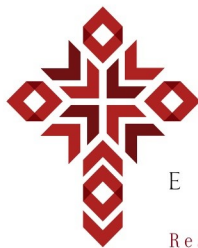


THE MAGNIFICAT

January 2021



St. Mary's

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

Reaching Out • Reaching Up • Reaching Others

The Head of this Church **Jesus Christ**

Bishop	Rev. Poulson Reed
Rector	Rev. Dr. Mark D. Story
Assisting Priest (retired)	Rev. Jim Hunkins
Deacons	Rev. Nancy Bridges Rev. Bill Hesse
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Turpin
Bookkeeper	Daphne Hale
Children's Formation Director	Lisa Jones
Chancel/Children's Choir	Dr. Karl Nelson
Organist	Betsy Banks
Senior Warden	Andy Smith
Senior Warden—elect	Wes Stucky
Junior Warden	Tim Bridges
Chancellor	Tom Ferguson
Treasurer	Ben Kenyon



Sunday Public Worship

Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal School

505 E. Covell

<https://www.stmarysedmond.org>

Go to St. Mary's website above and click on the sign up genius to attend services or to download the Sunday Bulletin

Online Events at St. Mary's

Daily Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. live on Facebook.

Sunday Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. live on Facebook.

Wired Word is meeting Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on ZOOM.

If you want to participate, contact Fr. Mark for connectivity information. fathermark@stmarysedmond.org

The Mission of our Parish

We are called to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord; to form our lives into the image of Christ; to serve our neighbors in the name of Christ; and to invite our neighbors into fellowship with Christ.

Contact Us...

E-mail	office@stmarysedmond.org
Website	www.stmarysedmond.org
Phone	(405) 341-3855
Church Offices:	601 N. Kelly #107 Edmond, OK 73003

[Facebook.com/stmarysedmond](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysedmond)

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St. Mary's Episcopal School	(405) 341-9541
Head of School	Pamela Dockter

Vestry Elections and Annual Meeting.....

******Start planning for our Vestry elections and Annual Meeting******

If you are interested in using your talents to help lead St Mary's into the future, contact the office and complete the personal information form.

A Vestry member should be a 2 yr. or longer member of the Parish, be active, and pledge toward our operations. We'll be also electing a Junior Warden Elect. That will be a person training under our now Junior Warden, Tim Bridges. Together, they will look after our physical plant which will be new, so hopefully it will be mainly "warranty" work.

Please give prayerful considerations to these opportunities. For more information contact either Debbie Hand, Mark McLochlin, or Andy Smith.

*****Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting***
January 31, 2021**

Sunday Public Worship Services
Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM
St. Mary's Episcopal School
505 E. Covell

Please go to St. Mary's website (www.stmarysedmond.org) click on the **sign up genius** link to sign up to attend Sunday Services at SMES.

Must sign up to attend each weekly service

Because we value your health, we need to maintain appropriate social distancing practices; therefore, our capacity is set at **35** people.

We ask that you make a reservation to attend worship so we can ensure that we can maintain social distancing.

We will be using Sign Up Genius so you can reserve your seating. Families do not need to observe social distancing, so we can fit 4-6 family members on one of the benches. If you come alone, you will share a bench with one other person.

Please note:

A mask is required during worship.

You might have your temperature taken at the door.

We will wave at one another during the Peace.

We will not sing as a congregation.

Communion will be distributed in one kind (bread).

You might be asked to help sanitize the worship space when the liturgy is concluded.

Refreshments and social time will be suspended for the time being.

We know this isn't optimal, but we are grateful to be able to gather as a community; we look forward to the time when it will be safer for us to gather in larger groups with fewer restrictions. Until that time, we exercise caution out of an abundance of love for one another.

Construction Update - Chairs

As an update on our building construction project, we're beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The sanctuary is taking shape; the feeling for the space is becoming apparent, the walls are closing so that the workers can be inside during the winter. I hope that you will drop by for a quick tour when you are driving up and down Broadway near Covell.

