

The Envoy

“Praise the Lord,
Praise God in his sanctuary.
Praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for
his acts of power. Praise him for his surpassing
greatness. Praise him for the sounding of the
trumpet. Praise him with the harp and lyre.
Praise him with tambourine and dancing. Praise
him with the strings and flute. Praise him with
the clash of cymbals. Praise him with resounding
cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise
the Lord. Praise the Lord.”

Psalm 150

August 2025

Words from the Senior Warden



It is with a heavy heart I report my resignation-that is my resignation of "Acting Rector" effective August 17th. With the arrival of Fr. Scott Nonken, I will merely be the Sr. Warden. I will have to Cowboy-Up and move forward. We are excited to have Fr. Scott join us as Priest-in-Charge for the next three years.

To assist Fr. Scott learning our names, let's all be sure to wear our name tags. If you do not have a tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex welcome center, or call Jennifer, the

office administrator.

Trees! I refer you to the Jr. Warden's report. We are in the process of removing seven trees the cost of which approaches \$10,000. And I anticipate we will have the remaining trees "inoculated" to prevent pine beetle attack which destroys the trees. The customary fee for this service is approximately \$80,000 which has been reduced for our Parish to \$20,000. The bottom line is we are about to spend \$30,000 on trees!

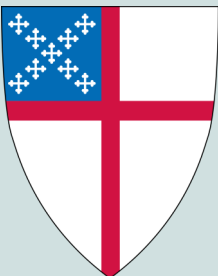
On Saturday, August 9th at 8:00am we will install hurricane protection on the large glass doors. We need eight men (or four strong women) for the task. We anticipate being completed not later than 11:00am. Let Russ Lynn know you will help.

The Thrift Shop is going well and we very much appreciate the work Berry and her team have invested in keeping the Shop operating.

Yours in Christ,

Mike McManus, Sr. Warden

Convention Delegate Needed



One of our delegates for this year's Annual Convention has had to resign their position, and we are in need of a replacement. If you are willing to represent our church by attending the Annual Convention in Punta Gorda on October 10-11, 2025, please speak to Mike McManus #936-581-9942 or any of our vestry members.

Treasurer Report

Attached is a compressed view of the financials presented to Vestry on July 24th :

| Year To Date June 2025 | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <i>Description</i> | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Over / Under</i> |
| Income | | | |
| Regular Giving | 101,014 | 92,796 | 8,218 |
| Other Operating Income & Gifts | 59,607 | 83,624 | (24,017)) |
| Total Revenues | 160,621 | 176,420 | (15,799) |
| Expenses | | | |
| Clergy/Staff | 32,169 | 33,578 | 1,409 |
| Operations Support | 7,589 | 10,747 | 3,158 |
| Yearly Diocesan Apportionment | 23,633 | 23,633 | 0 |
| Utilities | 13,536 | 14,898 | 1,362 |
| Building/Grounds Operations | 16,091 | 19,027 | 2,936 |
| Insurance | 45,982 | 45,982 | 0 |
| Total Expenses | 151,529 | 160,454 | 8,925 |
| NET TOTAL | 9,092 | 15,966 | (6,874) |

Year-to-Date Budget Revenue includes transfer of \$31,000 from Inheritance Fund (a total of \$62,000 by year end), however, only the \$10,613 put aside for Yearly Apportionment Assessment was transferred from Inheritance Fund in June. Some expenses were budgeted evenly throughout the 12 months, and activity has not yet happened. A preliminary year-end outlook has been prepared which includes the addition of our new Priest-in-Charge, renting the Rectory, and removing the dead Pine trees surrounding the Memorial Garden. Outlook currently shows using \$58,000 of the \$62,000.

Thank you for your giving and to the ministry leaders managing their budgets. We are truly blessed and thankful for Fr. Richard Earle and Fr. Barry Kubler, and look forward to welcoming Fr. Scott Nonken.

Any questions/concerns please feel free to email me at berryludwig@gmail.com or call (727) 348-4766.

Faithfully submitted,
Berry Ludwig, Treasurer



Junior Warden Report



It's been a very busy month around our campus...here are just some of the highlights.

