

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022



**Calvary**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*“To reflect Christ’s image through inclusive relationships,  
unconditional love, and joyful service.”*

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**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Sunday January 29, 2023 ♦ 10:15 am**  
**AGENDA**

Prayer

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting – February 6, 2022

Slate for the Vestry and Convention Delegates/Alternates

Vestry Member Reports:

- Senior Warden
- Stewardship
- Welcome
- Formation
- Outreach
- Events
- Buildings and Grounds

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Presentation of 2023 Budget

Old Business

New Business

Election of Wardens, Vestry, Convention Delegates/Alternates

Necrology

Closing Prayer and Dismissal

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# 2022 Annual Report

## PARISH LEADERSHIP 2022

Senior Warden.....Jim Filkins

Junior Warden..... Kate Pierson

### Vestry Members:

- Jan Bruesch, Welcome
- Jennifer Hentrich, Welcome/Outreach
- Jeri Kellan, Stewardship
- Joe Latona, Events & Outreach
- Drew Nolan, Buildings & Grounds
- Lisa Pardue, Finance
- Marilyn Stein, Formation

## SLATE FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP 2023

Senior Warden.....Jim Filkins

Junior Warden..... Kate Pierson

### New Vestry Members:

- Donald and Stephanie Castle, Buildings and Grounds

### Continuing Vestry Members:

- Jan Bruesch, Welcome
- Jennifer Hentrich, Welcome/Outreach
- Jeri Kellan, Stewardship
- Joe Latona, Events & Outreach
- Lisa Pardue, Finance
- Drew Nolan, Buildings & Grounds
- Marilyn Stein, Formation

## Delegates to Diocesan Convention ♦ November 2023

Delegates: (3)

Jim, Filkins, Stephanie Castle, Marilyn Stein

Alternates: (2)

Lisa Pardue, Jennifer Hentrich

### PARISH STATISTICS

Membership end of 2020 =122

Membership end of 2021 =123

<b>Additions</b>	<b>Removals</b>
<b>Baptism: 1</b>	<b>Deaths: 1</b>
<b>Confirmation: 1</b>	<b>Moved: 0</b>
<b>Newcomers: 5</b>	<b>Inactive: 0</b>
<b>Pledging Units for 2022: 34</b>	<b>Pledging Units for 2023: 35</b>

Average Sunday attendance: 29

Lowest Sunday attendance: 12 (*January 9, 2022*)

Highest Sunday attendance: 59 (*April, 2017*)

# VESTRY REPORTS

## Senior Warden Report

**Twenty twenty-two was a remarkable and blessed year for Calvary Episcopal Church!**

### **I. A New Rector.**

After a two-year search God has sent us a new Rector! Fr. James Stanley began his ministry with us on December 1, 2022, and celebrated his first service with us on Christmas Eve. Fr. Jim came to us from St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Palatine, Illinois where he was Rector since 2016. Prior to his calling at St. Philip's Fr. Jim served as a curate at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Geneva, Illinois from 2014-16. Fr. Jim is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Nashotah House Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2014.

As we welcome Fr. Jim, we should not forget to thank Jennifer Hentrich, who tirelessly led our Search Committee for two years. Jennifer communicated regularly with the Diocese during the pendency of our search and acted as our principal liaison with Fr. George and the St. Mark's Search Committee when our two churches pursued a shared position. The other members of our Search Committee were Marilyn Stein, Jim Filkins, and after her election as Junior Warden, Kate Pierson. Thank you to them as well.

### **II. The Rectory Sale.**

In 2022 we decided as a congregation that it was in the best interests of Calvary to sell our Rectory. The Rectory has not actually been used as a rectory since 1991 and its under-utilization and neglect over the past thirty years has led to a woeful state of disrepair that is beyond our means to redress. An inspection of the Rectory in August 2022<sup>1</sup> disclosed a variety of problems that will need to be repaired or corrected within the next few years at considerable expense.

The most significant single expense that the report identified will be the need for a new roof for the Rectory within the next 6 or so years. Among the other repairs that would be needed are restoration of the electrical wiring to code and repairs of parts of the plumbing system. Additionally, the Rectory is not handicapped accessible and lacks central air conditioning.

In the short run the sale of the Rectory will raise funds that can applied to needed repairs in Castle Hall, most notably the repair of the basement to correct leaking and flooding problems. In the long run the savings realized from the repairs we will no longer have to make as well as the elimination of the costs of utilities, insurance, and lawn care will enable Calvary to continue to maintain financial stability as our congregation grows.

Procedurally, the sale of the Rectory was first discussed among the members of the Vestry at its meeting of July 21, 2022. There was universal accord among the Vestry to begin the process to sell the Rectory and to hold a meeting with the congregation after services on Sunday, August 14, 2022, to discuss the reasons for the sale. At the conclusion of the August 14<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Inspector's Report is available from the church office for anyone who would like to review it.

meeting, it was the sense of the Wardens and Vestry that the congregation fully supported the sale of the Rectory. Accordingly, a resolution for the sale of the Rectory in conformity with Canon 24 was drafted, submitted to the Vestry at its August 18, 2022, meeting, and unanimously approved. The Vestry also decided to hold the congregational vote on the resolution at a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2022. At that meeting the congregation overwhelmingly approved the resolution.<sup>2</sup>

On October 12, 2022, the Senior Warden presented Calvary's petition for ecclesiastical permission to sell the Rectory to the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The Standing Committee unanimously approved the petition and recommended to Bishop Paula Clark that she grant Calvary permission to sell the Rectory. Bishop Clark granted permission on October 13, 2022.

Once Calvary received ecclesiastical permission to sell the Rectory a title search commissioned by the attorney representing Calvary in this sale, Shawn Bolger, identified 2 impediments to clear title. Once these impediments were cured the Wardens entered into a marketing agreement on November 11, 2022, with Tom Fosnot of J.W. Reedy Realty, Ltd. to sell the property. The as-is listing price is \$300,000.00. A survey of the parcel was also completed in December 2022.

As of this writing in early January there has been an expression of interest in the property according to Mr. Fosnot, but as the holiday season began shortly after we entered into the marketing agreement and only recently concluded matters have proceeded slowly and we have not yet received an offer.

### **III. The Capital Campaign.**

Our 3-year capital campaign to repair our parking lot, driveway, and walkways continues. You will recall that the estimate we originally presented for the project was \$60,000.00. That estimate was based on an estimate that was already 3 or 4 years old. Over the course of 2022 we obtained 7 new estimates that ranged in price from a low of about \$75,000.00 to a high of about \$130,000.00. We have taken the midpoint, i.e., about \$100,000.00 as the rough cost of the project, but because so many of the components used in parking lot repairs and re-surfacing, such as asphalt, are petroleum-based, the cost may likely go up.

Ideally, it would be best and most economical to complete the entire project at once rather than undertaking the repairs piecemeal. Given, however, the deterioration of the east driveway and other areas of the parking lot we may have to consider completing some repairs sooner than others.

