



Church of the Holy Comforter

October 2015

THE DOVE

The Rector's Column *by The Rev. Dr. Jason Parkin, Rector*

Holy Self-Offering

In a sermon some months ago, I quoted a passage from the book Mortal Lessons, by the surgeon Dr. Richard Selzer. Enough people commented on it after services—and it presents such a poignant image—that it bears repeating:

I stand by the bed where a young woman lies, her face post-operative, her face twisted...a tiny twig of the facial nerve, the one to the muscles of her mouth, has been severed to remove a tumor in her cheek. Her young husband is in the room. He stands on the opposite side of the bed, and together they seem to dwell in the evening lamplight, isolated from me, private. Who are they, I ask myself: he and this wry-mouth I have made, who gaze at each other and touch each other so generously, greedily? The young woman speaks. "Will my mouth always be like this?", she asks. "Yes," I say, "it will. It is because the nerve was cut." She nods and is silent. But her husband smiles. "I like it," he says. "It's kind of cute." He bends to kiss her crooked mouth, and I am so close I can see how he twists his own lips to accommodate hers, to show her that their kiss still works. And all at once, I know who he is, and I lower my gaze. One is not bold in the presence of God.

To me, the vision of that young husband lovingly molding himself to meet his wife's lips is a lovely metaphor for the way in which God has molded God's own being, so to speak, to the human race; the way in which God has continually provided us with tenderness, hope, courage and love, even at the most difficult of times. God bent over to kiss us in sending to us the Son, and God ceaselessly reaches out to us with strength and grace.

Even more, perhaps, is this memory of Dr. Selzer's a wonderful image for the lives of compassion and

generosity to which we, as people of faith, have been called by God. Is not the baptized life one of molding ourselves, like that young husband, to the needs of the world around us, whether small or great, and using the gifts we have received in order to bring hope and courage to others? Is it not our vocation to allow God to shape and form us in such a way that our gifts—spiritual, financial, professional, personal—are not held in reserve only for ourselves, but used for the sake of our brothers and sisters? And is not God constantly calling us to re-order our priorities, to change some of the directions we have charted, to offer more, to give more, to become more, to be more through God's empowering presence?

Instructed Eucharist

Sunday, October 4, at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy we are going to do something we haven't done for some time at Holy Comforter: we are going to celebrate an "Instructed Eucharist" that will provide information on some of the history, theology, and even interesting trivia that serves as the foundation of our worship tradition. This Eucharist will contain spoken narrative at certain points during the service, illuminating what different aspects of the liturgy mean, where they come from, and why we follow some of the practices we use. The bulletin will contain additional information, and there will be a handout for children explaining some of the vessels, vestments and linens used in our common worship. Although we know that we cannot possibly present everything there is to know about the Eucharist, this will be a rare opportunity to look inside and behind many of our customs and rites to discover the stimulating origins and purpose of our liturgy. The Instructed Eucharist will be appropriate for all people: from folks brand new to Holy Comforter and Eucharistic worship all the way to those who have been members for decades. Please plan now to make a special effort to attend this unique offering!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:
All Saints' Day, November 1

As most everyone is aware, we celebrate Holy Baptism four times each year at Holy Comforter: at the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday evening; on the Feast of Pentecost, our parish birthday and the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit; on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord in January when we commemorate Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin John in the Jordan River; and on All Saints' Day, the first Sunday in November, when we remember and rejoice in our identity as God's holy and beloved children. Each occasion has a unique quality and a unique connection to Holy Baptism; and all are poignant and powerful.

Our next celebration of Baptism will occur at the 9:00 Eucharist on Sunday, November 1. If you are interested in having a child baptized, or desire baptism for yourself, please contact the Rector at jlparkin@holycorforter.org or at 847/251-6120, ext. 115. The next baptismal feast will be Sunday, January 17, 2016.

Pat Drew to become Lifetime Trustee of Episcopal Charities



By now, hopefully the entire parish is aware of the fact that our beloved Pat Drew is going to become a Lifetime Trustee of Episcopal Charities and Community Services at the annual ECCS Dinner Dance on Friday, October 30, at the Marriott in downtown Chicago (if you are receiving this issue of The Dove electronically, you can see the extended article on Pat in the September issue, located [here](#).)