Early in the project, we ordered some very nice stackable chairs made by the Sauder Company. They have stained wood frames, kneelers, and fabric seats to go in the Nave. We put 30% down payment on the chairs. Since then, Covid has taken its toll on our attendance and oil revenue has been cut in half. These events have placed pressure on our budget and we would like to offer you the opportunity to incrementally assist in the purchase of the remaining chairs.

The new chairs cost \$350 each and can be delivered prior to our inaugural service, hopefully on Easter 2021. I am asking each of us to make a special contribution to a "chair" fund to complete the purchase. You can purchase multiple chairs if you are in a position to do so.

Please give this prayerful thought and mark your checks "chair" to make sure that it goes into the right fund.

By the way, I read that we will be able to take an extra income tax deduction of \$300 for qualified contributions even though we use the standard deduction when we file our taxes next spring. What an opportunity to get a tax benefit for a contribution for chairs.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andy Smith
Senior Warden

St. Mary's Episcopal Church *3100 N. Broadway*



November 6, 2020

Stewardship 2021 Sharing our First Fruits.....

Stewardship 2021 Sharing our First Fruits

Lord God, we thank you for giving us our daily bread. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, give us grateful hearts so that we may live generous lives. Strengthen us so that we may choose to love one another with honor and respect. Encourage us so that we may always offer you the best of what we have. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since March 2020, we have been relearning the lesson that the Church is not a building. The Church is the people who come together in Christ Jesus, and we are missing it deeply. We gather to sacramentalize our life, finding strength and vision in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist. We trace our journey through this life by baptism, confirmation, marriage, and burial. We are formed and prepared to give an account for the hope that is in us, and our service to those in need is the incarnation of Christ.

We are stewards of the time God gives us on this earth, and this season of Covid-19 is providing us with the opportunity to find new ways of celebrating Christian community. It is in this season of discovery that we invite you to support your Church financially.

Pledge Commitment for 2021 to St. Mary's Mission and Ministry

In order to **Make Ministry** Happen, I/We intend to worship regularly, serve my/our neighbors, pray for the Kingdom of God, and contribute \$ Click or tap here to enter text.

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature (s): _____

Please check if you would like information about direct monthly bank debit or credit card withdrawal.

Please fill out the form and return electronically to bookkeeper@stmarysedmond.org

Automatic Draft Authorization

Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church
601 N. Kelly Ave., #107
Edmond, OK 73003

I/we authorize St. Mary’s Episcopal church, Edmond, OK to draft the below referenced account in the amount and frequency indicated. A voided check has been attached to this form to ensure complete and accurate information for this purpose. I/we understand that charges will be drafted once each month on the first business day following the 15th of the month. I/we understand that this authorization remains in effect until revoked in writing to the address above.

Account holder (s) information:

Name on account: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, zip: _____

ACH payment information:

Pledge payment frequency will be monthly.

To be drafted on the first business day on or after the 15th day of the month.

Monthly ACH payment account \$ _____

Total Annual pledge: \$ _____

Your bank account information:

Account type (circle one): Checking Savings

Financial institution name: _____

Financial institution address: _____

Bank routing number: _____

Bank account number: _____

Authorized signature(s): _____

ATTACH VOIDED CHECK HERE

Return completed form to: St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
601 N. Kelly Ave., #107
Edmond, OK 73003

Setting up an ACH withdrawal

Is convenient for you and it will help the church manage its mission and its ministry! *Forms are available on St. Mary’s Website. www.stmarysedmond.org . Click on the “More Tab” and download the form.*

You will need to fill out the form, attach a voided check, and return it to the office. Daphne, our new bookkeeper will walk you through the process. You can reach her at 405-341-3855.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY MINUTES

Virtual Meeting Minutes November 17, 2020

PRESENT: Reverend Mark Story, Don Hensch, Wes Stucky, Sr. Warden Andy Smith, Debbie Hand, Clayton McCook, Traci Hampton, Jr. Warden Tim Bridges, and Kevin Sharp, Kyle Baker, and Mark McLochlin.