Trees: We have had our share of Pine Beetle problems in the last two years. When signs of Pine Beetle damage are noticed, the tree dies usually within 3 weeks. Just recently, we have lost 6 more pine trees beside our Memorial Garden due to Pine Beetle infestation. Those trees are scheduled to be removed the first week of Sept. We are also going to have the large pine tree adjacent to the Parish Hall building removed at the same

time to avoid the possibility of destruction to the Parish Hall were it to fall during a storm. *Here's the good news* - after consulting with two different arborists, we have decided to move forward with treating all of the trees on our property with a technique that basically "inoculates" the tree and discourages the Pine Beetle from attacking that tree. Faced with the real possibility of losing all our trees, we have to mitigate that possibility as best we can. Phase 1 inoculation will start the first week of August. Phase 2 inoculation takes place 6 months later. After both treatments, the Arborists believe the success rate should be approximately 90% successful. The arborist doing the treatment will reevaluate the trees in 24 to 36 months to see if there are any signs that a "booster" treatment might be needed. Both companies have given St Vincent's a substantial and generous price reduction as a donation to our Church.

Storm Prep Workday: We will be installing the metal storm panels on the sides of the Sanctuary in an effort to get ahead of any storms that may threaten us this season. We need 8 to 10 people that can help with this. The metal panels aren't heavy, just long. Wear gloves and we'll have a "system" in place that will make this job go smoothly. If you don't think you can contribute to this type of work, there is always some lighter weeding and trimming that is needed. As with all workdays, our goal is to get our chores done and be able to go home early! I'll be there at 7:30!

Pond: Our pond management company has treated the Duck weed and hyacinths at our request to reduce the amount of vegetative growth in the pond. The main purpose of the pond is to hold as much overflow water and discharge that water into the stormwater system as fast as possible during heavy rains. This work is ongoing and will be combined with the City clearing additional muck and debris out of the pond. We don't have a date when this work will occur, but we're on their list.

Thank you! Thank you to Sandra Stancil and her very dedicated crew of cleaning volunteers that showed up last week to do a "deep cleaning" of the kitchen. This wasn't a "dust and mop" social! There isn't a cleaner kitchen in Pinellas County!

A special "Thank you" to a few volunteers that routinely show up during the week to pull weeds, trim and keep our property in the beautiful condition that it is. Without their dedication, our property would not look as nice as it does! I won't mention names, but they know who they are!...

These are just two groups this month that get "The unsung hero award"!

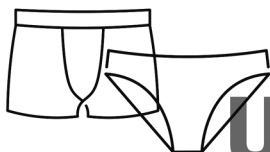
In His Service,

Russ Lynn, Jr Warden

VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, August 28st, 6:30pm

Any Member of the Church is welcome to attend. This is the best time to bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions to the Vestry for discussion.



Undie Sunday

Last Day for collection is Sunday, August 10th

AMAZON
WISH LIST!



All Sizes needed! Drop your donations in the drawer in the Narthex. Can't Shop? Each pair costs CTK \$1.75—make a gift today: www.clothestokids.org



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, August 16th
10am to 1pm

In the Parking lot of
St. Vincent's Episcopal Church
Sign-up in the Narthex or
come the day of the drive



oneblood.org

Welcome Fr. Scott!

August 17th, 2025
Parish Hall

Come join us in welcoming
Fr. Scott with a special brunch
following the 10am service.

Please sign-up in
the narthex if you plan
to attend.



News from the Thrift Shop

Christmas in July ended with a 50% sale week and the remaining items have been packed away to come out in November. In spite of an extremely HOT July with extreme heat advisories, sales continued to be brisk.

Thanks to a grant from The Krauss Foundation and the Diocese releasing all surviving inventory and equipment from St Alban's thrift store (The Attic Store sadly was demolished by Helene), a wonderful refresh of the shop was completed. The feedback from our customers has been amazing and the amount of donations daunting. With 4 new volunteers beginning in August, I'm confident that we'll be able to keep up. Much gratitude to the past Managers -- Winnie Bozza (1977-1996), Mary Jones (1996-2003), Joan Rucksdashel (2003-2018), and Ruth D'Ambrosio (2018-2024). With their leadership and the amazing dedication of our volunteers, the transition was seamless.

