welcome!

Financial Report - End of Year 2011

| INCOME | 2011 ACTUAL | 2011 BUDGET | OVER / SHORT | 2012 BUDGET |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Pledge contributions | \$185,677.53 | \$192,282.00 | -\$6,604.47 | \$186,679.50 |
| Faith contributions | \$18,676.00 | \$17,582.20 | \$1,093.80 | \$38,876.56 |
| Flower Income | \$2,435.00 | \$2,300.00 | \$135.00 | \$2,300.00 |
| Plate - Christmas | \$2,423.44 | \$1,500.00 | \$923.44 | \$1,500.00 |
| Plate - Easter | \$1,558.89 | \$1,500.00 | \$58.89 | \$1,500.00 |
| Plate - General | \$12,984.97 | \$9,000.00 | \$3,984.97 | \$9,000.00 |
| Diocesan Assistance | \$9,040.15 | \$9,500.00 | -\$459.85 | \$0.00 |
| Interest Income | \$134.61 | \$300.00 | -\$165.39 | \$300.00 |
| Use of Church | \$1,703.01 | \$2,480.00 | -\$776.99 | \$2,480.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$234,633.00 | \$236,444.00 | -\$1,810.00 | \$242,636.00 |

| EXPENSES | 2011 ACTUAL | 2011 BUDGET | OVER / SHORT | 2012 BUDGET |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Campus Ministry | \$11,116.78 | \$9,500.00 | \$1,616.78 | \$4,000.00 |
| Continuing Ed & Sabbatical | \$1,902.79 | \$2,100.00 | -\$197.21 | \$2,300.00 |
| Diocesan Asking | \$26,000.00 | \$26,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Education Expenses | \$2,347.81 | \$2,100.00 | \$247.81 | \$2,100.00 |
| HVAC Replacement Fund | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Insurance | \$4,631.00 | \$3,650.00 | \$981.00 | \$4,650.00 |
| Kitchen Supplies | \$141.71 | \$300.00 | -\$158.29 | \$300.00 |
| Legal & Professional Fees | \$399.00 | \$350.00 | \$49.00 | \$350.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | \$72.59 | \$25.00 | \$47.59 | \$25.00 |
| Office Equipment | \$3,147.46 | \$2,970.00 | \$177.46 | \$5,100.00 |
| Office & Administrative | \$7,133.48 | \$7,170.00 | -\$36.52 | \$6,560.00 |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$3,121.26 | \$5,150.00 | -\$2,028.74 | \$4,550.00 |
| Travel & Annual Council | \$340.32 | \$500.00 | -\$159.68 | \$500.00 |
| Utilities | \$10,576.63 | \$10,400.00 | \$176.63 | \$10,400.00 |
| Worship & Music Supplies | \$4,569.69 | \$2,970.00 | \$1,599.69 | \$2,970.00 |
| Payroll Expenses | \$162,364.64 | \$162,059.20 | \$305.44 | \$167,631.06 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$239,065.00 | \$236,444.00 | \$2,620.00 | \$242,636.00 |

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| Net Income / Expense | -\$4,115.56 | \$0.00 | -\$4,115.56 | \$0.00 |
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| 2011 Outreach Distributed | \$4,643.48 | Solar Panels Balance | -\$4,202.21 |
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FINANCIAL ASSETS

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|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| General Funds | \$50,986.58 | ST3 Bathroom Fund | \$94.09 |
| CD - Unrestricted | \$12,556.37 | ST3 Music Carryover | \$676.00 |
| Rector's Discretionary | \$1,653.96 | ST3 Kitchen general | \$1,038.05 |
| Pantry | \$2,461.17 | ST3 Kitchen windows | \$4,443.26 |
| CD - Spire Faulkner | \$11,776.95 | ST3 Memorial Fund | \$592.59 |
| SSGA Endowment | \$84,081.02 | ST3 Youth Funds | \$1,480.42 |
| ST2 HVAC Replacement | \$2,400.00 | ST4 Spire Faulkner | \$1,253.38 |
| ST2 Allington Fund | \$1,369.01 | ST5 Elevator Fund | \$64,100.20 |

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| BALANCE OF FUNDS | \$240,963.05 | | |
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TREASURE CHEST: As many of you know, this has been a very busy year financially for St. Mark's. The year-end numbers, though in the red, are quite positive. Despite pledging being down, our plate and faith offering were very strong, helping to mitigate much of our income loss. Please take a moment to review the new full-page report layout. The numbers come directly from our Quickbooks system, ensuring an accurate representation of our finances, including our many funds. On a personal note, this is my last update as your treasurer. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped me through the last three years, especially Mark Musick, Father Jerry, and Denise. I appreciate the chance to serve, and I could not have done it without you.

MARK-US NOTES

ADULT FORUM

We are planning to show Cecil B. DeMille's movie "The King of Kings" (1928) at the adult form on **February 5th and 12th**. If you're interested in an advance handout on the film, please contact Bob Stock.