The good news is that thanks to our congregation's wonderful generosity we have in the bank about \$50,000.00 for our capital campaign or about half of the projected cost.

Thank you all very much!

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<sup>2</sup> There were 28 Yes votes (including 5 absentee ballots), 1 No vote, and 1 abstention. Two voting members of the congregation were absent.

#### **IV. The New Lift.**

Calvary's generosity has not been limited to the Capital Campaign. As of last year's annual meeting our much-needed new lift was on order. We finally got the new lift a couple of months later. A big thanks to Drew Nolan who oversaw the installation and testing as well as the post-installation inspection.

Once the lift was installed and approved for operation, we thought it would be a fun way to raise a little money by holding a lottery with the prize being the very first ride in the new lift. We held the lottery on the first Sunday after Easter, April 24, 2022. Assisting Bishop Chilton Knudsen visited Calvary that Sunday to celebrate Mass and to meet with the Vestry. Assisting Bishop Chilton was kind enough to bless our new lift after the service and its first official occupant Lisa Pardue, the lottery winner. Thanks to Jennifer Hentrich for organizing the lottery.

In blessing the new lift Assisting Bishop Chilton reflected on the example of her late husband who in his last years developed mobility problems and required the kind of assistance our new lift now provides. She told us how much she appreciated our willingness to make the purchase of a new lift a priority and how deeply that priority reflects Calvary's commitment to inclusion.

Once again, thank you all very much!

#### **V. The New Roof.**

In fiction, film, and television the church with a leaky roof is something of an old cliché'. Those of us, however, who recall the buckets and pans strewn about in the nursery and hallway between the sanctuary and Castle Hall know that sometimes cliché's are true. Thankfully, Calvary no longer has a leaky roof.

After obtaining several estimates for the repair of the flat portion of the roof that overlies Castle Hall, the nursery, and hallway leading to the sanctuary the Wardens and Drew Nolan, our Buildings & Grounds vestry representative, met to evaluate the estimates. We decided to accept the estimate of Showalter Roofing Company and with Vestry approval contracted with them for a teardown and replacement of the flat portion of the roof. At the time we signed the contract supply chain disruptions were at their peak and so there was a delay of about 2 months before Showalter received all the necessary materials and work could begin. The project began and was completed last summer, and the buckets and pan are now thankfully a thing of the past.

#### **VI. The Boy Scouts.**

In September 2022 Boy Scout Troop 140B and Cub Pack 140 approached Ken Pardue to inquire whether Calvary would be willing to take over sponsorship of these two groups.

Both the Scout Troop and the Cub Pack were sponsored by St. Pius XII Roman Catholic Church in Lombard, but in 2022 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet altered its policies to prohibit or severely restrict sponsorship of Boy Scout Troops and Cub Packs by parishes in the Diocese of Joliet. St. Pius XII's loss has been Calvary's gain!



Ken Pardue and the Wardens met with the Scout leaders on two occasions at Calvary so that we could discuss sponsorship, ask and answer questions, and so the Scout leaders could look over our facilities. Notwithstanding our lack of a gymnasium, the Scout leaders chose Calvary and after Vestry approval we entered into an Annual Charter Agreement and Facilities Use and Indemnity Agreement with them on October 29, 2022. The agreement is for one year with the option to renew per BSA rules. Their 3 trailers holding camping equipment and other items were relocated to our parking lot and the transfer of their assets from St. Pius XII to Calvary was completed. It is a standard BSA practice that the sponsor, not the individual troop, owns the assets.

The Scouts meet regularly on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00. We are just getting to know each other, but a couple of dozen Scouts helped us with the greening of the church on December 11<sup>th</sup> and at the December Vestry meeting one Scout presented a proposal for a project to install shelving in one of the basement offices where we store various Calvary items and seasonal decorations to make better and more efficient use of the space. Completing a project is part of the requirements for Eagle Scout. As of this writing the Scouts and Scout leaders are planning to attend Calvary on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we can meet them, and they can meet us.

A big thanks to Ken Pardue for bringing the Scouts to Calvary's attention and for agreeing to act as liaison between Calvary and the Scouts.

## Junior Warden Report

This has been an inspiring year of growth and opportunity for Calvary, as shown in the Senior Warden's Report. My part has been to support, connect, and learn.

There were four projects which I completed in 2022:

1. On June 13, 2022 Laura Waterman and I met with David Schultz of David F. Schultz Associates Ltd. for a no-cost no-obligation analysis of the Calvary facility. Our objective was cost-effective ways to make our building more welcoming and usable. He had some low-cost suggestions for carpeting, noise dampening acoustic tile, and painting an "accent wall" in classrooms which has proven to improve students' concentration. He had some high-cost suggestions which we are unlikely to afford.
2. Working with Fran Cole, Pastor Robin, and the families of our potential students, we reopened Sunday School on Sept 25, 2022. Fran is using a Lego activity-based curriculum suitable for a wide age range. We are grateful for the Legos donated by our congregation for this purpose.
3. On Oct 27, 2022, with the help of Laura Waterman, Pastor Robin, and several proofreaders, I submitted a Vitality Grant application to the Diocese of Chicago. I requested the maximum \$30,000 to flood-proof our basement, which would make the space more reliably usable for Calvary's own needs and "outreach" needs. Unfortunately this grant was not chosen for funding "...in light of Calvary's stable financial condition and possibility of selling the rectory..."

4. I coordinated this year's ReVive Center Christmas Basket Program, communicating with Director Erwin Mayer, soliciting donations from our congregation, collecting the gifts, and packaging everything for pick up. I am grateful for the generosity of our congregation. The ReVive staff picked up our packages on Dec 8, 2022.

I look forward to working with our caring and capable team in 2023, and making the most of Calvary's strengths and opportunities, to live out our statement of "We are here for God and we are here for you."

## Stewardship

"Growing to be God's Stewards"

The Stewardship committee chose this theme as the focus of Calvary's Stewardship Campaign this past year. We hope that all we do will make us good stewards of all that God has given us.

The finance committee set a budget goal of \$175,000. Unfortunately we didn't make that goal, but did raise \$153,426.00 as of December 2022. We also stressed the importance of giving one's time and talents to Calvary in the many areas where people are needed.

The Stewardship Committee truly thanks each member of Calvary for their continued support, both financially and with your gifts of time and talents. Thank you all so very much!

This year's committee members were Carla Castle, Jennifer Ceplecha, David Pardue and myself. I could not have done this without their invaluable help.

Thank you!

The Stewardship Committee:  
Jennifer Ceplecha  
Carla Castle  
Jeri Kellan  
Dave Pardue

## Welcome

By the end of 2022 many of the pandemic restrictions placed on Calvary came to an end, THANK GOD!! We began having coffee hour after church again starting early in the year. To make everyone more comfortable we provided pre-packaged snacks. As time passed, we started to have a monthly celebration where we did more than the standard pre-packaged snacks. This seemed to entice more people to stop by for a cup of coffee after church. This is an essential part of connecting with your church family and if you have not already stopped over, I highly recommend it.

