



The Newsletter of The Chapel of the Cross
January/February 2026

CROSSTIES



CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

The Circumcision of Christ

Holy Communion (@CHC), Noon
Thursday, January 1

Feast of Lights

Monday, Jan. 5, 6:30 pm

The Epiphany (or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles)

Holy Communion
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 12:00 PM

The Conversion of St. Paul

Sunday, Jan. 25

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Monday, February 2

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion
Wed., Feb. 18, 12:00 & 6:30 PM

St. Mathias the Apostle

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Ember Days

Wednesday, Feb. 25;
Friday, Feb. 27; Saturday, Feb. 28

Diocese of Mid-America Synod Report

Submitted by Ron Kerridge & Ryan Davis

The Diocese of Mid-America held its 118th Synod in Tyler, Tx on October 8-10 at Good Shepherd Reformed Episcopal Church. The Chapel's clergy attended, along with Ryan Davis and Ron Kerridge as lay delegates. The St. Timothy School choir joined with the Good Shepherd choir, under Andrew Dittman's direction, to sing at the Opening Eucharist.

This Synod was a joyful occasion, with the varied reports calling attention to the strength and breadth of the parishes, seminary, and ministries of the Diocese of Mid-America.

Canon and Dean Jason Grote, who has been elected Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of the Central States, preached at the opening service and was sent forth by the Synod to his new post with many thanks for his work and fellowship over 27 years of fruitful ministry.

Two missions of the Diocese have grown to the status of churches: Holy Cross in Colorado Springs and St. Barnabas in Bellville, Texas. The Diocese and Cranmer Theological House (the Diocese's seminary) are both on a sound financial footing. Synod included an informative presentation on the development of podcast ministries by several of the clergy. Bishop Boonzaaijer discussed the far-ranging activities of the Board of Foreign Missions and a number of remarkable ministries abroad that the Diocese supports.

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Clergy, choir, and some of the attendees of the 118th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America in Good Shepherd's new sanctuary.

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As impressive as these specific areas of growth are, the strong sense of unity of purpose, harmony, and koinonia within the Diocese really stood out.

"Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Ps. 133:1.

Bishop Sutton gave a powerful exhortation concerning the power of the Church as a comprehensive community. Although many types of community help meet the human need not to live in isolation, the Church is a uniquely powerful community because of its transcendent nature as a fellowship that includes the Persons of the Trinity. The sacramental koinonia of Christ forms a mystical fellowship: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread." 1 Cor. 10:17. This community has power in part in its comprehensive nature, as a bond that extends throughout the week, not just on Sunday morning.

As we sang during the opening service, "As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, Was in this broken bread made one, So from all lands thy Church be gathered Into thy kingdom by thy Son."



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Helen Gagie	1/1
Josh Levy	1/1
Joaquin Archbold	1/3
Paul Jarzemsky	1/4
Heather Tutuska	1/5
Lucy Lives	1/5
Isaac Lives	1/7
Gavin Boonzaaijer	1/7
Carol Reeder	1/8
Ashley Johnson	1/9
Maria Alonso-Ugalde	1/12
Becky Murray	1/15
Peter Predtechenskis	1/15
John Morton	1/18
Terry Starks	1/19
Sue Walters	1/24
Mary Reed	1/25
Luis Serrano	1/26
Coleman Rafferty	1/27
Claire Davis	1/29
Nancy Hogge	1/29
Julian Johnson	1/29

FEBRUARY

Dr. Lindsay Owens	2/1
Caroline Embry	2/4
Christian Embry	2/4
Esmeralda Serrano	2/5
Suki Jarzemsky	2/6
Ashley Dittman	2/8
Benjamin Embry	2/10
Abigail Levy	2/11
James Predtechenskis	2/12
Ryan Bartman	2/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Lou & Frank Bridwell	1/2
Caroline & Bill Simpson	1/2
Melissa & Ed+ Fruin	1/9
Tonia & Scott Bertiaume	1/14
Susan & Mark Parry	1/27
Tracy & Brad Lives	1/29
Jamie & Michael Bartman	2/25



