



ST. JOHN'S  
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St. John's Episcopal Church | Lafayette, Ind. | April 2020



## *Holy Week and Easter at St. John's, Lafayette*

Holy Week and Easter form the foundation of our Christian life and worship. It is important that we join with our Christian family here at St. John's and throughout the world and attend the services that make up the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter. Come and hear Christ's command that we should love one another as he loved us. Come and hear the wondrous love poured out on the cross. Come and hear the record of God's saving deeds in history from the very beginning. Come and join in the alleluias as we rejoice in the Resurrection.

- **Palm Sunday** 8 & 10:15 a.m. April 5
- **Maundy Thursday** 6:30 p.m. April 9
- **Good Friday** noon April 10
- **Proper liturgy for Holy Saturday** 10 a.m. April 11
- **The Great Vigil of Easter** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11
- **Easter Sunday** 8 & 10:15 a.m. April 12

For more information, contact the church office. May God continue to bless you in your Lenten journey, and may God bring you with joy to the resurrection of his Christ.

### ***Note on Coronavirus Preparation***

The spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States has already had a significant impact on our lives and even on our local community. Purdue University announced the cancellation of in-person classes for the foreseeable future; other schools and institutions have followed suit. **As of this writing, all activities at St. John's are suspended through the end of March or further notice.** Please use your best judgment regarding going out. If you are ill or particularly vulnerable, please stay home.

It is our relationships with God and one another that make St. John's such a wonderful church community. It can be difficult to be disconnected from your church family and friends. However, please know that God is with you and that many of us are just a phone call away. If you are sick or are worried about going out, you are always welcome to call the church office or me directly at 312-208-8791. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. May God keep you safe and healthy, and may God bless us all.

We will update you with any changes. — *Bradley Pace*,  
[bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

## **LUM Pantry Donations**

I would like to thank the congregation of St. John's for their most generous donation of paper towels, tissue, baby and feminine hygiene products for the Lafayette Urban Ministry Protein Pantry. This helps the pantry to save money and only spend their budget on the frozen meat and fresh produce items received from Food Finders food bank. If there is a need later in the year, I would like to do this again, so please stay tuned. — *Mary Kay McCauley, mccauley.mk3@gmail.com*

## **April Book Group**

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Bishops Parlor**

*The Pioneers* by David McCullough

Our April selection is David McCullough's newest book, *The Pioneers* (2019), the history of the very earliest white settlers along the Ohio River in what is now the southeastern portion of the state of Ohio. This should appeal especially to people from Ohio and to those of us who now live in Indiana!

Come to share your reactions and thoughts and to hear what others think of the book. — *Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com*

## **Save the Dates**

- Intergenerational VBS, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at St. John's
- Parish Picnic & Worship with Good Shepherd, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 7, at Happy Hollow Park, West Lafayette

## **2019-20 Luchtime Concert Series Comes to a Close**

**12:10 p.m. Wednesday, April 8**

On April 8, the West Lafayette High School Chorale will perform the final lunchtime concert of the season. As they will be preparing for the end-of-year state competition, their concert will be performed with great excellence. They will sing music by Palestrina, Della Joio, Moses Hogan and more.

Lunch (\$5 suggested donation) and fellowship follow in the commons. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*



## ***Thank You for Your Ministry: Ray Polstra***

Ray Polstra is one of the many quiet, competent people at St. John's who does so much but often goes unnoticed.

Ray has been the coordinator for our usher ministry and is always ready to step in when there is a need. He has also been a regular at property committee meetings for years. Ray regularly does checks of the building to make sure maintenance issues get reported, and he changes light bulbs whenever they burn out. He is, as one parishioner described him, "100 percent dependable — never forceful, but his opinion is thoughtful and valued." Oh, and by the way, he was an integral part of the Organ Task Force that helped research and choose the new organ during our capital campaign. Please thank Ray for all the ways he makes our ministry possible.

If you know of anyone who ought to be recognized for their contributions to the St. John's community or to our ministries, please let Bradley know. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

## ***Updates from the Vestry: March meeting***

At the March 11 meeting, the Vestry discussed the following items:

- The evolving coronavirus outbreak and St. John's response. Members discussed the possibility of canceling activities and services and creating pastoral care teams to follow up with parishioners while they are isolated.
- Updated policies for using endowment funds. These new policies would include a 3 percent cap on distribution; the "formula" for calculating that 3 percent figure would be based on a three-year rolling average of the market value; distribution in part or in whole on an as-needed basis; and direction that all income accumulated throughout the year be automatically reinvested.
- The Vestry approved the purchase of new internet equipment.

## ***Kaitlin Curtice at St. John's***

May 9 & 10

Author and speaker Kaitlin Curtice will speak at St. John's on May 9 and 10. As an enrolled member of the Potawatomi Citizen Band and someone who has grown up in the Christian faith, Kaitlin writes on the intersection of Indigenous spirituality, faith in everyday life and the Church. She is the author of the book *Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places* (2017) and *Native* (forthcoming in May 2020). She has contributed to OnBeing, Religion News Service, USA Today and Sojourners, among others.

Kaitlin will speak at St. John's at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, followed by a reception. She will also preach on Sunday, May 10, followed by a lunch in St. John's Commons.

## ***April Youth Group***

**Sunday, April 5, 12:30-2:30 p.m.** Lunch, study, & worship at Good Shepherd, West Lafayette  
**Sunday, April 19, 12:30-2:30 p.m.** Lunch, study, & worship at St. John's, Lafayette

To get the full Youth Group schedule, go to [www.stjohns-laf.org/youth](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/youth).

## ***Stay Informed***

With the spread of coronavirus, dates and times of activities and events are subject to change or cancellation. Check [stjohns-laf.org](http://stjohns-laf.org) for updates.



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Deadline for the May Eagle is  
**Monday, April 13.** Submit items to  
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**St. John's Financial Summary February 2020**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Feb-20</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
1	Pledge Income	\$32,130.00	\$56,500.00	\$376,080.00	15.0%
2	Operating Income	\$2,363.80	\$3,649.15	\$95,206.53	3.8%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,200.00	0.0%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$47,360.00	1.1%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$34,493.80</b>	<b>\$60,649.15</b>	<b>\$535,846.53</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Feb-20</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
1	Outreach	\$5,484.50	\$12,469.00	\$94,374.00	13.2%
2	Program	\$932.13	\$2,700.28	\$27,250.00	9.9%
3	Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	0.0%
4	Personnel	\$21,401.52	\$40,700.76	\$267,017.02	15.2%
5	Office	\$1,459.06	\$3,432.62	\$25,800.00	13.3%
6	Property	\$5,502.20	\$15,434.01	\$117,005.51	13.2%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$34,779.41</b>	<b>\$74,736.67</b>	<b>\$535,846.53</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<b>-\$285.61</b>	<b>-\$14,087.52</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.