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From the homily on January 16

In John's account of the gospel, some of John the Baptist's disciples leave him to follow Jesus instead. When Jesus notices that these new folk are following him, he asks them for what they are looking. The disciples ask, "Teacher, we want to know where you are staying." The simplicity of their question is deceiving. It's been lost in translation, but what they really want to know where Jesus abides. Abiding, remember, is what Jesus will later declare he does in the Father and what we're invited to do in him. John's disciples are seeking a deeper knowledge of Jesus than just where he's spending the night. "Come and see" is Jesus' simple response to the disciples' desire to know him.

After finding where Jesus was staying, Andrew, one of Jesus' new disciples, then goes out and begins the process all over again. He runs to tell his brother about Jesus. Like John, Andrew works so that Christ might be revealed to the world. Andrew's declaration to his brother is an extension of Jesus' own invitation to "come and see." Through Andrew's evangelism, another is invited into the mystery of Jesus' identity as the Lamb of God. Through Andrew another is invited onto the journey to that place where Christ abides.

With this same joy, wonder, and excitement, we too are called to share the good news of Christ with all we meet. The good news of who Jesus is and what Jesus is doing for the world isn't something we can keep quiet.

Evangelism is one of those concepts that we Episcopalians sometimes seem to skirt. We speak instead of welcome, of hospitality, of advertisements in the paper for our musical events. Yet whether we call them thusly or not, these are all modes of evangelism. We don't have to be thumping a Bible to be considered evangelists, though a little Bible thumping every once in a while might do us some good.

Christ makes his invitation to come and see through our works of mercy. Christ makes his invitation through people sharing a meal together or worshipping together. Everything about Christ bids us welcome -- welcome to that abiding place where he and the Father are one. There is a whole world waiting to be invited into God's goodness -- that needs reassurance of God's love. Who will you invite to come and see? Pax et bonum, David +

Where faith embraces reason and tradition

St. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

From the Assistant to the Rector

YOU ARE MY BELOVED. Sermon from January 9th 2011 - Baptism of Jesus.

This morning, we joyfully celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Springett and give thanks for the adoption of little Henry Simcox from Russia. These precious little ones are being welcomed into God's family, as beloved children, loved by their Creator God from all eternity. Charlotte and Henry were loved by their Heavenly Father even before they were born, loved not because of anything they had achieved or done, but simply because God chose to love them, and chooses each day to give them His breath of life. Today, in baptism and thanksgiving, each of these beloved children will hear the voice of God from heaven saying "This is my beloved child with whom I am well pleased." Here we are reminded us of the voice that Jesus Himself, the unique Son of God heard at His own baptism, described in our Gospel reading of Matthew chapter 3. As Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened, the Holy Spirit of God came down like a dove and the voice of His Father from heaven proclaimed to all present: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



Jesus heard His Father's voice proclaim that He was beloved even before His ministry had begun, before He had preached, before He had taught in the synagogues or healed anyone. Jesus was loved by God from all eternity as His only and first Beloved Son; He did not have to earn God's love. Yet, how often WE feel that we have to earn God's love; how hard it is for us to feel beloved by God just as we are, warts and all. Why is it so difficult for us to hear and believe God's loving voice affirming our essential belovedness? Perhaps it is our culture of success, achievement, productiveness, the competitiveness and materialism that abound, where people's acceptance and identity are often defined by external factors such as career, size and number of houses, model and price of cars, size of bank accounts, beauty, youth, physical prowess and education. All these EXTERNAL factors affect how accepted we are in society and how beloved we feel. In such a socially stratified culture of winners and losers, it is even more of a struggle to maintain a deep and abiding sense of our belovedness, especially when the economy is tanking and people are losing their jobs, their houses in foreclosure, and their cars repossessed. When all the accoutrements of success by which we were defined by others, and by which we defined ourselves are taken away, we can be left feeling unwanted and unloved by people, by ourselves and even by God.

