

# NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

## AUGUST 2024

### A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

#### ALL SAINTS

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Dear Saints

In modern usage, the phrase "go the extra mile" means doing more than what is required or expected in a given situation. It signifies putting in additional effort or exceeding standard requirements to achieve something, often ensuring greater success or satisfaction. This phrase is also used to commend individuals for actions that surpass standard expectations.

We have numerous people in our congregation who embody this principle. Last month, July, was exceptionally busy for our small congregation. Many individuals took a proactive approach to all the activities, tasks, challenges, and responsibilities that arose. They didn't just meet the requirements; they exceeded them. They truly went the extra mile.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. God has blessed us with a loving and giving community of saints.

The phrase "go the extra mile" has a biblical origin. It comes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 5:41, Jesus said, "And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." In those days, a Roman soldier might force a civilian to serve as a guide or burden carrier. Jesus instructed his followers that even if compelled by force, they were not to retaliate but to be willing to go the extra mile.

The Sermon on the Mount is a classic statement of the ethics of the Kingdom of God. We are free in Christ, so no one can truly enslave us. Our sins are forgiven, and we are bound for heaven. We are

blessed in this life as we wait. We show our freedom in our actions by refusing to retaliate.

Within the Body of Christ, we call this "bearing one another's burdens." It is a love that "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." In other words, we love God and His saints so deeply that we willingly go the extra mile.

Thank you for your love for God and your service to His saints!

Happy August! Fr Rick+

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### Estate Planning; Taking Control of Your Financial Future



Thinking about estate planning may seem boring and dull—unless it’s your money! We all know that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” and often, that cure is both expensive and time-consuming. Each of us will pass the torch at some point, so the question is whether you want to control that process or passively let it happen.

Before we begin, let’s consider the potential obstacles we face when planning our estates. First, we live in an era of a cash-hungry government, with income and estate taxes reducing the value of what we have to pass on. Additionally, the ravages of inflation over time also reduce the net after-tax money remaining. So, regardless of who we are, our primary enemies are taxes and inflation. Here are the Six Laws of “Keeping What You’ve Got”:

1. **Define Your Goals:** What do you want to happen when your time arrives? Take a few minutes to write it down; it’s both your opportunity and responsibility. This step gives direction and purpose to your plan and having it in writing allows you to refine your goals as time passes.
2. **Plan Your Affairs:** A spending program is a road map for you to follow. As time passes, various potholes, problems, and detours to your plan will appear, such as:
  - Retirement income sources
  - College expenses for children
  - Vacations and cruises
  - Unexpected expenses
  - Income taxes
  - Debt management
3. **Plan the Protection of Your Assets:** Some common tools are:
  - Family Limited Partnerships
  - Limited Liability Company (LLC)
  - Tenants by the entirety
  - Tenants in common

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#### 4. **Plan for Lifetime Transfers:**

- Use of annual gift exclusion
- Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD)

#### 5. **Plan for Transfers at Death:**

- Understand the importance of a will
- Generation-skipping trusts
- Charitable Remainder Trusts

#### 6. **Review Your Plans Regularly:**

- Birth of a grandchild or child
- Change in marital status
- Significant change in finances
- Change in your health or that of a relative
- Change in charitable interests
- Change in tax laws

The key to this list is to actively take control of your estate planning. Be thankful you have the time to make necessary adjustments and ensure your wishes are honored.

### MEMORIAL DEDICATION



A beautiful memorial dedication service for Merry Lou Neiswander was held on Sunday, July 14, immediately following the church service. Family, friends, and neighbors gathered at the Garden of the Good Shepherd, circling around the engraved Good Shepherd monument placed in her memory. Father Rick led the ceremony, where loving memories were shared, along with a few tears. Father Rick concluded the ceremony with a heartfelt prayer: "Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate this engraved monument of the Good Shepherd to your glory and in memory of Merry Lou Pauly Neiswander. May all who behold it be encouraged to follow more nearly Him who is the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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### NANCY NORTON



On Tuesday, July 23, 2023, family, friends, and members gathered at All Saints to remember our dear sister, Nancy. Unfortunately, Archbishop Duncan was unable to attend due to a canceled flight caused by a cyber glitch. However, he sent a heartfelt letter that Father Rick read during the service.

It was a beautiful service, filled with love and remembrance. While we will all miss her, we were reminded that her address is no longer here on earth but has changed to her Heavenly Home with Jesus and all the Saints above. Rest in peace, dear sister.

### Dr. Brandon Meeks - NOJESUITTRICKS



Did you know that our Resident Theologian, Dr. Brandon Meeks, has a blog? He writes about life, people, religion, and shares whimsical stories that will make you laugh. You can find his work on an app called Substack, or simply Google "No Jesuit Tricks." Subscribing is the best way to support him and help cover his costs! One of his recent posts is particularly fitting for us during "Ordinary Time."

### Little Snags, Big Blessings

I'm not a patient man, and few things fling me into a sour mood like being put upon or being put out. I detest being inconvenienced.

