

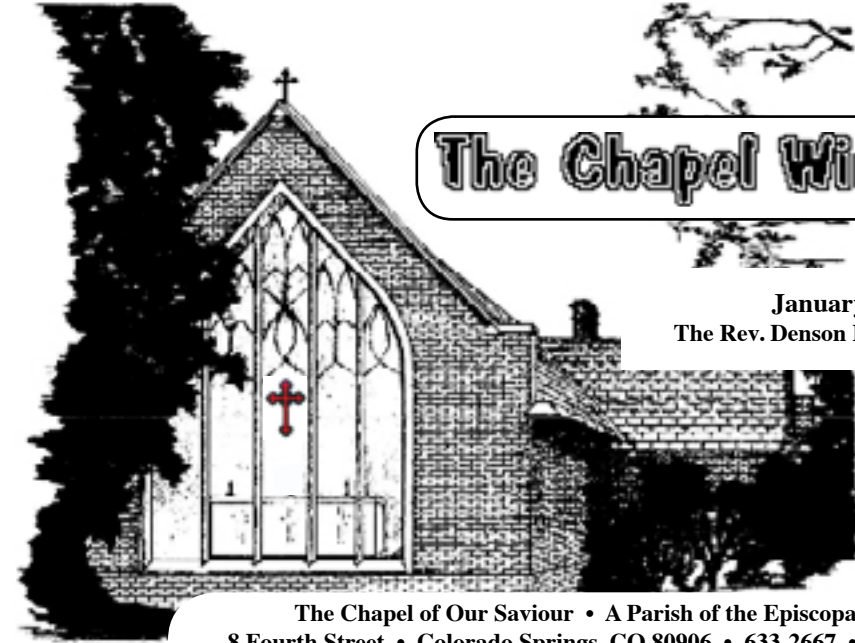


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The Rev. Denson Freeman, Rector

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JANUARY VESTRY SCHEDULE

All are welcome to attend the Vestry meetings, as well as the commission meetings, which are announced in the Sunday bulletins.

Monday, January 9 - 6:00 p.m. - Finance Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 17 - 6:45 p.m. - Eucharist and Vestry Meeting

THE PARISH VESTRY

The Rev. De Freeman, Rector
Mr. Bill Barns, Junior Warden
Mrs. Amanda Bristol
Mrs. Barbara Lewis
Mrs. Hendrika Layton
Mrs. Nancy Hopkins

Mr. George Hammond, Senior Warden
Mr. Charles Curtis, Treasurer
Mr. Jim Keene, Clerk
Mr. John Simons
Mr. Tom VanBenschoten
Mrs. Becky Bennett

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING this year will be Saturday, January 28, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres. Come hear the results of the soirees, celebrate where we as a church have been in 2011 - which included Fr. De's first Sunday with us January 16, and participate in where we hope to go in 2012.

VESTRY ELECTIONS: At the annual meeting in January, the following slate will be presented as candidates for the three vacancies on the Vestry:

Tom Biondini Bobby Ingels
Penny Johnson Fred Slane
Darryl Thatcher

The members elected will serve for three years. Further nominations may be submitted from members of the congregation. These nominations, along with the names of three seconders, must be submitted to the clerk of the vestry, Jim Keene, prior to January 14.

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CANDYCANES FOR COTTAS

Our Youth is in need of new vestments. Will you help? Simply take a candy cane from the baskets located just outside Casey Hall. There are two tags on each one: one for you to take as a reminder of your promised gift, one for me to keep track of thank you's! Take your reminder home with you, leave the "thank you" tag, with your name on it, in the basket. Although each candy cane suggests a gift of \$10.00, we welcome any amount. I would like to order vestments the first week of January so . . . please let me know about your gift as quickly as you can. I, and our young people, thank you! — Marti O'Dell

8@7 DINNER on Saturday night, January 21. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex, beginning on Sunday, December 25, three weeks before. 8@7 is an opportunity for you, in singles or pairs, to go to someone's home, to gather with a total of 8 people at 7:00 p.m., and to have good fellowship over a good meal, part of which you bring. We hope you'll sign up.