GUEST: Ann Lees

I. MEETING

The virtual meeting of the Vestry was called to order.

II. AMEND OR APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes; motion passed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenue and Expenditure Statement for Period 10/01/2020 to 10/31/2020

Balance Sheet for Period Ending 10/31/2020

Well Fargo Advisor's Statement Dated 11/16/2020

2021 Stewardship Campaign document date 11/17/2020

Motion made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

III. RECTOR'S REPORT

The number of reservations for in-person services will be reduced due to increased COVID-19 infections in Oklahoma County, the number is reduced to 35, average attendance has been between 32 and 37. The reduction allows greater social distancing. Only one person has inquired about a second service.

The Christmas service details are not finalized, several ideas are being discussed.

IV. JR. WARDEN'S REPORT

The Diocese approved the sale of the property on Mary Lee Land. A realtor, Joel Hart, a member of the parish, has been engaged to represent St. Mary's. The asking price is \$225,000 for the house, after expenses the expectation is a net of approximately \$210,000 after closing. About \$9000 has been used for repair expenses. It is anticipated the house will sell within a month. The Vestry approved a motion to accept a minimum of \$200,000 with a listing price of \$225,000.

Tim gave an update on the camera and explained the efforts to configure the equipment to be used in the church including the wiring requirements. He discussed the broadcasting station placement in the church, and details about the cost and financing proposals for the system and live streaming.

*Approved Vestry Meeting Minutes.....**Page 2 of 2*IV. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT

The Nominating Committee for New Vestry Members has a list of ten candidates and requested that Father Mark review the list to ensure that candidates are communicants in good standing. These individuals will then be contacted to determine their interest in being nominated to serve.

Andy has prepared a letter to be distributed to the parish about contributing to the cost of chairs in the new church at a contribution level of \$350 per chair. About 220 chairs are ordered, the contribution does not represent a profit on the chairs, and Andy's letter will communicate that this is an invitation to purchase rather than a requirement.

Andy proposed a meeting on December 3 for Vestry Members to meet on the budget. Vestry members reached a consensus on this date.

Andy reported that fourteen people attended the men's dinner held at his home, the next dinner will be at the home of Don Hensch.

Motion made to adjourn; motion passed.


Kevin Sharp, Clerk

Mission and Ministries will continue when we move to the North Broadway Location.....

Acolytes – Once you reach the age of seven, you can serve as an acolyte. Acolytes are attentive to the needs of the congregation and assist the priest in leading worship. Gavin Marshall is your contact, and you can reach him at gmarshal@sbcglobal.net.

EFM – Education for Ministry. The program is for lay persons and is administered by the Episcopal School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. The program lasts four (4) years in length. Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school term is now open. For more information, contact the Rev. Bill Hesse hessewa@aol.com or (405) 348-4167.

Children's Formation – The Children's Ministry serves during the school year the elementary- aged children of St. Mary's with programs on Sunday at 9:00 am. For more information contact, Lisa Jones lisa.shirley.jones@gmail.com or (808) 778-9613.

Saints and Sinners – Following a summer break, the Saints and Sinners dinner groups are a great way for all adults, including newcomers and “established” parishioners, to enjoy food and fellowship with each other. New groups of 6 or 8 which begin each September and again in February meet once in each other homes during a four-month period. All singles and couples are extended a sincere invitation to participate in this fellowship and friendship offering. For more information contact either Margie Bean (309) 397-1058 or Jackie Shields (405) 286-6347.

Thursday's Bible Study – Bible Study on Thursday's when scheduled. Anne Winzenread is your contact and she can be reached at (405) 209-5209 or AnneWinz@hotmail.com.

Scouts - For more info on the Boy Scouts, Troop 1, contact Roger White, Committee Chair (405) 417-6474, Girl Scouts, contact Megan Gyetvai, (405) 343-8696.

