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## FROM THE RECTOR

*The Rev. Donald Lowery*



### Summer Time Life Seems Better

Thanks to the large number of folks in the parish and in our diocese who have been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, things are improving a bit as we deal with Sunday Worship. The first bit of good news is for those who find the mask wearing annoying. If one is sitting at six to eight feet distance from others, alone or in family group, masks are no longer required in church. As of this writing I still cannot give folks the chalice and I still cannot distribute at the communion rail. When those restrictions are lifted, I will let the congregation know.



My father has asked me to come visit with him and my sister for the Fourth of July. So, as to avoid overlapping too much with Marsha Lougee's vacation, I

am taking June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup> off. The office will be closed on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. I will be back in the office on July 7<sup>th</sup>. That means we will not have Wednesday Service on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Wednesday Service, with the Healing Service on July 7<sup>th</sup>.



On July Fourth we will have Morning Prayer, led by the lay readers, at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.. I will say, expecting a very low attendance that day, I am considering (reluctantly) cancelling all services that day. The Fourth of July is a great day to spend with family and friends, at the lake, in the mountains, by the sea or in the back yard cooking out. If you are planning to be present for church or if planning to be away, please let the office know in the next week or two. That will guide my decision as to whether to maintain Sunday Worship that day. I will say, I have never cancelled services when Sunday fell on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and probably will not this year. On the other hand, as we continue live in COVID-19 times, our worship life remains different to say the least.



I hope everyone is able to take some vacation time this year. As I remind you every year come summer, Vacation, our time away to refresh ourselves, and Vocation, our life calling as believers, are related words. Vacation is a time to think about our relationships with family and friends, and most importantly, our relationship with God. Breaking away from the usual routine gives the opportunity to think about matters that are sometimes

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crowded out by the busy times we live in. It may seem strange to say, but even for devout believers, we can come to the end of the day having forgotten our prayers or neglected some good we could do. By slipping away from our normal activities, we can set aside some quiet time, even if we are traveling, to prayer and offer our lives in God in renewed commitment. I remember my surprise at being able to set aside prayer time on one of my dad's so-called SKI (Spending my Kids' Inheritance) Vacations. We were in Russia, before the current tensions, traveling by river cruiser from Moscow to St. Petersburg. We had numerous stops along the way to visit historic sites. Between stops, we had plenty of downtime to enjoy the countryside (much of the Russian countryside is very beautiful with vast forests) and for me, to pause and pray.



Many of our visits included historic churches, many still in the process of restoration as desecration in Communist times. In each, I tried to remember to offer prayers which included prayers for Russian Christians busily restoring their houses of worship. I remembered folks here at Holy Innocents. I prayed for others amongst my family and friends. When I was at a historic church dedicated to St. George, I mentioned I wanted to buy some candles to light as prayers for friends back home. It is normal for the candles to have a small charge attached but when I told the person staffing the shop in the church my purpose he gave them to me, so as to join his prayers with mine. I was touched. Together, an American Christian and a Russian Christian, joined in prayer. God is so very good, even when we are on vacation. †

## PARISH NEWS...

### Wednesday Service

*The Rev. Donald Lowery*



I will be visiting my father and sister in Maryland on June 30<sup>th</sup> so we will not have Wednesday Service that day. On July 7<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Healing Service, omitting the anointing with oil while still praying for those in need of healing, unless directed we may resume anointing by the Bishop. †

### One more Vacation note-

*The Rev. Donald Lowery*



I may take a few more days away late summer. That decision has not been made yet. If I do decide to take a few more days away, I will let the congregation know. †

### Da Courage House (Cooper House)



*by Donna Gunn, Director*

Da Courage House is designed to be a life saving program, intended to save a person's life, especially from addiction to drugs. Being transparent allowing life to pass through so that the objects behind can be distinctively seen. Intriguing the arousing of one's curiosity about being drug free. Becoming competent, having the ability and knowledge or skills to do something successfully. Captivating and capable of attracting and holding interest appropriate and suitable in the proper circumstances that Da Courage House and life has to offer to accept or reject, it will be the individual's choice. Da Courage House is here to help. †

*(Photo by Marsha Lougee)*



## Wolfe Scholarship Awards

*-- Marsha Nelson*

We are so grateful to the Wolfe family for providing our church with this wonderful scholarship fund. Beginning with the first award in 2000/2001, a total of 100 scholarships have been awarded through this 2021/2022 year.

