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LAFAYETTE

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CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

Sunday, December 24th

4th Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve

10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer with Hymns

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

9:00 p.m. Carol Prelude

9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. 1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 7th

8 & 10:15 a.m. Baptism of Jesus

The St. John's office will be closed

Monday, December 25th through

Monday, January 1st.



Message from the Rector

At our October kick-off for the Capital Campaign, Michael Bennett reminded me that we've been working on the campaign for more than three years. The Vestry, three task forces, a steering committee, a campaign team, dozens of gift ambassadors, our ECF consultant Linda Buskirk, and the church staff have worked incredibly hard to implement the campaign. And so many of you responded generously. Now, we can accomplish the goals we set for the campaign and more.

But the campaign was always about more than just replacing our organ or renovating the church. The campaign was a way to remember who we've been, who we are, and who we want to be as a church community. By looking back at our history, we were reminded of those who came before us and built the foundations for our church community. Through our discernment, we made decisions together about our mission and ministry. And by finishing the work of the campaign, we will be making good on promises to the church's future.

As we come to the end of the campaign, we can now move into a new phase of our common life with a renewed commitment to worshipping God, sharing God's love and making Christ known. In the new year, the Vestry will begin work on a strategic plan for our ministries, including a discernment group focused on our outreach ministries.

I would like to invite you to join me on Saturday, December 2, from 4-6 p.m., to celebrate the successful conclusion of our 2017 Capital Campaign and the future of our ministry together. Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will be here to celebrate with us. Tea and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Special parking has been arranged at the old *Journal and Courier* lot as well as the Tippecanoe Arts Federation lot. There is no need to RSVP or prepare anything; just come and celebrate together. If you need more information, please contact the church office. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Come Celebrate Together

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of our capital campaign
and the future of our ministry together

Saturday, December 2nd
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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the Tippecanoe Arts Federation,
and Wintek.*



Capital Campaign - FAQs

Here are answers to a few of the frequently asked questions about our recent Capital Campaign:

1. Since we've gone over our goal, what will we do with the extra money?

The Vestry is already at work creating a plan based on the results of our Feasibility Study. Several of the projects that were removed from the final plan may be included — such as cleaning the stained glass windows in the church and installing cabinetry in the back of the nave. A few additional projects have also been identified, such as installing an automatic door in the east vestibule and improving accessibility in some doors. More information will be forthcoming as we reach the end of the campaign, but the Vestry will also want to know the final costs of the restoration projects.

2. When will the new organ be installed?

Now that the Wicks organ has been removed, Quimby can begin building our organ. This work will take several months. It is expected that the new organ will be installed in late May or early June. Remember, this is a major undertaking. Similar to the old Wicks organ, the new organ will contain some 2,000 pipes, as well as various electronic and mechanical parts.

3. What will we do while we're waiting for the organ?

While we may rent an organ for Christmas and Easter, we will mostly be using our wonderful grand piano while the new organ is being built.

4. Do we need special envelopes to turn in our capital campaign pledge payment?

No. Please write "Capital Campaign" in the memo line of your checks. You are, of course, always welcome to contact the church office at (765) 742-4079 if you have questions.

Sharing the joy of Christ Jubilee Christmas

Set-up: 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 7

Jubilee Christmas: 9:15 a.m.-noon Saturday, December 9 (childcare provided)

It's almost time for **JUBILEE CHRISTMAS**! Each year, local families apply for assistance with the holiday season through Lafayette Urban Ministries (LUM). The Chapel of the Good Shepherd and St. John's work together to host nearly 40 families with more than 100 children at St. John's.

In order to successfully serve these families, Good Shepherd and St. John's provide lots of gifts, volunteers and hospitality. It takes a great deal of time, talent and treasure to make Jubilee Christmas work. Please consider how you might help with Jubilee Christmas this year and share that extra measure of joy for these families.

- **SIGN UP** Help with set-up during the week or lend a hand on Saturday, December 9th. Host a family, bake cookies, check people in, assist with transportation, wrap presents—there are so many ways to help.
- **DONATE GIFTS** It takes a lot of toys to make Jubilee Christmas work. We need toys for children of all ages, but we have a lot of 9-12 years old boys this year. Pick up a non-violent toy and leave it in the collection bins in St. John's Commons.
- **DONATE CASH** Along with toys, we provide a variety of food, household items (soap, diapers, toilet paper, etc.), and gift cards to the families. So please consider donating cash to help cover the cost of these items.
- **PRAY** For those we will serve at Jubilee Christmas, as well as all the volunteers, that we all might experience the pure joy of Christmas.

