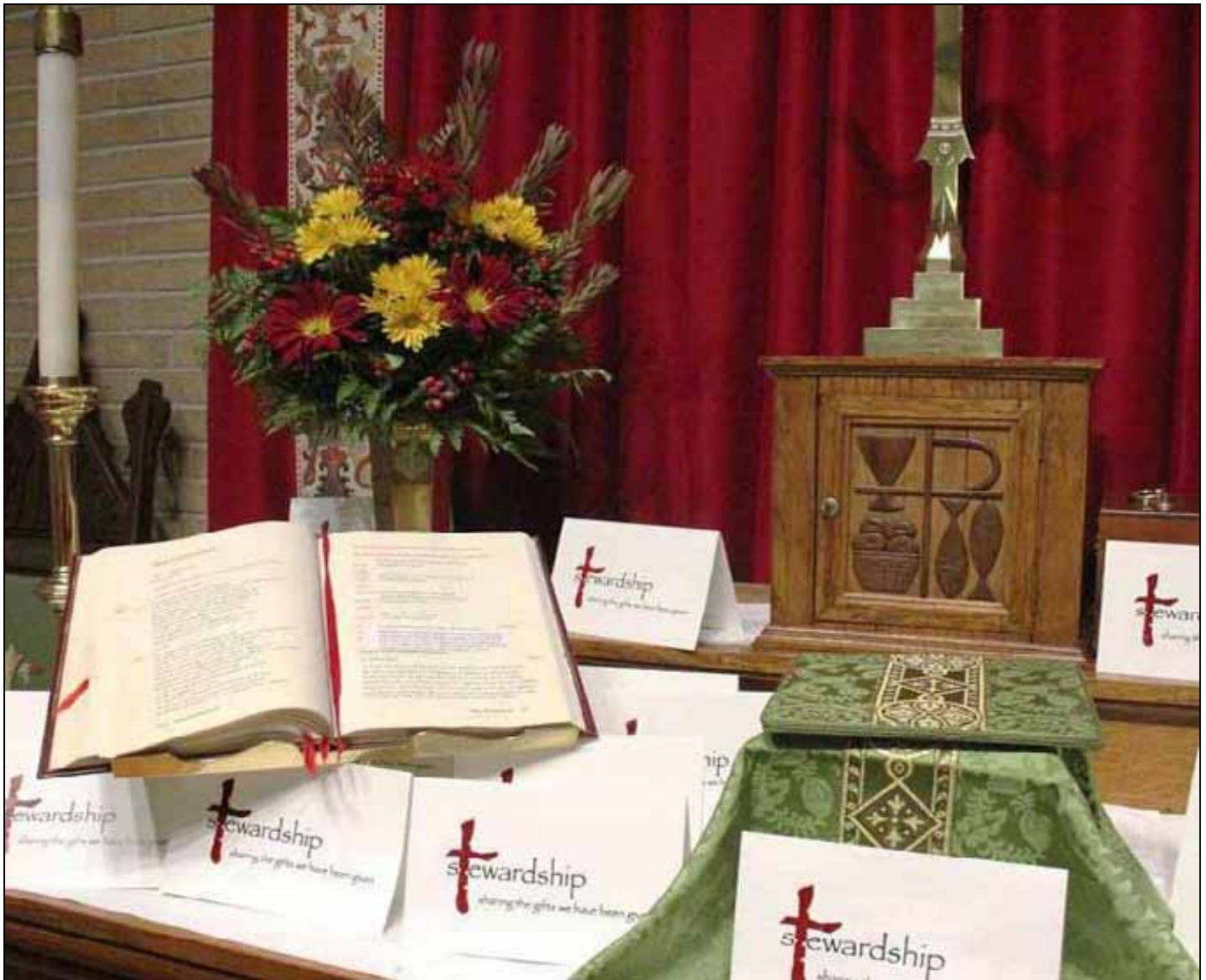




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"F or it is in Giving that We Receive..."