The Wolfe Scholarship Committee met during the month of May and selected the following three recipients for the 2021/2022 school year:

**Genie Parish** - Genie completed her junior year at Lenoir-Rhyne University with a 4.0 GPA. She is majoring in Math (Actuarial Science Track). She was inducted into the Lineberger Fellows, on President's List each semester of her college career and received invitation to complete an Honors Undergraduate Thesis from the Mathematics department.

*(Senior, Lenoir Rhyne University)*

**Lehman Ford** - Lehman completed his junior year at NC A&T University. He is majoring in Civil Engineering with a 3+ GPA. and is in the Honors College as well as a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Lehman works part time at a grocery store in Greensboro to help with rent, food and other expenses.

*(Senior, NC A&T University)*

**Lucy Catherine Olmert** - LC graduated from Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, VA with Honors. She was on the Student Council, Class President, a Senior Counselor, on the Honor Committee and participated in various sports as well. She was Captain of the Varsity Field Hockey Team, and Captain of the Varsity Lacrosse team in 2020 and played on the Varsity Basketball Team.. LC has worked part time jobs during the summer the past three years. She will major in Business Administration at UNC-CH.

*(Freshman, UNC-Chapel Hill)*

**Congratulations to You !!!**

## ECW NEWS

*Betsy Seifert, President*

ECW will resume meetings in September. Details will follow in the September newsletter.



## The Woodward-Gholson Endowment Scholarship Recipients 2021-22

— Tracy Madigan

Griselle Gholson-Woodward established The Woodward-Gholson Endowment Scholarship to provide scholarships for post-secondary education for students in need of financial support, with strong academics and a commitment to community service.

The recipients of the 2021-22 academic year scholarships all far exceeded the scholarship guidelines with excellent academic records. Each has demonstrated their leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular activities and volunteer activities.

We at Holy Innocents may be proud of our church and grateful to Griselle to be able to provide these deserving young adults the opportunity to further their education and change their lives.

The 2021-22 Woodward-Gholson Endowment Scholarship recipients are:

### Mary Parish

**Mary Parish** is a 2021 graduate of the Vance County Early College High School program at VGCC. She graduated with an outstanding GPA of 4.3. Prior to entering the VCECHS program, Mary attended Kerr-Vance Academy. She was an active member of Girl Scout Troop 375 and Time Keeper for the Community Service Club. Mary was a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society. While at VGCC she enjoyed working with the Drama Department and participating in their productions. You all know Mary for her many years of service to our church as an Acolyte and Crucifer. She was a member of the Holy Innocents Youth Group and contributed greatly to their projects including clothing drives and SOUPER Bowl. Mary will begin her studies in Psychology at Lenior-Rhyne University this fall.

### Sarah Parish

**Sarah Parish** is a 2021 graduate of the Vance County Early College High School program at VGCC. She graduated first in her class with a GPA of 4.6. Prior to High School, Sarah was a student at Kerr-Vance Academy. She was a Community Service Club member throughout high school contributing her time and abilities to numerous projects benefiting our community and its people. Sarah was a member of Girl Scout Troop 375. She was a Beta Club and National Honor Society member. Sarah has been an active member of Holy Innocents most of her life. She was a member of the HI Youth Group working on clothing drives for the needy and their SOUPER Bowl project. Sara served as an Acolyte & Crucifer. Sara will be attending Lenoir-Rhyne University this fall.

### Brenda Resendiz

**Brenda Resendiz** is a 2021 graduate of Henderson Collegiate High School. She graduated with a 4.4 GPA. Brenda has been an amazing student at Collegiate taking up to five AP & honors classes a year while balancing her time working a part-time job and helping care for her younger brothers. Brenda will be attending Delaware State University where she will study Business Administration & Management with a goal of helping minority groups in the business world.