The wonderful news that God wants us to hear today is that when we have absolutely nothing external to make us look special or outstanding, God STILL loves us with all his heart. He sees our struggles to feel accepted and longs to heal our aching hearts and minds. God tells each one of us today that we are beloved, not for anything good that we have done, but just because God chooses to lavish His love on us. Each human being on the face of this planet, poor or rich, ignored or famous is precious to God who formed us in our mother's wombs, knitted us together, knows us and cares for us more deeply than anyone else in this world. Just as David and Brantley loved their baptized baby before she was born, and Laura and Pat wanted and loved little Henry before they had even seen him, not because he had done anything to deserve it, so God loves us just because we are; His love is the greatest gift we have ever, or will ever be given, an eternal love from everlasting to everlasting.

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu in his newest book *Made for goodness and why this makes all the difference*, coauthored with his daughter Mpho, eloquently describes how on hearing that his son Thasamqa was born, Tutu was immediately in love with his little one. "Without as much as a glimpse of his face or a whiff of his milky breath, I was in love. In the birth of this child I experienced something of the life of God. I experienced what it is like to love without measure or merit." The Archbishop writes "Before we could engage in any effort to earn God's love, it was given to us as a gift. We get all worked up because we reckon that we must persuade God to love us. But God already loves us and accepts us. We really can't understand unconditional acceptance. We think there must be a catch somewhere so we tie ourselves in knots in an effort to impress God. We strive and strain to earn what is already ours. And it wears us out... The demon fear of not being good enough convinces us that perfection is the price to pay for love. So we strive endlessly to "be good" or "do good" instead of realizing that we are good." Goodness is not the coin with which we anxiously pay for God's love. Our goodness is, rather, a **response** to the abundance of gifts and the love already given us." God first showers us with His love, and we respond second to His gift by loving Him back, by living into the goodness He has created us with. Since there is nothing we can do to make God love us more, and nothing we can do that will make God love us less, we can relax more, lighten up and enjoy God's love; we can be playful, creative and joyful, instead of terminally serious, driven, intense and anxious.

I have to admit it has taken me a long time to believe in my own intrinsic belovedness. I believed more what Maria sang in *The Sound of Music*, when Baron Von Trapp had fallen in love with her that "Somewhere in my youth or childhood, I must have done something good." So when life went well, I believed I had earned God's love, and when I had done something wrong or life went badly, then I thought God did not love me anymore. In my future ordained ministry as a priest, I must beware of falling back into those unhealthy ways of thinking. In the busyness of ministry to others, it is tempting for priests to put their own spiritual lives on the back burner, and forget to take time to enjoy God's love each day as a gift. Without a solid foundation of belovedness in God, Priests can begin to let parishioners define their core identity in terms of how well they preached or taught, or by numbers, such as how many people they visited, how many new people have joined the church, and how big the church budget is. In reality, none of us whatever jobs we have is immune from these temptations to forget our unearned belovedness to God. Even as parents, we can let our sense of worth and belovedness be determined by our parenting skills or lack thereof; and let me tell you that defining ourselves by how our children behave is a sure recipe for anxiety, guilt and burnout!

So this morning and this New Year, how can we joyfully remember that we are God's Beloved all the time, no matter what we do or don't do? First, we can resolve daily to spend 15 minutes alone to enjoy God daily in prayer and Bible study, relaxing and delighting in His unmerited love, everlasting love. If Jesus, God unique Beloved Son withdrew from people and ministry to be recharged with His Father's freely given love, how much more do we need that discipline of solitary time with God! How our children need to see us have a living relationship with the God who unconditionally loves us and them. And how can we be like Jesus and help others to know that they are God's beloved children? We can simplify our lifestyles and share our resources of time, talent and treasure with charitable organizations such as Episcopal Relief & Development, so that ALL on God's earth have access to affordable healthcare, quality education, food, clean air and water. We can sign up today on the Internet to belong to the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN)

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Sara's Column

and receive updates on legislation, write letters, e-mails, and make phone calls to our representatives in Congress and the Senate to ensure that laws are enacted that will help everyone be provided for and feel beloved. Here at Saint Mary's, we can week by week deliberately try to get to know everybody, rich and poor, educated or not, from whatever nation, so that all feel beloved in Jesus' name. And finally, as we welcome Charlotte Springett and Henry Simcox into the Saint Mary's family this morning, let us also welcome one another. Please turn to the person on your left and right, back and front and say "Welcome. You are God's beloved." Amen.