PARISH NEWS

Deaths: Martha Getz Cogswell
November 22, 2011



JANUARY 2012 THRIFT HOUSE SCHEDULE

	AM (10-1)	PM (1-4)
Mon. 12 /	Georgia Negri Penny Bever Edd Bever Penny Johnson	
Tues. 1/3	Penny Johnson Bob Andrews Nicole Wing	Ruth Shannon TBD TBD
Wed. 1/4	Kim Templin Ginny Sharkey Barbara McLain	Jody Armstrong Patti Curtis Terri Thatcher
Thur. 1/5	Jane Andrews Jim Keene Hendrika Layton	Betty Bennington Janie Rose Nicols Marge Fowler
Fri. 1/6	Penny Bever Debbie Might Rex Kramer	Mimi Fisher TBD TBD
Sat. 1/7	Saint Andrew's	Saint Andrew's
Wed. 1/11	Edd Bever Chris Jackson TBD	Michelle Chapman Bonnie Mackin Steve Mackin
Sat. 1/14	M'Linda Barns TBD TBD	N/A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK YOUR SCHEDULED DAY AND TIME, please find your own sub. Usually it is easiest to trade with another volunteer already scheduled. Please notify Hedy DuCharme at 576-3716 of the change. If it is short notice and you are unable to reach Hedy, be sure to give Thrift House a call, 632-5278. Thrift House will not find subs and must have three persons per shift to open the doors.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Let us give thanks for the true meaning of the Christmas Season when Christ started his journey to bestow upon us the ultimate blessing of our eternal salvation! Even though 2011 may have passed with its share of trials, I love how God allows us to end each year on a high note by reminding us of His greatest gift to us. I know this helps me to start the new year with a fresh and upbeat outlook.

One common practice to begin each new year with a positive attitude is making New Year's resolutions. Is one of your resolutions to change your family's current financial situation? Maybe you want to improve your relationship with your spouse by not always arguing about money? Those may seem like lofty goals, but are you ever in luck! Chapel of Our Saviour is offering a program to help you do just that!

We are hosting our second Financial Peace University class starting January 11, 2012. Dave Ramsey's 13-week program teaches the tools needed to change your behavior regarding money using God's sage advice from Proverbs. FPU contains 7 "Baby Steps" towards achieving financial freedom and becoming better stewards of God's blessings. Each week we will watch a one-hour video of the dynamic Dave Ramsey explaining the topic in a fun and easy-to-understand manner. The second hour is for our small group discussion to respond to the video, answer questions, and, most importantly, to give praises and rejoice in our triumphs.

Our first class celebrated the fantastic accomplishment of paying off over \$10,000 in debt and saving \$15,000 during the class. Imagine what you too could do in just three short months!

FPU will be held each Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall starting on January 11, 2012, through April 4, 2012. Childcare will be provided. We already have the class material kits each family will need, at a discounted price of \$84.55 (website price is \$99.51). The increased financial wealth and security you will gain far exceeds the one-time cost of the kit. Plus, the cost includes a lifetime membership, so you will be able to take the class again, whenever and wherever you want to attend. Scholarship assistance is available through Father De as well. Come to our preview class on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. or visit www.daveramsey.com for more details.

Please contact Christina Chisum with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The campaign for 2012 pledges has been proceeding with an exciting response from parish members. Acknowledging the Vestry's request for earlier submission of pledges – to facilitate a goal of a balanced budget for 2012 – two-thirds of last year's pledges have been returned for next year as of the Christmas week, with more than 50 members electing to increase their pledge for the coming year!

That support of Our Saviour and our renewed sense of mission has put us within range of eliminating the need to budget for a deficit, or to cut expenses for key activities and ministries to begin the year with a balanced budget. Already, 20 new pledges have been received for 2012 against our goal of 50. An additional 30 new pledges will balance our budget and may even permit some expansion of programs identified during the stewardship soirees as deserving growth.

To get there, we are asking new members of Our Saviour in 2011 who have not yet done so to prayerfully consider a pledge as a commitment of your membership to our community of faith. We do not require pledges for membership, as some churches do; we ask that you keep in mind the suggested tithe of the first 10% but also that, according to St. Paul, "The Lord likes a happy giver!" We trust that you will want to put your contribution of time, talent and treasure to beneficial use in the year ahead.

Also, if you have been a member for over a year and give to the plate regularly but have not pledged before, we ask that you consider making a pledge for 2012. While the giving each Sunday is very helpful, the Vestry must conservatively estimate it in our budgeting, whereas a pledge helps us to be more fiscally responsible.

These two groups of parish members number more than 60 and half of them responding with a pledge will allow us to reach a balanced budget goal!