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## Woodward-Gholson Endowment Scholarships

### Azucena Garcia

**Azucena Garcia** is a 2021 graduate of Henderson Collegiate High School. She graduated with a 4.1 GPA. Azucena has faced many personal struggles in her young life, but has remained focused on getting a good education and excelling as a student. Azucena feels a responsibility and duty to help others and the community. She has been very active in her church, Iglesia de Dios Belen, from a young age. She volunteered to deliver meals to church families in need and helped many of their elderly parishioners with house cleaning, taking them to doctor appointments, running errands as well as acting as a translator. Before she was old enough to work a “real” job, she raised money for a family whose house had burned down, by cutting grass. The \$200 she earned and gave to them allowed them to stay in a hotel for several nights rather than having to sleep in their car. Azucena will be attending Delaware State University in the fall where she will study Business Administration & Management with the long term goal of one day owning her own business.

### Daniela Cruz

**Daniela Cruz** was a 2020 honor roll graduate of Collegiate High School and has completed her first year at UNC-Pembroke. She was one of the first recipients of the Woodward-Gholson Scholarship awards for the 2020-21 academic year. Daniela has done very well at UNC-Pembroke finishing her freshman year with a 3.2 GPA. Daniela is the first to complete high school and the first to go to college in her family. By continuing to excel academically and her commitment to numerous community service projects, Daniela will receive a 2021-22 Woodward-Gholson Scholarship for her sophomore year, enabling her to continue her studies in the science field.

### Charlie Vaughn

Our beloved Charlie Vaughn has completed two years’ worth of course work at Western Governors University. She is earning her Bachelors of Arts degree in Elementary Education while working full time.

Charlie is a member of Holy Innocents and is currently serving on the Vestry. She is Chairman of the Day Care Committee and serves on the Outreach Committee. Charlie has also served as our Youth Director. We are so very proud of all she has accomplished and so appreciative of all she does for our church and community.

### Additional Awards

The Woodward-Gholson Scholarship Committee has also received applications from several other imminently qualified candidates. However, we are awaiting additional information.

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report**

5/04/2021

**Church Of The Holy Innocents  
Revenue and Expense Summary  
Year-to-date, Through April 2021**

| Accounts                       | MTD Actual<br>(This Year) | MTD Budget<br>(This Year) | YTD Actual<br>(This Year) | YTD Budget<br>(This Year) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                |                           |                           |                           |                           |
| Pledged Income                 | \$8,625.66                | \$13,000.00               | \$76,767.74               | \$89,000.00               |
| Other Income                   | \$273.00                  | \$250.00                  | \$558.00                  | \$600.00                  |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>          | <b>\$8,898.66</b>         | <b>\$13,250.00</b>        | <b>\$77,325.74</b>        | <b>\$89,600.00</b>        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                |                           |                           |                           |                           |
| <b>Compensation</b>            |                           |                           |                           |                           |
| Salaries                       | \$3,091.68                | \$2,600.00                | \$11,826.56               | \$10,400.00               |
| <b>Employee Expenses</b>       |                           |                           |                           |                           |
| Rector's Expenses              | \$816.63                  | \$900.00                  | \$4,040.98                | \$3,900.00                |
| Other Employee Expenses        | \$7,300.90                | \$3,300.00                | \$20,785.55               | \$13,000.00               |
| <b>Total Employee Expenses</b> | <b>\$8,117.53</b>         | <b>\$4,200.00</b>         | <b>\$24,826.53</b>        | <b>\$16,900.00</b>        |
| <b>Total Compensation</b>      | <b>\$11,209.21</b>        | <b>\$6,800.00</b>         | <b>\$36,653.09</b>        | <b>\$27,300.00</b>        |
| <b>Administrative</b>          |                           |                           |                           |                           |
| Supplies                       | \$78.03                   | \$100.00                  | \$437.35                  | \$700.00                  |
| Preschool Income/Expense       | (\$1,246.06)              | \$1,250.00                | (\$327.07)                | \$5,000.00                |
| General Insurance              | \$2,240.50                | \$2,300.00                | \$6,153.00                | \$6,400.00                |
| Other Administrative Expenses  | \$190.90                  | \$100.00                  | \$530.67                  | \$200.00                  |
| <b>Total Administrative</b>    | <b>\$1,263.37</b>         | <b>\$3,750.00</b>         | <b>\$6,793.95</b>         | <b>\$12,300.00</b>        |
| Utilities                      | \$1,477.53                | \$1,500.00                | \$7,983.42                | \$6,300.00                |
| Maintenance                    | \$961.94                  | \$1,500.00                | \$7,651.96                | \$6,000.00                |
| Parish Life                    | \$80.00                   | \$100.00                  | \$160.00                  | \$500.00                  |
| Diocesan & Seminary Support    | \$2,543.00                | \$2,600.00                | \$10,172.00               | \$10,200.00               |
| Outreach                       | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                    |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <b>\$17,535.05</b>        | <b>\$16,250.00</b>        | <b>\$69,414.42</b>        | <b>\$62,600.00</b>        |
| <b>Net Total</b>               | <b>(\$8,636.39)</b>       | <b>(\$3,000.00)</b>       | <b>\$7,911.32</b>         | <b>\$27,000.00</b>        |