My husband and I recently went to the movies to see the profoundly moving and brilliantly acted film *The King's Speech*, only rated R for the colorful language which is encouraged by his speech therapist to help the fearful, stammering Bertie overcome his crippling fears that lie at the root of his incapacitating speech impediment. As the civilian therapist Lionel Logue slowly gains the trust of King George V's second son, Albert, or Bertie as he is called, opens up about his miserable, loveless childhood. He was raised by a nanny who preferred his elder brother; this cruel woman would pinch the toddler when he was presented daily to his parents so that he would cry and have to return to the nursery, while the elder brother basked in the parents' approval. For the first three years of his life, Bertie was barely fed by this awful nanny and it took his parents that long to realize what was going on. Bertie remembered having his humiliating stutter from the age of 4 or 5 and never had any friends, shouted at by his father, teased unmercifully by his elder brother. No wonder that when his brother abdicated to marry the twice divorced American Mrs. Wallace, Bertie, was terrified, only able to give his speeches at his coronation and at the outbreak of the Second World War with his kind and supportive helper Lionel present. Lionel gave Bertie his friendship and respect from the very first meeting, before Bertie had achieved anything. He continued to stand in solidarity with the King to be at every turn, even when the King behaved badly with him. Lionel never gave up on his royal charge, giving him the unconditional love that this damaged man so desperately needed.

In the baptism service, the parents of an infant make important promises on behalf of their child. They turn their backs on any sinful desires and activities that could draw them from the love of God, they renounce Satan and all evil powers. They then turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as their Savior, promising to follow and obey Jesus as the Lord of their lives. Our first task as parents is to love our child, and because we are all imperfect, to point our child to the only Person who can love us perfectly, and that is God as revealed in the Person of His only Son Jesus Christ. All of us parents will do our best to be good spiritual role models for our children so that they will see Jesus in us, however imperfectly. We will endeavor to pray regularly, to read our Bibles, to come faithfully to church to worship God as members of His beloved family, and to help the needy in our community as we are able. And yet, we may feel terrified of these promises that we will make, sure like Prince Albert that we will fail. How very much we ourselves as parents need to know the love of God for us, deep in our hearts, a love that is there when we mess up, when we wonder how on earth we can possibly parent another when we perhaps never knew the love of a parent ourselves. Today, let us pray that we will be willing to open up our hearts, our minds and very selves to be penetrated through and through with that divine love which will not let us go, that divine love that is given to us as a gift that no-one can ever take away, that belongs to each of us and to all peoples of every nation on the face of the earth by birthright for all eternity.

Lectionary Class

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: Ed Crissman

Location: Rm. 115 Ed. Bldg.

This class discusses the lessons for each Sunday. Usually we focus on the Gospel lesson, since most of our sermons are based on the Gospel. Each Sunday you will receive a copy of the Synthesis, a lectionary guide, which gives background and additional information about the events going on in the lessons. A discussion then takes place inspired by the lessons and application to our daily lives.

The Bible and Theology

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: David Idol

Location: Common Room

Beginning January 9, this group will discuss how the Good News is interpreted in various New Testament passages. Current day interpreters welcomed.

Adult Forum

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: Various

Location: Parish Hall

Youth Bible Study

Facilitator: David Umphlett

Location: Carter Brothers

Every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. we gather with the Rector at Carter Brothers on Main Street for breakfast and Bible study. All middle and high schoolers are welcome. We resume on January 5th.

Mother's of Young Children Bible Study

Facilitator: Sara Palmer

Location: Common Room

Every Monday morning at 9:30a.m. and will last until 10:45. The group will study a chapter of Luke's Gospel each week. Childcare is provided.

Women's Bible Study

Facilitator: Mary Darby

Location: Common Room

A Bible study for women on Wednesday January 12th at 9:30 am in the Common Room. We will be studying the Book of Luke. All women are invited to attend. Please call Mary Darby at 889-3581 if interested.