Beginning in August, Rita Saible from St. Alban's will lead Wednesdays and Pamela McManus our Fridays. If you are interested in joining the Team, please see me at church or feel free to give me a call. Stop by for a visit and enjoy the continuous oldies music and good cheer, and tell your friends and neighbors.



Faithfully Submitted,
Berry Ludwig

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We are excited to report that the diocese again this year, gave us a \$3000 grant for school supplies for kids! We were able to help support fifteen children from our 12pm service with backpacks and supplies. We also donated 71 backpacks to a Community Center here in St. Petersburg that has a Back to School supply drive every year! We had a lot of fun shopping and delivering everything. I know that it will bring smiles to many faces!



In His Service,
Lynne and Russ Lynn

Don't forget to have the kiddos bring their backpacks for a special blessing on Sunday, 8/3 during the 10am service!!



Storm Preparation Work Day

Saturday, August 9th ~ 8am-11am

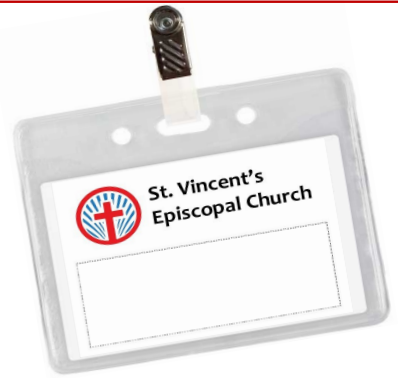
Help Needed!

We need 8 to 10 strong individuals to help mount the window shutters in preparation for storms. Be sure to bring your gloves. Please contact Russ Lynn if you can help #813-802-9301.



Name Tags

Let us all welcome Fr. Scott on August 17th by getting back into the practice of wearing our name tags. If you need a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex welcome station.



MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

**Saturday, August 2nd,
8am-9:30am ~ Parish Hall**

All Men of the Parish are invited to attend as well as cook. Sign-up in the Narthex.

Prayers for Healing

Shut-ins:

Rosanna Balzano, Sybil Mulhauser, Shirley Johnson

Members in Need of Healing:

Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Susan Austin, Pat Goodin, Eleanor Turner

Healing for Friends & Family:

Kit Tollerton, Lisa Goodin, Tim Goodin, Jay Weisberg, Melissa Cercone, Tiffany Leigh, Michael Norris, Pam H., Debbie Reeves, Billy Reeves, Donald Higgins, Nancy Frishe, Patrick Klemawesch, Carley Klemawesch, Manacoa Klemawesch, Jona Plank, Rick Starnes, Debbie Davis, Izzy Evans, Claire Renshaw, Jonathan Roman, Nancy Frishe, Nancy Campbell, Martin, John Kiley

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint of the Month

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and



his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt terrible ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"

Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child sing-

ing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His feast day is August 28th.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10 Deanna Wittstruck
11 Maria Surun
16 Bruce Carlisle
20 Sandra Stancil
30 Judyth Whiteford



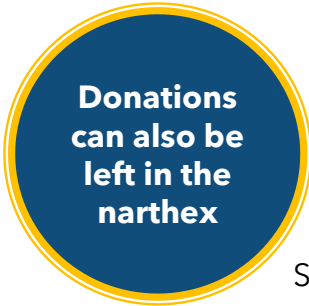
Happy Anniversary

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Outreach Ministry

Daystar Life Center's Food Pantry and Clothing Closet could use some of the following items. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation, send them over to Daystar! Items most needed:

- Men's sneakers (all sizes)
- Men's shorts (all sizes)
- Men's shoes (size 8 and up)
- Canned Veggies
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pasta (all kinds)
- Dog Food



**Donations
can also be
left in the
narthex**



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St. Vincent's Episcopal Church

August 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | | | | | 1 Office Closed | 2 8am Men's Breakfast |
| 3 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish Backpack Blessing | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Office Closed | 9 8am-11am Storm Shutter mounting |
| 10 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish *Last day of Undie Sunday Drive | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Office Closed | 16 10am-1pm Blood Drive |
| 17 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish 11am Welcome Brunch for Fr. Scott | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Envoy Submission Deadline | 22 Office Closed | 23 |
| 24 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish <hr/> 31 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 6:30p Vestry Meeting | 29 Office Closed | 30 |



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