As I wrote in September, it is my deepest hope that many members from Holy Comforter will turn out to support Pat (and Episcopal Charities) on the 30th by buying tickets—or even tables—and show up in great numbers. If enough people attend, we will investigate hiring a bus for the evening to transport parishioners

to and from the Marriott for the sake of convenience and safety. If you would like to learn more, or to purchase your tickets for the (black-tie optional) event, please go to the Episcopal Charities website at <http://www.eccsonline.net/2015-gala-pages-191.php>; please let Laurel know as soon as possible that you are going to attend, so we can begin to coordinate transportation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Fall Festival and Blessing of Pets:
Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

On October 17, we will observe what has become one of our favorite parish moments: the Fall Festival, complete with hayrides, popcorn, a pumpkin patch, corndogs, and good old-fashioned fun and fellowship. The Festival begins at 10:00 on the west lawn, and everyone is invited: young and not-so-young, parishioners and ATB&B families, neighbors and friends! About halfway through the event (so at approximately 11:00) we will once again bless all pets in a simple and lovely rite in the columbarium cloister. We even have special St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, medals for your pets' collars. So please make a special point to bring your four-legged, furry, winged, or scaly friends so that they can receive God's blessing and take part in the festivities!

Fr. Jason

Some Beautiful Days in the CHC Neighborhood!
Here are some October dates for your calendar!

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| 3 | Vestry Meeting |
| | Lucille Donation Pick-up 9:30 a.m. until noon |
| 4 | Instructed Eucharist 9:00 a.m. |
| 5 | Canvass Mailing |
| 11 | Columbus Day; No Formation Classes |
| 12 | Columbus Day; Offices closed, no ATB&B |
| 17 | Fall Festival & Blessing of the Pets |
| 23 | Fall Fellowship Dinner |
| 25 | Fair Trade Event Adult Forum |
| 25 | Pumpkin carving 4:00 p.m. |
| 30 | Episcopal Charities Bishop's Ball |
| | Honoring Pat Drew |

The Society of the Dove by David Boles



Dear Parishioners of Holy Comforter,

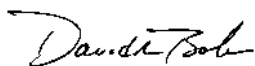
Shortly after my wife Sandy and I moved to Kenilworth in 1996, we walked down the street to attend church at Holy Comforter. We had recently moved from Connecticut (with an 18 month stop in Chicago) where we had attended an Episcopal Church in Darien. What we found was a familiar, warm and welcoming environment. A short time later, Father Myers came to visit, and I recall him sitting on a small couch in our living room like it was yesterday. Having just moved in, I think the couch was the only furniture in the room.

Over the years our three daughters were confirmed through Holy Comforter, and Cece, our youngest, was baptized there as well. Lindsay, Margaux and Cece attended Sunday school at Holy Comforter, participated in mission trips and sang in the youth choir. Lindsay and Margaux served as youth lay readers, although Cece missed the opportunity (Mom and Dad must have dropped the ball). Sandy and I have each served on the vestry, and I have served as junior and senior warden. Sandy has participated in many groups and retreats at church. Like many families, the church has been major part of our lives.

Most important, however, over the years we built wonderful relationships with Holy Comforter families. It is a joy to see a member of Holy Comforter, whether at church, the grocery store or a Northwestern football game. We know that the extended Holy Comforter family has been with us in our time of need, and I can assure your it has been needed, in times of illness, as well as in times of celebration: births/graduations/birthdays.

Given the strong and meaningful connection we have to Holy Comforter, Sandy and I have included Holy Comforter in our estate plans by naming the church as one of the beneficiaries of our IRA. Our hope is that we can help the church in the years ahead as those before us helped make the church what it is for us. I hope that you will consider including Holy Comforter in your estate plans and join us and other families as inaugural members of the Society of the Dove.

With Love,



David Boles

For further information on how you, too, can become a founding member of The Society of the Dove, please contact Father Jason Parkin. Information materials may be found on our website, www.holycomforter.org, or in the Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration of this very important and meaningful way to share your gifts as well as our combined legacies.

The Fortune Cookie and Stewardship Spirituality

By Marc Franson, Stewardship and Canvass Chair

The other night after a meal, I opened a fortune cookie brought with the check. The message was: “If you continually give, you will continually have.” Having been thinking about the parish’s upcoming canvass, the post prandial treat seemed more like a spiritual revelation and a succinct statement about stewardship. And stewardship...and canvass... are all about our faith and our belief in a loving God, and our response in thanksgiving to all we are and all we have.