**Amazon Charitable Donations**

Amazon Smile is a branch of the regular Amazon.com site, except all of the purchases that are made through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will automatically donate 1/2% of the purchase (most everything is eligible) to a charity of your choosing. We are asking parishioners to consider making Holy Innocents that charity. Below is a link that will take you to the Amazon Smile site, and it should ask you to confirm that you wish to support Holy Innocents as your Smile charity. It's an easy way to add to your contribution without additional expense.

For questions or help, visit <http://smile.amazon.com/about> Direct charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0554227>†

**Note from the Editor...**

Marsha Nelson

The next church newsletter will be issued in September. Please email newsletter items by **August 25<sup>th</sup>** to:

[mjnelson@nc.rr.com](mailto:mjnelson@nc.rr.com)

If you are traveling this summer, you can download the church news letter from the church web site at:

[www.churchoftheholynnocents.org](http://www.churchoftheholynnocents.org)

**Have a nice summer !!**



As we travel this summer, please remember that the church still has to pay its bills. Pledge checks and special donations can always be mailed in to the office at: The Church of the Holy Innocents / 210 S. Chestnut Street / Henderson, NC, 27536

## June Birthdays

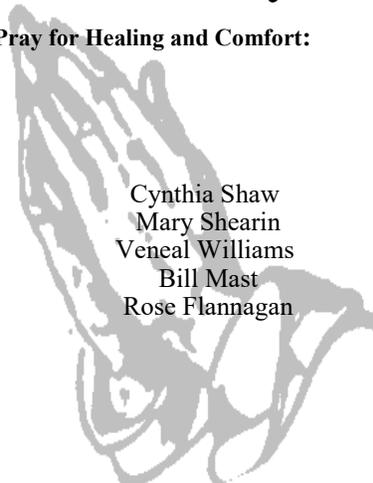
Lehman Ford.....6/05  
 Anora Rainey..... 6/05  
 Sharon Stark ..... 6/10  
 Tim Seitzer, Jr..... 6/11  
 Bettie Cooper..... 6/11  
 Gabe Brinkley.....6/12  
 Bill Stark..... 6/14  
 Alexis van Venrooy ..... 6/21  
 Margaret Williamson ..... 6/22  
 Roberta Scott.....6/22  
 Amy Johnson ..... 6/28  
 Lisa Miravalle.....6/30

## June Anniversaries

Martha & John Zollicoffer..... 6/04  
 Gillie & Tom Church..... 6/06  
 Betsy & Bob Herford..... 6/11  
 Betsy & Al Catlett ..... 6/13  
 Caroline & Scott Burnette.....6/23  
 Jean & Don West..... 6/24

## Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:



Cynthia Shaw  
 Mary Shearin  
 Veneal Williams  
 Bill Mast  
 Rose Flannagan



## June Special Dates

- Flag Day,  
June 14, 2021



- First Day of  
SUMMER  
June 20, 2021



- Father's Day  
June 20, 2021



## JUNE UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

| JUNE | ACOLYTES | USHERS            | LAY READER /<br>CHALICE BEARER                        | ALTAR<br>GUILD | GREENS/<br>FLOWERS    |
|------|----------|-------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| 6    |          | Hunter Roberson   | 8:00 am - Tracy Madigan<br>10:30 am - Porter Shaw     | Anora Rainey   |                       |
| 13   |          | Caroline Burnette | 8:00 am - Bob Nelson<br>10:30 am - Nick Long          |                | Al & Betsy<br>Catlett |
| 20   |          | Rick Palamar      | 8:00 am - Rix Edwards<br>10:30 am - Caroline Burnette | Shirley Young  |                       |
| 27   |          | Craig Clodfelter  | 8:00 am - Greg Taylor<br>10:30 am - Richard Davis     |                |                       |