Thanks again to all who have returned their pledges for next year and, especially, to all the hosts of the stewardship soirees this fall. The soiree discussions produced an abundance of comments, ideas and suggestions that have been passed along to the Vestry to guide them in their decision-making for the coming year.

Tom VanBenschoten
Stewardship Chair

Safeguarding God's Children Training
Saturday, February 4
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

Jesus Christ calls us to loving relationships that are healthy and helpful to each other, not taking advantage of those who are weaker or putting people in situations that are inappropriate for their age or maturity. All persons involved in ministry, whether receiving or giving care, deserve to be treated as Jesus Christ would treat them: with love, respect, kindness.

All participants in ministry deserve to be in a safe environment, which includes, but is not limited to, an environment that is free from harassment, abuse, and misconduct. Our Bishop, Diocese of Colorado, and Chapel of Our Saviour are committed to creating environments that are physically, spiritually and emotionally safe for all of God's children. Towards this end all volunteers who work with children in any capacity at Chapel of Our Saviour are required to attend a Safeguarding God's Children training.

The Safeguarding God's Children program and training was designed by the (Episcopal) Church Pension Group, and is aimed at reminding us of the promise we make at every child's baptism to love and respect one another, and to protect all of God's children from childhood sexual abuse. This curriculum is taught regularly at Episcopal churches throughout the United States, Colorado, and several times a year at Chapel of Our Saviour. It is a half day training that consists of two video presentations, information and discussion.

If you are interested in creating a safe environment for our children and youth, and you work with or are responsible in anyway for children in our parish, please come and join us for this training. If you cannot attend this training on this date, let me know and I will share other training dates at other churches in and around Colorado Springs and Denver.

Thank you, —Meredith



CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOUR
ANNUAL
MEN'S WILD GAME DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Men, mark your calendar now for **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**. It is time once again for the annual Men's Wild Game Dinner, and, as always, it promises to be a wonderful event. The suggested donation for this dinner is **\$20.00**. Tickets for this dinner will be available starting January 8. There are only 80 tickets available, so get your ticket early. If you have wild game to donate for the dinner, **we are really in need of duck, pheasant, and venison, or any other wild game that you may be able to supply**. Please call Birdie Lowery and let him know. As in past years, bottles of wine for the meal will gladly be accepted. If you have questions, call Birdie Lowery or Tom Joerger.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the narthex shelf for those who requested them. There is still time to request envelopes by marking your pledge card, calling the office at 633-2667, or by seeing Tom.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Susan Garsoe will be teaching a three-week adult Sunday School class based on the book *Family The Forming Center: A Vision of the Role of Family in Spiritual Formation* by Marjorie Thompson. The book has two intentions: "to show how the family is intrinsically formative spiritually, and to indicate how various spiritual practices support the health and growth of the family within its larger communities." If you are interested in having a copy of the book, you can find it on line. Alibris has many used copies for \$99. <http://www.alibris.com/search/books/isbn/9780835805988>.

The class will be conversation about ways in which families can strengthen the spiritual bonding within, so that the family can be a witness to the Christian life in the world. The classes will be held January 29, February 5, and 12.

12/12/2011

A Note for the Chapel Window"

Thanks Meredith and Carolers for
bringing Christmas joy into my home.
To think their little hands made such
delicious goodies including a Ginger Bread
House. My first. How very sweet and such
a cute idea.

Thanks and now thanks and may each
and every one Christmas be Merry and
Bright as Baby Jesus' Birth is
Celebrated all over the world.

My love with prayers
Overwhelmed Gloria

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Their next meeting will be on January 10, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please contact Deborah Lowery if you have questions.

THE LOVING HANDS MINISTRY makes shawls and lap robes for our own parishioners and special items for the hospital at Fort Carson. We make newborn caps, booties, receiving blankets and small simple sweaters for the babies going home. We also make quilted lap robes for the wounded soldiers in wheelchairs. If you knit, crochet or quilt, we would love to have your help. We normally meet at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday, September through May, to pray, talk, and work. The next meeting will be January 7. For patterns and additional information, call Jan Jaquith.

EPIPHANY PAGEANT: We are reviving the Epiphany Pageant at Chapel of Our Saviour. This year's event will be on the feast of the Epiphany, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. It is a no rehearsal pageant filled with scripture readings and beautiful songs. All who show up will get to participate. In future years we hope to bring back our scripted production with costumes. This year's event will be followed by soup and desserts including the Epiphany cake. If you have any questions, please call Christopher Keith.

THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP will meet again on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Mary Chapel. If you are interested in joining this group or have questions, please call Susan Day.

YOUTH NEWS

353 (God Loves You) Youth Bible Study will meet on
 January 8, 2012: 12:30-2:00 p.m. -- meet at Panda Express
 January 22, 2012: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. -- meet at Chipotle
 January 13-15, 2012 -- Youth Retreat at Cathedral Ridge
 January 21 - Parent-Teacher Retreat
 January 29, 2012: Youth Sunday

Please call Meredith for more information or questions.

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and friends of Children:

When Children's Formation (aka Sunday School) reconvenes on Sunday, January 8 at 9:15, I will be asking parents and guardians to sign their children into formation at 9:15 a.m., and pick them up and sign them out at 10:15 a.m.

At 9:15 a.m. children must be signed into the class and then escorted into the formation meeting area in Children's Chapel. At 10:15, when the formation period is over, the responsible adult will then pick up the child. The goal is to ensure that every child is accounted for at all times.

If your child is going to be attending Children's Chapel at 10:25. arrangements will be made so that they will be escorted to that worship service.

Children's Chapel:

Children's Chapel begins at 10:20 when we gather in Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall. At that time, children receive or request their assignments for that day's worship service (crucifer, torch bearer, candle lighter, celebrant etc.). Parents, you help to ensure your child's success when you have them arrive on time.

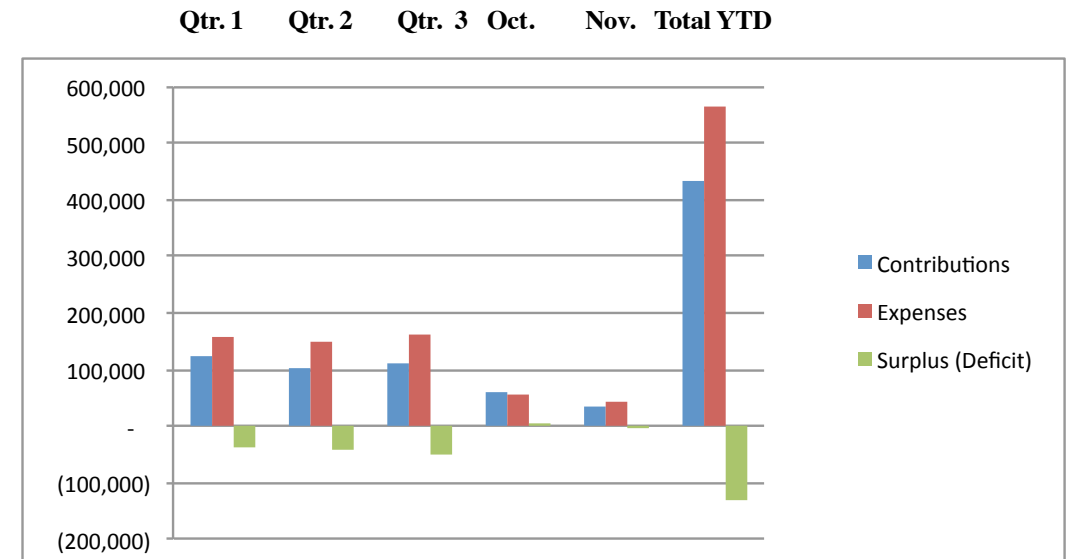
Children's Chapel ends at 11:10, at the passing of the peace. To ensure that each child is delivered to the proper adult, we will be asking parents to meet their child in the narthex or the transept, rather than escorting each child to their parent. Details to follow.

Thank you for your patience as we seek to ensure that the safety and well-being of every child is made a priority.

Many thanks,
 Meredith DeCotiis Szypula
 Children and Youth Formation

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2012: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for altar flowers for next year. The cost is \$50 each week for the two containers on the altar. Flowers can be paid for in advance for the week that you select. Please make checks payable to Chapel of Our Saviour and mark the check for "Altar Flowers."

Chapel of Our Saviour Operating Statement 2011						
	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Oct.	Nov	Total YTD
Contributions	121,766	102,798	112,378	58,985	36,365	432,292
Expenses	159,346	146,889	161,544	54,909	41,178	563,865
Surplus (Defecit)	(37,580)	(44,091)	(49,166)	4,076	(4,813)	(131,573)
Withdrawals from invested funds: \$97,392						



PARISH NURSE

I am thrilled to let all of you know that I am resuming my ministry as Parish Nurse for the Chapel of Our Saviour family. Parish Nurses (or “Faith Community Nurses” as we are officially called) serve the needs of one’s Mind, Body and Spirit or any combination thereof. I am able to work with individuals so that together, and with God, we can come to a satisfactory resolution – a place of healing. If necessary, appropriate referrals will be made. I will be happy to make home visits, hospital visits, or visits in my office.