Thank you for all the ways you serve the people of St. John's and the people of Greater Lafayette. Thank you for sharing the joy of Christ this Christmas season!!! – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org* on behalf of *Maggie McClure, magamclure@gmail.com*



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 17 following the 10:15 a.m. service

Because the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are the same day, this year we will decorate the church on the Third Sunday of Advent. So come help put the finishing touches on the church as we get ready for the Christmas season. We'll begin Sunday, December 17, after the 10:15 a.m. service. Bring along a pot of your favorite chili or cookies to share. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

“Longest Night” Service

6 p.m. Tuesday, December 19

The time leading up to Christmas is sometimes called “the most wonderful time of the year” in our secular world. However, for many it is a time of deep sadness, loneliness, grief, despair, anger, frustration or any number of feelings that make it feel harder to enter into a space of joy. Named for the winter solstice, literally the longest period of darkness in the year, the “Longest Night” service is a place to bring all the feelings that appear “out of sync” with the world around us; it is an opportunity to acknowledge, own and offer up these feelings to God. We hope that this service will be a place of comfort, healing, and hope.

Even if you aren’t feeling particularly “out of sync” with the feelings swirling around us, this service offers an opportunity for quiet and contemplation in the midst of a hectic world. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

January Worship

The Capital Campaign was a great success, and thanks to the generosity of those who pledged to the campaign, restoration work will begin on the church in early January. During that time, we will be worshipping in St. John’s Commons. The hope is that work in the church will be completed in February.

In addition, we may be worshipping for one or more Sundays at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in West Lafayette. Our friends there have graciously invited us to share worship with them. More information about worship at Good Shepherd will be coming as soon as details are finalized. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

January Book Group

Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck
by Adam Cohen

The St. John’s Book Group does not meet in December – we try to slow down for Advent!

We resume on Wednesday, January 24, with an expanded format. The book for the month is *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck* by Adam Cohen, published in 2016. Beginning at 6:30, Karl Brandt, a parishioner and Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry, will present a condensed version of his Power Point on American Eugenics that he first created for an adult discussion group to which he belongs. He subsequently presented it to the undergraduate Biochemistry Club at Purdue. In addition to his doctoral degree in organic chemistry and his research/teaching career in biochemistry, Karl took a sabbatical leave to study bioethics, where he first became acquainted with eugenics in the U.S.A.

After the PowerPoint presentation, those who want to discuss *Imbeciles* can continue. The entire evening is expected to last no more than 90 minutes.

This is a tough subject, but very timely in light of an increase in White Supremacy and Neo-Nazi groups in our country. — *Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com*

Upcoming Youth Group Events

December

December 3, 3-6 p.m.: Meet at Sam's Club on Creasy Lane to go shopping for Jubilee Christmas. Afterwards, we will return to the church for dinner.

December 17, 6-8 p.m.: Gather at St. John's for a Christmas Party.

January

January 7, 6-8 p.m.: Regular meeting at St. John's.

January 21, 6-8 p.m.: Regular meeting at St. John's.

2017 Confirmation Trip to Chicago



Darby Anne Bigelow,
Keenan Hogan, Gabe
Mason, Frances
Shook, Harry Shook,
and Jane Sovinski
with Hilary Cooke and
Bradley Pace.
Thanks also to Tim
Smith and Rebekah
Sims, not pictured,
who are also working
with this year's
Confirmation class.

Our Faith, Our Future

The 2018 Annual Campaign

Thanks to the following members and families of St. John's who have made a financial commitment to our shared mission and ministry through the Annual Campaign. Thank you for all the ways you honor those past generations who laid the foundation for our church community, and thank you for the ways you support St. John's future.