Sunday November 1 is Pledge Sunday. We again emphasize our theme of **REALITY, SPIRITUALITY and COMMUNITY**. Because it takes money to operate the parish, we do talk about budgets, costs, salaries and expenses. That is the reality part. But there is no admission charge for what happens at Holy Comforter. We are a vibrant, welcoming and involved community. But our community is dependent wholly on the financial support of our members. More important, our pledge to support the work of the church here, in the diocese and in the world is spiritual in nature. It is a response to a God that provides abundantly to us. A response to help carry out God’s purposes and plans and use the gifts given to us for a greater good, to lift up others, to minister to those in need.

Making a pledge to the work of Christ is saying “I believe” in a very dynamic way. In our secular world, many spend a large portion of their life amassing wealth, power, success and possessions. We become preoccupied with what others will think. We don’t seem to balk at paying premium prices for sporting events, spectacular shows, designer clothes, fine wines or sumptuous dinners. But what is our response when the Vestry asks us to raise our pledge by 5% or consider that dreaded Biblical directive of tithing?

Like the fortune cookie, canvass and the pledge card that will soon arrive provides a time for reflection, to consider the spiritual need to give, to contemplate what is “right” to give back to a God that provides so generously, to seriously think about what role giving should play in our lives and how we commit ourselves to a Christ that we proclaim is the center of our lives. If we really believe that all comes from God, our pledge is not only thanksgiving for what we have been given, but is our faithful response. Stewardship is a part of our spirituality and our pledge to this community is a clear demonstration of where we place our priorities. If that is the case, the words of the fortune cookie are indeed true: if you continually give, you will continually have.

Beauty in the Columbarium by the Blossom Brigade!



Over Memorial Day weekend Barbara Haljun, Jan Parkin, Cary Johnson and Jane Eaton planted flowers in the columbarium to beautify the space for our loved ones.

Throughout the summer, a team made up of Margaret Campbell, Jody Lapp, Barbara McStowe, Gretchen Quinn, and Donna Doberstein lovingly cared for and watered, deadheaded and practically all but sang to the many flowers, bringing a sense of peace and joy to the space. Those attending the outdoor services enjoyed the ambience and the serenity that the plantings created. Cristina Savina and her son Marshall expertly cared for the flowers in front of the church. Many thanks and bountiful blessings for the abundance of beauty our Blossom Brigade brings!

The Center for Trinitarian Spirituality *by Chris Hardman*



As you know from last month's Dove, the *Center for Trinitarian Spirituality* is a new initiative whose mission is to help us move from "God loves us" to "God is Love." As I have said before, knowing/trusting that God loves us is not excluded when we say "God is Love." On the contrary, it brings us to an even deeper understanding of God's love for us, one that is unconditional.

Making that move, however, is not easy. That is why our Wednesday adult class will focus on this issue all year long. In addition, our Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am **Contemplative Eucharists** will help us **practice** this understanding of God. Thus, we go from practice on Wednesday at 9:00 am, to education on Wednesday 9:45 am, to practice on Friday at 9:00 am. This movement is in recognition that you cannot think your way into a new way of acting. **You have to act your way into a new way of thinking.**

We are also in the process of developing a library that will support this move. It will include books focused on Trinitarian theology and spirituality, prayer, science and religion, and the mystical tradition. Each month in *The Dove* I will write a short review of some of the books that I think may be of interest to you. The first ones will be "introductory books" that can give one a grounding in the subject.

Adult Forum October

God is Love: Creating, Sustaining, and Uniting is our programmatic theme this year and it is well represented this month. We begin with An Instructed Eucharist at the 9:00 am service on October 4th. The self-offering love of God is at the center of our worship service calling us together and forming us into Christ's Body. This Instructed service will enlighten people with some of the historical background and theology behind the different parts of the Eucharist. Following the service, our adult forum will allow some time to share what we have learned. On the 11th, the Adult Forum will lead us into an even deeper understanding of the Eucharist. This month will be an excellent opportunity to enrich and renew your faith. Please join us.

Our Wednesday Adult Class sessions in late September and October are as follows:

September 30

Trinitarian Spirituality Core Concepts:
The power of self-emptying.

October 7

Trinitarian Spirituality Core Concepts:
Jesus is the heart of reality, both path and goal.

October 14

Trinitarian Spirituality Core Concepts:
Two Sacred Books: the Bible and Nature.

