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Beyond the Commons Campaign – BEYOND SUCCESS!!!

St. Cyprian's **Beyond the Commons** Campaign was an amazing success thanks to the unbelievable generosity of the people of St. Cyprian's. We formally concluded the campaign at the end of September with over \$185,000 in pledges and gifts from over 70 supporters of our transformative hospitality. Many thanks to everyone who made a pledge or donation, and it is not too late to pledge or contribute.



Spirit of Generosity, Susan Meyerott

Mama Blue and her Band Earn Rave Reviews



Jazz Vespers on October 20 brought out 90 guests to enjoy the sounds of Mama Blue, one of St. Cyprian's most popular vocalists, and her trio. Mama Blue never disappoints — either in style or in warm hugs. The next Jazz Vespers is November 17.

UPCOMING Events

**Tuesday,
November 5**
Dining with Dignity

Wednesdays at 4:30
Centering Prayer

**Thursdays,
November 7—
December 5 at 11:00**
(skipping
Thanksgiving)
Gentle Yoga/Movement
\$8 per class

**Saturday,
November 9 at 10:30**
Cyprian Women

**Tuesday,
November 12**
Ecumenical Food
Pantry

**Sunday, November 17
at 5:30**
Jazz Vespers with the
Marc Dickman Quartet



Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis



A bird named Norton and dogs of all types and sizes visited St. Cyprian's for Worship on October 6. The pets were well behaved in the sanctuary and seemed especially attentive

to the readings and music. Most accompanied their owners to the Communion rail. Afterwards, they waited in line patiently on the Commons for an individual blessing from Fr. Ted.



Fire Guts Property Next to Mission House

On October 21, the abandoned home just south of the Mission House (132 MLK Avenue) was gutted by fire. A 12-Step group meeting in the Mission House saw the flames around 10 p.m. and called 911. The Fire Department arrived within minutes to contain the fire, and it was totally out by midnight. Thank-



fully, there was no damage to the Mission House, although the house on the other side of the fire sustained damage when the heat melted some of the vinyl siding.

The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time, but the State Fire Marshal's office will be conducting an investigation. The future of the building is also undetermined. After the Fire Marshal's investigation is complete, the City Building Department will look at whether the building can be salvaged and rehabbed, or

whether it has to be demolished.

The house has some history in Lincolnville. It was listed in the Negro Motorist Green Book as the H. G. Tagy Apartments and was considered a safe place for African Americans to spend the night during the Jim Crow years of the '40s and '50s. Mrs. Bernice Henry, local teacher, owned the home until her death in 1990. But some reports are that the house has been

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From the Vicar, by Fr. Ted Voorhees Beyond the Commons — Making it Happen

Beyond the Commons is rooted in St. Cyprian's commitment to radical transformative hospitality, as we take seriously what Jesus took seriously.

The plans for implementing our program include renovations to our campus space to enhance St. Cyprian's welcome in all the many forms it takes.

We have already replaced decking on our ramps; the construction of a new restroom in the Mission House will begin within the next couple of weeks; a contract has been signed to replace the roof on the Mission House; and we have an architect working on the plans for the renovation of the interior of the Mission House. We have samples of new worship seating in the church, and, although the old linoleum flooring in the sanctuary is beginning to break up in spots, decisions regarding seating and flooring will be made at a later time as the Mission Board focuses on these other projects

In addition, Beyond the Commons includes our extending hospitality to the greater community, especially to those who are often marginalized. The Mission Board has already allocated \$3,000 to the Ecumenical Food Pantry and \$15,000 to Operation New Hope's Ready-4-Work program's expansion into St. John's County. Once again, none of this could have happened without the leadership of the Mission Board and the generous commitment of the people of St. Cyprian's.



A new kitchen is part of the design of interior renovations for the Mission House.



The second Tuesday of the month is the day St. Cyprian's staffs the Food Pantry. In October, the team served 9 families a total of 10 orders of food. Tommy and Kate Cash delivered 24 bags of groceries from the church. Donations included many items in response to requests for snacks, cereal, soup, and canned chicken. The team was able to pass along these items to their clients.

For the coming months, monetary donations are requested so pantry staff can supplement food supplies by purchasing needed items in bulk. You can write a check to St. Cyprian's with "Food Pantry" in the memo line or go to stjohnsfoodpantry.org/

Thank you to all who support the food pantry and our neighbors in St. Johns County who are experiencing food insecurity.

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Dining with Dignity Team Serves 65 Meals



Some of the 19 students from The Pioneer School who joined St. Cyprian's parishioners for DWD on October 1.

'Hate Has No Home Here'

Yard signs in red or blue are available at the church office for a suggested donation of \$5. This project is sponsored by the umbrella organization of the Revive Civility Campaign, of which Compassionate St. Augustine is a registered partner.



Fire Guts Property Next to Mission House

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boarded up since at least 1999, and in recent years it has become an eyesore and a potential hazard.

Fortunately, it had rained the afternoon before the fire, and the group meeting in the Mission House acted quickly, as did the Fire Department. If it had been dry and the fire had had just a few minutes longer to spread, the cedar trees in front of the house might have ignited and spread the fire to the Mission House. We are blessed.



Contemplative Moment

Offered by the
Centering Prayer Group

Miracles are signs for those who already have faith that God is in all things. — Richard Rohr, *The Good News According to Luke*

St. Cyprian's has centering prayer weekly, a labyrinth and prayer wall on the Commons, and occasional Taize services.

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