In addition to welcoming people in our church we sent out mailers to all people that moved to Lombard and surrounding communities within the past year. We strongly feel that in order to get more people in the door we need to reach out from within our doors. My goal for next year is to send out an e-mailer to all people that have moved into the area in addition to a paper letter in the mail.

The welcome committee needs volunteers to be Greeters, Ushers, Coffee hour host, and coffee hour clean up as well as volunteers to provide cakes and coffee for special events. If you are interested, please reach out to Jennifer Hentrich via email: [Jenniferhentrich@yahoo.com](mailto:Jenniferhentrich@yahoo.com) or phone 630.671.9910.

Special thank you goes out to all that have supported the welcoming at Calvary: Jim Filkins, Marilyn Stein, Carol Visney, Audrey Shuurman, Maggie Nolan, and Kate Pierson.

## Formation Ministries

**Formation** is about discipleship, forming ourselves to be like Christ in the world, by *studying* the faith together, by *encouraging* one another in the faith, and with this learning and support by *embodying* the faith in our actions.

At Calvary in 2022 we have provided opportunities for Formation in four ways outside of our regular worship services.

- **Daily Devotionals**, led by me weekly on Facebook Live and using Forward Day by Day (available via app or booklet). Viewers who watch live are encouraged to join the discussion and it is recorded for later viewing at any time. An average of 20+ people watch online each week.
- **Weekly Adult Formation Classes** following the worship service in Castle Hall. This year we held three classes. During Lent we based our discussions on The Pilgrim Way of Lent: Daily Meditations for Lent from the Washington National Cathedral. Over the summer we read and discussed The Creation Care Bible Challenge, edited by Marek P. Zabriskie. And over the Fall into Advent, we joined the Calvary Book Group in reading Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders and the Healing of the Earth by Debra Reinstra.
- **Weekly Bible Study**. Now that Jan Bruesch is back home (Praise God!) she has resumed leading weekly Bible study in her home. The first study of 2022 followed the book The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and their Lessons for Today by Shannon Bream. The group is currently reading and discussing The God of the Way: A Journey into the Stories, People and Faith that Changed the World Forever. This study is supplemented by video and a workbook.

- The Calvary Book Group meets monthly in the evening at the home of Bruce and Audrey Schuurmann. This year we had to skip a few meetings due to illness and vacations, did read and discuss several articles and faith-enhancing books. We started the year by discussing our thoughts, feelings and experiences regarding abortion, aided by several relevant articles. The books we read ranged from focusing on the nature of God and our faith practices (The Way of the Heart: Connecting with God through Prayer, Wisdom and Silence by Henri Nouwen; The Stream and the Sapphire: Selected Poems on Religious Themes by Denise Levertov), racism (The Uneasy Conscience of a White Christian: Making Racial Equity a Priority by Clifford Williams), and creation care (The World Ending Fire: The Essential Wendell Berry, by Wendell Berry; Refugian Faith; and The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of America's Supermarket by Benjamin Lorr).

We are also encouraging the congregation to join a Chicago Diocese initiative to read along with other churches in our diocese the new book Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter by Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, who is Canon Theologian at the Washington National Cathedral.

Our Adult Formation book for Lent in 2023 will be available to the whole congregation, regardless of whether you can participate in the class: Lent is not Rocket Science: An Exploration of God, Creation and the Cosmos by W Nicholas Knisely, who is both an Episcopal Bishop and a former astrophysicist!

It has been and continues to be a fulfilling experience to grow with you through Formation. Please consider joining in with any of the opportunities to develop your discipleship that are offered in the coming year.

Blessings to all,

Marilyn Stein

## Events / Outreach

- **Lenten Fundraiser Trivia Night - 3/26/23**

Parishioner Stephanie Castle hosted a fun evening of trivia. We had prizes available from local businesses. Proceeds from the event benefited the Teen-Parent Connection of Glen Ellyn, Outreach House of Lombard, Dupage Pads of Wheaton, Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, and Magdalene House Chicago. Over 25 people participated in the trivia game!

- **Soap Making Fundraiser - 4/9/22**

Ruthann Janis organized a fascinating soap-making class with the guidance of Soapy Roads of Lombard. The proceeds from the event benefited the Capital Campaign. The event raised over \$1000. Over 25 people crafted soap bars!

- **Candle Making Fundraiser - 9/10/22**

Ruthann Janis organized a creative candle-making class again with the support of Soapy Roads of Lombard. The proceeds from the event benefited the efforts to repair and replace the Calvary Church Driveway. Over 20 people created candles.

- **Lombard Christmas Mart - 11/5/22**

After a soft reset of the Christmas Mart in 2021, the 2022 event was designed to be at full capacity. Calvary Church hosted 15 vendors, all selling unique, handmade crafts. We raised \$750 and, most importantly, invited over 800 people to visit our church. Many of the vendors had excellent results, and most, if not all, will return for the 2023 event.

- **Jingle Bell Jubilee Christmas Cookie Walk - 12/3/22**

After the reduced-scale Cookie Walk Lite event in 2021, Maggie Nolan organized an amazing return to our classic Cookie Walk event! In approximately two hours, we raised over \$1250. Every cookie was sold!

**Next planned event:**

I am meeting with a professional trivia host on Friday, 1/27/23 to discuss a trivia night to be hosted in February or, most likely, March of this year.

## Buildings & Grounds Annual Report

2022 definitely had its challenges and also some great accomplishments. I would like to thank all who have helped out this year, starting with the garden club, Marcia and Dave Pardue, Audrey and Bruce Schuurmann, If I have missed anyone my apologies. I would also like to thank all who helped throughout the year from clean up days and those who helped out in other ways. Marcia and Dave Pardue, Ken and Lisa Pardue, Joe and Eloise Latona, Donald Castle, Tom, Mason and Luke Ceplecha, Jim Filkins, Jeri Kellen, Rich Gregory, Maggie, Austin and Ian Nolan, Kate Pierson, Bruce and Audrey Schuurmann and Carol Visney. Thank you all and my apologies if I have missed anyone.

The following is a list of buildings and grounds Annual Maintenance, some that is required by the village or state, as well as yearly up keep and maintenance.

- Fire extinguishers were checked and retagged.
- Emergency lights were tested and batteries replaced.
- Fire Alarm and pull stations were tested.
- The fire sprinkler system was checked and circulation test was done.
- A/C, furnaces and boiler room had maintenance done.
- Backflow was tested.
- Grass cutting and snow plowing.
- Two clean up days.

The following is a list of repairs that were done

- After replacing the back flow system in December of 2021, we also had to replace the RPZ valve in January of 2022 Because it was leaking.
- We have Service Master cleaning the building once a week.
- Anderson Pest control comes one's a month.
- In February I noticed that the flat roof was leaking in several areas. I met with about 7 roofing companies and we had Showalter replace the flat roof. It was a complete tear off, when they replaced the roof, they also put a new scupper box by the double door entryway for Castle Hall.
- We were able to raise money to replace our old lift, the new lift was put in by Lifeway Mobility.
- Faulty tamper switch was replaced in the sprinkler room.
- 3 cameras were replaced by Daven Janis.
- Carpets were cleaned in the Nursery (from roof leaking) and in Castle Hall.
- Jim and I met with several contractors for the parking lot entry way and concrete work.
- Maggie, Jim and I took care of flooding in the basement.
- Showalter replaced 3 stacks and put flashing on the chimney.
- Fire Marshal came to test the new radio for the Fire alarm system

So, as you can see it was a very busy year. This does not count the multiple times Maggie, Austin, Jim and I came out to check on the building.