Holiday Artisan Fair

Chapel members sold their wares on the front lawn in advance of Christmas



Parish Notice Board

- Congratulations to Mrs. Sue Walters on her baptism into Christ's church on 11/23 (photo)
- Congratulations to Adam and Julie Reed on the birth of Christina Rose Reed, born Dec. 9, 2025
- The Chapel extends sympathy to Karen Mabry and family on the death of Stephen Edward Mabry on Dec. 11, 2025
- **Annual Parish Meeting**, Feb 1, 9:25 AM (during Catechesis). We will gather in the Sanctuary for the annual parish photo before beginning the business. Proposed Vestry slate, Budget, and by-law amendment will be announced prior to the meeting. A list of voting members will be posted in the Parish Hall in January. Please check the list to ensure you are aware of your voting status. Plan to arrive before 9:20.
- This year's **Lenten Series** will be held at The Chapel, and reflect on, "The People of God."
- The "Aids to Devotion" will be republished as "Liturgical Supplements" during Lent.
- Many thanks to last year's "Ministry Team Leaders"!
- Architectural and engineering plans are being completed with a desired construction start in early February 2026. Start date is subject to acceptable pricing (within budget), an executed contract with Ellen Grasso & Sons, drawing and cost approval by Building & Grounds and the Vestry, and Ellen's receipt of necessary permits.
- **40th Birthday!** 2026 is the 40th birthday of The Chapel. A birthday party committee has been set up to arrange a series of party hits!
- 250th Birthday for the United States of America. The Church is the soul of a nation, and The Chapel will commemorate our nation's 250th birthday through reflection on Christian civilization, citizenry, and contribution to society and the body politic.
- Chapel services are protected by a "Safety Team." Report safety concerns to an Usher.



- School resumes January 7.
- 5th - 12th grade students will perform "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare, directed by Fr. Garrin Dickinson. Thursday, February 12, 1:00 matinee and 6:30 evening performance.
- No school Feb. 13-16
- 2026-2027 Enrollment will begin soon. Current St. Timothy families have priority through Feb. 1



Church/Diocesan News

ACNA Downloadable Catechism
available at anglicanchurch.net

ACNA COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

January 12-16, Melbourne, FL.

58TH REC GENERAL COUNCIL

June 10-12, 2026, Richmond, VA

GAFCON G26 BISHOP'S CONFERENCE

March 3-6, Abuja, Nigeria

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Now has a prayer calendar page at:

<https://www.rec-bfm.org/prayer-calendar>

"KYRIAL MASS SETTINGS"

Published by The Chapel's Choirmaster, Andrew Dittman



Vital Signs

	October	November	Year to Date (Jan - Nov)
Average Attendance	124	131	128
Income	\$44,913	\$56,981	\$471,106
Expenses	\$41,720	\$63,818	\$516,401
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,193	(\$6,837)	(\$45,295)



Pictured (from left): Coleman Rafferty, Paul Walters, Sue Walters, Laura Boonzaaijer, and Bishop John.



Karl Boonzaaijer, along with installers from his shop, recently completed installation of the organ rail, and wall treatments below the two window niches in the chancel area. Thanks to Karl's expertise, these additions appear to have been a part of the sanctuary from its original renovation.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 The Circumcision of Christ 12:00 pm Holy Communion (@CHC)	2	3 8:30 am Pro-Life M Prayer @ CHC <i>every Sat of month</i>
				Saint Timothy Christmas Break		
				Office Closed		
4 2nd Sunday after Christmas 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Lessons & Carols with Holy Comm	5 8:00 am M Prayer 6:30 pm 12th Night Pageant/Boar's Head Festival/Dance	6 Epiphany 8:00 am M Prayer 12:00 pm Holy Comm 7:00 pm AA	7 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Catechesis 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	9 8:00 am M Prayer (w/Litany) 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	10 9:00 am Morning Prayer & Doorkeepers Ministry
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18 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 am Holy Comm 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Morn Prayer w/Litany (& HC) 5:00 pm Evening Prayer followed by Fellowship of Ancient Christian Storytelling	19 MLK Jr Day 8:00 am M Prayer 10:30 am Chapel Staff Mtg 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	20 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm AA	21 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Evensong for Parish Prayer List 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	23 8:00 am M Prayer (w/Litany) 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	24 Sanctity of Life 9:00 am Morning Prayer & Ante Communion
25 The Conversion of St. Paul 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Morning Prayer (& HC) 5:00 pm Evening Prayer followed by Ladies of the Chapel	26 8:00 am M Prayer 10:30 am Chapel Staff Mtg 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	27 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm Vestry 7:00 pm AA	28 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Evensong for Parish Prayer List 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	30 8:00 am M Prayer (w/Litany) 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	31 9:00 am Morning Prayer followed by Doorkeepers Ministry