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Our Gifts to God: Time, Talent & Treasure



“Stewardship—we return to God a portion of what we have received.” **Herb Jones**



“St. Alban’s is a comfortable place to worship and be in a community.”

Kristi Hall



“The St. Alban’s that we all know is here because of the generosity of those who came before us. Our goal through planning is that we can not only maintain St. Alban’s but grow for generations to come.” **Easy Biedenbarn**



“We have always enjoyed the people and the worship at St. Alban’s. We have always participated in all the church programs – ECW, UTO, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Vestry and Dinner on the Grounds.”

Ann Jones and Betty Biedenbarn



“I believe ministry comes down to loving one another, and expressing that love to each other though the talents that God has given us.” **Michael Southall**



“I’ve been a teacher for most of my life - of English and of Sunday School - so working with Children’s Chapel is a natural extension of what I love to do and am best at doing.”

Betsy Selby



“I’m a ‘Stewart’, wouldn’t you like to be a ‘Stewart’ too?”

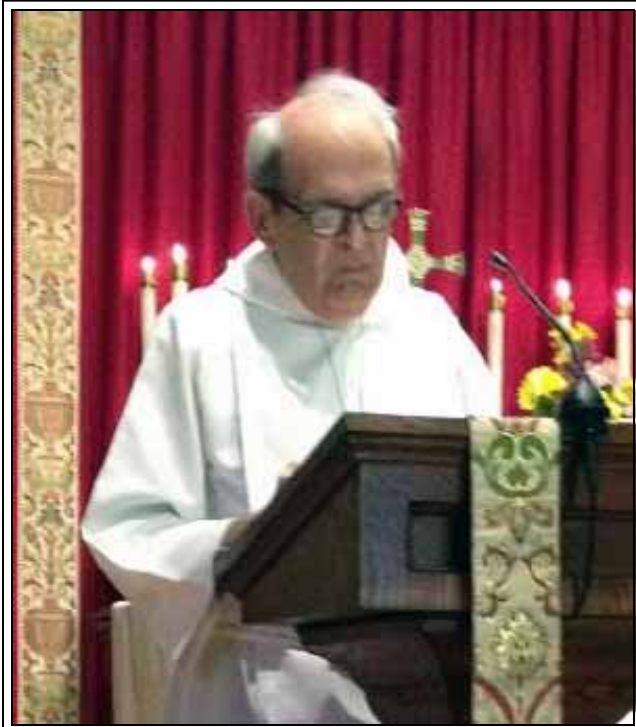
Canada Stewart

“Whether it would be as an usher, a lector, a Sunday School teacher or something else, there is a role for you at St. Albans.” **Lance Stewart**



“I love camp [Bratton Green] and plan to go there as much as possible for the rest of my life.”

Lawson Selby



“We meet weekly for Eucharist, psalmody and Apostles Teaching = JESUS talk!” **David Pruett**



“St. Alban’s is an amazing church to be a part of due to the wonderful church community.” **Courtney Taylor**



“I am blessed to give my talent of music, as well as fine art to the glory of God.” **Wanda Warren**



“Stewardship must address not only what St. Alban’s needs here and now, but many years into the future. A program of planned giving, together with means such as an endowment, are essential tools to promote St. Alban’s vitality and longevity.” **Rymn Parsons**

Blessing of the Animals









† Billie's Corner



The *Feast of All Saints' Day* is a commemoration of all who have gone before us—to the *unknown* that awaits us after death. Some call it *heaven*, while others call it *paradise*. I've come to think of the *afterlife* not as a larger and more peaceful place resembling earth, but as *Divine Mystery*—as the forever fulfillment of God's love for us—as a state of contentment where we will no longer miss our loved ones who have preceded us in death—where we remain present in the lives of those whom we love, and those whom we love remain present to us—where our longing for more is eternally satisfied with more God. And I believe our earthly finite lives offer us subtle foretastes of whatever the *Divine Mystery* might be. God pulls away the *thin veil* and gives us glimpses of His perfect love—a love that can be reflected in the words and actions of human beings—God's highest level of creation.