October 21

Trinitarian Spirituality Core Concepts:
Freedom is the First Step.

October 28

Trinitarian Spirituality Core Concepts:
"God is Love" means God Changes!

In November, we will look at certain biblical concepts from a Trinitarian point of view. Such concepts as the Kingdom of God, the household, and what is "good" and what is "right" when looked at from a Trinitarian point of view become transformative ways of thinking, not just old concepts.

October 4th Discussion of our Instructed Eucharist

October 11th In-depth discussion of the Eucharist

October 18th Susan Rex presents on Restorative Justice, as practiced in Evanston. Restorative Justice assumes a "communion of persons," thus, is not about separating from the group those who have broken the rules, but about restoring them to the group! Communal love is the key.

October 25th Vincent and Susanne Donoghue will speak on Fair Trade. What is it? How does it work? They will also have some fair trade items for sale in the Great Hall.

Family Blessing for the Fall with a Nature Walk *by Pastor Heath*

As we enter the month of October, we step deeper and deeper into the season of fall. The season that is not too hot nor too cold. The season when the leaves change colors, the waves on the lake sound stronger, and the air becomes crisper. Nature invites us to notice the changes of the season in so many ways. With those changes, we can say good bye to summer and all it gave us, and hello to what is next for us and our families this fall. With these changes, we can also wonder what God might be calling us into or out of at this time.

Nature can be the means in which God is speaking to us about life and love. To help you and your family engage more deeply in your faith life while enjoying the fall season, please consider the following. As always, adapt for the needs of those gathered.



Adapted from a blessing from For Everything a Season: 75 Blessings for Daily Life by the Nilsen Family

Preparation: Hold this blessing outside if possible. Have each person gathered find symbols from the past season, summer, and the current season, fall. If you are sure symbols from the past season will not be found outside then bring some you may have from home (sand, shells, green plants, flowers, etc.) Arrange the symbols from the past season on a table or the ground and set the symbols from the coming season aside.

Welcome (read by the eldest gathered): For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. Welcome to this changing of the seasons.

Prayer (read by a younger member of the family): Holy One, Mother of Creation, Father of life, bless our gathering, that we may honor the rhythms of the earth as witnesses to your extravagant love and faithfulness. Amen.

Bible Text (read by yet another person): *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.* Genesis 8:22

Reflection: Share or write in a journal about the following: **How have I seen the presence of God revealed this past season in my life? In nature?**

Prayer (read by youngest reader present): Thank you, God of cycles and rhythms, for making yourself known to us in the seasons of the earth and the seasons of our lives. Amen.

Ritual Action: Remove old symbols and replace them with the symbols of the new season.

Reflections: Share or write about the following: **What does nature teach us about God? What do I hope for as I enter this new season?** Name one thing from nature that will be your special reminder of God's presence in the coming season.

Prayer (read by the leader): God of rhythms and cycles, open our hearts and all our senses to your presence in nature during the coming season. Amen.

If possible, take a walk in your neighborhood, at a park, on the beach, or in a nature area. Pay special attention to the sights, sounds, smells, and textures of the natural world.

Blessing (offered by a member at the end of your time together): May we trust that this season, like all others, will bear witness to God's extravagant love and faithfulness. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE QUESTION *Charlotte Long, Youth Ministries*

In Chapel, the little children learn early on to ask “Wondering Questions” with the Bible Stories. The storyteller will say, “I wonder who you think the Good Shepherd is?” or “I wonder what your favorite part of the story is.” The children get good at it quickly. It is innate in them, this way of meeting God, without pretention, without assumed understanding.

Where does this skill go, I wonder? This skill to be open and ask so that we may receive?

Questions We Discuss In Our Rite13 Class to Create an Imaginary Non-Profit to Alleviate Homelessness in Chicago:

A homeless person comes to us. What does a homeless person need tonight?

What do they need in the next few months? In the next few years?

What if this partner has a criminal record or has served jail time?

What problems do they face?

But wait – what if they have children or a family?

What problems might they already have run into as an impoverished family?

What about hopelessness? What if the family is going through a spiritual crisis? They wonder why God let this happen to them.

What might happen when a partner discovers they have a gift to give to the community?

Now our partners want to build a community. How do we connect everyone?