Pat Annis	John & Dorinda Kueberth
Tony & Kelley Bailey	Marilyn & Randy Leigh
Priscilla Bain	John & Deb Lindenlaub
Dick Barman	Greg & Maggie McClure
Jac & Kathie Basden	Bill & Olynn McInerney
Jacquilyn Billey	Jim & Shirley Marciniak
Jim & Sandy Bodenmiller	Michael Martin
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Vicki Bower	Roy Meeks
Nancy Bowker	Aaron Michaux & Heather Cann
Sue Bracey	George Moore
Karl & Nancy Brandt	Nate & Angela Mosier
Steve & Lloyd Brewer	Alison Moss
Jay & Donna Bridgewater	Courtenay Murakowski
Randy & Georgia Brist	Matt & Debra Murawski
Tom Brush & Whitney Walton	Heather Johnston Nicholson & Cliff Kiefer
Mary Ann Burns	Bradley Pace & Katie Elder
Greg Buzzard & Hilary Cooke	Don Pilcher & Linda Meyer
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Mary Campbell	Rachel & Jeffrey Ravellette
Cresta Cates	Paul & Jo Roberts
Jennifer Chandler	Ken & Catherine Sandhage
Mary Lou Davis	Sven & Annie Schreiber
Shawn Deignan	Charlie Shook
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Ginny Hull	Dave & Emily Umulis
Arliss & Linda Jeffries	Joseph & Jane Venable
Bruce & Kathy Johnson	Ross & Charlene Watson
Dorothy Jones	Bruce & Dee Whitmore
Bill & Kristine Kealey	Tony Wiltse and Maria Wiltse-Tineo
Kaye Kleine-Ahlbrandt	Ben Wollenburg

Names included are for those members or families who have pledged *to the Annual Campaign* as of November 13. If you or your family's name should be included and is not, please contact the church office at (765) 742-4079 or stjohns@stjohns-laf.org.

A Note of Thanks from Courtenay Murakowski

As we enter the season to embrace family and reflect on the blessings we have received throughout the year, it seemed appropriate for me to thank my St. John's church family for all the prayers and encouragement you have given me during the course of my discernment for ministry. I am so grateful to have such loving and supportive friends in my parish home! I began my journey with a wise and gentle discernment committee in 2014. Amy Paget, Stuart Robertson, George Moore, Heather Johnston-Nicholson and Lloyd Brewer shared insights and compassionately asked tough questions as we met for nine months. In the summer of 2015, I wrote to Bishop Cate, expressing my desire to enter into Deacon Formation in the Diocese of Indianapolis. What a wonderful two years of growth I have experienced since then!

My formation began January 2016 and consisted of quarterly retreat meetings at Waycross, where I met with diocesan deacons and with Bishop Cate. These retreats augmented a bimonthly schedule of Saturday seminars dedicated to topics required for ordained diaconal ministry. Additionally, I was enrolled in Education for Ministry with the Rev. Jan Oller and her group at St. John's Crawfordsville. As important as the academic lessons were, I also experienced 18 months of intense and critically important self-examination. Over the course of that time, my sense of call to ministry evolved. I came to perceive that in pursuing my call to serve Christ in the church and community, I had been neglecting my call from God to watch over my own family — a call that I retired from the Navy and came to West Lafayette specifically to fulfill in 2012.

My epiphany came in March of this year. After prayerful contemplation and consultation with Bradley, Hilary, Archdeacon Connie, the Rev. Kate Wilson and Bishop Jennifer, I withdrew from Deacon Formation in July so that I can continue in the lay ministry that we all are called to as Baptized Christians, while tending to family as well. I am glad to be back home in my parish and I know that my gifts will continue to be used through my lay ministry. Your prayers and the extraordinary lessons I learned in Formation have been invaluable to me. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the support you gave me on this journey.

Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday, December 13

12:10 p.m.

Join us for the next lunchtime concert,
with **pianist Elyane Laussade**.
Lunch follows in the Commons as always.

With construction taking over the church in January,
this is the final performance for the season.
Hope to see you there!

A Letter from Alissa Goudswaard Anderson

N.B., Alissa's letter came last month after the November Eagle deadline.