What makes a person a saint? In the official world of the Church there are stringent guidelines that must be met before the Church canonizes someone a *saint*. But the *Feast Day of All Saints* is a celebration honoring all saints, known and unknown. I am certain that the *Divine Spark* that dwells within each one of us wears a halo. Therefore 'all saints' includes all of us.

I think that it is important to remind ourselves on the *Feast Day of All Saints* that the official canonized saints were people just like us. They weren't born with an extra supply of piety. They struggled just as we struggle. I don't think I could honor someone who was exempt from struggle. It is the struggle that made them saints and it is the struggle that makes us saints.

My latest go-to contemporary author and theologian displays her rough edges in her lectures, sermons and books. She is Nadia Bola-Weber, an ordained Lutheran priest who has a plethora of tattoos. She is the pastor of a church in Denver, Colorado—*House for All Sinners and Saints*. Warning: don't pull her up on YouTube or read her books if cuss words offend you. Her language is sprinkled with words that are commonly thought of as profane. I don't let her 'salty language' get in my way of hearing her message of God's mercy and redemption. She is a living example of God's mercy and redemption.

Nadia speaks of the jagged edges of saints, those canonized and all the rest of us. It is our wounds and failures that create texture in us; texture that provides our desperate need for God's grace. What makes us saints is not our saintly behavior but God's ability to work through sinners with redemptive grace. We are saints because of what God can do in our lives. It is all about God who loves



us and knows us and never ceases to grace us into the saints God created us to be. In Nadia's words, *"We are saints because of God's ability to get beautiful things done through, of all things, human beings—who are all flawed."*

We may be accidental saints, who stumble into redemption and sainthood by way of our sins, but nevertheless, we are saints!!!

Happy Feast Day!

In Peace
Billie+

Books by Nadia Bolz-Weber include *Accidental Saints*, *Finding God in All the Wrong People* and *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint*

† Josie's Journal

Be Still And Present

I remembered a sermon Billie preached in July where the mother was patting her foot waiting for the microwave to finish. I am not in the foot patting mode but I am not so far removed that I could be considered normal. My world turned topsy-turvy when my nephew, Bryan, ended up at St. Dominic's ICU last Friday evening. I looked at my phone and saw my sister's number and my heart skipped a beat. Linda does not use her phone at work unless it is an emergency. I listened as she told me that Bryan was being transported to the hospital after collapsing at work. He is diabetic and wears a pump to administer his medication. His blood sugar level was 1200.



After answering questions from the nurses and doctors, we learned that Bryan had calibrated his pump to dispense less medication than his prescription called for. He did this to stretch his three month supply because sometimes he doesn't have the money to pay for it. I inquired as to why he did not tell his mother or me. He responded he didn't want to worry us. At that point he was safe because he was already in ICU and did not need the lecture that was forming in my brain.

What could I do to help my nephew? I thought long and hard and decided to give up something that was not a necessity for me. I said to Bryan, "You know that I love you and to show you I am going to forego my standing manicure, pedicure and massage appointments and pay for your insulin." I wanted to do anything to get him out of ICU and back to normal.

Our lives and our families are gifts from God and I am thankful that God bumped me into reality and showed me just how precious life is. Tell those you love that you love them.

In Peace
Josie†

Dinner on the Grounds

Sunday, November 6, 11:00-2:00 PM

Smoked Pulled Pork Lunch, \$10 a plate
(Baked Beans, Slaw, Rolls And Dessert)

ECW Country Market

(Homemade Frozen Casseroles and Soups, Cakes, Pies, Candies, Jams and the latest ECW Cookbook)

Liturgical Tablescapes, Parish House

(Six Tables Decorated To Reflect The Liturgical Year—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter And Pentecost)

Book Signings

(Lift High the Cross: The History of St. Alban's Episcopal Church & Owl Roost Plantation)

Silent Auction, Center Hallway

Live Music on the Grounds

(Ralph Miller)

