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DEAR ONES,

I have discovered that in every season shift, in the approach of holidays or celebrations that have held a special place in our hearts, the grief persists. I have felt it over Advent and Lent and Christmas and Easter, and I am feeling it as we head into the fall and approach St. Michael & All Angels Day. It has always been a time of reunion, coming back together from our summer adventures, falling into the routines of formation offerings and worship. While I am encouraged that some of that is starting to spark, I am also very much aware that we are still in a quite different time that is not yet free of the anxiety and concerns of rising variants and COVID cases. What I have been holding on to is what we have been sharing in our preaching this month: the spiritual practices that anchor our being in the presence of God.

Parishioner Susan Long introduced me to a practice of reflection that includes writing a verse from scripture, or a mantra of some kind, and then I draw, color, create an image – as abstract as it may be. Then I write about what came up for me during that free expression. It has really allowed me to go deeper in my feelings and see more clearly what it is that is on my mind. All of it feels like the Holy Spirit guiding me nearer to the presence of God. What are some of your practices? Where are you allowing yourself to lean into the feelings that rise? How are you feeling upheld?

On a different note (although one that I hope will also be about spiritual renewal), on October 2 I am flying to Rome, Italy. This was supposed to be the year when I took my next sabbatical; but it didn't feel like the right year for it, so I am tagging along on someone else's sabbatical for two weeks! I was invited to go on a tour of Rome, and I am excited to go somewhere I have never been and see things I have only read about and seen in pictures. For six days, we will be on a tour called *Rome Behind Locked Doors: Music, Magic, and Secret Crypts*. I will get to see the Vatican, take a cooking class, visit extraordinary libraries, walk the historic Jewish ghetto, and meander through piazzas and many, many churches. It feels extravagant, and I am very grateful for this opportunity. I will return October 15th with many stories to share.

As always, you are in good hands, and I look forward to my return and what will be a fast approaching All Saints' Day celebration on November 7.

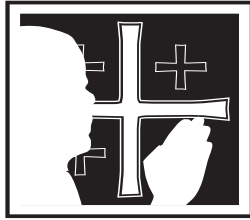
Faithfully,

The Rev. Chris Craun

Chris Craun, Rector	Ext. 312	Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director	Ext. 315
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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED . . .

- + for healing and comfort for **Joe Afryl, Holly Denniston, Priscilla Hall, Doris Lopez Chavez, Barack Holt Newton, Mark Jones, Caroline Litzenberger, Glen Martin, Anabertha Alvarado Martinez, Mitch Oglesby, Katie Reitel, Marion Robbins, Thea Sanchez, Pat Wilson & David Young;**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Jonna Alexander**, who died on July 18, and for the comfort of her family and friends in their grief;
- + for the repose of the soul of **Annette Anderson**, who died on August 27, and for the comfort of her husband **Jim** in his grief;
- + and for the healing and comfort of **all in our community who have lost loved ones to COVID-19 and for their families.**



MEMORIES OF JONNA



Many of you knew the Rev Jonna Alexander well, especially through the Catechumenate. I am creating a notebook to give to Jonna's brother Rod and her cousins in a few months, with stories of people's time with and encounters with Jonna.

Would you please consider sharing even a short story or moment in addition to possibly longer stories? You

can email me or send them to the office (glorio@stmaa.org), and Gloria will pass them on to me. I will be decorating the notebook so it will be a keepsake for Rod and the cousins. Thank you.

— Lynda Moses, lmoses1098@aol.com

NEXT MESSENGER

Please note that the next Messenger will be mailed/emailed on Thursday, December 2. The deadline for articles is Monday, November 22. Articles may be emailed as attachments or in the body of an email to glorio@stmaa.org. Please contact Gloria at that address or at 503/284-7141 if you have any questions regarding Messenger submissions.

— Gloria Orellana

ASSOCIATE RECTOR

While much uncertainty reigns for many reopening plans in church and beyond, there are still several ways to connect with fellow parishioners on our shared journey of faith during this season. Our current round of small groups will continue to meet through the middle of October, when a new round will start to take us up to the week of Thanksgiving. These groups have been a tried and true means of connecting with others and finding a through line in the story of our shared faith during a time with lots of ups and downs. In the next round, starting in October, a Tuesday evening group with a book study will be offered, which may also include some elements of Episcopal 101.