Ryan's Case for Smiles – A group of volunteers who meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month to make pillow cases for patients at OU Children's Hospital. For more info contact Ruth Treat, rtsquare@cox.net

Tai Chi – a group that meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am. Another group that meets Monday and Thursday after noon at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

UCO Food Pantry – The UCO Food Pantry especially needs canned beans, canned fruits, baby diapers, and feminine hygiene items. Just a dollar or two of grocery store items truly helps a family in need. The basket to fill is in the Parish Hall.

Youth Group – The youth groups are grades 6th through 12th. They meet on Sunday mornings throughout the school year. Meetings begin by gathering in the Canterbury building. For more info contact Donna Costello, dcostello@usad.com or (405) 317-9579

There are many additional opportunities to support, serve, learn, and grow in the love of Christ.

Mission and Ministries will continue when we move to the North Broadway Location.....

Ladies' Bridge - The games are the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall. All women are welcome. For more information, contact Julie Young, (405) 514-4548 or Peggy Stucky (580) 504-5580.

Whole In One – The meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All singles are invited to join us. For more information, call Nancy Bridges, (405) 833-4761 or nancy.bridges416@gmail.com

Men's Dinner – occurs the first Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet located in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Dennis Weigand, (405) 640-2717.

DOK - The Emmanuel Chapter of the International order of the Daughters of the King meet each 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. A light lunch will be served. Their lifelong mission is prayer, service, and evangelism. They also meet for small Evening Prayer each 4th Monday each month at 6:30 pm in the chapel. All are invited. For more information, contact Mary Ryan mrsmaryryan@gmail.com or Susan Story sstory@heritagehall.com

Blanket Ministry - The blankets that we provided this year are fleece blankets that carry great meaning, for each knot in the fringe symbolizes a prayer. One-by one the knots are tied by individual parishioners at the end of each service. One-by one the blanket recipient is lifted-up to God by a caring congregation. A blanket is freely and reverently offered to anyone in St. Mary's Episcopal Church Community. To request a blanket, call the church office. A donation of \$10 is accepted for those outside the community. We respectfully accept all inquiries regarding this Ministry in care of Mary Lambert, at wmlambert@hotmail.com

Altar Guild – The Altar Guild is a lay ministry, a gift of time and talent. Altar Guild members are evangelists and help keep the traditions of the Church and the beauty and timelessness for some of the coolest stuff in the Episcopal Church. We learn the reason for the names of the linens and vessels used in performing the Eucharist. Service on the Altar Guild requires only a few hours a month and usually one Sunday. New members do not serve alone but are partnered with one or more seasoned members for training and guidance. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Tom Majors, tom.majors@cox.net or (405) 403-5041.

Lector – During worship, a lector is assigned to read the scriptures and lead the prayers. You must be baptized to serve as a lector. Deb Hand is your contact if you would like to serve your Lord and your church in this capacity. You can reach her at handrab@yahoo.com

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) – A LEM assists the clergy in distributing the sacrament during the service. You must be a confirmed communicant in good standing in order to be eligible for this ministry. Deacon Nancy Bridges is your contact. You can reach her at twink408@cox.net

Usher – Ushers welcome people to worship with a warm greeting and a service bulletin. During the distribution of Communion, they keep the flow of Holy Communion moving by directing people toward the altar. After the service has ended, they remove used bulletins from the pews and reset the books and count the offering for the bookkeeper. Deb hand is your contact. You can reach her at handrab@yahoo.com.

Chancel Choir – Our choir is awesome. Dr. Karl Nelson, our Choir Director, is so awesome that we've been told that you don't even need to be able to read music. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the choir room. For more info contact, Karl Nelson at KNelson15@uco.edu

Youth Choir—directed by the awesome Dr. Karl Nelson, our Choir Director. Students will learn songs to present for three church services throughout the semester in a fun and positive environment. Rehearsals take place on Sundays at 11:25 a.m.. For more info contact, Karl Nelson at Knelson15@uco.edu

Thank you to the members of the church who are purchasing jewelry, watches, and giftware needs through BC Clark Jewelers. They are giving back to churches 3% total of sales. If anyone would like to use a church coupon for purchases, please clip the coupon below to take to their store on your next visit.



