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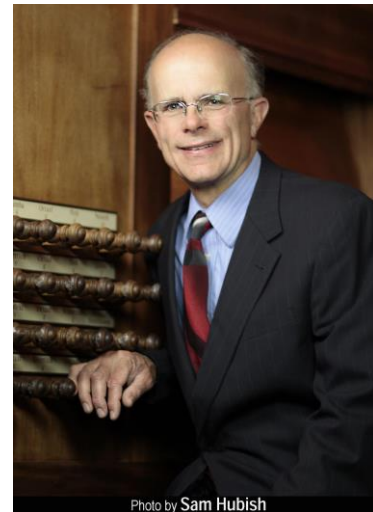
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## Quimby Organ Dedication Concert

**7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1**

The new Quimby organ was officially completed on Dec. 6. The last pieces of molding/trim were installed, the final balancing of sound adjusted and the final pipes tuned. The first of several celebration concerts will begin with the official dedication recital on Friday, Feb. 1. The organist will be Todd Wilson, head of the Organ Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland. He is also the curator of the E.M. Skinner organ at Severance Hall, an organ builder on which the Quimby firm models its philosophy of sound.



Organist Todd Wilson

Todd Wilson has been heard in recital at many major venues throughout the United States, Europe and Japan, including Symphony Hall (Birmingham, UK), Westminster Abbey (London), St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin), Los Angeles' Walt Disney Concert Hall, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, Cleveland's Severance Hall, Dallas' Meyerson Symphony Center, Philadelphia's Verizon Hall, Nashville's Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Milwaukee's Uihlein Hall, Washington National Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral (New York City), and the 21,000-seat Mormon Conference Center in Salt Lake City. He also was a recitalist for Austrian Radio in Vienna, and in January 2005 he presented his first solo recital in Tokyo. Additionally, he has played with some of the world's finest symphony orchestras.

Please plan to attend this concert and stay for a festive reception afterward. It promises to be an evening full of celebration! — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

## From the Rector: In Thanksgiving

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*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all God's people, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.*

— Ephesians 1.15-16

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am writing this on the heels of Thanksgiving Day, in the middle of Advent, and in preparation for the Christmas season. It seems appropriate, then, to reflect for a moment on the things that I am thankful for, as well as my hopes for St. John's in the coming year. I am particularly hopeful about our ministry this year, in large part because I have seen so many moments of grace recently, so many ways that we continue to live into our mission of worshiping, sharing God's love and our lives, and making Christ known.

Let me begin by saying I'm so grateful that the construction and organ installation are all finished.

I am grateful for those who help make our glorious worship possible — our acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, MCs, readers, oblation bearers, ushers and greeters. I am especially grateful for those who have been serving in these ministries for many, many years. I would like to thank all the youth acolytes who joined this fall and add an additional element of beauty and reverence to our worship. I am grateful for the altar guild — for their dedication and persistence. I am grateful for our choir and for all they bring to our worship. I give thanks for those who have been lifting their voices in praise for decades — Marylin,

Kaye, Linda, Cynthia, Bill, Olynn — and those who have joined more recently — Colleen, Cindy, Eric, Ben and Jennifer, just to name a few. I am grateful to the many voices that have filled our pulpit this year beyond the regulars, including Rachel Ravellette, John Gedrick, Jean Beniste, Fatimah Yakuba-Madus, Rabbi Michael Harvey, Rebekah Sims and Kristin White. Thanks to each and every one of you for all you do to honor God and our tradition of beautiful Anglican worship.



Did I mention that I'm grateful that we're done with the construction?

I am grateful for all the ways you share God's love and your lives with our wider community. I am grateful for the prayer shawl ministry, for our Eucharistic visitors and for all the other ways you

reach out by making turkeys for the Community meal, by offering safe space for 12-step groups, by reaching out at the Lafayette Pride Festival, and prepping 13,000 lbs. of meat at Food Finders Food Bank. I am thankful for the return of a full season of Wednesday lunchtime concerts now that the renovation is over, and for all the ways St. John's supports the arts in our community by hosting the Master Chorale, the Tippecanoe Chamber Music Society and others. I am thankful that you are so willing to open this church and your hearts.