Children & Youth

Classes are Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Grades	Curriculum	Room
Fours to Grade 1	Godly Play I	215
2nd - 5th Grade	Godly Play II	217

Grades 6 - 12 at the Little House, for a discussion of the NOOMA series.

Children's Chapel during the 11:00 a.m. liturgy on Sundays beginning from Church.

From the Desk of the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

In August before coming to North Carolina, I spoke with a former mentor of mine who originally was from Alabama and he said to me, "Don, you are going to need to firmly put your heels in the carpet and listen and try to move slower." This is something I really struggle with. I want to move mountains. I want to make ministry happen for all our children and youth in big and great ways. I am one who often finds himself getting caught up with the numbers, the attendance, and can lose sight of the goodness of the Lord.



As I walk around our campus each Sunday and peak into our various Christian Formation programs for children and youth, I am so energized by what I see, what I hear, and what I am learning. The opportunity is huge for all of us. Whether they are three-year olds or in Grade 2 or in Grade 4 or in Middle or High School. Now is the time that we need you to evaluate your time, your talent, and look at where and how you might volunteer for this coming fall's programs.

To provide truly successful Christian Formation for all, we need a variety of leaders. They need to be of different ages, different genders, on different faith paths, and want to grow with those they are teaching. Now we need to move forward with some more volunteers, volunteers who may or may not have children in the program, adding to our current terrific team on Sunday mornings, to make small and new steps forward into the unknown together.

Over the next three to four months, I will be seeking volunteers for church school teachers for our various programs and volunteers for our Youth Group Programs. Please begin to pray about where Jesus might be calling you to serve, where Jesus is calling you to stretch your talents, where Jesus is calling you to share your gifts with others. We have 18 fast and furious years that our children and youth are with us. Let's find a way that they can have every parishioner touch their life!

On January 19 during his sermon, David said, "Come and see the goodness of the Lord." I can guarantee you will see his goodness in every face of every child and youth that is at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

In His Service,

Don Carlson

Mark the Dates!

Vacation Bible School

June 27-30, 2011

A program for children aged Three's – Grade 5!

If you are currently in Grade 6 and up we would love
you help as a counselor!

See Don Carlson for more details!

Souper Bowl of Caring 2011

An All Parish-Wide Winter Mission Project Sponsored by the Children and Youth Advisory Formation Committee.

On February 6, 2011, we will be collecting cans of soup at all services which will be donated to Open Door Ministries here in High Point. Our goal is to collect 100 cans of soup. There will be special containers marked with Souper Bowl of Caring on them for you to place your soup in on February 6, but if you would rather make a financial donation, then please make your check payable to St. Mary's Episcopal Church and mark the memo section Souper Bowl of Caring 2011. Please help us with our Winter Mission Project!

- Don Carlson, Kim Gay and Evie Cottam

Upcoming Youth Programs

St. Mary's Youth Group will meet in February for Grades 6-12:

Sunday, February 6, 4:00-6:00pm - A Fun and Fabulous Program of Games and Jesus in the Little House

Sunday, February 20, 4:00-6:00pm - It's Movie and Pajama Night in the Little House – Come ready to eat popcorn and candy. Wear your appropriate pajama's and let's watch a movie together!

Sunday, February 27, 4:00-6:00pm - It's Music Jam Night! Bring your instrument of choice or just your voice and share your talent for a musical night in the Little House!

Friends are always welcomed and encouraged!

Friday-Sunday, March 4-6, Diocesan Youth Outreach Weekend Retreat at St. Timothy's, Winston-Salem – "Faith in Action". Serving on the Design Team representing St. Mary's are Asia Brown, Katie Cottam and Don Carlson. The weekend is for youth in grades 9-12 and the cost is \$60.00. We will spend the weekend serving the community by doing small projects. Registration for the event is now open and you can register your High School young person by going to: http://www.episdioncyouth.org/current_registrations If there is anyone who needs a scholarship please let Don know. Deadline for signing up is February 17.

Friday & Saturday March 18/19, 5:00pm – 12:00pm, Youth Group 30 Hour Famine at First Presb. Church joining 10 other area churches!

