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Capital Campaign Update

On the morning we write this article, the St. John's community is at the end of its period of Lenten reflection and is on the brink of celebrating the glories of Holy Week. In the midst of the spiritual significance the season brings us, the St. John's Capital Campaign has been busy at work behind the scenes distilling the information it received during the feedback sessions it conducted earlier in the winter, consulting with our general contractor to better understand cost estimates and working with the fundraising consultant provided by the Diocese to fine-tune our Case Statement.

The next step members of the St. John's community will experience as the campaign progresses is a parishwide survey responding to the Case Statement. We anticipate the survey will be administered in May and are using these final weeks of April to make sure we have accurate contact information for our parishioners. The survey will be administered electronically via email. If you are uncertain as to whether the parish office has your most current or appropriate email address, please inform our parish administrator, Teresa Lohrman, at the Parish Office (stjohns@stjohns-laf.org). If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the survey, please call, text or leave a voice mail with Charlie Shook at (765) 426-9000.

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the feedback sessions we had in January and February and the survey you will receive in May.

Easter Greetings,

Cynthia Stauffacher and Charlie Shook,
Co-chairs, St. John's Capital Campaign Steering Committee

**Next Deadline for
The Eagle**

The June/July deadline for
submissions to the Eagle is
Monday, May 8.
Send submissions to
eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

From the Rector

Many of you know that for several years, I would have identified myself as an atheist. My “spiritual journey” back to the Church had many twists and turns. But I was influenced in no small part by a class I took my senior year of college. In the class — a general studies class called “Christ in the Modern Novel” — we read several novels and watched several movies that illuminated the story of Jesus in all sorts of contexts. I still remember several of the books and movies well — D. H. Lawrence’s *the Man Who Died*, Jack Schaefer’s *Shane*, the film *Jesus of Montreal*, and more. I was not a particularly good student, but I read every book for that class (okay, confession, I never finished Graham Greene’s *the Power and the Glory*). For the first time in my life, something about the Christian faith seemed intellectually viable, even compelling. For me, it was a first step.

The best book by far was Shūsaku Endō’s book *Silence*. The novel tells the story of Portuguese missionaries in Japan during a period when Christianity was illegal there. It is a powerful, powerful reflection on the depths of Christ’s sacrifice and the relationship between God’s silence and our action. The movie was recently made into a film by Martin Scorsese.

I recently reread the book for the first time, since that class. I thought about it, and realized that it was exactly 20 years to the week that I had read the book and gave a presentation in that class. I even wrote my professor and thanked him for the class, which had such a profound effect on me. As I said to the professor in my note, I don’t think I understand Endō’s book any better now than I did 20 years ago (although as a priest, I think I buy it with more fear and trembling than before). Nonetheless, I commend this book to you as yet another entry point into the depths of God’s love for us and our calling to serve.

I do not believe that God has given us this trial to not purpose. I know that the day will come when we will clearly understand why this persecution with all its sufferings has been bestowed upon us—for everything that Our Lord does is for our good. And yet, even as I write these words I feel the oppressive weight in my heart of those last stammering words of Kichijiro in the morning of his departure: ‘Why has *Deus Sama* imposed this suffering on us?’ and then the resentment in those eyes that he turned upon me. ‘Father’, he had said ‘what evil have we done?’

I suppose I should simply cast from my mind these meaningless words of the coward; yet why does his plaintive voice pierce my breast with all the pain of a sharp needle? Why has Our Lord imposed this torture and this persecution on poor Japanese peasants? No, Kichijiro was trying to express something different, something even more sickening. The silence of God. Already twenty years have passed since the persecution broke out; the black soil of Japan has been filled with the lament of so many Christians; the red blood of priests has flowed profusely; the walls of churches have fallen down; and in the face of this terrible and merciless sacrifice offered up to Him, God has remained silent.

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[B]ut our Lord was not silent. Even if he had been silent, my life until this day would have spoken of Him. — Shūsaku Endō, *Silence*

As you read this, may your lives continue to be filled with Easter joy. — *Bradley Pace*,
bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

Congratulations to Our Graduates

Congratulations to those members and friends of St. John's who will be graduating soon.

- Andrew Bigelow, West Lafayette High School (Andrew is still discerning where he will be attending college).
- Ruthie Drinkwater, Harrison High School (Ruthie will be attending Washington University in St. Louis).
- Elaine Johnson, MSW from Drake University (Elaine has already begun her work in the Lafayette office of Vocational Rehabilitative Services).
- Michael Johnson, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University (Michael will begin work at PC Krause and Associates in the Purdue Research Park).
- Curtis Mason, Lafayette Jefferson High School (Curtis will be attending the University of Chicago).
- Katie Mason, Lafayette Jefferson High School (Katie is still discerning where she will be attending college).
- Jessie Murawski, Harrison High School (Jessie is still discerning where she will be attending college).
- Lydia Shook, West Lafayette High School (Lydia will be attending the University of Kansas).