We're also looking at a new way to engage our Catechumenate program during the time of social distancing. This program will begin in Advent again and is a time when those who are newer to our community can join together for an extended time of study, community and reflection on what it means to be an active member of the larger body of Christ. This process also needs the support of members who have been active at St. Michael's for a while as we blend old and new stories together for a special time of reflecting who we are right now as a community. So if you're newer to St. Michael's, if you've been around for a while and are looking for a directed way to engage your faith now, or if the catechumenate program is calling to you this year, let me know.

I have been looking for other ways to engage our formation and education on Sunday mornings in the absence of our previous forum time. Keep an eye out for a special table of take-home offerings curated to aid you on your journey and give you spiritual sustenance for the week between Sundays.

Additionally, I am available every week for one-on-one conversations. Recently, I mentioned the Anniversary Interview project, in which I'd like to interview folks as they approach anniversaries of their baptism, confirmation or other important life events such as a recovery milestone. These interviews are meant to help individual community members reflect on where they are in their walk with God right now and what might be helpful as that path takes shape ahead of them. You don't have to wait for an anniversary, of course – you can schedule an appointment for a Zoom one-on-one, or phone call, or an in-person meeting on one of our sheltered outdoor porches at church.

— The Rev. James Joiner

TREASURER'S REPORT

As we emerge from our summer months, we are seeing the typical dip in our pledge income. Currently, our Pledge Income is \$18,000 below our budget and Open Offerings are \$15,000 below our budget through the end of August. We hope that you received your year-to-date giving statement this past week and encourage you to catch up. If you anticipate this being a burden or challenge, please contact one of your clergy or our bookkeeper, Jackie Van Anda, at bookkeeper@stmaa.org. We would like to close the gap on this as we approach the end of the year.

While our income is down, we are only \$3,000 over budget in total expenses. This is primarily due to our continued investment in technology (\$4,516 vs the budgeted amount of \$1,336) as well as bank fees and security being higher than we had budgeted for. We are able to offset this in part with the \$1,000 we are saving by our lowered DPA. By the year's end, we should be at or close to our total expense budget without any unforeseen expenses. We also maintain a healthy cash balance to support our operations.

Reverend Craun also submitted a grant request for \$10,500 for the upgrades to our tech equipment, and we are very grateful for generous donations that have come in. We also applied for a grant from the Diocese for \$1,000 to support our Burrito Love mission. Hjamler has been spearheading a monthly burrito meal bag that he and volunteers provide in the courtyard once a month. The \$1,000 will provide roughly 180 meals. Thanks to Hjalmer and team for this great ministry.

We have made a dent in our overdrawn Building Fund. We are now \$45,825 overdrawn. We are working with the En-

dowment Committee to provide some support for our prior building expenditures and will be able to offset some of this deficit from the fund. Reverend Craun and I have a request in to the committee for a grant (see below for more information).

The 2019 and 2020 audits were completed and forwarded to the Diocese this past week. Thank you to Jackie and the volunteers who made that happen.

This community has shown a lot of generosity during uncertain and stressful times. We are really grateful and are hoping that we can draw closer to where we wanted to be by this year's end. With gratitude,

— Rick Parker, Treasurer

GRANT PROPOSAL

The grant request referenced above is to the Episcopal Bishop of Oregon Foundation. In it, Chris describes the journey from in-person services (four every Sunday) to our improvised online services (two every Sunday) beginning on March 15, 2020, through our hybrid of online and in-person services now. There have been many changes and improvements to the system over the last 18 months, but many more are needed to provide a quality worship experience both for those in the sanctuary and those watching at home. Many parishioners have generously contributed to our "tech fund," but we're asking for an additional \$10,500 from the Foundation to cover a broad array of audiovisual equipment and cable/electrical professional installation.