I would like to especially thank those who contributed money to replace our old lift. This opens the door to people with physical challenges

In closing out over 4 years on the Vestry as Buildings and Grounds thank you all for your help, and I ask that you continue to help out Stephanie and Donald as they pick up the mantle. I was approached to do buildings and grounds with no knowledge of how to do this job and not sure if I had the skills but the lord had my back. So please, if you want to challenge yourself think about joining the Vestry in the future. Have faith in yourselves as you can see, I didn't do this by myself, I had plenty of help. Thank you.

## Finance

2022 was an exciting year for Calvary. We hired a rector, started sponsoring a Boy Scout troop and we replaced our lift to make our church accessible to all people. The funds for the elevator were raised through our current capital campaign. This campaign is continuing to raise funds for the parking lot replacement. We also listed our rectory for sale. I am excited to see what 2023 brings for Calvary.

We had budgeted \$129,000 for pledges in 2022 and received a total of \$137,347.37. We exceeded our budgeted pledges by \$8347.37. Thank you to everyone for your faithful giving to Calvary. We exceeded our income budget across the board. Our total income exceeded the budget by \$12,390.84. However, we had some significant building and grounds expenses this year, the replacement of the roof on the parish hall being the most expensive. We were able to pay for the roof with savings. The cost of the roof was \$35,559.00. We ended the year with

a deficit of \$9990.63. However, we had budgeted for a deficit of \$29,664.00. When we have a deficit, the funds to cover our expenses come from our unrestricted savings. The current balance of unrestricted savings is \$82,901.26.

We started a rector's salary reserve at the beginning of 2021. Expenses incurred with a rector include salary, health insurance, pension, expenses for travel and cell phone, and continuing education. Our total cost for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time rector in 2023 will be \$82,308.00 which is 54% of our pledge income. In our rector salary reserve, we have \$47,328.50 to help offset some of these costs.

Our Lent Project in 2022 was Helping Our Neighbors. We assisted 5 DuPage County charities, Outreach House, Magdalene House, Parent Teen Connection, DuPage Pads and the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. We raised \$5,550.00 which was split evenly among these organizations. Thank you to Stephenie Castle for hosting our Trivia Night to benefit our Lent Project.

At the end of 2021, the finance committee initiated a capital campaign for the replacement of our elevator and parking lot. The balance for the capital campaign as of 12/31/2021 was \$36,617.00. We replaced the elevator at the beginning of 2022 at a cost of \$20,780.00. We received a total of \$25,231.94 in capital campaign contributions in 2022. As of 12/31/2022, we have restricted funds for the capital campaign of \$51,773.94 which will be used for the replacement of the parking lot.

We received \$1,733.00 in discretionary donations. We made payments of \$2,261.00 for those in need.

Our endowment fund was established in September of 2018, with an initial investment of \$3,190.00 in the Diocesan Foundation. As of 12/31/2022, the balance in the fund is \$8,897.29. We received \$630.00 in donations for the endowment fund in 2022. All memorial donations are invested into our endowment. Thank you to Grant Iannelli and Audrey Schuurmann for their work on the Endowment Committee.

Thank you to Audrey Schuurmann for making sure the collection each week is counted and deposited. Thank you to Pat Cekal and Grant Iannelli for assisting with the counting. I would also like to give special thanks to the Finance Committee for being there to listen to my financial concerns, celebrate our financial victories and discern with me how our treasures should be used for the glory of God. Thank you to Jim Filkins, Jennifer Hentrich and Ken Pardue for serving on the finance committee.

Lisa Pardue, Finance Chairperson and Treasurer

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01/17/23  
Cash Basis

**Calvary Episcopal Church**  
**2022 Operating Performance to Budget Detail**  
January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Pledges	137,347.37	129,000.00	8,347.37
Plate Offerings	14,184.33	12,000.00	2,184.33
Holy Days	3,753.00	3,200.00	553.00
Building Use	2,664.00	2,000.00	664.00
Fundraisers	1,925.00	1,500.00	425.00
All other income	1,217.14	1,000.00	217.14
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>161,090.84</b>	<b>148,700.00</b>	<b>12,390.84</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Fixed Costs</b>			
<b>Salaries</b>			
Clergy	23,374.93	26,545.00	-3,170.07
Parish Administrator	7,223.00	16,120.00	-8,897.00
Supply Organist	5,655.88	2,000.00	3,655.88
Supply Clergy	3,010.24	11,700.00	-8,689.76
Social Security & Medicare	590.81	2,801.00	-2,210.19
Sexton	500.00		
Music Director	0.00	10,500.00	-10,500.00
Sunday School teacher	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>40,354.86</b>	<b>70,766.00</b>	<b>-30,411.14</b>
Insurance	17,920.50	17,700.00	220.50
Utilities	14,322.81	15,000.00	-677.19
Diocesan Pledge	12,900.00	12,900.00	0.00
Pension Costs	825.00	4,778.00	-3,953.00
Rector's Expenses	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00
Rector's Continuing Education	0.00	700.00	-700.00
<b>Total Fixed Costs</b>	<b>86,323.17</b>	<b>123,544.00</b>	<b>-37,220.83</b>
<b>Variable Expenses</b>			
Building & Grounds	69,130.64	35,000.00	34,130.64
Office Expense	8,605.69	7,440.00	1,165.69
Worship	4,632.80	3,480.00	1,152.80
Outreach	1,172.84	2,000.00	-827.16
Fellowship	972.53	1,200.00	-227.47
Music	226.80	800.00	-573.20
Formation Expense	17.00	600.00	-583.00
Emergency Fund	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00
Search Committee	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
<b>Total Variable Expenses</b>	<b>84,758.30</b>	<b>54,820.00</b>	<b>29,938.30</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>171,081.47</b>	<b>178,364.00</b>	<b>-7,282.53</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-9,990.63</b>	<b>-29,664.00</b>	<b>19,673.37</b>
Other Income/Expense	3,761.37		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-6,229.26</b>	<b>-29,664.00</b>	<b>23,434.74</b>



**Calvary Episcopal Church**  
**Cash Position as of December 31, 2022**

**ASSETS**

Bank and Investment Accounts

Operating Checking	\$50,976.47
Republic Bank Payroll	\$10,271.70
Savings	\$134,837.34
Discretionary Checking	\$1,333.65
Diocesan Foundation -Endow	<u>\$8,897.29</u>
Total Cash	\$206,316.45

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$206,316.45**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Current Liabilities-Restricted Funds

