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## **November is National Diabetes Month**

In the United States, 24 million people are living with diabetes and 57 million more are at risk of developing type 2 (Adult onset) diabetes. Over time, if it's not controlled, type 2 diabetes can cause serious health problems like heart disease, stroke, and blindness. You may be at risk for type 2 diabetes if you:

- Are over 45 years old.
- **♦ Are overweight.**
- Exercise less than 3 times a week.
- Have high blood pressure or high cholesterol.
- Have a parent, brother, or sister with diabetes.

<u>YOU</u> can lower your chances of getting type 2 diabetes by:

- Reducing your weight if you are overweight.
- ♦ Being active—Exercise 30 min. 3-5 x per week.
- ♦ Controlling your blood pressure and cholesterol.
- Eating Healthy—Natural foods. <u>Avoid</u> saturated and trans fats and simple carbohydrates like: meat, chicken and cheese; bakery, bread, sweet yogurt, ice cream, sweet drinks, etc. Eat fruits, veggies, whole grains, nuts and legumes.

### Exercise Classes

<u>Get Fit</u> - Tuesday & Thursday 8:45-9:30am

Theraband - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Basic Pilates - Tuesday 3-4pm



Do you know someone in the hospital or are you planning to have surgery or hospitalization?

Any health concerns or questions? Call Tracey Rzepka, Parish Nurse at 388-3764