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## July Birthdays

Kathy Taylor .....7/08  
 Jan Cheatham.....7/10  
 Craig Clodfelter.....7/11  
 Kathryn Blackburn.....7/17  
 Ida Cranz.....7/19  
 Joie Mahler.....7/19  
 Bob Nelson.....7/20  
 Phil Walters.....7/21  
 Jean West.....7/26  
 Rix Edwards.....7/29



## July Anniversaries

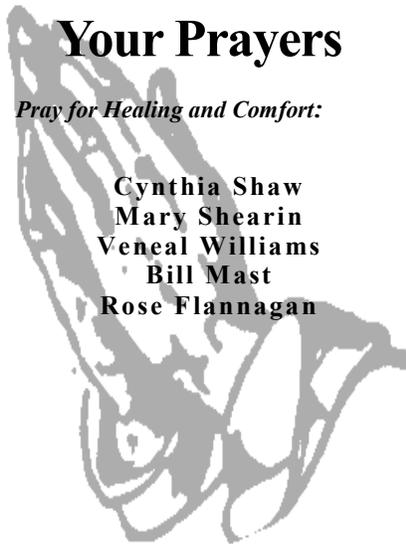
Marsha & Bob Nelson.....7/04  
 Katherine & Phil Walters.....7/18



## Remember In Your Prayers

*Pray for Healing and Comfort:*

**Cynthia Shaw  
 Mary Shearin  
 Veneal Williams  
 Bill Mast  
 Rose Flannagan**



**PRAY FOR OUR  
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 MILITARY**

## JULY

## July Special Dates

- Independence Day,  
July 4, 2021
- Saint James-Apostle  
July 26, 2021



### JULY UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

| JUL | ACOLYTES  | LAY READER /<br>CHALICE BEARER                     | USHERS                   | ALTAR<br>GUILD | GREENS/<br>FLOWERS  |
|-----|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 4   | Morning Prayer<br>TBD   | 8:00am - Porter Shaw<br>10:30am - Roberta Scott    | Nick Long<br>Porter Shaw | Mariana Davis  | Bob & Marsha Nelson |
| 11  |  | 8:00am - Tracy Madigan<br>10:30am - Nick Long      | Nick Long<br>Porter Shaw |                | Nick Long           |
| 18  |  | 8:00am - Bob Nelson<br>10:30am - Caroline Burnette | Nick Long<br>Porter Shaw | Anora Rainey   | Anne Almand         |
| 25  |  | 8:00am - Rix Edwards<br>10:30am - Richard Davis    | Nick Long<br>Porter Shaw |                | Rix Edwards         |

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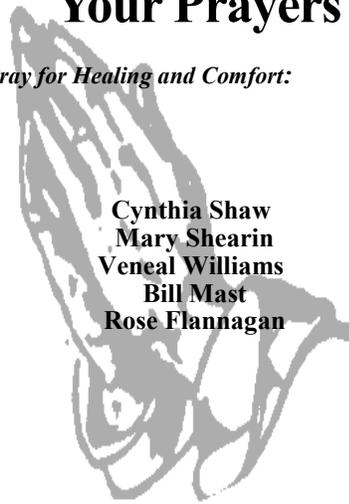
## August Birthdays

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Marsha Nelson.....      | 8/04 |
| Brennan Olmert.....     | 8/10 |
| Tucker Olmert.....      | 8/10 |
| Catherine Olmert.....   | 8/14 |
| Matthew Williamson..... | 8/15 |
| Harrel Johnson .....    | 8/17 |
| Martha Zollicoffer..... | 8/18 |
| Sam Long .....          | 8/21 |
| Mary Beth Seitzer.....  | 8/25 |
| Shirley Young .....     | 8/26 |
| Maurice Floyd .....     | 8/30 |