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January		Day	Service	Time	Altar Guild Team	Nursery *SS & Worship	Epistoler / Reader	Lector(s)	Acolytes *stays for HC	Ushers W = Welcomers (*Captain) Open/Close	Counters B = Broadcaster
Thurs	1	The Circumcision of Christ	HC	12:00 pm	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Epiphanytide											
Sun	4	Christmas 2	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	Nola Rae S.	x
			L&C(MP) HC	10:30 am	Cynthia B.	Laura B. Gloria A.	Norris M	As Assigned	Edwin A* Joaquin A	Ken B.* Victor P.	David B. Sam C.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	youth	x	Lector	x
Mon	5	Epiphany Eve	Feast of Lights	6:30 pm	Sunday Team	Hired	x	SS students	SS students	James R.	Alms Box
Tues	6	Epiphany	HC	12:00 pm	Sunday Team	x	Andrew D	x	John D	Norris M.	Alms Box
Sun	11	Epiphany 1 (of the Octave)	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	Nola Rae S.	x
			MP (&HC)	10:30 am	Christine B.	Sarah E. Kate P.	Julian J	Ben E	James D John D Anthony S* Luis S	Brad L* Ryan D.	Ken B. Ryan D.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	Karl B	Victor P	x	Victor P	x
Wed	14	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Coleman R	Ben E	x	Lector	x
Sun	18	Epiphany 2	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Mark P	Andrew G	Mark P	Nola Rae S.	x
			MP w/Lit (&HC)	10:30 am	Cathy M.	Ana A. Maria A.	Coleman R	Ryan D	Karl B Karl VI* Ansel B Gavin B	Norris M* Julian J.	Edwin A. Sam C.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	Young Adult	x	Fruin	x
Wed	21	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Coleman R	Mark P	x	Lector	x
Sat	24	Sanctity of Life	MP&Ante-Comm	9:00 am	Sunday Team	x	Adam R	David B	Isaac L	Brad L	Alms Box
Sun	25	Conversion of St. Paul Epiphany 3	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	Nola Rae S.	x
			MP (&HC)	10:30 am	Becky M.	Ashley C. Melissa F. (SS: Brittany D.)	Ron K	Victor P	Karl B John D Paul C Peter P*	James R* Ken B..	Norris M. Mark P.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	woman	x	Fruin	x
Wed	28	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	Coleman R	Victor P	x	Lector	x

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Septuagesima 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Morn Prayer (&HC) 5:00 pm Evening Prayer followed by Chapel Youth (6th-12th grade)	2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple 8:00 am Holy Comm 10:30 am Chapel Staff Mtg 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	3 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 7:00 pm AA	4 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Evensong for Parish Prayer List 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	6 8:00 am M Prayer (w/Litany) 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	7 8:30 am Pro-Life M Prayer @ CHC <i>every Sat of month</i> 9:00 am Morning Prayer & Doorkeepers Ministry
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15 Quinquagesima 8:00 am Holy Comm 9:25 am Catechesis 10:30 am Morning Prayer w/Litany (& HC) 5:00 pm Evening Prayer followed by Fellowship of Ancient Christian Storytelling	16 President's Day 8:00 am M Prayer St. Timothy Break	17 Shrove Tuesday 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 5:00 pm Family Evening Prayer followed by Pancake Supper 7:00 pm AA	18 Ash Wednesday 8:00 am M Prayer 12:00 pm Holy Comm 3:05 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Evensong w/Penitential Office & Litany	19 8:00 am M Prayer 3:05 pm Eve Prayer 6:15 pm Trail Life	20 8:00 am M Prayer (w/Litany) 3:05 pm Eve Prayer	21 9:00 am Morning Prayer & Doorkeepers Ministry
Trail Life Campout						
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Photos of Bishop John's recent episcopal visit to Cuba.