— Chris Craun, rector

St Michael & All Angels Church - Portland OR							
Treasurer's Report as of August 2021 for Operating Fund							
Monday, September 13, 2021		August		Year-to-Date			
Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Annual Budget
Income							
400.110	Open Offerings	2,373	3,750	15,489	30,000	52	45,000
400.115	Pledge Income	40,621	49,333	376,902	394,664	95	592,000
400.230	Grant	-	-	43,770	38,270	114	38,270
	Total Income	42,994	\$53,083	436,161	\$462,934	94	\$675,270
Expense							
	Total Personnel Expenses	37,215	\$38,949	311,747	\$311,590	100	\$467,383
	Total Property Expenses	2,368	\$3,313	36,258	\$37,379	97	\$54,246
	Parish Administration	2,597	\$1,676	17,515	\$13,408	131	\$20,100
	Diocese of Oregon Program DPA	8,653	\$9,653	74,224	\$77,224	96	\$115,841
	Outreach	1,000	\$708	6,253	\$5,664	98	\$8,500
	Programs	1,278	\$766	8,598	\$6,128	129	\$9,200
	Total Admin./Program Expenses	13,528	\$12,803	106,591	\$102,424	103	\$153,641
	Total Expense	53,111	\$55,065	454,596	\$451,393	100	\$675,270
Difference		(\$10,116)	(\$1,982)	(\$18,435)	\$11,541		\$0

THE VIEW FROM THE OFFICE



THE 11:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE

I attended the 11:00 service yesterday and thought about being outside in the courtyard and about our place in the neighborhood. It's no secret that the neighborhood is a little rough around the edges these days, with some businesses still shut down and more edgy people and cars – which is same in most of Portland. But it struck me, as we sang and worshipped and listened to the readings and to each other, that holding this service outside has been an important part of being a hopeful and welcoming presence in the neighborhood.

One of the silver linings of holding services outside, I believe, is that many people in the area observe the Sunday goings-on, even from a distance, and realize that real people attend this church and care deeply about it. The MOW/WOWs, for example, show they care by picking up trash around the buildings several times a week and tending to the grounds – pruning, watering, mowing and planting flowers and other plants to beautify our space. The 11:00 outdoor service is another way we show that we're committed to being a beacon of stability, civility and joy in our neighborhood.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Before everything shut down in March of 2020, we had at least nine community groups which met here on a regular basis. Several were recovery groups—CA, AA, NA, Al-Anon, TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) and Recovery International (a mental health group)—and others were musical nonprofits who rehearsed and occasionally performed here. When all of those meetings ended suddenly, most switched to gathering on Zoom.

The staff didn't take the decision lightly to close the building to these groups, and I've heard that not meeting in person has been very hard on many people in recovery. We've always considered it important to provide space to recovery and other nonprofits whose missions align with our own. Recently, I've been in discussion with the leaders of some of these groups, and several are just beginning to meet here again. All are gathering in the Nativity Hall, which has windows which open and increased fresh-air circulation. They don't use the pantry, kitchen or lower level, are masked the entire time, and the expectation is that all attendees are vaccinated.

SIGNUP GENIUS

I have been using the program SignUp Genius to schedule ushers and lectors. Our usher teams are on hold for a while longer to allow those who may be uncomfortable with in-person services to watch from home. We like to have two ushers for the 9:00 services and at least one for the 11:00. We're back to two readings for each service, so four lectors are needed each Sunday. Chris and James are holding off for now on crucifers and acolytes, at least for the most part, to limit the number of people in the chancel area.

Some of you are very comfortable with using SignUp Genius, the same program we used in early summer to sign up for in-person services; others prefer our "old" way of scheduling, in which you sent me your availability and preferences and I scheduled you accordingly. My reasoning for switching to SignUp Genius is to save a lot of time spent in emailing and scheduling (which at times is reminiscent of Tetris!), and it also allows you to choose, delete and swap your time slots as needed. However, this is a trial run! By the end of October, I'll ask you about your experience with SignUp Genius and reassess whether it's helpful for the majority or not.

As always, if you're interested in learning more about and/or joining either of these vital worship and hospitality ministries, please contact me at glorio@stmaa.org.

NAME BADGES

We've had a few newcomers attending mostly the 11:00 am Sunday service. We're glad to have them, and one of the ways to make them feel especially welcome is to provide them with name badges. We'll have a table with a signup clipboard in the courtyard on Sunday. For the rest of us, you're welcome to leave your name badge here or leave it in your car or purse/pocket. Either way, you're encouraged to wear it!