Feb 19: No Forum: Fat Sunday Celebration

Feb 26: JESUS AND PRAYER, by Daniel Harrington, S.J. (through March)

LION'S ROAR BY E-MAIL

In an effort to be more "green," as well as to keep costs to a minimum, we will no longer be mailing the Roar in bulk. We will send the Roar out electronically to anyone who has given us email, and printed copies will be available in the narthex for those who want to pick it up on Sunday morning rather than receive it electronically. We will continue to mail a handful of copies to those who are not able to attend church, but it will be first-class rather than bulk.

MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT: The Influence of Laymen in Building and Sustaining Positive Growth in Their Parishes. February 24th and 25th at Camp Joy Holling - 27416 Ranch Rd - Ashland, NE.

More information available on
the diocesan website:
<http://www.episcopal-ne.org/>

MEN'S BREAKFAST

will meet on Sat, Feb 18th at the home of Doug Durham. Our book is **Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese.

BOOK MARK'S BOOK CLUB

Book: Cutting for Stone
by Abraham Verghese

Date: Sunday, Feb. 19th at 3:00

Place: Sally Bates

5411 Brandywine Circle

Phone: 402-420-9567

CANOE TRIP

St. Mark's canoe trip down the beautiful Niobrara river is planned for July 7 and 8. If you are interested please sign up on the office door. More information to follow.

SOUP SUNDAY

Our next Soup Sunday will be on **February 12th**. Please use the sign up sheet on the office door if you plan to bring soup or chili. We need two people for each. Thanks!

FAT SUNDAY PANCAKE FEED

A meal of pancakes and sausage/bacon will be available on February 19th after the 8:30 Eucharist until about noon. This event is co-sponsored by the Jr/Sr High School students and the Vestry in response to a request by the Bishop that all parishes hold fundraisers that day to benefit the Diocese. Suggested donation of \$5. Invite your friends, family, classmates, and co-workers!

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

We are very excited to launch our new website. On January 8th, www.stmarks-episcopal.org launched as a more modern, dynamic site that will be more attractive and user friendly, with added features including a music page and photo gallery. See the new logo representing St. Mark's on our written materials, and links to social media connections.

Special thanks to website committee members Father Jerry, Kurt Knecht, Denise Meredith, Jonah & Kate Sirota, Tim & Stephanie Hill, Opal Doerr, Allison Cole, Peg Sheldrick, and Berwyn Jones - who have been working diligently with our website designer, Amy Ebbeka, during this lengthy process.

DONATION CHALLENGE: There are still a few more expenses involved in completing the changes in our logo and branding, with funding depleted. Jonah & Kate Sirota have offered to match donations of up to \$500. Please prayerfully consider meeting this challenge.

FOOD PANTRY

In 2011, we served over 400 people and helped more than 250 families with needed food and supplies. Currently, our largest needs are for: individual toothpaste, cereal, SPAM, and dried beans.

The checking account balance for the Pantry is also running lower than usual. Please remember the Pantry in your monthly financial donations. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry.

BIBLE STUDY WITH SIDNIE!

On February 5, 12, and 26, Bible Study will meet following the 10:30 service in either the Narthex or the Lady Julian Chapel. We are studying the Book of Exodus.

SPACE: Contemplative Student Liturgy

Our student-focused liturgy continues on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Those who have attended the contemplative liturgy based on the Order for Evening Worship have found it meaningful. We have developed a liturgy that called on the strengths of this church -- both the Episcopal tradition and our own St. Mark's congregation. Especially appreciated is the quiet time for meditation and the music which our Director of Music has prepared for this service.

Anyone interested in reflecting together about the gospel used in the liturgy can gather in the lounge for a while after the Eucharist.

February Birthdays

Dennis Alfrey
Mary Lutz
Betty Fisher
Janna Karst
Nan Graf

Barbara Stock
Margo Young
Natalie Shepard
Richard Sutton
Ferd Anderson

Leroy Svec

***Be sure the office has
your birthday so you
can be included***

ELEVATOR AND WINDOW APPEAL - BOB KUZELKA

As the result of two generous gifts major physical improvements to the parish building have been authorized by the Vestry. They were announced at the annual meeting on January 22nd of Saint Marks' on the Campus when an appeal was launched to raise additional funds through gifts and pledges for the improvements.

An anonymous gift of \$70,000 was made in 2011 for the solar energy system that has been installed and is operating in the building. To complement this improvement all-weather windows have or will be installed in the lounge, kitchen and office areas. The cost to complete this project would be \$14,000 of which \$4,000 is on hand and \$1,000 is pledged leaving \$9,000 needed.

A challenge gift of \$45,000 has been made towards the installation of a handicapped elevator (LULA). The elevator would have two stops, one each on the main and lower levels, and would be located in part of the office area across the hall from the Sacristy, just west of the hall entry into the nave. The cost would be \$90,000 plus \$5,000 for contingency costs. At the meeting it was announced that \$65,150 is on hand for the project and \$13,000 is pledged, leaving \$16,850 needed. Efforts are underway to obtain some of the needed funds to complete the projects from foundations and friends of the parish.

