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**January/February 2022**

## **THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR**

### **THE CHIMES**

## **Dean's Desk**

Happy New Year! This is year "160" for the First Cathedral! It took seven years to build the Cathedral. Bishop Whipple traveled around the State of Minnesota with his horse Bashaw spreading the word about the Cathedral in Faribault. Communication and evangelism have changed in 160 years!

I don't need to hop in the car and travel around the state with my schnauzer, Bashaw to talk about the First Cathedral, because we have a new website. Turn on your computer and type [faribaultcathedral.com](http://faribaultcathedral.com) and view the new website created by Travis Kath our Tech Support person on Sundays during worship.

Today after living in our Covid environment, we hope to reach people by the internet. I would invite you to view the new website and make comments to me or anyone on the Chapter. We are happy to take new ideas to add to the website to keep it current.

Happy Epiphany!

Fr. Jim.

# From The Deacon's Bench

Dear Beloved Community,

I was thinking about prayer and how often we use it as a method of asking God for something we want -- and sometimes very noble things like healing someone from cancer or comforting someone in their deepest sorrow. But many times we use prayer to wheedle, cajole, or try to influence God to tip the scale on the behalf of a favorite team -- like a big win for the Vikings or the Twins!

Instead of seeing prayer as a method to ask for something we want, maybe we can use prayer as a way of opening ourselves up to God:

As a way of connecting ourselves with God and opening our hearts to Him.

As a way to center ourselves, to accept who we are, and to become more present and aware.

As a way of expressing thanks.

As a method of forgiveness for both the things we have done in our lives and for the wrongs we feel have been committed against us.

As a way to connect with others and to affirm that the God who is a spark in our being is also a spark in theirs...that we indeed are one.

And in thinking about the many forms our prayer may take -- from quiet contemplation, to grateful thanksgiving, to humble forgiveness, to loving compassion, we give thanks for the creative force God is in our lives: to give us a way to transcend our own suffering, to comfort us as the source of life who is with us always, to accept who we are in all our brokenness, and to love us unconditionally.

Certainly throughout our lives we have all had the experience with the power of prayer. Most times God answers us indirectly, not by way of a divine vision or revelation, but through ordinary human actions. As the very wise and kindly Pope Francis put it, "you pray for the hungry, then you feed them. That's how prayer works."

I think our Cathedral Community has that prayer definition wonderfully memorized! ...from the Community Cafe' to feeding Habitat for Humanity volunteers to preparing meals for San Jose' Obrero to delivering Meals on Wheels to serving Red Cross Blood Bank to contributing to the Food Shelf and to St Vincent de Paul. Bearing witness to the Beatitudes and prayer in action.

I want to leave you with a 17th century Nun's Prayer entitled "Prayers for aging" to share some moments of humor and wisdom from an open heart. Enjoy!

Let us pray:

Lord,

Thou knowest better than I know myself  
that I am

growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from the fatal

habit of thinking I must say something on every subject  
and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out  
everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody;

helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a  
pity not to use it all,

but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few  
friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;  
give me wing to get to that point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains.

They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is  
becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others'  
pains,

but help me to endure them with

patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing  
humility and a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to  
clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson  
that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint-  
some of them are so hard to live with

- but a sour old person is one

of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good  
things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people.

And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen

- Author Unknown

Faithfully,

Deacon Bonnie

# The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour *Presents the 2022* Merner Classical Concert Series

All Concerts are at 1:00 pm  
at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour  
141 6th Street NW, Faribault MN



Sonora Winds  
*Woodwind Trio*  
February 13, 2022



Linda Chatterton & Rachel Brandwein  
*Flute & Harp*  
February 27, 2022



Soojung Hong  
*The Music of Fanny Mendelssohn*  
March 13, 2022



Alexander's Ragtime Brass  
*Movie Music*  
March 27, 2022

Tickets are \$20 for the 2022 Season  
(Tickets can be purchased in the Cathedral Office, from a Cathedral  
Member or at the door before the performance)



## Christmas Pageant 2021

The Christmas Pageant was presented on December 19th during the Lessons and Carols service and was narrated and acted out by the Sunday School Children. The story leading up to and including Jesus' birth is covered. They sang the pageant in 4 little songs that have familiar tunes. One of our children was a sheep who wandered around during the pageant and it was very cute! The pageant ended with "Happy Birthday Jesus!" There was a Birthday Cake for Jesus at coffee hour! If you would like to see the pageant, please go to this link: <https://youtu.be/a5RoecXcJ18>.

Thank you to those who helped with costumes and the coffee hour goodies.

We welcome any and all children to join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Sunday school room in the lower level of the Cathedral. Sunday school ends at 9:45 am. We do prayers, hear stories, play games and do projects. Ages range from 11 to 3.





*Our long time member Don Rasmussen passed away in January. There was very special tribute at the Cathedral to a great man by his loving family, friends, and community.*





# Bishop's Letter

## Four Priorities

At ECMN convention in September of 2020, Bishop Loya introduced four priorities that will shape our life together. Explore them below.

### Learn More

<https://episcopalmn.org/>



## Discipleship

Daily practices that help us follow Jesus as our whole way of life.

## Faithful Innovation

Joining the Spirit in new ways to proclaim and live out the gospel.

## Justice

Becoming the Beloved Community.

## Congregational Vitality

Thriving faith communities of all sizes in all places.