ST. FRANCIS DAY AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All are invited to attend our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 3, at 12:00 noon in the courtyard. Our clergy will offer blessings and treats for each pet, and you can have your photo snapped with St. Francis (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) or in front of the red doors. It's a chance to chat and catch up with your friends and fellow parishioners and introduce them to your beloved pet.

Also, whether or not you can bring your four-legged friend to church that day, please send a photo of him/her, with or without you in it, to Gloria at glorio@stmaa.org. I'll compile them and make a slideshow for our YouTube channel, ST-MAA Connection. You can watch last year's slideshow there under Playlists/Slideshows.

— Gloria Orellana, Associate for Administration



SEWING US BACK TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC



I feel like we are frayed around the edges because of COVID. We are still knit together but have lost some cohesion over the past 18 months. Even our strongest pieces have thinned and struggled to hold everything and everyone together. It's the nature of collective trauma, surely, to feel forever exhausted and on edge in unstable times.

Still, a golden thread has emerged in our beloved music program in the form of a return to in-person choir rehearsals. Even while we cannot sing to full capacity on Sunday mornings until restrictions are lifted, the St. Michael's Singers has started gathering again in the open sanctuary on Wednesday nights to learn psalms and anthems together for both personal enrichment and communal worship. Despite some noticeable holes (long-time singers who are unable to join in due to COVID-related vulnerabilities), our hybrid in-person/Zoom rehearsals are a way to regain our vocal and spiritual strength, to spend time with musical friends and to offer our services to the wider community in the form of recorded anthems. Our folk-based Saints & Singers Choir and youth Choristers also return to in-person rehearsals this month, providing some glimmers of color and texture to a sometimes blurry landscape.



While it remains difficult to plan ahead because of ongoing uncertainty, musical treats to add to your calendar include some sort of **Halloween Organ Spooktacular** + scary poetry on Sunday, **October 31**, and our annual **Advent Lessons & Carols** service on Sunday, **December 5, at 7:00 pm** (a little earlier in the month than usual as we try something new...).

I've had to learn to sew this pandemic, metaphorically, and we may all need to learn how to quilt so we can piece our greater community back together over time. It is my ultimate intention that singing and making music in togetherness can add beauty and hope to this project we call life.

— Hannah Brewer, Music Director & Organist

ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH SPEAK UP

The youth and their leaders met on Sunday, September 19, and talked about their experiences and impressions as this new school year begins. The following are snippets from that conversation.



As the school year begins, I'm worried about:

I'm worried about how I will fit in at my new school • writing • not being able to pay attention with crazy kids around me • my grades • staying caught up • Language Arts class in general • shutting down again • tests • bad cafeteria food • shutting down again • work • COVID, grades • getting good grades • the workload • I'm worried about my schoolwork

I'm grateful for:

My family • my family support • my family • seeing friends again • friends • going back to school • food • my cat • going back to school • my friends • being in-person • my sister because she's cool and my coolness • math class, where all my nerdy friends are • in-person things

My friends are thinking about:

School • how long the days are, being able to see people in person, Dungeons & Dragons (I hope) • how amazing I am • gross lunch food • I'm not a mind reader • grades • going virtual, kids not wearing masks • books • grades • me • hanging out • school/workload • school/sports • school? I don't know

As the school year begins, my parents/guardians are concerned about:

My brother • me bring stressed out about school/sports (homework) • their students and me and my sibling • COVID, distancing • grades • shutting down again • me, breaking rules • shutting down again • COVID • COVID • that I'm too cool • my nerves • things

My teachers keep talking about:

The upcoming school year • homework • school things • crowded school • work • feelings • not to talk in class • COVID-19 • people stealing sinks and soap dispensers • homework • COVID • how cool I am • how we're all adjusting to in-person

— Ruby Welch for the St. Michael's Youth Group cohort

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

For our weekly Altar Guild teams, the past year and a half with COVID has been, like everything else in our lives, “changed and different.” A big part of Altar Guild has always been coming together and sharing our stories as we care for the church and prepare it for Sunday services. Instead, Chris, James and Hannah covered everything for months; it wasn’t until Advent that several of our members slowly started returning. While the Men on Wednesday (MOWs) came and put up the Advent wreath, Julie Grandfield arrived with a big armful of greens and holly for the December altar arrangement, and I took care of changing the hangings and other tasks.

