

From Father Nik

It's October. That means it's the season of ghost stories, pumpkin spice everything, and stewardship. When it comes to Church this month, I can't promise you'll hear stories about any ghosts but the Holy Ghost. And you won't taste any pumpkin spice in the communion wafers. But you will soon get a stewardship letter. Don't worry! It's not as scary as it sounds! I won't haunt you with stewardship sermons each Sunday this month. The letter is more of an extended "Thank You" note than anything else. But I should explain the stewardship card you'll be filling out and sending back.

Like any stewardship card, this one will ask for your name, your pledge for the coming year, and your signature. Unlike other stewardship cards you've filled out before, this one also includes an extra line at the very bottom of the card. That line is for you to indicate how many quarts of Homemade Fork Church Brunswick Stew you would like to buy. The prep for the stew will happen the evening of Saturday, October 29 (if you're interested in going to the veggie chopping party). The stew will be ready for sale and pick-up on **Sunday, October 30** at the **All Hallows' Eve Party and Prayer**, at **5pm**.

This season, we're putting the stew back in *stewardship*!

St Francis Day Blessing of the Animals



SUNDAY, OCT 2

Gather at 4:30pm; Blessing at 5pm

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, October 2

Meeting at Church of Our Savior, Montpelier from 6-7:30pm

Parish Directory

Hard copies are available in the narthex of the Church.
If you would like a digital copy, please contact Kathy Thomas
(boysthree@gmail.com).

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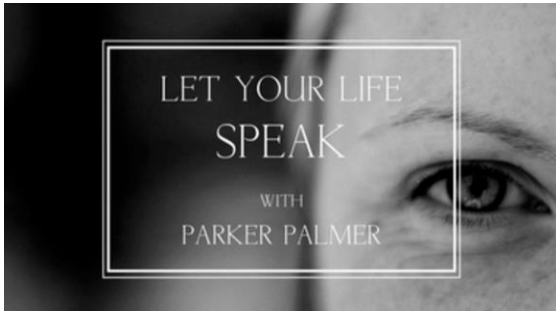
Godly Play – Children are invited to hear the Word in a fun, learning environment in the Parish House during the first half of worship. The autumn curriculum is based on the book, *Jotham's Journey* by Arnold Ytreeide.

The Youth Group will meet **Sunday, October 2**, from **6-7:30pm** at the Church of Our Savior, Montpelier.

The Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9am in the Parish Hall. This autumn we're exploring **Medieval Christianity.**



Small Groups

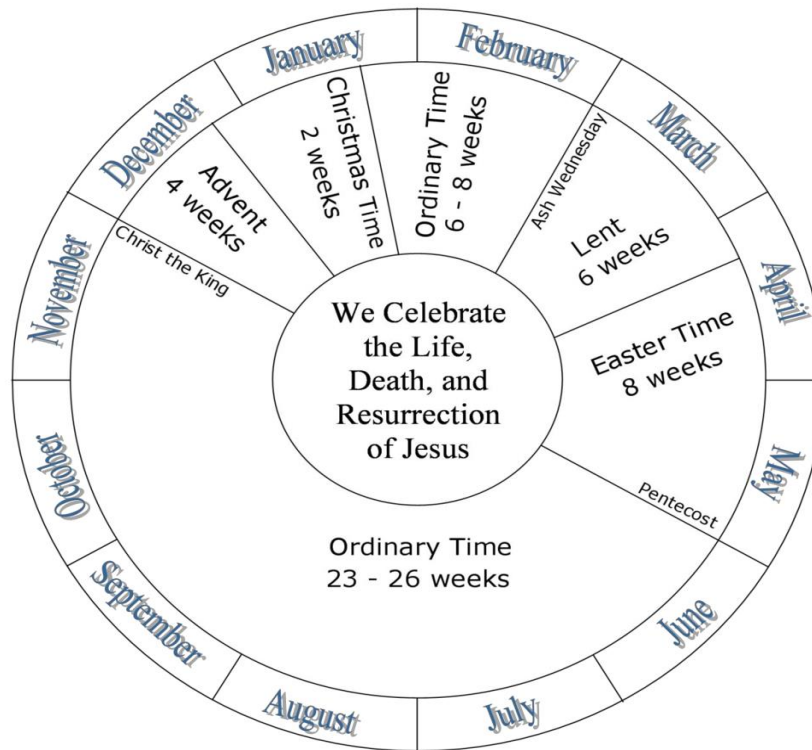


The Women's Book Group will meet at 10am on Thursday, October 6 to discuss Chapters 1 & 2 of their next book, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening to the Voice of Vocation* by Parker Palmer.

The Men's Book Group will meet at 7:30am Thursday, October 6 at Ashland Coffee & Tea to discuss Book 2 of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.



The Liturgical Year



Nik's Calendar

- Monday, Oct 3 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– Peter Paul Development Center Chapel, 5-6:15pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm
- Monday, Oct 10 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm
- Tuesday, Oct 11 – Clergy Cluster Meeting, 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Monday-Wednesday, Oct 17 - Oct 19 – Bishop's Retreat, Shrine Mont

Looking Ahead

- Sunday, Oct 2 – Blessing of the Animals, 4:30pm
– Youth Group, Church of Our Savior, 6-7:30pm
- Thursday, Oct 6 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am
– Woman's Book Group, 10am-noon
- Sunday, Oct 9 – Confirmation Class, 7pm
- Monday, Oct 10 – Girl Scout Troop 429 Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Tuesday, Oct 11 – Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- Thursday, Oct 13 – The Way of Discipleship Small Group, 6:30pm