Camp Henry is Looking for Counselors!

Camp Henry, an Episcopal Camp located just west of Asheville, is looking for young adults who have completed the 12th grade to serve as camp counselors this summer. They would like people who are available for all of the following sessions:

June 19th-25th - Senior High Camp, Grades 9-12

June 26th - July 2nd - Grades 6-8 Camp/ CIT Session 1

July 3rd-9th - Grades 3-5 Camp/ CIT Session 1

July 10th-12th - First Timers Camp, Grades K-3 (Parent & Child)

July 13th-16th - Mini Camp, Grades 2-3

July 17th-23rd - Grades 7-9 Camp/ CIT Session 2

July 24th-30th - Grades 4-6 Camp/ Kids4Peace/ CIT Sessions 2

If any young adults would enjoy this opportunity they should contact Osondu McPeters at

youth@diocesewnc.org. Other questions can be directed to Don Carlson at donc@stmarysepisc.org

Fill the Bus Food Collection

Through Sunday, February 20, please bring donations of non-perishable foods (esp. canned meat, corn & tomatoes, pasta & sauce) as St. Mary's contributions to Main Street Coalition of Churches quarterly collections & distribution. Personal care items also welcome, and may be placed in the blue boxes in the Parish Hall vestibule. On Monday, February 21 at 9:30am, help deliver goods to food pantries at Ward Street Mission, Open Door Ministries, and West End Ministries. Contact Paul Sicheloff or Linda Collum for more information. Thanks!

New Financial Secretary

Katrina Parnell has accepted the position of our new Financial Secretary. Katrina is currently working at Christ United Methodist Church as the Financial Secretary and Administrator. She manages a budget comparable to ours in a church of similar size. She will continue with Christ UMC in addition to her duties at St. Mary's. She has had a wealth of experience in finances and comes to us already an expert in our new church management software. She has a keen eye for improving financial practices and procedures. She is a faithful person and will be an excellent addition to our team.

Katrina can be contacted on Mondays and Fridays at ext. 23 or at katrinap@stmarysepisc.org.

Welcome, Katrina!

ECW Wine Gala 2011

The planning has begun for the ECW Wine Gala 2011! We are looking for help in everything from addressing Gala invitations to helping procure items and services for the silent auction to assisting at the big event. This is a great opportunity to get to know other women here at St. Mary's. Much more information will be coming in the next few weeks so be on the lookout both in The Herald and in our weekly e-news. If you want more information or are interested in helping out, please call or email Mary Wolff at wolff1019@earthlink.net or 336-869-4912.



Quarterly Newcomers Event

Our quarterly Newcomer Event will be a "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" forum by the Rev'd David Umphlett, on Sunday, February 6 at 10am in the Parish Hall. Please come with any questions about Episcopal church life in general, or any specific questions you may have about life at Saint Mary's. Refreshments will be served.

New Senior & Junior Wardens

Our new 2011 Sr. and Jr. Wardens have been appointed. Please congratulate Joe Fisher as our Sr. Warden, and Tim Yates as our Jr. Warden.

If you have had a change of address, phone number and/or e-mail address, please notify the office so we can ensure that you receive all publications. Thank you!