Rector Salary Reserve	\$47,328.50
Rector Discretionary	\$1,333.65
Diocesan Foundation	\$8,897.29
Youth Group	\$1,000.47
Columbarium	\$4,300.00
Outreach	\$1,116.82
Endowment Savings	\$85.00
Website Improvements	\$5,000.00
Capital Campaign	\$51,773.94
Worship & Music	<u>\$2,579.52</u>

**TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES**

**\$123,415.19**

**EQUITY**

**\$82,901.26**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**\$206,316.45**

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COMPARATIVE OPERATING BUDGETS

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Pledges	151,069	129,000	153,426
Plate Offering	16,000	12,000	14,000
Bishop's Grant	20,000	-	-
Holy Days	3,200	3,200	3,200
Fund Raisers	1,500	1,500	1,500
Building Use	29,850	2,000	2,000
All other income	1,000	1,000	1,000
<i>Total income</i>	<u>222,619</u>	<u>148,700</u>	<u>175,126</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Fixed Costs			
Salaries - Clergy	63,186	26,545	55,000
Supply Clergy	1,000	11,700	2,000
Sexton	7,800	-	-
Music Director	14,000	10,500	12,000
Supply Organist	400	2,000	2,000
Nursery Attendant	1,152	-	-
Sunday School Teacher	1,044	1,100	-
Secretary	11,700	16,120	9,900
<i>Total</i>	<u>100,282</u>	<u>67,965</u>	<u>80,900</u>
Pension costs - Clergy	11,373	4,778	9,900
Insurance - Group life & health	19,904	4,700	13,908
All other - building	13,000	12,000	12,994
Social security & medicare	3,573	2,801	1,675
Utilities	15,000	15,000	15,000
Workers Comp	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rector's continuing education	1,000	700	1,000
Rector's expenses	4,000	1,700	2,500
Diocesan pledge	15,107	12,900	15,343
<i>Total fixed costs</i>	<u>184,239</u>	<u>123,544</u>	<u>154,220</u>
Variable Costs			
Office	8,000	7,440	8,000
Worship (Altar, etc.)	2,000	3,480	4,500
Music	500	800	500
Education (child & adult)	1,500	600	600
Fellowship	2,000	1,200	1,000
Outreach	2,500	2,000	1,500
Buildings & Grounds	20,000	35,000	30,000
Emergency Fund	1,500	1,300	1,300
Search Committee	-	3,000	-
<i>Total variable costs</i>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>54,820</u>	<u>47,400</u>
<i>Total expenses</i>	<u>222,239</u>	<u>178,364</u>	<u>201,620</u>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u>380</u>	<u>(29,664)</u>	<u>(26,494)</u>

# MINISTRY REPORTS

## Almoner

John Jaska leads this important ministry. Monday afternoons from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm we distribute gift cards for gas and food purchased from the Rector's Discretionary Fund to those needing assistance. Any one in need can visit the office at this time for a hot cup of coffee and a little help. A detailed record is kept of who each gift card is given to, and anyone needing more than one of each kind per month is directed to the Walk-In Ministry, Food Pantry or other such nearby assistance programs.

## St. Monica's Altar Guild Jennifer Ceplecha

In 2022, as the world slowly began to return to some normalcy after after restrictions to our everyday lives, Altar Guild also gradually returned to a more traditional routine as modifications to communion and worship were lifted. Direction on certain protocols, how communion is delivered, and how the Altar is set, came from both the Diocese and the priest in charge. Altar Guild members main tasks of caring for the Altar remained the same, including preparing the Altar and setting up communion every Sunday in addition to weddings, funerals and additional services held during Lent and Advent.

St. Monica's Guild is named for Saint Monica, known for her steadfast faithfulness and dedication. Our small group of women are guided by her strength and unwavering faith as we serve on our Lord's Altar weekly and in our daily lives. Current members of St. Monica's Guild include Ada Carrasco, Kate Pierson, Jennifer Ceplecha and our "New" addition, Barb Simmons. Barb is actually an experienced, returning member of Altar Guild and we are delighted to have her join us again. Marilyn Stein graciously continues her service to this ministry by laundering the Altar Linens. We are ever thankful for her ministry. In addition, we welcome and look forward to working with Calvary's new priest, Fr. Jim.

Preparing the Altar is always a time of quiet reflection for me. Even when I feel I am "fitting it in", as if it is just another chore, I am quickly reminded of why I am called to this ministry. I can immediately feel the calm as I step onto the empty Altar, unwrap the vessels and set the table that brings our Calvary family together in Thanksgiving each week. The way this ministry centers me is a blessing to my soul each time. I pray that others in our congregation will feel called to this ministry. If you would like to learn more about St. Monica's Altar Guild and what we do, please contact me.

Jennifer Ceplecha, St. Monica's Altar Guild Chair

## Ashes to Go

This year, because of the pandemic, we were not able to offer ashes to go. But we hope to resume this invaluable service next year.

## Bagels

Back in 2019 Calvary worked with Panera Bread through their “Day End Dough-Nation” program, to collect bagels which would otherwise be thrown away. The volunteers set out the treats for coffee hour and dropped off the remainder at York Township Senior’s Center.

Once the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Calvary made many changes to help keep our community safe. When Panera Bread informed us that they would be resuming the program in July 2020, we had to opt out of the partnership, but we hope to revisit the ministry in the future. In November of 2021, Calvary was ready to resume their participation in this program, but Panera had put off restarting it indefinitely due to pandemic concerns. Calvary stands ready to resume this program if and when Panera opens their donations back up.

## Christmas Baskets

2022 was the 101st year of ReVive Center's Christmas Basket Program, which provides Christmas gifts to Chicago families in need. Calvary raised over \$1,000 to sponsor 2 families of 4, after suspending participation for 2 years due to Covid. There were nearly 925 Chicago families who received Christmas Baskets in 2022, thanks to the generosity of churches and organizations.

## Christmas Shoeboxes

This year, Calvary was once again able to participate in Operation Christmas Child, Shoebox program sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse. 30 boxes were filled by our parishioners with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items. On November 20<sup>th</sup> the boxes were blessed by Father Clayton. Then they were delivered by Samaritan’s Purse to needy children throughout the world to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way.

## CROP Walk

The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Calvary members included Bruce and Audrey Shuurmann, and Nicki Jaska volunteered to help the Outreach House team. That team surpassed it’s goal of 2,500 to raise \$4,030 on October 2. Several Calvary members also made financial contributions to this worthwhile cause.

## The Castle Chapter of The Daughters of the King Calvary Episcopal Church, Lombard, Illinois

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it.

The Order was founded in 1885 by Margaret J. Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City.

Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

The Castle Chapter of the Daughters of the King meet in Castle Hall or one of our member's homes every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am-11:30. We have a time for fellowship, study and prayer. If you are interested in joining us, please let one of our members know.