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			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	Coleman R	Youth	x	Coleman R	x
Mon	2	Presentation of Christ in Temple	HC (&MP)	8:00 am	Sunday Team	x	Andrew (HC)	student	John D Peter P	Mark P	Alms Box
Wed	5	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	x	Ben E	x	Lector	x
Sun	8	Sexagesima	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Andrew G	Adam R	Nola Rae S.	x
			MP (&HC)	10:30 am	Christine B.	Ana A. Christine B.	Julian J	David B	Coleman R* Paul C Anthony S Luis S	Ken B.* Ryan D.	Mark P. Ryan D.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	Karl B	Victor P	x	Lector	x
Wed	11	Wednesday Prayer	EP	6:30 pm	x	x	x	Mark P	x	Lector	x
Sun	15	Quinquagesima	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Mark P	Carlos M	Mark P	Nola Rae S.	x
			MP w/ Litany (&HC)	10:30 am	Cathy M.	Laura B. Ashley C.	Karl B	Victor P	Peter P Isaac L* Ansel B Gavin B	Brad L.* Julian J.	Ken B. Edwin A.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	Young Adult	x	Norton	x
Tues	17	Shrove Tuesday	FEP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	x	x	Fruin	x

Lent

Wed	18	Ash Wednesday	MP	8:00 am	Sunday Team	x	x	Student & Faculty	Paul C	Mark P	x
			HC	12:00 pm	Sunday Team	x	Andrew D	x	Luis S	Norris M.	x
			EP, Pen & Litany	6:30 pm	Sunday Team	Hired	x	Ben E	John D	Victor P* Ken B.	Alms Box
Sun	22	First Sunday in Lent	HC	8:00 am	x	x	Adam R	Carlos M	Adam R	Nola Rae S.	x
			HC (&MP)	10:30 am	Becky M.	Sarah E. Melissa F. (Brittany D.)	Ron K	Edwin A	Edwin A Joaquin A	Norris M.* Victor P.	Norris M. Sam C.
			EP	5:00 pm	x	x	x	woman	x	Fruin	x
Tues	24	St. Matthias	HC (&MP)	8:00 am	Sunday Team	x	Coleman R (Epistoler)	Student & Faculty	Karl VI Anthony S	x	Alms Box
W/F/S	25/27/28	Ember Days	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wed	25	Lenten Series #1	FEP	6:00 pm	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sat	28	Ember Saturday	MP & Ante-Comm	9:00 am	x	x	x	David B	Isaac L	Ryan D James R	x



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Three Temptations – Augustine

Human desires are tempted only by the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life. The devil tempted the Lord by these three. He was tempted by the lust of the flesh when, while hungry from fasting, He was told, “If thou be the Son of God, speak to these stones that they become bread.” Listen to His response: “Not by bread alone doth man live, but by every word of God.” He was also tempted by the lust of the eyes to perform a miracle, when He was told, “Cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.” ... Listen to His answer. and, when you face similar temptations, say the same



thing: “Get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” ... How else was the Lord tempted? By the “pride of life.” When the devil carried Him up to a high place and said to Him, “All these will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.” ...What answer did the Lord teach us to give by His answer to the devil? “It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou serve.” Holding these things fast, you won’t have the strong desires of the world. Because you won’t have the strong desires of the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life won’t change you.... For if you love the world, you cannot love God.

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