I am thankful for Georgia Brist, Katie Elder, Mary Kay McCauley, Maggie McClure and

Angela Mosier, who organize most of our Jubilee Christmas effort. I am also grateful for all the other volunteers who provide a great deal of Christmas joy even in the midst of tough times. I am thankful for those of you who came to host, to wrap presents and to assist in big ways and small. I am thankful for those of you who support this ministry by donating (including Cynthia Stauffacher and her lab at Purdue who donated a huge stash of toys). This year, we hosted 42 families with 135 children. It was chaotic and wonderful all at the same time (kind of like Christmas morning). I swear that one of the organizers suggested we could host a few more families next year. I am grateful for that generous spirit even as I tried to imagine how we might cram even four more people into St. John's Commons.

We have done some hard work this year discerning what God is calling us to do and how we might continue our rich history of sharing God's love with our community. I am grateful for Maggie McClure, Rachel Ravellette and Rebekah Sims for their insight and courage as they surveyed the congregation and the needs of the community and helped chart a path forward. I am also thankful for everyone who shared their history, experience, hopes and dreams during that discernment. And while we have decided to close the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry in the coming year, I remain profoundly grateful for the work this congregation has done through that ministry. For nearly 30 years, St. John's and Lafayette Urban Ministry have partnered to help feed those suffering from food insecurity in Greater Lafayette. The origins of the Food Pantry and St. John's commitment to caring for those in need go back even



further, as far back as a food stash in the Rector's office at least 40 years ago. I am grateful to all those who have worked in the pantry — sharing groceries, a smile and maybe even a silent prayer (“these are the gifts of God for the people of God”) during those decades. I am grateful to those who served as pantry directors during that time, including Rachel Shook (who directed the pantry while she was pregnant with her daughter, Lydia, who is now a sophomore in college) and our current director, Katy Travis. I am grateful for Jane Vanable and Deb Lindenlaub, who recruited volunteers and made schedules, and for Hilary Goonewardene, who has picked up baked goods from Payless for years. I am grateful to Lafayette Urban Ministry, who has been a wonderful partner over the years and does so much for the Greater Lafayette community. I

look forward to the opportunity to celebrate the pantry's ministry and all those who gave so much to feed and care for so many.

Oh, and what about that organ? I sure am glad that's finally installed and working.

I am grateful for those who entered the church this year through the waters of baptism: Wesley Johnson, Glenn Schoenhals, Emma Schoenhals, Lillian Umulis, Ava Eichhorn and

Odessa Green. I am thankful for Carolin Frueh, Keenan Hogan, Frances Shook, Harry Shook, Jane Sovinski and Darby Anne Bigelow who were confirmed this year, and Joseph and Julie Peretin, who were received. I am thankful for all those who volunteer to teach Godly Play and the parents who make sure the kids get here each week to hear the stories of God and God's people. I am thankful for the Middle School class on Sunday mornings and for the way they

tackle tough theological questions with seriousness as well as a sense of humor. I am thankful for the many opportunities for Christian formation here: the Tuesday Bible Study, the EfM book group, the Big Questions classes and the monthly book group to name a few. I am thankful for Hilary Cooke, Ben McCartney, Cathleen McCartney, Rebekah Sims and Tim Smith, who work with the youth group. I am always grateful to the youth for their energy, curiosity and faith.

And the construction .... I don't want to forget that. Glad that's done.

I give thanks to God for St. John's leadership. I am thankful for the St. John's Vestry and for Ashley Bigelow, Mary Kay McCauley and Katie Nielsen who were recently elected to serve. I am thankful for Kathy Johnson, Carl Taylor and Angela Mosier, who have served as wardens this year, and for Stephanie Amador Tribbett, who is finishing her second year as chair of the Finance Committee. I am thankful for all those who work behind the scenes: the *Eagle* editor Cindy Gerlach, the office help, our treasurers Jim Hess and Bill McInerney, the property committee, the counters and all the financial secretaries, the finance committee, the stewardship committee and the investment committee. I am thankful for Eva Duran, who makes sure the church is clean and inviting, and for our friends from Main Street Management who chase leaks and make sure the building is still standing.

I am incredibly grateful for the leadership of our Bishop, Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows. I am grateful for the amazing ministries of this Diocese and for a renewed sense of our shared

mission and ministry. I am thankful for Hilary Cooke, George Moore, Amy Paget, Charlene Watson and others who work in the diocese and in the wider Church. I am grateful for Joanna Benskin, Carolin Frueh and Rebekah Sims, who are discerning a call to Holy Orders. I am thankful for Cyrus, Elaina, Esther, Ezra, Ezra (yep, both of them), Hilary, Isaac, Isaiah, Julie, Judah, Katie, Miriam, Paige, Rachel, Sarah and Warren, who went to Waycross Summer Camp and Youth retreats. I am so grateful that I had an opportunity to serve as a chaplain again this summer, and that I now have the opportunity to serve on the Waycross Board of Directors. Waycross is such a gift.