## Remember In Your Prayers

*Pray for Healing and Comfort:*



**Cynthia Shaw  
Mary Shearin  
Veneal Williams  
Bill Mast  
Rose Flannagan**



**Pray for Missions**

## AUGUST

### Anniversaries

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Linda & Porter Shaw .....    | 8/03 |
| Marcia & Scott Hartness..... | 8/10 |
| Barbara & Chip Hight.....    | 8/18 |
| Ruth & Blanton Hartness..... | 8/22 |
| Anora & Mike Rainey.....     | 8/23 |

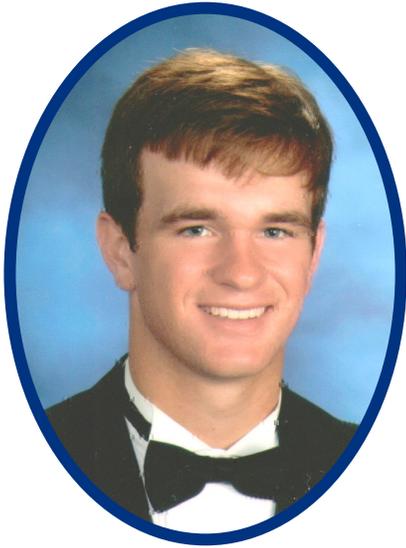
### Special Dates

- The Transfiguration  
*August 6, 2021*
- Saint Mary the Virgin  
*August 16, 2021*
- Saint Bartholomew-Apostle  
*August 24, 2021*

## AUGUST UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

| AUG | ACOLYTES | LAY READER /<br>CHALICE BEARER                      | USHERS  | ALTAR<br>GUILD   | FLOWERS                |
|-----|----------|---|---|------------------|------------------------|
| 1   |          | 8:00am - Tracy Madigan<br>10:30am - Nick Long       | Greg Taylor<br>Joel Cheatham<br>Hunter Roberson | Shirley<br>Young | Linda & Porter<br>Shaw |
| 8   |          | 8:00am - Bob Nelson<br>10:30am - Linda Shaw         | Greg Taylor<br>Joel Cheatham<br>Hunter Roberson |                  | Barbara Foster         |
| 15  |          | 8:00am - Rix Edwards<br>10:30am - Richard Davis     | Greg Taylor<br>Joel Cheatham<br>Hunter Roberson | Mariana<br>Davis | Lucy Gray              |
| 22  |          | 8:00am - Porter Shaw<br>10:30am - Caroline Burnette | Greg Taylor<br>Joel Cheatham<br>Hunter Roberson |                  | Frank Madigan          |
| 29  |          | 8:00am - Greg Taylor<br>10:30am - Roberta Scott     | Greg Taylor<br>Joel Cheatham<br>Hunter Roberson | Anora Rainey     |                        |

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WE'RE *Proud* OF YOU!

**Jackson Thomas Beam** graduated from Knightdale High School and will attend Goucher College in Towson, Maryland where he has been recruited to play on the tennis team. Jackson is the son of Lucy and Thomas Beam and is the grandson of Mildred and D. Boyd Kimball.

**Lucy Catherine Olmert** graduated from Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, VA. She will attend UNC -Chapel Hill and will major in Business Administration. LC is the daughter of Catherine and Pat Olmert and is the granddaughter of Cat and Steve Watkins.

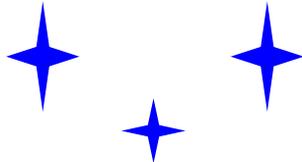
**Congratulations to our High School Graduates**

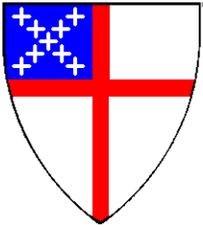


WE'RE *Proud* OF YOU!

**Sarah Rosemary Parish** graduated from Vance Early College High School and Vance-Granville Community College with an Associate Degree. She is the daughter of Yolanda Yoder. Sarah will attend Lenoir-Rhyne University and will major in Marketing and English.

**Mary Elizabeth Parish** graduated from Vance Early College High School and Vance-Granville Community College with an Associate Degree. She is the daughter of Yolanda Yoder. Mary will attend Lenoir-Rhyne University and will major in Psychology.





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## **The Church of the Holy Innocents**



**All are welcome to join us as  
we joyfully greet each person present at our worship.  
May our love and respect for one another be  
steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.**