Grace and Peace,  
**The Right Reverend Craig Loya**  
X Bishop  
Episcopal Church in Minnesota

Check out Episcopal Church in  
Minnesota news: [https://  
episcopalmn.org/](https://episcopalmn.org/)



## January & February Birthdays



January 7, Warren Babcock

Gil Truax

January 10, Butch Rodewald

January 13, Maddie Babcock

February 5, Helen Truax

February 8, Ben Babcock

February 10, Joe Babcock

February 13, Donna Bremer

February 18, Nicole Zrust

February 19, Isaac Babcock

February 27, Kay Meyer

## January & February Anniversaries

January 27, Father Henry's Ordination



**We have a new Acolyte, Neveah Koutavas!**

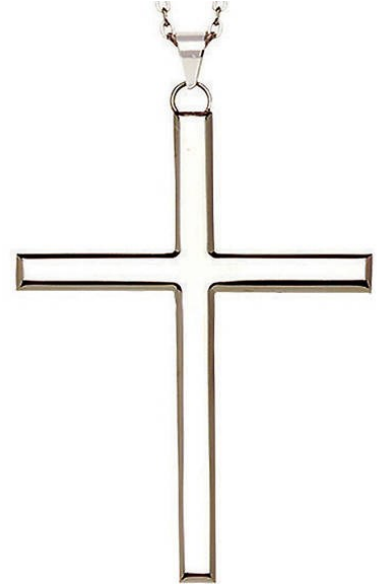




## Dean's Cross – started in 1972

The Dean's Cross Recipients from 2001 to 2013

- 2001 Jan Batchelder
- 2002 Oscar Olin and Donna Bremer
- 2003 Gilbert & Helen Truax and Lloyd Knoploh
- 2004 Deacon Bonnie Holt
- 2005 Eileen Hansen
- 2006 Carol McKittrick, Carol Kingsley, Pat Dudley, June Muchow, Janet Blaisdell
- 2007 Carol Peterson, Chris Rodewald, Sherry Forcelle, Chris Koutavas, Carol Greeney
- 2008 Lorraine Hinds, Kathryn Nauman, Marlene Sammon, Marlys St. Martin, Nancy Schmidt, Nancy Smuda
- 2009 Chris and Margot Ries
- 2010 Stephen May, DeAnn & Don Rasmussen
- 2011 Paul Pieper
- 2012 Mary Jane Holloway, Barb Diekman
- 2013 Missy Donkers, Gary Anderson, Russel Boyington
  
- 2022 John Andrews, Warren Babcock, Lesley Dudley, Donna Glynn, Jim Glynn



*The Family is opening this event up to the community. Please come support the Kanne Family and enjoy listening to our very own talented, Andrew.*

*Thank you to everyone who donated Poinsettia plants to decorate the altar during Advent and the Christmas Season:*

Donna Bremer in memory of Eva Gramse

Mike and Kelly Frankenfield in memory of Tony Urevig

Butch and Chris Rodewald in memory of their parents and grandparents

Kris and Joel Raaen in memory of Jon, Edward, & Roselyn King and Bill & Gerrie Raaen

The Babcock family in memory of Archie and Ruth Babcock

Connie Reineke in memory of Ron, Gordon, & Dorothy Reineke; Ronald and Alma Thielbar; Leslie Thielbar and Sandy Utpadel

Gary Anderson in memory of Leroy & Jophene Anderson

Lesley & Pat Dudley in memory of John and Lorraine Dudley

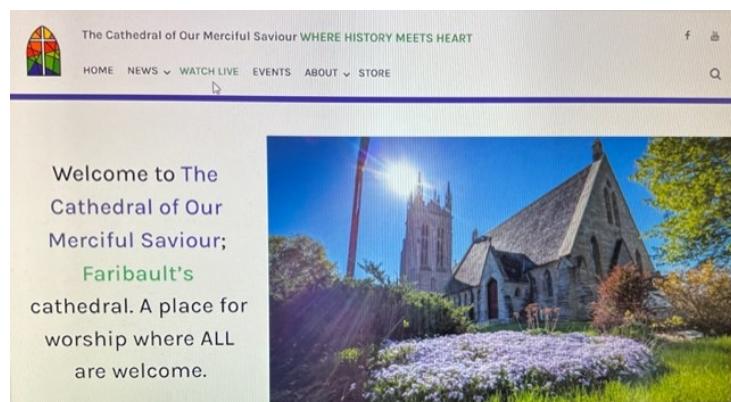
Jim and Donna Glynn in memory of family

Candy Greeley in memory of Vivian and Harold Greeley



## New Website

Have you checked out our brand new website designed by Travis Kath? Our new web address is [faribaultcathedral.com](http://faribaultcathedral.com). Great work Travis!!!



# Upcoming Events

February 7, Staff Meeting, 10:00 am  
February 10, Buildings and Grounds Meeting, 4:30 am  
February 10, Staff Meeting, 6:00 am  
February 11, Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
February 12, Guild Meeting, 9:30 am  
February 13, Merner Concert, The Sonora Winds, 1:00 pm  
February 24, Nursing Home Visits  
February 27, Merner Concert, Linda Chatterton & Rachel Brandwein, 1:00 pm  
March 2, Ash Wednesday  
March 13, Merner Concert, Soojung Hong, 1:00 pm  
March 20, Organ Recital, 2:00 pm  
March 27, Merner Concert, Alexander's Ragtime Brass, 1:00 pm  
March 31, Nursing Homes



## Connect with the Cathedral

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