Our motto:

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

Calvary Castle Chapter Members:

Carla A. Castle, president

Jan Bruesch , Vice- president

Stephenie G. Castle, treasurer

Ada Carrasco

Karen Dakis

Ruthann Janis

Jeri Kellan

Sally McClure

Maggie Nolan

Maureen O'Conner

Respectfully submitted,

Carla A. Castle

## Endowment Fund

The Calvary Endowment Fund was established in 2018 and is invested through the Diocesan Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Donations were received in memory of:

Mary Beth McGowan

Gloria Lazanas

Our Fund Balance on 12-31-2023 was \$8,897.29.

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT	UNIT VALUE	# OF UNITS	UNIT OWNED	ACCOUNT VALUE
12/31/2021	BEGINNING BALANCE		74.91		128.9326	
3/31/2022	DIVIDEND - 1ST QUARTER	77.36	70.82	1.0923	130.0249	
6/30/2022	DIVIDEND - 2ND QUARTER	78.01	62.45	1.2491	131.2740	
9/30/2022	DIVIDEND - 3RD QUARTER	78.76	59.09	1.3330	132.6070	
12/31/2022	DIVIDEND - 4TH QUARTER	79.56	62.39	1.2753	133.8823	
12/31/2022	PURCHASE	545.00	62.39	8.7360	142.6183	
12/31/2022	ENDING BALANCE		62.39		142.6183	8,897.29

DIVIDEND		
ALLOCATION	TOTAL	PER UNIT
EARNINGS	57.51	0.43
CAPITAL GAIN	22.05	0.17
	79.56	0.60

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Calvary's Lay Eucharistic Ministers bring the body of Christ to those who are unable to be at church. This ministry was suspended during the Covid shut-down, but Ada Carrasco resumed her visits in 2022.

### Lectors and Chalice Bearers

The monthly calendar of Lectors and Servers was maintained by Kate Pierson during 2022. She emails the google calendar to the nearly 20 volunteers in advance, and volunteers fill in their names for the times they are available. This calendar is posted in the church and in the weekly newsletter and bulletin. It also includes special events, guest preachers, supply clergy, and altar flowers donors. We are fortunate to have Ada Carrasco as our Chalice Bearer nearly every week, and Luke Cephlecha as Acolyte when his schedule allows. We are currently seeking additional Acolytes and Chalice Bearers, so please contact Kate or Fr Jim if you are interested in training for these ministries. Please contact Kate if you are interested in volunteering as a Lector, or other tasks listed on the monthly calendar.

## Outreach House Food Pantry

In 2022, thanks to Audrey Schuurmann's diligent planting, weeding, watering and harvesting a variety of vegetables and herbs from our church garden were donated to The Outreach House food pantry, where guests can now choose the foods they need. The home grown fresh from the garden vegetables including lettuce, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers and basil were much appreciated by food pantry guests. Several Calvary members including Audrey Schuurmann, Jeri Kellan, Kate Pierson, Barb Simmons and Gessika Campanal volunteer regularly at The Outreach House. Calvary also applied for and was granted a \$750 Diocesan Hunger Grant to benefit the food pantry.

## Magdalene House Chicago

What a year it has been for MagdaleneHouseChicago!

We rented a home in DuPage County at the end of 2021 and our first residents moved in shortly after, January 2022. And the healing began! MHC also started the justice social enterprise, making candles, which was launched at the gala in October 14, 2022. The best way to express what your support through donations, prayers and volunteering has meant can be told by the residents themselves. "This is my first real home." "For the first time in my life I have a family." "Magdalene gives me hope." "I am healing one day at a time." "I am safe." "Can't wait to help other women still looking to find their way home."

MHC still has needs. What is always a concern is funding, it takes a yearly budget of approximately \$300000 to run the the program. We need a van so the residents don't need to Uber to NA and AA meetings, doctor appointments and such. We need corporate funding and more grant funding. Let me know your thoughts, ideas etc.

Thank you Calvary for your support, help, prayers and love. You have definitely helped change the lives of our residents!

GwenO'Loughlin  
MHC Board Member

## Music

Our music program at Calvary went through another change this past year. Our wonderful music director, Sabina Lilly, resigned from the position and played her last service on Christmas Eve, 2021. As a result, I became the music director (again) first playing on December 26, which was Father Alonzo's last Sunday with us. We immediately advertised the position, but received very few applicants. We are still searching as of this report.

Our faithful choir of Calvary performed during Lent and Easter and then through Advent and Christmas of 2022. We also had solos by Bill Kendall and a duet by Audrey and Bruce Schuurmann.

I have enjoyed playing for our services, but continue to pray for the right person to fill this position so I can retire again.

Jeri Kellan

## Nursery

Our nursery has not reopened since closing for the pandemic, but we have made great strides in getting ready to reopen it. The room has been completely repainted, the carpets professionally cleaned and all the toys cleaned and disinfected in anticipation of the children's return. We are currently collecting toys to refresh this engaging atmosphere. We are very thankful to Maggie Nolan for all the work she did to spearhead this project.

## Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry had no requests for prayer blankets in 2022, due partly to the disruptions resulting from COVID and the changes in Calvary's leadership and volunteers.

2023 is off to a more promising start, as we have already made two blankets in January! We have a team of experienced volunteers eager to pray as they tie the blankets and also after the blankets are blessed and sent off to the recipients who need them.

If you know someone who would appreciate being blanketed in prayer as they go through a difficult time in life, contact Jan Bruesch.

## Vegetable Garden

The Calvary vegetable garden (two raised beds behind the rectory) once again provided hundreds of tomatoes, dozens of jalapeno and poblano peppers, and bunches of basil, cilantro, and lettuce for the Outreach House Food Pantry. Thanks to Audrey Schuurmann for planting, weeding, and tending the garden, to Marcia Pardue for providing the beautiful marigolds that lined the beds, and to Hester Bury for helping to harvest the produce and bring it to the Food Pantry.



## NECROLOGY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brothers and sisters. We thank you for giving them to us, their family and friends, to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Linda Williams

Gloria Lazanas

Alex Gaines

## 2022 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

### **Sunday, February 6, 2022, 10:00 am Hybrid Zoom and In-Person Meeting**

Call to Order 10:01 am

In attendance 27

#### **Opening Prayer led by Jennifer Hentrich.**

#### **Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting presented.**

Nicki Jaska moved to approve the minutes

Chris Del Rio seconded.

Minutes approved as presented.