I give thanks to God for our recent graduates: Riley Hogan, Stuart Kurtz, Aaron Michaux, Michael Romedy, Teddy Sovinski and Hannah Vinacco. I am thankful for all the students whose work may one day change the world. I am thankful for all the professors and teachers who are training future leaders, doctors, scholars, etc.

I am grateful for all those of you who have joined St. John's over the past year, and I give thanks as well for all those who prayed and broke bread with us before moving to new communities. I am grateful for all the babies born at St. John's this year (maybe you've heard, there are a bunch!). I am grateful for recovery from stroke and knee surgery, for mental health care, and for assisted-living and long-term care. I am grateful for successful prelims, for new jobs, for new homes, and for new relationships (including the wedding of Stuart and Evette Kurtz). I am thankful for the lives of Nancy Bowker, Antonia Syson, Anne Lommel, Jean Hicks, Ellie McDonald, Arliss Jeffries, and Jay Wiley, Jr., and for what they have meant to this community.



And wow, am I glad all that construction is finished. I mean really ...

I am incredibly grateful for my staff. Katy Travis, the director of the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry, cares deeply for our guests and volunteers, and she has been the epitome of grace under pressure during our parish discernment. I am ever grateful for Michael Bennett, for his talent, energy and commitment to our worship. I am equally grateful for all the ways he shares his gifts with the wider community. (I sure hope he enjoys that new organ. I sure am glad that's finally in....) I am thankful for Teresa Lohrman, who does more for St. John's than anyone could ever imagine. I am thankful for Bob L'Homme's collegiality and wisdom and so very glad that he is able to serve with us on Sunday again. I am thankful for the considerable gifts that Hilary Cooke brings to her ministry and for all she means to St. John's. I covet her friendship and am so glad to count her as a colleague. Each member of the staff is a blessing. I hope you will take a moment to let them know how much they mean to you and to our shared ministry.

Lastly, I am grateful that the construction is finished and that the organ is finally installed. Just kidding. Well, not really, I am glad that work is completed. In truth, I am most grateful for the many ways St. John's is a healthy, vibrant community. I am most grateful for the many ways St. John's is a generous, gracious community. I am most grateful for the many ways St. John's is a compassionate, holy community. I began by saying that I am hopeful about our ministry this year. I am hopeful because I have seen so many moments of generosity, grace, compassion and holiness recently, so many ways that we continue to live into our mission of worshiping, sharing God's love and our lives, and making Christ known. I am so, so grateful for that hope.

In closing, let me just say that I am grateful for all of you (the named and the unnamed, including all those I may not have mentioned by name). I give thanks to God for you and for our ministry together. I am so blessed to be here in ministry with you. Like St. Paul, I will not cease giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Thank you. And thanks be to God. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*



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## Epiphany Pageant

**10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6**

This year, St. John's will have an Epiphany Pageant with lessons and hymns on Sunday, Jan 6. There will be only one service that Sunday at 10:15 a.m. All children ages 3 through eighth grade will have the opportunity to choose a part during Godly Play or Middle School Christian Formation classes during the upcoming weeks. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. Please mark your calendars.

For coffee hour that Sunday, we ask that the parents of Godly Play parents bring cheese and crackers, a veggie tray or fruit. Middle School parents, please bring cookies or some other sweet to share. Other contributions to the celebration are welcome. — *Katie Elder, katie.elder1@gmail.com*

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service

**7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14**

**St. Thomas Catholic Church, 535 W. State St., West Lafayette**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated worldwide each January. During this week, many churches join together for a common prayer service to celebrate the unity of all Christians. This year's theme is "**Justice, Only Justice, Shall You Pursue.**"

The Greater Lafayette prayer service will take place on Monday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

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## Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism is the sacrament by which a person is welcomed into the household of God. In water and in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, a person is sealed by the Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. Baptism is particularly appropriate on the feasts of the Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 13), at the Easter Vigil (April 20), on Pentecost Sunday (June 9) and on All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3). If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please contact the church office at 765-742-4079. —*Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

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January 2019 Book Group: *Varina* by Charles Frazier

**7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24**

On Jan. 24 we will begin our Winter/Spring reading series. There is an annotated list available in the Commons (on the bulletin board and in the information rack). Please take one! We are not a book “club” — no invitations are necessary. Just come if you are interested in what we are reading. We usually meet for one hour.