In May 2021, Chris asked Diana Wolford and me to clean up the sacristy and remove what was not used or needed. It looked so much better afterwards, and everything that was usable, but no longer needed, was donated. It was after this that the weekly Altar Guild teams started gathering on Saturday mornings to prepare the church for services. It’s been wonderful to reconnect and catch up with each other and hear how we all got through the pandemic.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES ARE WE THERE YET??

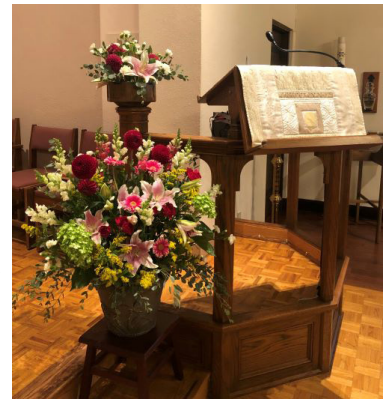
A new school year began and still we find ourselves living with uncertainty, very real health risks and social limitations due to COVID-19 and its variants. We are challenged in new ways to provide education, faith formation, emotional support and hope to our children and youth. Like a seemingly never-ending road trip in an overcrowded family car, we cry out, “*Are we there yet?*”

I don’t have a crystal ball, but my guess is, “No, we are not there – not yet.” And even as I write those words, I have to ask myself, where is the “there” that we are so desperately trying to get to? And, as we make this long, arduous journey with a world-wide pandemic, are we missing the lessons that this unexpected pilgrimage has to teach us along the way?

I wonder how we will know when we’ve reached our collective destination and what, if anything, we will do differently in our lives and in our ministry because of this pandemic and all that it will leave in its wake.

Of course, I long for the day when young children can be vaccinated and it will be safe for them to return to our Childcare and Godly Play classrooms – sacred spaces where they can learn and play under the loving care of St. Michael’s teachers and childcare providers. A big family full of brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers “in Christ” is part of the joy and the promise we as a faith community wrap around each young child brought to the waters of Holy Baptism.

We welcomed two new members to Week 1, Barb Miller, and Acadia Henry, who began coming with her mom, Sundance Henry, and is our first junior member. We were sad to see Peggy Hartman leave Week 4 – her flower arrangements were so beautiful!



We would love to have several more women or men join Altar Guild. The commitment is small—just one weekend a month—but the rewards are great! If you are interested, you can contact me, Jennie Street at 503/407-5096, or talk to any member that is listed in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you to all of the members who returned and are helping out on their weeks. It’s nice to have you back!

— Jennie Street, Altar Guild chair

When we welcome children into the household of God, we give thanks for them and invite them to share with us in Jesus’ eternal priesthood. When asked, “Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?” The people answer, “We will!”

Our baptismal promises lay the groundwork for lives dedicated to love and ministry and that doesn’t change even as the world around us might at times seem unrecognizable. Striving to live into those sacred promises is part of the road map we are given for our Christian journey—a journey that is ongoing—for the sake of all who travel with us, in the hope of each new generation and in thanksgiving for all those who have come before us.

As the days and weeks stretch before and behind us, our children and youth remain a “Holy Reminder” to pay attention to who and what we are called to be as Christ’s body in the world. Children and Families Ministry at St. Michael’s remains steadfast in its devotion and delight for the children in our midst, for those who’ve yet to grace our door and for the children of the world we may never meet. We give thanks for the love and support of the whole community as we strive to hold a sacred space where all God’s people are welcome, all are fed and all are blessed for the next step of their journey.

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Ministry with Children & Families

Mark your Calendars!

- * **St. Michael’s Day Celebration:** Sunday, September 26
- * **Blessing of the Animals:** Sunday, October 3, at 12:00 pm in the courtyard
- * **Halloween,** Sunday, October 31 – spooky fun for all ages!

OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

The Outreach & Justice Ministries Council has been working to find places in most need of our funds this spring and summer. Lately, it has concentrated on help for those working with the homeless and those needing back-to-school assistance as well as needs in other countries.