#### **Slate for vestry next year:**

Sr. Warden: Jim Filkins

Jr. Warden: Kate Pierson

Building and Grounds: Drew Nolan

Finance: Lisa Pardue

Events and Outreach: Joe Latona

Formation: Marilyn Stein

Stewardship: Jeri Kellan

Welcome: Jennifer Hentrich

#### **Annual Diocesan Convention Delegates**

Stephanie Castle

Marilyn Stein

Jim Filkins

Lisa Pardue (alternate)

Jennifer Hentrich (alternate)

#### **Vestry Reports**

## **Warden's Report: Jennifer Hentrich**

Covid 19 continues to test everyone, all of us in this building. Quoting the New York Times: "Pandemic shutdowns were a blow to religious liberty. Religious institutions were forced to shut their doors. All religious institutions have experienced decline since the start of the pandemic. Congregants' well-being has significantly reduced during the pandemic. Even more troubling, is that the costs of the shutdowns for churches were not limited to its congregants. Many faith-based organizations shoulder the bulk of homelessness burdens in cities, caring for those least fortunate. In this sense, cutting off in-person worship simultaneously cut off one of the primary ways that houses of worship serve their broader communities." It's so sad to think of all the suffering that's gone on during this pandemic to everyone. I pray that our church will never again have to close its doors because of a pandemic. or this pandemic. But, i do take comfort in knowing that Calvary has withstood all the pandemic burnings. Calvarians are tough! We have adapted and fought to keep our doors open so that we can continue to worship together. Our church family has grown stronger and most importantly we haven't lost our faith. Thank you, all of you, for your support during my tenure as warden. After being a Sunday School teacher for 15 years, it's truly been a privilege to get to know the adults. All of you make Calvary is what it is today, and I'm so proud of how we've stuck together over the past three years Thank you.

## **Jr. Warden's Report: Jim Filkins**

Much of my (published) report deals with the new elevator and so I thought it appropriate to give you an update on that. We were contacted by the elevator company last week, or perhaps at the end of the preceding week, that the elevator parts are going to be shipped out to the company from the manufacturer in early February. So we're hoping that we can get the project started sometime this month. We won't have an exact start date until the elevator and the necessary parts for its installation are physically present with the company. But the schedule is that it is to be shipped out,if it hasn't already very shortly. So that's coming along.

Also a word about the capital improvement campaign for the parking lot. The estimates that we had at the time we began this project last year were about three years old. So what Drew and I plan to do, probably at the end of next month or the beginning of April, is to reach out for updated and revised estimates so we'll have a much clearer idea of what the cost is going to be. But thanks to your generosity in pledging and donating for this project we're well on the way to meeting our goals. So thank you very much.

**Stewardship: Jeri Kellan**

Not much to add out side of the published report but I am looking for volunteers to join the stewardship committee.

**Welcome: Jan Bruesh and Jennifer Hentrich**

No addition to the published report

(see published report for details)

**Formation: Marilyn Stein**

Our bishop Michael Curry has outlined seven spiritual practices that can help us grow as followers of Christ. Those seven practices are turn or repent, learn, worship, bless, go, and rest. And the practice of learning sort of undergirds every other spiritual practice that we're encouraged to take up. And so as we together study, outside of the weekly worship, as we come together, and as we do our own individual study, we learn our history, we learn the story of God's creation and our role in it. We learn how to face challenges in life. We learn that we're beloved. We learn how to be love in the world. This is formation. This learning is formation. We've got three things that are ongoing for formation that will continue. Of course, we have sermons every week, and that is always a learning opportunity thank you very much. We always learn something every time. We also have our book group. that meets once a month. And if you look in your annual report it tells all the books we read in the past year. And if you look at that list and you think 'Well that's really interesting.' or 'I have a book I'd like to share.'

please feel free to join. It's open to anyone from St Marks or Calvary. We have one St. Mark's member who joins us, and we're open to more people joining. So please consider that. We also have a devotional from '*Forward Day by Day*' that I do once a week, on Tuesday mornings at 7 30. And that's recorded so you can watch that. It's a little half an hour devotional that you everybody can see. And again, you might be thinking 'Well I have a devotional practice that I like and that I do that I would like to share with other people at Calvary.' So there's four more weekdays available, right? So anyone who would like to do that in some fashion, you should just let me know and I'll tell you how to set it up on Facebook.

Going forward in the season of Lent, I want to say there's going to be two opportunities for sure. One is the Lectio Divina booklet for individual study that i'll prepare that'll be free that'll people can take to study the scriptures individually in greater depth using the method of lectio divina. And also we'll be having a class using the book '*The Pilgrim Way of Lent.*' And that'll be a weekly class and we've been having that after services. But there may be other times that would be better. So I would just like a quick show of hands for how many people here is after church with a little break in between and we may be having coffee hour in the coming year so it would be even a little bit later than we've been doing it - how many people would like that is their top choice, an after church one? Another option that i thought of would be a Saturday morning uh i'm hearing groans. (no hands were raised for Saturday morning).

There are two new initiatives that I'm also considering. One is, I would very much like to lead a centering prayer group. This would be a group where we meet together, we pray silently, we open ourselves to God in a meditative way for 20 minutes, and then we discuss our experience together. This is something we don't do as often. It's an old practice from the desert fathers and mothers. It's a very rich experience. I'm excited about this. So I will be putting feelers out and asking people who might be interested, because I really would love to do that with some of you. And then finally we're considering a bible study that would be an in-depth study. Where we would take a book of the bible. Study the history of that book, the context of that book. And then read it together and assess what it means for us today. So a bible study of that nature requires a leader and

requires a time that people can gather. I'm out of time and resources to do that myself, so I'm seeking anyone who loves that kind of bible study to please let me know. And together we can talk about it and set that up and find a day or time that would work for people. Because I know that a lot of people do love that kind of bible study, and we've not had that for a while so thank you.

### **Outreach and Events: Joe Latona**

So there's nothing major to update the published report. I thought this was really interesting: my wife is an occupational therapist for the Naperville school district, and they're getting very close, once the numbers drop, to removing the mask mandate at the school. And I feel like, once those numbers start to drop because I check this page on the New York Times website, that shows you all the graphs, even down to the county. It's like the fun meter for the events person. Once we get this thing to drop, we can start having fun again. But it's so crazy because everyone, like my oldest friend from Sacred Heart where I went to elementary school, his mom is in Elmhurst right now with Covid. And she's gonna make it, she wasn't ventilated, but she's gonna have rehab, they think for weeks and weeks. So it's like, even if it doesn't cause an untimely death, it is going to put your life in a trajectory that you weren't planning. Because, potentially for weeks or months, you know she's only 70 years old, I think. So I guess we just have to remain vigilant and be safe. But once that number does drop, I'd like to think that we could actually start having fun again. Because I remember we had that painting event in July. It was like Woodstock here! Nobody was wearing a mask, it was great! We had so much fun, and we raised so much awareness and money. So I really can't thank everyone enough for being patient. I'm sorry that I'm the events person that will go down in Calvary history as the party-pooper. But we're so close, I really think we're so close, this time. And as we enter spring I think that we're going to really start having some traditional fun, in person, maybe outside, maybe without a mask. It's going to be a lot of fun I think so thank you everyone for your patience with this.

## **Buildings and Grounds: Drew Nolan**

There are certain things that annually we have to do every year, and use that up. Taking care of the fire extinguishers, making sure there's batteries in the emergency lights and the exit lights. So these are things that run run cost. Every year I had the heat and air tested, and this year we found out that we had to replace our heat exchanger units two for the ones that were outside. Thankfully Tom Smith Jr was able to get those at a lower cost and install those for us. But because it came at the end of the year and my budget was already kind of like, right there. So also we had a issue with our backflow system that has to be tested every year that's per the village. I think the state actually. That will be on next year's report, but just so you know.