But just a few minutes ago I was reminded that we all live too fast so being made to wait can be just what the doctor ordered.

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I had been running errands all afternoon and just wanted to get home, fix a bite to eat, get my work out over with, and go to bed.

Then I got behind a dump truck that was going about 13 mph down the highway. Wonderful. Fella went for a walk and decided to take his dump truck along. As I started to pass, I realized that the driver wasn't lollygagging he was just stuck behind a school bus.

Great. So now I was going to be forced to stop in front of every house affected by copulation in the last 15 years. And let me tell you, in a little Southern town with no movie theater or even a decent bowling alley, Netflix and RedBox weekends have produced a lot of offspring.

But as I watched those kids bail off the school bus I soon found myself with a smile as broad as a bull's behind.

At the first house, a tiny red-headed boy too short to even be a leprechaun bound off the bus and was tackled in the yard by what I presume was his toddler brother even though he seemed head and shoulders bigger than ole carrot top. Both seemed so excited to see each other. It reminded me that I needed to call my brother.

25 seconds later I had to stop yet again. But I didn't mind. Three young sisters climbed off the bus only to be mauled with what looked to be at least a dozen basset hound puppies. That front yard was nothing but a sea of pony tails and oversized dog ears. And I don't know who was happier to see whom.

Within just a few more seconds I'd been made to stop for a third time, but at this point I didn't care. I was watching these 5 boys who all looked to be 11 or 12 years old files off the bus.

Just then they spotted the dump truck between the bus and my truck. And just like it had been choreographed and rehearsed, they turned to face the road like a troupe and pumped their fists beside their ears in unison—the universal sign for “Hey Mr. Truck Driver, pull that cord and blow your air horn!”

And of course he did. Then they laughed, and so did I.

And to be honest I was bit disappointed that I only got to witness three stops, three homecomings, three cameos featuring the rich textures of quotidian existence.

But since God is both wise and kind, He will see to it that I am inconvenienced yet again.

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### INTRODUCTION TO ANGLICANISM



We are excited to announce that Father Rick will be conducting an Introduction to Anglicanism and All Saints Church class on Saturday, August 17, from 10:00 am to noon, followed by lunch (likely sandwiches). This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church and faith, as well as veteran Anglicans who wish to refresh their understanding.

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Please let us know if you plan to attend. We hope to see a full house!

### EPISCOPAL VISIT



Bishop Frank will be joining us for our annual Episcopal visit on September 8, 2024. He will officiate the worship service and celebrate Holy Communion. For our new members who have made professions of faith in other Christian traditions, he will formally receive them into the Anglican Church through prayer and the laying on of hands.

We will hold our potluck on Sunday, September 8, instead of our usual first Sunday of the month. During the potluck, Bishop Frank will share any news from the diocese. If you have questions for the bishop, please be prepared to ask them during this time.

It is an honor to have a visit from our Diocesan Bishop. We are blessed to have both Archbishop Foley and Bishop Frank serve us. Please continue to pray for Archbishop Beach and his wife as they enjoy their well-deserved sabbatical.

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### GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

#### Dave Beed



I was born in Iowa and remained there until 1968 when I was drafted out of law school at the University of Iowa. While most of my family, including my four brothers and sisters, stayed in Iowa throughout their careers, two of them chose to retire in Hot Springs Village (HSV), and my mother spent her last six years at Good Sams.

After my military service, I enjoyed many fulfilling years working in both large corporations and starting smaller companies. My career led me to move approximately every five years, living in Los Angeles twice, New York City, Connecticut, and the Washington, D.C. area five times before finally settling in HSV.

I have been blessed with two wonderful former wives and three children. Despite the complexities, we all get along as a unique, blended family, even taking joint vacations together. It's not always easy, but it's certainly worth the effort. My children now live with their families in Chicago, San Francisco, and Charleston.

Raised as an Episcopalian, I was fortunate to find All Saints when I moved to the village. After feeling disillusioned with my long-time church in Hartford, Connecticut, and later in Alexandria, Virginia, discovering All Saints was a breath of fresh air. Even though the pandemic soon forced church activities online, we have moved past that challenging time. All Saints continues to demonstrate its strength, faith, and love every day and week. Jeanne and I have found ourselves a new and wonderful second home in the Village.

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## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

<b>All Wednesdays</b>	
8:00 am	Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies
9:00 am	Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies



- August 2 Ladies Birthday Lunch at DeSoto Club
- August 4 Worship Service 10:30 am – Potluck Sunday  
Father William will preach and celebrate the Eucharist
- August 11 Worship Service 10:30 am
- August 18 Worship Service 10:30 am
- August 25 Worship Service 10:30 am

August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
8/7 Tom Buford	8/12 Roy and Lila Kay Lanio
8/7 Dorothy VanderEnde	8/13 Theresa and Billy Aughtry
8/8 Art Smith	8/31 Bob and Tina Mongrain
8/10 Margie Lambert	
8/11 Sue Sherrill	
8/12 Ted VanderEnde	
8/27 Reuben McGilvery	

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