If there are other graduates, please let the office know by e-mail at stjohns@stjohns-laf.org or by phone at (765) 742-4079. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The Diocese of Indianapolis Honors Maggie McClure

St. John's own Maggie McClure was honored at the Episcopal Women's Ministry annual luncheon on Saturday, April 8, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ind. Along with more than two dozen women from around the Diocese, Maggie was honored for her commitment to St. John's and to the wider community. Her bio in the EWM booklet read, in part:

Maggie is involved in so many ways at St. John's and beyond. She is active in a number of ministries at the church: she serves as an MC and Eucharistic Minister, she is a member of the Vestry, and serves on the St. John's Capital Campaign Steering Committee. She has served as an EfM mentor. She is active in the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry ministry — one of the largest pantries in our 16-county region. Maggie has also been the director of St. John's Jubilee Christmas ministry — a large collaborative effort that provides Christmas gifts and other needs for low-income families in Tippecanoe County. In the coming year, St. John's will begin an intensive process of discernment around outreach. Maggie is a leader in this effort. Along with her husband, Greg, Maggie is one of the most encouraging, committed and reliable members of St. John's.

Maggie is a perfect example of servant-leadership in the church. At the annual meeting in February 2017, she was awarded the Eagle Award, the Vestry's highest honor for service to St. John's.

Please offer Maggie your congratulations and thank her for her service and commitment to our shared ministry. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Newcomers' Dinner & Big Questions Reunion Cookout

Friday, May 12

6-9 p.m.

456 Goose Creek Way, West Lafayette (just off 500 North)

If you began attending St. John's in the last six months (or so) AND/OR you recently attended the Big Questions classes, Bradley and his family would like to invite you over for barbecue, fun and fellowship on Friday, May 12, 6-9 p.m., at the Elder-Pace home in West Lafayette. Please bring a salad, desert or drink to share. Children are welcome. Please RSVP by e-mail or by phone, (312) 208-8791. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Pastoral Care at St. John's

Each year, I ask your assistance in reminding me about parishioners who may have disappeared or “fallen through the cracks.” Again, I want to reiterate that request. I am often reminded of how important the St. John's community is in the lives of so many people.

If you think of someone you haven't seen recently or anyone else who might like a visit from a member of the clergy or a Eucharistic Visitor, please let one of the clergy know. We may be able to reconnect with them, or we may find out that someone needs prayer, care or other support. This is a crucially important part of who we are and what we do. Offering the sacraments, sharing God's gracious love and helping people strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ through our prayer and support, these are a major part of our calling. I know that the St. John's community has been there for many of you during the good times and the bad times. Together, we can make sure that St. John's is there for others as well.

You can help me by first reaching out to folks you haven't seen recently. Call them, visit them, drop them a card. Secondly, you can tell me. This kind of communication can help St. John's continue to be a wonderfully supportive community. Likewise, please let a member of the clergy know if you or a family member becomes seriously ill, are admitted to the hospital, or are homebound for an extended period. Contact the church office at (765) 742-4079 or by email at stjohns@stjohnslaf.org. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

A Note About E-mail

Just a reminder that while I love using electronic communication (e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc.), I am often inundated with e-mail and the like. If it's a particularly busy time at church, I may get so far behind that your important message could go unanswered for several days. If you e-mail me and need a response right away, please put “URGENT” or something similar in the subject line. You might also contact me directly by calling the office at (765) 742-4079 or my cell phone at (312) 208-8791. I am always happy to receive e-mails, but if you need a response right away, calling my cell phone may be the most effective way to reach me. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Save the Dates

The Ordination of Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, 11th Bishop of Indianapolis

Sunday, April 29

The Prelude begins at 10:30 a.m. & Ordination and Consecration at 11 a.m. The service will be held at Clowes Memorial Hall, Butler University (4602 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, 46208). The Chief Consecrator will be the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. For more information, go to indydio.org/#consecration or call (317) 937-4286.

Summer Worship: June-August

St. John's will switch to the summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 4, through August, when there will be one service on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday: June 4

Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of the Church's life and witness. Wear red to celebrate the fire of God's love and the mission of the Church. That Sunday, we will celebrate Holy Baptism at the 9 a.m. service. We will also have ice cream sundaes after the service!

Worship in the Street: Sunday, July 2

On Sunday, July 2, at 10 a.m., St. John's will join with members from other neighborhood churches for Worship in the Street. Each year, more than 200 people join in this wonderful service celebrating our shared ministry in Greater Lafayette. Come and let us join our sisters and brothers in worship!

Please note: There will be a 9 a.m. service at the church that day.

The St. John's Church Picnic: Sunday, Aug. 6

The St. John's church picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 6, at Prophetstown State Park. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. followed by the picnic.

Please note: There will also be a 9 a.m. service at the church that day.