101 PARK AVENUE • OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102 • (405) 232-8806
www.bcclark.com

June 10, 2020

Dear Ladies:

Enclosed is our check made out to your Women's Ministries, which represents 3% of the total purchases recently made by members of your church who completed a church coupon when they made purchases at any of our stores. My grandfather began the policy of contributing 3% of sales to women's church organizations over seventy years ago and we are pleased to continue the tradition.

This year we will be sending checks to approximately 125 houses of worship throughout Oklahoma and beyond, and for the sake of accurate record-keeping, would appreciate checks being cashed or deposited by the recipients within a reasonable amount of time. Thank you in advance for your help.

In order for your church to receive proper credit for your members' purchases, here are the simple instructions for them to follow:

1. Request a church coupon at the time of purchase.
2. Fill out your name, address, date of purchase and amount.
3. Designate church name, address and zip code.

The checks are sent out in the late fall and early summer of each year and we want your church to be included again next summer with an even larger check! We also enjoy hearing of the many ways this money is put to use.

We encourage you to visit our Downtown store or one of our convenient suburban stores located at Penn Square Mall and The Shoppes at Northpark. Our helpful, knowledgeable staff will be happy to help you with your fine jewelry, watch, and giftware needs.

Sincerely,

Jim C. Clark
Chairman

JCC:cg
Enclosure



DOWNTOWN
101 Park Avenue
405-232-8806

PENN SQUARE
N.W. Expressway & Penn.
405-640-1441

NORTHPARK
122nd & N. May
405-755-4040

CHURCH COUPON

Fill out this coupon when purchase is made and the ladies of your church will receive a cash commission.

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Purchase _____ Amount _____

Church _____

Church Address _____



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DOWNTOWN • PENN SQUARE • NORTHPARK
FAX: (405) 235-3846

January Birthdays.....

- 1/2 Richard Myers
- 1/2 Christopher Olson
- 1/5 Betsy Hume
- 1/6 Dillon McDaniel
- 1/7 Linnea Nelson
- 1/10 Noel Malakar
- 1/11 George Hauser
- 1/14 Joe Davey
- 1/14 Samantha Kezar
- 1/14 Rachel Malakar
- 1/16 Carol Gonzalez
- 1/17 Naomi Atakora
- 1/18 Nancy Goodwin
- 1/20 Mary Callaghan
- 1/20 John Harrison
- 1/24 Jerry Bauer
- 1/24 Peter Kezar
- 1/25 Les McKaughan
- 1/26 Adam Hasenfratz
- 1/27 Bill Baker
- 1/27 Martha Haag
- 1/28 Richard Mason
- 1/29 John Christopher
- 1/31 Ann Pepper



St. Mary's website

Church Calendar

The office calendar of News and Special Events is now available to view on St. Mary's website.

eNewsletter Signup

In order to stay informed of church activities and other information that needs to be shared with each other, you can sign up on St. Mary's website: <https://www.stmarysedmond.org>. Scroll down the page and click on eNewsletter signup. Click on the tabs on the website to stay informed with updated news, the monthly Magnificat, Mission & Ministries, Vestry News, Pictures, Church Directory, or the capability to donate with paypal.

Downloadable Bulletins

The weekly service bulletin is available on the front page of our website by Friday of each week: <http://www.stmarysedmond.org>. Download and follow Father Mark on facebook.

Clergy Staff

The Clergy at St. Mary's are available to serve you.

The Rev. Dr. Mark D. Story, Rector
Rev. Nancy Bridges, Deacon
Rev. Bill Hesse, Deacon



General Contact Information

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