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August 23, 2022

Dear Friends,

I have spent time the last 3 days saving the trees at our new home by tearing down ivy vines from the ground to as high as I can reach. Five trees down, 7-8 to go! As I work along Jesus' parables about vines and branches and the bearing of good fruit have been playing through my mind. As a result, this weekend's collect grabbed me when I read it.

The Collect of the Day for August 27/28: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Petition #1: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name

Though we are created in the image of God, the love of our Lord's Name is not automatic. We need to proclaim that Jesus is Lord and ask the Holy Spirit to graft the love of the Lord into our hearts. We also need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us ungraft the things in our heart that vie to take God's place: love of money and possessions, love of power, excessive love of family, etc. As I was tearing away the vines I noticed a large difference in their thickness. Some vines were narrow and easy to remove. Some were very thick and welded to the tree, sucking the life out of it. Those thicker ones obviously had been growing there for a long time and took more effort to pry off the bark. What might have been growing in our hearts for a long time that needs to be ungrafted?

Petition #2: Increase in us true religion

I take true religion to mean a life that is God-centered, a life where one truly desires to do God's will. True religion worships and honors God with one's whole being and not just with words said during worship services. The trees I am trying to save from dying don't have the ability to shake off the ivy vines. Someone has to free them, to help them heal. Asking God to increase in us true religion requires God's guidance and healing grace. We are not abandoned to our own devices. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to strip away all wrong desires and instead to desire God's will.

Petition #3: Nourish us with all goodness

God is light; in God there is no darkness at all. God desires nothing but good things for us. Does your definition of what is good agree with what God knows to be good?

Petition #4: Bring forth in us the fruit of good works

My poor trees are slowly dying, unable to bring forth new life because the ivy vines are choking them to death. What is preventing you from living a life of faith; what's choking you so that you cannot bear good fruit? Desire God's goodness, ask for it, and be prepared for your life to change!

Mother Julie+

Hot Dogs in the Kingdom is August 25!

Fourth Thursdays from May-September



5:00-7:00 p.m.

Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks
Games for kids & families
Canine rest stop

Summer Food Drive for InterFaith Works 20+ Food Pantries



Pasta
Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Dried or Canned Beans
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Boxed Macaroni &
Cheese

Canned Tuna or Chicken
Vegetable Oil
Oatmeal
Cereal
Walnuts/Almonds
Juice
Flour
Rice
Shelf Stable Milk

If you are unable to shop for food pantry donations and would like to help you can make out a check to the church and put "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Mother Julie or a volunteer will shop for you.

Last Call for Emmanuel Volunteers!

Tillie's Touch backpack giveaway is Saturday at Ellis Field Park by McCool Avenue. They anticipate that 500-800 children will come for free backpacks filled with school supplies, haircuts, clothes for school, and a meal. Sharon Chapman will work 9:00-12:00 and Mother Julie from 12:00-3:00. Please let Mother Julie know if you can help East Syracuse-Minoa schoolkids.

Thursday Evening Schedule in August and September: All are Welcome!

1st Thursdays: Eat & Chat on Zoom at 6:00 p.m., Book Study on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

2nd Thursdays: St. Alban's: Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Healing and Holy Eucharist (service also on Zoom) at 7:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays: Eat & Chat on Zoom at 6:00 p.m., Book Study on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

4th Thursdays: Hot Dogs in the Kingdom at Emmanuel, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

5th Thursdays: Eat & Chat on Zoom at 6:00 p.m., Book Study on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	Coffee Hour: 4:15 p.m. *Worship: 5:00 p.m.	* also on Zoom
Sunday	St. Alban's	*Bible Study: 8:30 a.m. *Worship: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour: 10:30 a.m.	
Wednesday	Emmanuel	*Bible Study: 2:00 p.m. (repeated on Sunday)	

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel's Holy Eucharist: 812 9701 3112 & 381729



Sunday

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: 835 9000 0245 & 562087

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's Holy Eucharist: 826 9515 6305 & 446765

Use your telephone for Zoom

Dial 1-646-558-8656

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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

826 9515 6305#

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Other Events

First number#

Second number#

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: 824 6993 1403 & 680299

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: 840 0349 8213 & 586548

Mother Julie's Schedule August 24-31

Emmanuel

Saturday

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Alban's

Sunday

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Days Off

Monday

Friday