And yes! Blood Clinics will also resume, every third Sunday of the month, starting January 15, 2012. We will hold the clinics in the Dining Room in the Parish Hall, unless otherwise noted, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (so people can attend Adult Education at 9:30), and then again from 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. I will have new digital Omron machines that record extremely accurately and will print individual records of your readings which you can take with you. Come one, come all! Make this a part of your regular preventive health practice.

My new office will be the old prayer room on the second floor next to Bonnie's office. My office hours may vary, but I will try to keep a schedule of Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Otherwise I hope to be out and about visiting parishioners. Please call if I can help you in any way.

In God’s Healing Grace
—Susan Day

THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in Saint Mary Chapel. If you are interested in joining this group or have questions, please call Susan Day (633-1143).

MUSIC MUSING:

January is named after the Roman mythological god Janus (Ianuarius), the god of beginnings and transitions, and thus also of gates, doors, doorways, endings, and of time. He is pictured as a two-faced god who looks backward to the past and forward to the future.



I am thankful that I don’t have two faces on one head. The struggle between looking back and dwelling on what has already happened versus looking forward to the unknown of what will happen could be enough to paralyze a person. Probably Janus felt the same inability to move: which eyes, mouth, and ears would he obey? Should he go backwards, or should he go forwards?

Every January 1, I am most aware of time. I look back and realize I have at least survived all that 2011 held. I wonder what changes 2012 will bring. What will each 24 hours present? Time: it is the great equalizer. From the highest to the lowest, from the richest to the poorest, time is the great constant. Each second ticking way is the same for all of us. We can neither make more time, nor less time. And so the question becomes, how will we use that time?

My New Year’s Resolutions often have to do with my future use of time. I’d like to spend more time in spiritual pursuits (as in, this year I really am going to read through the Bible...), in financial pursuits (this year, I really am going to be better about subtracting in my checkbook), in relationship pursuits (this year, I really am going to spend more time with my family and friends).

But another important aspect is my use of the present tense. Janus looks forward and backward, but there is no mention of the all-important present tense. Music is often present tense; when engaged, we are forced to stay in the moment.

Balance comes from a healthy integration of past, present, and future. This year, I’m going to try to find more opportunities to be present-tense, where I can enjoy the beauty of the moment, not tyrannized by either the past or what’s coming in the future.

Won’t you join me? It might include more music in your life.



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JANUARY 2012

JANUARY EVENTS:

- Jan. 2 Parish Offices Closed
- Jan. 6 6:30 p.m. Epiphany Pageant
- Jan. 7 10:00 a.m. Loving Hands Ministry
- Jan. 8 12:15 p.m. Photo Club Meeting
- Jan. 8 12:30 p.m. 353 Bible Study at Panda Express
- Jan. 9 6:00 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting
- Jan. 10 6:30 p.m. Daughters of the King Meeting
- Jan. 13-15 Youth Retreat at Cathedral Ridge
- Jan. 15 9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic
- Jan. 15 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic
- Jan. 16 Parish Offices Closed
- Jan. 17 6:45 p.m. Eucharist and Vestry Meeting
- Jan. 21 9:00 a.m. Parent Teacher Retreat
- Jan. 21 7:00 p.m. 8@7 Dinner
- Jan. 22 12:30 p.m. 353 Bible Study at Chipolte
- Jan. 28 4:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- Jan. 29 Youth Sunday

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1 8:00 - Eucharist 10:30 - Eucharist	2 Parish Offices Closed Today	3 10:00 - Centering Prayer	4 7:00 - Bible Study 9:00 - Eucharist 9:45 - Bible Study	5 7:00 - Eucharist and Breakfast 5:00 - Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30 - Epiphany Pageant	7 10:00 - Loving Hands Ministry
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29 Youth Sunday 8:00 - Eucharist 9:15 - Children's S/S 9:30 - Adult S/S 10:30 - Eucharist 6:30 - Eucharist	30	31 10:00 - Centering Prayer				

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. Psalm 138:4