Your funds have gone to help Blanchet House, which provides take-out meals, water, outdoor essentials and a cooling station for those very hot days earlier in the summer. The Council sent funds to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) for their ministries; to EcoFaith Recovery for its efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; to the Oregon Just Transition Alliance in its efforts to organize for racial, economic and climate justice; and to APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon). Recently, funds were given to Haiti to help with its disaster relief, to Bridge Meadows for help in supplying its children with school supplies and to We Shine, creating partnerships with neighborhoods to set up tiny villages using the Conestoga model housing.

Earlier this spring, the Council concentrated on needs abroad, sending funds to VAMOS, El Porvenir, AFEDJ (Palestine, St. Luke's Charity Hospital), Green Village School (Afghanistan), Doctors Without Borders (India) and Quilts for Empowerment (Kenya).

As always, the Council members are grateful for the funds allotted to help with these huge issues and thank the parishioners for them. We also appreciate parishioners' generosity in the ingathering of the care bags for the homeless and for the backpacks and supplies for foster children.

— Lynn Baker, Susan Barnett, co-conveners

BURRITO LOVE

Since September 2020, on the last Saturday of each month, Burrito Love has been on a mission to provide a nutritional sack lunch to our community neighbors. As you walk in the neighborhood, you may notice Burrito Love flyers posted for the event on telephone poles. Included with each sack are cookies supplied by Sheri O'Brien and a chilled bottle of water. The Super Torta restaurant on Woodstock, one of two owned by Armando and Kenya Cruz, provides the burritos at a significantly reduced cost.

ADVOCACY ACTION



The Advocacy Action Committee is getting ready to resume offering action opportunities between services on the second Sunday of the month. We are looking for new members who would like to bring suggestions for actions to our monthly committee meeting and/or take a turn staffing the action table on a second Sunday. This usually involves assisting people to sign letters, petitions, etc. We take actions on issues ranging from local concerns to matters of statewide, national, and even international importance.

Our committee meets via Zoom on the fourth Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Cheryl Braginsky at cherylsky5@gmail.com or Marili Reilly at cascademarili@gmail.com.

— Cheryl Braginsky



In addition to handing our neighbors a bag, we offer a welcoming smile and do a brief check-in with each one. Many of those showing up for this lunch are repeat guests and are always thankful for this outreach, responding to us with "God bless you."

We occasionally are given donations by passersby appreciative of St. Michael's outreach while on their way to the Saturday Market. These collected donations are labeled and passed along to the bookkeeper. There are a few expenses with delivering this meal, and a donation can be made on the stmaa.org website. Once on the donation page, click "other" and note that your contribution is for Burrito Love.

— Hjalmer Lofstrom

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.
Please call or email before coming over,
503/284-7141 or office@stmaa.org.

THE MESSENGER

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

SEPT. 26	St. Michael's Day
OCT. 3	Blessing of the Animals
OCT. 31	Halloween Spooktacular
NOV. 7	All Saints' Day celebrated
DEC. 4	Red Door Artisan Fair
DEC. 5	Lessons & Carols

BASKETS OF PLENTY

The Diocesan Commission on Poverty and Homelessness is holding an online auction to replace the convention basket raffle. Proceeds will fund grants to congregations in our diocese for their ministries to those in need in their communities.

The silent auction opens October 2, and the live auction is Saturday, October 9, starting at 5:00 pm. To sign up, preview auction items and bid, go to <https://cphfundraiser.schoolauction.net/auction2021/>.



RED DOORS ARTISAN FAIR

Planning is underway for the Red Doors Artisan Fair, which will be held on December 4, 2021, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Crafters and Artists** – tables are still available if you would like to show and sell your work. This year, we will leave parishioners' tables set up through Sunday for a second morning of sales opportunities. **Donations are welcome** if you would like



to donate nice used items, including Christmas ornaments, jewelry, and art, for the Parish Table. **Bakers** – a bake-sale table is planned where we will sell your home-baked sweets and goodies. **Santa's Helpers** – We need people to help on the day of the event to staff the parish table, greet customers, to assist vendors and to help with set-up and tear-down. We welcome your help or participation! Please let Sheri O'Brien know if you have items or baked goods to donate, would like to reserve a vendor table, or if you would like to help out on the day of the fair. You can email her at red.doors.artisan.fair@gmail.com or call her at 503/706-2620.

— Marili Reilly for the Red Doors Artisan Fair Team