Connecting Body and Spirit: 2017 Circular Logic Marathon

On the morning of Saturday, April 1, a number of hearty St. John's members gathered at the Cumberland Park for the annual Circular Logic Marathon relay (no fooling!). This was our greatest level of participation yet, so next year we're looking at having TWO relay teams from St. John's! Additionally, this was by far the best weather we've had for the run, and the lovely sunshine added to the fun of the day. Our team completed the 26.2 mile course in a very respectable time of 4:21:12.

Many thanks to this year's intrepid St. John's Steeplechasers: John Bade, Ashley Bigelow, Cale Bigelow, Greg Buzzard, Ezra Buzzard-Cooke, Isaac Buzzard-Cooke, Warren Douglas, Noah Douglas, Catherine Douglas, Bill Kealey, Bradley Pace, Judah Pace, Barbara Penney, Karen Schoenhals, Steve Shook, Rachel Shook, Rebekah Sims, Emily Umulis and Bruce Whitmore. A special shout-out to Bill Kealey, who is our most stalwart team member, having participated every year we've had a team. — Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org

May Book Group: What a Great Book!

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 p.m.

The month of May means it is time for our Eighth Annual *What a Great Book!* meeting. For this last gathering of the season, the Book Group invites everyone to come share the titles of some of their favorite books. There are lots of reasons you might describe a book as "great." So, whether the book is exciting, challenging, charming, informative, inspiring, funny, timely, or has some other quality that appeals to you – please come to share and to tell us something about why you like it.

We will start constructing our selections for the 2017-18 season at our May meeting, and some of the titles we share at our meeting will no doubt be on that list. All types of books are welcome – from detective fiction, to science fantasy, history, classics of literature, short stories, biography/autobiography – we are open to it all. We've read everything from YA fiction to Shakespeare, and a lot in between!

We will meet on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conversation Corner of the Commons. Enter through the garden gate. If you need transportation, please call and we will see what can be arranged. — Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com, (765) 426-5541

In Gratitude

We're coming to the close of another school year and many thanks are due to those who have helped with Christian formation for our young people. While the Godly Play rooms are somewhat out of sight of the Sunday morning traffic pattern, I assure you that intense theological study is occurring with those aged 3 years through fifth grade. (If you're curious about what happens in the Godly Play rooms we'd be happy to allow you to observe, just speak with Hilary to plan a time). Those helping in Godly Play include: Andrew Bigelow, Darby Anne Bigelow, Greg Buzzard, Katie Elder, Gayle Ennis, Heidi Kauffman, Sarah Kurtz, Curtis Mason, Katie Mason, George Moore, Nate Mosier, Ray Polstra, Doug Powell, Jeffrey Ravellette, Frances Shook, and Lydia Shook.

This year we also added a Sunday morning class for our middle school youth and thanks go to Ashley Bigelow, Tim Smith, and Kyle Tribbett for their help in leading formation for our tweens.

Rebekah Sims and Tim Smith have capably assisted Bradley and I in leading the high school youth group throughout this year and Alison Moss has kindly provided us treats at each meeting. Thanks to all of you!

We are always looking for more leadership assistance with all of our formation for Children and Youth so if you have a special interest in this area, please speak with Hilary or Bradley. — Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org

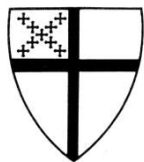
From the Vestry: Meeting Summary, March 2017

- Charlie Shook presented information to the vestry regarding the installation of a hearing loop in the church to allow those with hearing aids to automatically be able to “tune” into the sound system. Installation of such a system would occur before the new flooring is added to the nave since it is installed in the floor.
- The vestry approved the feasibility study contract.
- Bradley spoke regarding the issue with finding volunteers for the Food Pantry. He indicated that our pantry serves nearly as many people as the Food Finders pantry, but they have several full-time staff members. He shared that the current food pantry model St. John’s is using may not be sustainable.
- The vestry approved the recommendation for Alissa Goudswaard Anderson to the Priesthood.
- Amy Van Epps reported that Habitat for Humanity has asked St. John’s to be part of the next Apostle’s build, which requires a \$3,000 commitment. This amount is due by Aug. 1, with the build beginning on Sept 1. The Cover Indiana bike ride, which helps raise funds for Habitat, is May 7-13 this year.
- The Parish work day will be April 8.
- Bradley reported that Bishop Waynick will be at St. John’s on April 2. The diocesan transition committee is raising money for a gift for the Bishop.
- The ordination of Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will be held at Clowes Hall, Butler University, on April 29 at 11 a.m. Bradley encouraged everyone to attend, but you must RSVP.
- Bishop Mauricio will be attending St. John’s on April 23. There will be a single service at 10:15 a.m. Ross Watson and Bradley are planning on cooking 100 lbs. of pulled pork for lunch after the service.
- The vestry approved a motion to pay for roof repair from Sullivan and Fortner, and to Coverite to fix the Sixth Street entrance awning, which was damaged by wind.

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