Stewardship

Hello everybody. Tony Bertschi here. I'm writing to you with what I hope to be a monthly observation about stewardship. Oh no, there's that word again. Didn't we just spend the last several months talking about and thinking about and praying about and enough with the stewardship already. I know. We hear stewardship and immediately associate the word with money. But stewardship is so much more than that. It's the way we live our lives and the gifts we give without knowing we've given them. If that doesn't make sense, maybe this story will help. This is the story of how Kirsten and I came to St. Mary's. It all starts with yours truly, an apparently indecisive young man who was raised Presbyterian, switched to Baptist in high school only to fall in love with a cradle Episcopalian in college. As plans were made for our holy union, we had what I considered to be a very brief discussion about which denomination would win. She's tougher than she looks, people. So, with vows said and marriage license in hand, we quickly joined Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greensboro. It was a perfectly lovely place. However, after a couple of years living in Jamestown and working in High Point, it became clear that the church's location made it difficult to participate in any function outside of Sunday worship. We made the decision to search for a place where we could be a bigger part of the life of the church. We tried several places and ultimately landed at St. Mary's primarily because of one encounter. On the day of our visit, God, in his infinite wisdom, made sure that just the right person would greet us. As we rounded the corner and entered the narthex we found the outstretched hand of Ollie Wall. With a smile and a handshake we were welcomed into the church. That's not entirely true. It was more than a smile and a handshake. Ollie had this friendly look in her eyes that said handshakes aren't really my thing, I'm more of a hugger. Kirsten and I immediately stopped the search for our new church. We were home. Ollie had just given us a gift without realizing it. An encounter that lasted less than a minute solidified in our hearts and minds that this was the place where our spiritual development would continue. That was eleven years ago. Thank you Ollie. I pray that we can all open ourselves to the experience of these kinds of gifts. You won't always know when you've given one, but you will certainly know when you've received one. Oh, by the way, that encounter with Ollie eleven years ago is the last time I can remember shaking her hand. You really should try one of her hugs. That's stewardship!



Photo moments from the Epiphany Covered Dish Supper

Music News

Musical Offerings

On Wednesday, February 2, we will celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple with Choral Evensong and a Candlemas Procession beginning at 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, six of the Academy teachers will perform in a recital . There will be selections on the piano, violin, viola, cello, and guitar presented by Mrs. Yong Im Federle, Mrs. Emily Merriam, Ms. Luci White, Ms. Lindsey Parsons, Mrs. Gayle Masarie, and Mr. Daniel Mascali. Admission is without cost but an offering will be taken to support the work of the Academy. Please come and bring your family and friends.



Presiding Bishop Katharine Schori on Creation Restored

"There are clear ways to change our greenhouse gas output--beginning with replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents, and turning down the heat in winter. But some changes will be more challenging--like investing in wind or solar energy devices, insulating our buildings and improving their thermal inertia, calculating the optimal time lag for automatic light switches, adding green roofs and passive solar or earth-sheltered design elements. We'll have to work as a community as well, to advocate for social policy that rewards green power generation rather than the old standard ways of producing power, especially by burning fossil fuel."

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Gospel in the Global Village, Seeking God's Dream of Shalom, pg. 120

Sponsored by St. Mary's Environmental Stewardship Committee

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Patti Burns		Eunetta Morris
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Ernst Lenz		Ragelene Russell
Carol Kenn		Jarell
Joy Samuels		Larry Bliss
Jack Marsh		Treva Hammer
Tammy Archibald		Kay Kelly
Megan Williams		DJ
Renea Seay		Ralph Ketchum & Family
Sue Gorman		Bill Heard

“O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen”

February Birthdays

03	Elisabeth Bachmann	18	Anne Howell
04	Mary Beth Yates	19	Rick Manning
05	Martha Adkins		Helen Idol
	Hutton Burris	20	Esker Amos
06	Joshua Williams	21	Sutton Scott
08	Michael Biesecker	23	Flo Memory
	Matthew Wolff		Audrey Yowell
10	Sonny White	25	Stephanie Ross
	Jason Ewing		Adam Chaney
	Bert Hurley	27	Avery Merritt
12	Kathy Conrad		Nelson Jones
13	Margaret Lewis	28	Punny Wasmer
	Mary-Lynn Moore		Morgan Williams
14	Ruth Purser		Margaret Burnside
16	Joey Darr		Sara Adkins
	Jeff Smith		Christopher Myers

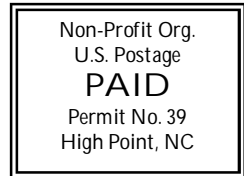
To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, contact Shannon in the church office: 886-4756 x21 or administrator@stmarysepisc.org.

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We Pray for the Health and Wellness of:

The deadline for the next Herald is February 18.
Please e-mail your submissions to: administrator@stmarysepisc.org

Services at St. Mary's

Sundays

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. - Informal Worship
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays

12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist



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