These improvements will increase the usability of the entire building for parish members, guests and outside users. The elevator in particular will improve access for the community pantry which is located in the lower level of the building. For these reasons, the Vestry feels that a major source for the remaining needed funds should be gifts from parish members. To date about 25 parishioners have pledged or given over \$83,000 for the projects.

At the annual meeting special envelopes were distributed for pledging and giving purposes. Similar envelopes will be enclosed with the bulletins on Sunday, February 5th. It is hoped that all pledges will be made by February 19th and all gifts will be made by April 1st.

Until all the needed funds are collected the Vestry has been authorized by a parish vote to borrow up to \$35,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund which is currently at \$75,000. This will allow the projects to be undertaken in the next few months. Payback would be as grants, gifts and pledges are received. If by the 2013 annual meeting funds have not been collected for payback, the parish would be asked to authorize the needed funds to be used from the Capitol Improvement Fund.

For more information on this appeal and how to participate please contact Bob Kuzelka by phone at 402-475-0221 or 402-417-9424 or by email at rkuzelka1@unl.edu. Thanks for your generous support for these improvements which will help our parish to fulfill its ministries.

St. Mark's on the Campus * Jan 29 - Mar 3, 2012

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|--------------|--|--|
| 29 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) BISHOP'S VISITATION | 30 Fr. Jerry Off | 31 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 p.m. Kappa Phi | FEB 1 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open | | | |
| 5 Boy Scout Sun. SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) Outreach Collection | 6 Fr. Jerry Off | 7 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 p.m. Kappa Phi | 8 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open | | | |
| 12 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) | 13 Fr. Jerry Off | 14 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 p.m. Kappa Phi | 15 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open | | | 18 Men's Breakfast National Federation of the Blind |
| 19 Fat Sunday SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) Pancake Feed Vestry Meeting Book Mark's | 20 Fr. Jerry Off Lions Roar Deadline | 21 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 p.m. Kappa Phi | 22 Ash Wednesday 12:15 Eucharist 5:15 Eucharist 7:00 - SPACE | | 24 12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross | |
| 26 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) | 27 Fr. Jerry Off | 28 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 p.m. Kappa Phi | 29 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open | Mar 1 | 2 12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross | 3 |

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE: HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

9:30 - 10:15 am: SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT FORUM - Christian Formation Classes
12:00 pm: BIBLE STUDY with Sidnie White Crawford

OTHER WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesdays 12:30 pm HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays 7:00 pm SPACE: Contemplative Worship Service

8:00 pm STUDY LOUNGE with free WiFi, snacks, and pop for all students

The Lounge will be open on Wednesday nights for study or other purposes during the school year. Father Jerry is available for appointments after the SPACE service.

**THE MAIN CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER
DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY from 9 am - 4 pm
PHONE: (402) 474-1979
smoc.office@stmarks-episcopal.org**

**The Deadline for
the March
LION'S ROAR
will be Monday,
February 20th.**

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SUNDAY SERVICE PARTY VOLUNTEERS

| Date | FEB 5 5 Epiphany | FEB 12 6 Epiphany | FEB 19 Last Epiphany | FEB 22 12:15 Ash Wed | FEB 22 5:15 Ash Wed | FEB 29 Lent 1 |
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| 8:30 RH/Acolyte | Todd Sneller | Kate Maattala-Sirota | John Flint | X | X | Don Gray |
| 10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister | Don Gray | Mary Lutz | Don Gray | Todd Sneller | Don Gray | Todd Sneller |
| Acolytes | Parker Durham Nathan Karas | Lisa Schaumberg Pamela Starr | Molly Durham Mitchell Karas | X | X | Mary Lutz Pamela Starr |
| Ushers | Roger Wait Lisa Sutton | Dean Settle Bob Kuzelka | Durham Family | Bob Stock Bob Kuzelka | Susan Ugai Bob Kuzelka | Bob Stock Lyn Forester |
| Lector (OT) | Opal Doerr | Jeanne Vannorsdall | Bette Sperry | Peg Sheldrick | Donna Harler-Smith | Leroy Svec |
| Epistler | Lyn Forester | Peg Sheldrick | Jeanine Jewell | Peg Sheldrick | Pamela Starr | Bob Stock |
| Intercessor | Donna Harler-Smith | Tim Hill | Pamela Starr | X | X | Michelle Waite |
| Greeter | Nancy Brown | Jeanine Jewell | Kevin Cole | X | X | Sarah Fairchild |
| Coffee Host | Opal Doerr | Nan Graf | Jim Karas | X | X | Andrea Nelson |
| Bread Baker | Jessica Freeman | Don Steinneger | Kathy Schmutte | Nancy Brown | Nancy Brown | Loris Purtzer |
| Altar Guild | Don Gray | Opal Doerr | Kathy Schmutte | NEEDED | Opal Doerr | Kathy Schmutte |
| Tellers | Leroy Svec Andrea Nelson | Doug Durham Stan Sipple | Stan Sipple Anne Puls | X | X | Leroy Svec Michelle Waite |

Readers at the 10:30 service are reminded to please check in with the Eucharistic Minister prior to the service.