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM

Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Wednesday, November 2—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 5—Final Preparations for Dinner on the Grounds

Assemble Luminaries for All Saints' Service, 2:00 PM

All Saints' Memorial Service, 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 6—Dinner on the Grounds, 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Sunday, November 13—Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Holy Eucharist featuring the *Mississippi BoyChoir*

Tuesday, November 15—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 20—Bolton Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service

St. Mary's Church, 4:00 PM

Thursday, November 24—Morning Prayer followed by a Potluck Thanksgiving

Feast. Deacon Josie, chairperson

Sunday, November 27—First Sunday in Advent

Advent Workshop for Children & Adults, Parish House

November Birthdays

3 Bertha Kolb	19 Margaret Massey
8 Whitney Nieto	20 Kristin Selby
9 Margie Scott	22 Betty Rushing
10 Koury Collins	23 Charles Barton
12 Jonah Artman	24 Barbara Ramsay
12 David Pruett	26 Sherry Barton.
17 Letty Biedenbarn	27 Margharita Davis
Josie Huntley	Sam Hall
Kay McWilliams	29 Eva Panelo

November Anniversaries

7 John Segrest & Bitsy Sloan	12 David & Bonnie Pruett
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Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

Ann Hanks	Dr. Peter Boelens	Mary Ruth Jones
Aryana Strawn	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Martha Benson Norma Jones
Barbara Ramsay	Jackson Monti	Parker Ramsay
Barbara & Darrell Welch	Jim & Sherry Horan	Pat McNair
Barbara McCleese	Jim Dantin	Paul E. Rachel
Bertha Kolb	Joan Leese	Peter Meyers
Betty Biedenbarn	Key Davis	Rachelle Ferris
Bill & Liz Curtis	Kristi Biedenbarn	Richard & Margo Massey
Brian Buchanan	Larry Lambiotte	Rt. Rev. A. C. "Chip" Marble
Charlie Brantley & Family	Gene & Libby Mulloy	Sallie Terry
Dale Gibson	Linda & Jim Dooley	The Anita Collins Family
Dalton Glatt	Lucas Guynes	The Selby Family
Damion Hansford	Marty Crevitt	Wilma Mitchell
Dan & Mary Carleton	Mary Ann Seage	

Victims of Flooding in Louisiana & Mississippi

Lurgical Schedule—Sundays in November

	November 6 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	November 13 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	November 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost	November 27 First Sunday of Advent
First Reading	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm	Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22	Canticle 9	Canticle 4	Psalm 122
Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43 Children's Eucharist	Matthew 24:36-44
Master of Ceremony	Jennifer Normand	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Theo Williams	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Herb Jones
Old Testament Lector				
8:30 a.m.	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
11:00 a.m.	Ed Shelnut	Sharon Hanks	Jeff Artman	Mary Ruth Jones
Epistle Lector		Canada Stewart	Lawson Selby	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Koury Collins	Ann Tompkins Canada Stewart	Beth Guynes Gloria & Sam Hall	Koury Collins Canada Stewart
Crucifer (Wooden)			Heaven Leigh	
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Jennifer Normand
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Bruce Carleton	Deacon Josie
Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie Richard Price
Oblation Bearers	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames	Janice Herrington Betty Rushing	Sunny Faith Lanore Fulgham	Rymn & Joan Parsons
Ushers & Greeters	Lance Stewart Leigh Devine	Ed Shelnut Koury Collins	Josh & Jonah Artman	Allan Leese David Normand
Altar Guild	Judy Morrissey Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey
Coffee Host	Dinner on the Grounds	Bonnie Pruett Wilma Mitchell	Betsy Selby Rev. Billie	Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
Nursery Assistant	April's Niece	Bonnie Pruett	Betty Rushing	Ann Tompkins
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby		Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Rymn Parsons Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Rymn Parsons Sharon Hanks Herb Jones	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
Healing Service	November 2 Ann Tompkins	November 9 Tommy Skinner	November 16 David Pruett	November 23 Ann Tompkins