These are some of questions that fueled our Rite13 class preparation to embark on their first Service Day with Good News Partners in Rogers Park. Good News Partners is a non-profit designed to eliminate homelessness and hopelessness in North Chicago. I designed these questions based on what Good News already does for their community, so that we could talk about practical solutions while getting appreciate the non-profit we were about to work for. As of writing this, we have not gone on that trip yet... pictures to come in next month's newsletter!

Our High School youth group has started off strong and energy filled! Our first outing was to Laser Tag and we got sweaty and competitive! Plans for future youth groups this fall include Whirlyball, a bonfire, a study of Yom Kippur, movie night, a soup kitchen outing and contemplative sainthood reflection and much more!

Speaking of useful questions...The Rev. John Dally PhD, a family friend and great Chicago missional preacher, always says, “Wrestle with the scripture until it gives you a blessing.” I love this because it keeps me from saying, “This is too hard” or “This doesn't apply to me.” If I assume the Bible is a living, holy text and that every moment is an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to speak to me, then I better do some wrestling! We've made an interesting change to High School Sunday School that I think is useful and challenging for adults, as well. And it's an easy way to encounter “wrestling” with text. We have something called a Talk Bowl in the middle of our room. In the bowl are a mess of quotes on different aspects of faith, scripture passages, news items, science articles and probing questions pertaining to whatever the current learning block is (Self, Society, Spirituality, Prayer respectively throughout the year). I borrowed a contemplative method of digesting text from the writer Judy Cannato, author of “Radical Amazement.” She says when we get stuck reading any kind of holy text, we can always return to the Three R's:

Resonate:

What in this passage resonates with you? What word or idea or question really rings true and why?

Resist:

What in this passage is creating resistance in you? What word or idea or statement feels false? Does something create discomfort in you or questions?

Realign:

Has this passage realigned or shifted your understanding of something? Do you see something in a new light? Is the Holy Spirit working something out in you?

Our teens are thoughtful, curious and respectful, and use this tool well. Feel free to use, share and pass on! I'm so excited to see what wonders we delve into this year!

Keep the questions coming!

Charlotte

FORMation *Mary Johnson, Director, Children's Ministries & ATB&B*

There is a centuries old query: how to build strong moral character in your children. Because children are born with unique characteristics, needs, and gifts, the answer may be very different from one child to the next. Some children just naturally find it easy to share. Some are far more empathetic than their peers at an early age. There is the child who feels terrible when caught in a lie and another who hasn't the slightest twinge of guilt. So with all the variables in place, how can a parent level the playing field so every child has the opportunity to build strong moral character?

It has to start in the home. The old adage of "lead by example" is never truer. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Coles states that parents are the single most important source of moral instruction in their child's life. If a parent is espousing all sorts of advice about how a child should behave, but does not model the expected behavior, it doesn't matter. If a clerk at a store gives back too much change, do you give it back? When you find the bag of items in the cart in the parking lot, does it get returned to the store or does it go in the car? And then there is the very real and poignant example from our Kindergarten student, Will.

He found \$10.00 walking to school. Can you imagine? TEN DOLLARS and no one around to claim it! When sharing his good fortune with his parents, his dad asked Will if he thought it really belonged to him. Well, he did find it. But when asked a couple of different ways, Will's conclusion was that it really didn't belong to him. Notes posted around the neighborhood didn't identify the owner of the lost \$10 bill. So Will's decision (with wonderful guidance from his father) was to give it to the church.

On the day Will arrived with the found money, he wanted to give it to me to give to the church. It happened to be the first Sunday of this program year so everyone was going to be in the church for the 9:00 Eucharist. I suggested that Will put it in the collection plate himself. As he sat two rows in front of me, I could see the beaming smile on his face after he placed it in the collection plate at the Offertory. He knew in his heart he had done the right thing. And from my perspective, he had every right to be proud of himself. When I called Will's mom to ask permission to share

the story she added this note to her narrative. Will wrote on the envelope himself: "form (*sic*) Will."

The transposing of the letters in the word "from" are so appropriate. In writing "form," it is the recognition of the lesson learned: the formation of Will as a child who is developing a strong moral character.