Some of the things that we did this year. For Jerri's sake, and the choirs sake, we replaced the lights in choir loft that were all burnt out. We did the same thing for the chain lights. We replaced all the lights here, which was kind of like a circus act in itself, because we had to put boards down on top of the pews and get this real real tall ladder. There's three lights in the above, and i'm not sure about the below i think it's the same same thing, so it was not easy to do that. The four gallon water heater that is in the men's room in the slop sink came in. And Maggie said 'Did you know that this is leaking?' I'm like 'I do now!' So that was replaced. T the furnace in the rectory was also replaced. Siding on the garage was done. We had a gift from waste management that decided to uh you know do a little facelift on our, put a hole in our garage, yeah two holes. So majority of that was picked up by the insurance company but we did have to pay for the deductible. The double doors in the Father Castle parish hall were replaced. So I've replaced those double doors, two doors downstairs. I was going to do the one that's right by the nursery, and we're going to have to see how money plays out. Because like i said, the backflow system was a little costly. So i've entered into the beginning of the year with spending money too much. But it had to be done. And then JMG plumbing replaced the old water fountain that wasn't working anymore. And we've got that new one in there. So it was very busy here.

Even though our building use might be down, we still have groups that are coming in here seven days a week. But we have an aging system. The heat exchange units, those are 30 years old. The backflow system, if I'm going to put a date on it, might be 40 to 50 years old. So like I said that will be on next year's report. I'd like to thank everyone that participated in cleanup day. It was definitely great to see everybody that came.

Now two side notes: if you have any time during spring, summer or fall to help out with the garden club. It'd be an hour it would be very, very greatly appreciated, i know it would, by Audrey and by Marsha Pardue. Lastly, I'm finishing up. This is going to be my last year. It was three years I've been doing it for four years. If you're interested give me a call. Most of it is making phone calls and being here when people are doing the work. Thank you.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lisa Pardue**

Lisa could not attend the meeting. See published report.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **Daughters of the King – Carla Castle**

The Daughters have been faithful through this whole time of difficulty for our parish. But it has not been difficult because it all begins and ends with prayer. The daughters take the commitment to pray daily for the needs of our rector which in this case since we don't have one is our assisting lectures. And look what has occurred. Our prayers of the people, to me it is unbelievable, and we can never get discouraged from the heat because guess what we did have heat, didn't we? We found a choice in every little piddly plan. You can never be discouraged. And i know Andrew has a faithfulness. He has as long as I've known him, since he came here as a young kid. And these are the examples that each of us, we are this example to the world. The people look to us. So the daughters have been faithful in prayer. We have been meeting, once could. Then we will continue on the third Saturdays of the month. This month we are going to see Jan again at the facility. They have very rigid requirements, which I



respect totally. And every other daughter knows what the requirements are. We go joyfully and share together our life in Christ once month, the third Saturday at nine o'clock. So I'm thankful for that. And once Jan is home, which will be sooner than later, we may be meeting at her home once in a while, and we may be meeting at Calvary once in a while. So you can always call any of the daughters, or the office and say 'What's the latest place they're meeting.' The daughters live by this. I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I want to do. What i want to do by the grace of God, I will do what the Lord would have me do. The daughters live this. They listen to what the Lord is saying to them. They're living that model and i know all of us are in our own ways. We all are The daughters of the king take a vow. And I took it as a young mom over there in the rectory in the early 80s, and it changed my life. Little did I know it would keep changing. And it just gets better.

### **Magdalene House Chicago – Gwen O'Loughlin**

I can't even tell you how excited we are. And we need your prayer more than anything as we start this new phase of our journey to help one woman at a time heal.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None brought up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Once we are able are we going to reopen the nursery, and are we going to pay someone to be in there?

Jennifer Hentrich: Yes we will reopen the nursery when we get the permission from the diocese. As to whether we will use volunteers or pay someone to look after the nursery that is a decision for the vestry to make when the time approaches.

Ada: It should be volunteer because we don't have kids anyway.

Jennifer Hentrich: But we want kids, and if we don't have a nursery open...

Ada: No, I understand that, but if we have four or three kids, why pay one person to do that. Would be a volunteer that would be helping our church.

Jennifer Hentrich: Completely agree with you Ada.

But if you have a volunteer that takes that person away from the service.

Maggie Nolan: The problem is getting a volunteer. When I was doing the nursery the volunteers were very hard to get and they had scheduled Sundays. I would have to call on Saturday and a lot of times they said 'Oh I forgot and I scheduled this' So the person who is in charge of it has to spend a lot of time in the nursery. I spent more time in the nursery than I did in church.

Jennifer Hentrich: We will make sure that whoever is in charge is not going to have a burden where they are not at church. We will definitely plan better

Audrey: Has the vestry discussed the possibility of singing the hymns

Jennifer Hentrich: Pastor Robin brought that up at the leadership meeting just this past week. The question was raised and they said that singing, as long as we keep our masks on, can be at the discretion of the congregation. So at this time, I would like to see it a showing of hands of who would like to be singing in church.

(all hands raised)

Jennifer Hentrich: OK! That wins. So we will start singing in church again. Of course we still have to keep our masks on.

Pastor Robin: The diocese did meet this past week to talk about these very things and in fact, every Wednesday there is kind of an open half hour, when the head of the, person who's moving us along the Covid line, will

answer any questions. So if you have questions let me know beforehand so I'll be glad to just tune in and get that. But we did ask specifically, and the the big changes are coming on the 1st of March. As of that date we will go back to readers will be allowed to unmask while they're reading. Preachers can preach without a mask and we will be able to consecrate and stand at the altar without a mask, six feet apart, that kind of thing. I will still keep that, but we will be permitted to sing and at that point nurseries and Sunday School can resume with whatever decisions you want to make going forward. So that's kind of a big date that's hanging out there as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. So talk about something that feels energetic and very exciting into the fun point yes I put it on my calendar I'm so excited about this. So March first is the diocese date.

Where are we at with Sunday School.

Jennifer Hentrich: My communications with Victoria have been that she's been communicating with both you and Maggie as to when schedules would work. So I didn't realize if there's an issue and we can talk about it later, but a few of us have discussed other options. So I would love to run those ideas by both you and Maggie since you have the children, of what we can do to make sure that they are feeling you know

Ada: Have a lot of people returned their pledges for 2022?

Jennifer Hentrich: Yes, and those are the numbers that are in the budget that was approved by the vestry.

Carla: From time to time could the wardens gently make us aware of the needs that are outside of the budget? We all give thank offerings.

Jennifer Hentrich: I like your idea. So noted.  
No further new business.

## **CONCLUSION**

Jennifer Hentrich requested that the vestry and convention slates be accepted.

Gwen so moved.

Ruthann Janis seconded the motion.

Vestry members and convention delegates accepted.

### **Announcements**

Jennifer Hentrich: Please pray that God sends us our new priest.

### **Nephrology**

Prayer was said for the members of Calvary who passed into eternal life in 2020, Rocky Berrier, Harrison Holm and John Horn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48.



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