Our first selection is *Varina*, published in 2018 by Charles Frazier. Frazier is best known for his 1997 novel, *Cold Mountain*. *Varina* is also about the Civil War era, focused on the life of Varina Howell Davis (1826-1906), the wife of Jefferson Davis, the only president of the Confederate States.

The book is fiction, but Frazier has obviously done a thorough job in reading Varina’s voluminous correspondence, so her portrayal in the book is very believable. A large portion of the book describes her flight from Richmond in 1865 as the war was ending, along with her children, a former slave, Ellen, who cared for the children, and a couple of protectors. The descriptions of the devastation wrought by Sherman’s March to the Sea are powerful and moving. But — we each find something different in a book, so come to share what you found interesting.

Please join us! Enter through the garden gate — we meet in the conversation area in the Commons.  
— *Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com*

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Jubilee Christmas 2018 — Thanks to everyone!!!

Thank you to everyone who made Jubilee Christmas an outpouring of love and compassion. Although an exact count isn’t available, approximately 100 volunteers throughout the week leading up to and on Saturday morning brought a glimmer of hope to 42 families with 138 children at a difficult time in their lives.

Our guests are so grateful for the generosity and help at Christmas time. Thanks to those who made donations of every kind — food, cash, toys, school supplies, toothbrushes. Thanks to all who prayed and offered moral support. Thanks to all the volunteers who offered their time. This is truly a community event for the community.

Note: Jubilee Christmas 2019 is Dec. 14! — *Maggie McClure, magamcclure@gmail.com*

## Transforming Generosity: The 2019 Annual Giving Campaign

Many 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. Thanks to all of you for the many ways you support St. John's.

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## Coffee Hour at St. John's: Please sign up

Coffee hour at St. John's is a great opportunity for fellowship and to strengthen our sense of community. It is also a great time to share Christian hospitality with visitors and those new to our church. But this only happens when people sign up.

Coffee hour is easy. You're welcome to bring treats if you like, but donuts and drinks are provided. You're more than welcome to sign up with a partner or group.

To sign up, please contact the St. John's office at 765-742-4079 or [stjohns@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohns-laf.org). — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*



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### Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the December Eagle is **Monday, Jan. 14**. Send submissions to [eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org).



The St. John's Annual Meeting  
**Sunday, Feb. 3**

The St. John's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3. There will be one service that Sunday at 10:15 a.m. followed by brunch. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share.

Annual reports are due by Friday, Jan. 18. More information about the annual reports will be forthcoming, but reports should be sent to our Parish Administrator, Teresa Lohrman, at [teresa@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:teresa@stjohns-laf.org). If you have questions, please call the office at 765-742-4079. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

## November Financial Report

**FINANCE REPORT**  
**OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE\***  
 As of November 30, 2018

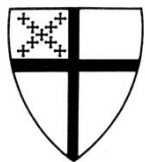
A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$27,082.16	\$309,896.51	\$374,472.00	82.8%
2	Operating Income	\$2,177.10	\$54,868.41	\$73,152.43	75.0%
3	Non-Operating Income	-\$2,336.67	\$25,772.37	\$32,000.00	80.5%
4	Transfer Income	\$16,841.07	\$34,942.14	\$40,000.00	87.4%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$48,437.00</b>	<b>\$425,479.43</b>	<b>\$519,624.43</b>	<b>81.9%</b>
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$7,819.80	\$83,754.21	\$108,069.00	77.5%
2	Program	\$2,336.09	\$16,692.37	\$20,400.00	81.8%
3	Administration	\$1,120.00	\$1,946.65	\$2,500.00	77.9%
4	Personnel	\$20,720.97	\$224,792.20	\$247,319.48	90.9%
5	Office	\$6,508.90	\$22,754.56	\$27,395.00	83.1%
6	Property	\$22,633.39	\$100,272.57	\$113,940.95	88.0%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$61,139.15</b>	<b>\$450,212.56</b>	<b>\$519,624.43</b>	<b>86.6%</b>
	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$12,702.15</b>	<b>-\$24,733.13</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

Notes: \*This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting periods.  
 Detailed description of these items available from members of the Finance Committee.

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