I am so grateful the children in All Things Bright and Beautiful learn daily how to make good choices and how to be kind to their classmates. And for Will, who is now beyond the classrooms at ATB&B, he continues to hear those lessons on Sunday, as he is a regular attendee. But most importantly, he has witnessed the strong moral character in his parents. It really is a team effort. And through the year, there will be opportunities for all the youth to participate in meaningful experiences that allow them to consider the needs and feeling of others. Whether it's sharing their personal narratives in the Jr. High and High School Youth Groups, participating in service projects, serving as acolytes, greeters and intercessors during the liturgies or partaking in the Eucharist in the Children's Chapel with one of the clergy. It is all part of the formation.



It is such a privilege to be a part of it.

Stephen Ministers: The “After People”



People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there: after the phone call you hoped you’d never get. After the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your

life. After the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you. After the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing

more we can do,” after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.” After the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty. After the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away. After the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible. After you find a pink slip with your final paycheck. After your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out. Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

Lucille On-the-Spot Pick-Up: Saturday, October 3rd



Lucille
resale reinvented

Save your gently used items! On Saturday, October 3, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Holy Comforter will, once again, participate in Lucille Resale Shop’s “On the Spot Pick-

Up.” A large truck and two moving/loading assistants will be on hand to make sure your goods are loaded with care and on their way to “greener pastures,” being resold to raise money for Holy Family Ministries. Donors will receive receipts for tax purposes.

All profits from Lucille support Holy Family’s school and youth programs serving children from low-income communities on Chicago’s West Side. Founded in 1985, Holy Family School is a high-performing Pre-K-8 elementary school, as well as after school and summer programs. All programs take place in the Holy Family Ministries Center at 3415 West Arthington Street in Chicago.

Lucille is most happy to accept the following items at our “On the Spot Pick-Up” on October 3rd:

Yes, please...

Clothing: men’s and women’s

Accessories: jewelry, handbags, scarves, and shoes

Housewares, furniture and home décor and books

Thanks, but no...

Items damaged or missing pieces

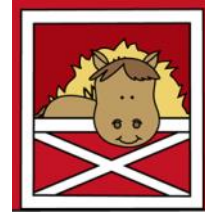
Children’s clothing

Car seats, strollers, cribs and high chairs

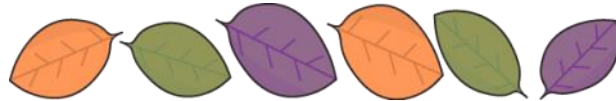
Mattresses, box springs, sleeper sofas

Pianos

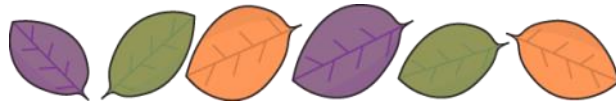
Please take advantage of this special opportunity to donate your unused items and raise money for a very good cause: the children served by Holy Family Ministries and Holy Family School. Hope to see you, and your treasures there on the 3rd! Of course, coffee and doughnuts will be served.



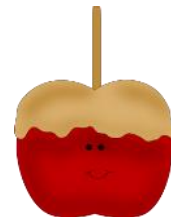
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Saturday, October 17 from 10:00am-noon



Apple Cider Donuts
Hay Rides Popcorn Corndogs
Caramel Apple Orchard Pumpkin Patch



Church of the Holy Comforter's Fall Fellowship Dinner 2015



When the Moon
hits your eye
like a Big
Pizza pie
That's AMORE.

Church of the Holy Comforter
Fall Fellowship Dinner That's Amore!

Friday, October 30

6:00 Amici & Aperitifs in Parishioner Homes

7:30 Abbondanza in the Great Hall

Invitations to arrive shortly!

In the Vineyard

Blessings be upon the Bennett family for the birth of Ridge Ryan Bennett, born on August 23 in Oakland to Drew and Sarah Bennett. Delighted and proud are grandparents Andy and Sarah. Ridge clocked in at a healthy 8 lbs., 13 oz. May God grace Ridge's life, and the lives of his family, in the weeks and months to come.

We rejoice in the safe arrival of Marcus Everett Britt, who was born September 2, in Arlington Heights. Marcus weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 oz., and he is the grandson of Jean Britt, and the son of Stephanie Britt. Congratulations and blessings to the entire extended Britt family, including Marcus' aunts, uncles, and eight cousins!

Congratulations to Kevin and Sue Carlson of the birth of their new grandson, William Anders Carlson, their second grandchild! He was born on the morning of September 13 at UIC Hospital in Chicago to Tom and Katie Carlson. Anders, as he is called, weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. May God bless Anders, his parents, his grandparents, and the entire extended Carlson clan.

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