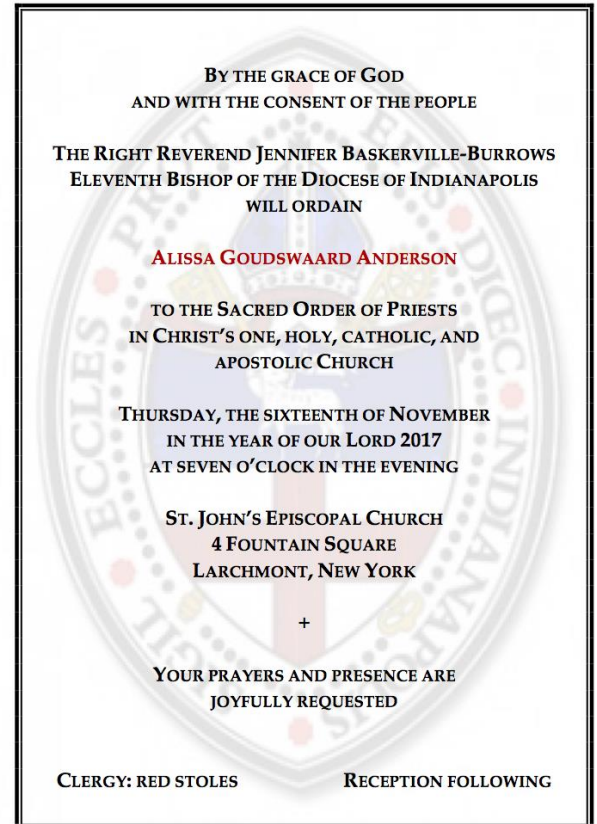
Dear St. John's Community,

I would like to share some wonderful news: I will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on Thursday, November 16, by Bishop Jennifer. The ordination will be at St. John's in Larchmont, NY, where I am currently serving as curate — it seems a fitting follow-up to my diaconal ordination at St. John's, Lafayette.

St. John's has been such an important part of my journey. I could not have asked for a better church home or a more loving community. I joined the choir immediately — I was vested and processing my second Sunday at St. John's — and it was an astoundingly great introduction to the Episcopal Church (and Bistro 501). I got to know so many wonderful people through EfM, the vestry, 20s & 30s, youth group and more. St. John's was there to celebrate my confirmation (made memorable by the tornado!), my graduation, and my engagement and marriage. I had an amazing parish discernment group, strong support throughout my time in seminary, and in January, a truly lovely and memorable diaconal ordination.

The past months have been busy: I graduated from seminary, and Josh and I moved up to Larchmont. We have a lovely apartment that, after living in Manhattan for three years, feels cavernous. Josh is able to commute into the city to continue his work with the Episcopal Church Foundation, and I am settling in to my position as curate. I am so blessed to be doing this work, and so thankful for my roots at St. John's, Lafayette. Thank you all for the love, support, and friendship you have so graciously extended over the years!

With joy,
Alissa Goudswaard Anderson



Congratulations to Brother James Nathanael, NSF

James Calabro was clothed as a novice in the Order of St. Francis — an Episcopal religious community in San Francisco — on Thursday, November 1. James left St. John's in May to join the St. Francis community.

Death

Martha C. Koehler
October 21, 2017

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the January Eagle is **Monday, December 11**.
Send submissions to
eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

An Update on Fr. Bob L'Homme

Many of you have asked about Fr. Bob lately. Bob has been dealing with severe pain, and, it turns out, he will need to have surgery in early December (to, as he put it, “replace the replacement”). We will keep you updated on his recovery. In the meantime, please keep him and Carol in your prayers. —
Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

From the Vestry: October meeting summary

- Bradley shared that several Capital Campaign gifts have come in above projections. He reminded the Vestry about the kick-off dinner scheduled for October 22. He also talked about the December 2 celebration and mentioned that parking may be an issue due to other downtown events at the same time (including the Christmas parade). He is checking on all options.
 - A draft budget will be made available to Vestry members before the next meeting.
 - As of this writing, the following members have agreed to stand for the election to the Vestry: Gayle Ennis, Elaine Johnson, Angela Mosier and Rebekah Sims. Hannah Vinacco will serve as a youth representative. Bradley moved that this 2018 slate be approved for election.
 - The personnel committee will conduct St. John's employee interviews during the month of November.
 - Work on leaks began but was halted. The temporary dumpsters on the south side of Ferry Street require that a permit will be necessary to park the crane.
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The 2018 Annual Report

Contributions to the St. John's Annual Report are due in mid-January. This year, in order to streamline the Annual Report, **we ask that only reports containing new updates be submitted**. Reports for new ministries or ministries that have changed in substantial ways are, of course, welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

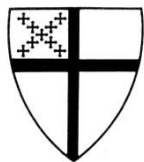
Year-End Planning

Each week throughout the year, contributions that are delivered to the office, either in person or through the mail, are counted and then deposited with any offerings received on the following Sunday. December 25 will be the last opportunity to have your contributions counted and deposited for 2017. Hand-delivered contributions should be delivered to the office by Friday, December 22, as the office will be closed Monday, December 25 through the Monday, January 1. If you are mailing your contribution please allow five to seven days for delivery. Mailed contributions should also reach the parish office by December 22. — *Teresa Lohrman, teresa@stjohns-laf.org*

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