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St. John's is a parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Indianapolis.

**Holy Week and Easter at  
ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE**

By the time you read this, we will be more than halfway through the season of Lent. Our Lenten journey will come to an end as we celebrate the great fasts and feasts of Holy Week and of Easter. These celebrations form the foundation of our Christian life and worship. At Easter, God's saving deeds in history come to a dramatic climax in the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the powers of hatred, of despair, of evil, the very powers of Hell itself, are defeated. God's reign is established.

But Maundy Thursday and Good Friday set the scene for the great Easter miracle. Without remembering those days, we are given a false Gospel—cheap grace, the Good News without struggle, the empty tomb without the cross. We cannot come to the empty tomb without first hearing the new commandment of Maundy Thursday and Christ's Passion on Good Friday. Therefore, I encourage each of you to join with your Christian family here at St. John's and throughout the world and attend the three services that make up the Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

This year, we will share the services of Holy Week with our friends from Good Shepherd, West Lafayette. The detailed schedule is reprinted below.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 14**, we will have a special **noonday prayer service via Zoom at 12 noon** and observe the traditional form of the Maundy Thursday liturgy **in-person at St. John's at 7:00 p.m.** The latter service will include foot-washing and Holy Eucharist. As the service ends, we will strip the altar, removing items from the church to prepare for the isolation and loneliness of Good Friday.

On **Good Friday, April 15**, we glory in the cross of Christ, the cross on which hung the world's salvation. We will have an **in-person service at St. John's at 12:00 (noon)**. We will also have a special **evening prayer service via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.**

On **Saturday, April 16**, we will observe the proper liturgy for **Holy Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection at St. John's**. This brief service marks the time between Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection in which human history hangs in the balance. That evening, we will celebrate **the Easter**

**Vigil at St. John's**, we will hear "the record of God's saving deeds in history" and find ourselves confronted with the resurrection, the great Easter miracle. **The Vigil will begin in the St. John's memorial Garden at 8:00 p.m.** with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. The service will conclude with a festive reception.

Our celebration continues on **Easter Sunday, April 17, with services at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom), and 10:30 a.m.**

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. Come and join in the alleluias as we rejoice in the Resurrection.

For more information, contact the church office at 765.742.4079 or [stjohns@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohns-laf.org). May God continue to bless you in your Lenten journey, and may God bring you with joy to the resurrection of his Christ. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

## Holy Week Schedule

### 4/10 Palm Sunday

9. a.m. Morning Prayer *via Zoom*

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms with downtown churches (meet on 6<sup>th</sup> Street)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### 4/14 Maundy Thursday

12 noon Noonday Prayer for Maundy Thursday *via Zoom via Zoom*

7 p.m. Liturgy for Maundy Thursday with Foot-washing and Holy Eucharist *at St. John's*

### 4/15 Good Friday

12 noon Liturgy for Good Friday *at St. John's*

7 p.m. Evening Prayer for Good Friday *via Zoom*

### 4/16 Holy Saturday & Easter Eve

10 a.m. Liturgy for Holy Saturday in the Chapel of the Resurrection *at St. John's*

8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter *at St. John's*

### 4/17 Easter Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I *at St. John's*

9 a.m. Morning Prayer *via Zoom*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist *at St. John's*

## Serving during Holy Week

If you would like to serve during one of the Holy Week services, please contact Bradley at 765.742.4079, ext. 102 or via email. We need Acolytes, Readers, MCs, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters & Ushers, Altar Guild for midweek services, Reception hosts for the Easter Vigil, and Reception hosts for Easter Sunday. Thank you in advance for helping make our Holy Week services holy and meaningful. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*.

## Easter Floral Decorations

Members of St. John's are invited to celebrate Easter by helping decorate the church windows for Easter. You can bring an arrangement of your favorite flowers, but feel free to be creative. Arrangements need to be brought in on Saturday, April 16, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. For more information, contact Sue Bracey. – *Sue Bracey, [braceys77@comcast.net](mailto:braceys77@comcast.net)*

## The Rite of Reconciliation

*The Book of Common Prayer* reminds us that “The ministry of reconciliation, which has been committed by Christ to his Church, is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship and through the priesthood of Christ and his ministers declaring absolution.” The Rite of the Reconciliation of a Penitent (known as confession in some traditions) is available for all who desire it and is not restricted to any particular time or season. However, the season of Lent is a time specifically dedicated as a time of self-reflection and penitence, it is an especially appropriate time to seek reconciliation with God, one another and with ourselves. While the Anglican approach to the rite of reconciliation has always been “all may, some should, none must,” it can be a powerful reminder that, despite our failings, we are forgiven and loved by God. If you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, please contact the church at 765.742.4079 and ask to speak with a member of the clergy. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org)*



## Monroe John Keller

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**Iris Helen Kleven** (pictured), grandchildren of Bob and Helen Slagel, were baptized at St. John's on Sunday, February 20.

## Deaths

**Evette Makar Yoder**, March 13, 2022  
*Wife of Stuart Kurtz and daughter-in-law of  
Heidi Kauffman and Robert Kurtz*

## Episcopal Women's Ministries Spring Gathering

Come join people from around our Diocese of Indianapolis on our journey “Towards Beloved Community” at the Episcopal Women's Ministries Spring Gathering. We will hear from the Rev. Jackie Means about her calling to the priesthood and the challenges she faced leading up to and after she became the 1st regularly ordained woman priest in the Episcopal Church. We will also hear from Lee Little, Historiographer of our Diocese, about the importance of uncovering and remembering our stories. We will gather online on **Saturday, April 23** from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate, and registration is free. Go to [www.bit.ly/EWM-Spring22](http://www.bit.ly/EWM-Spring22) to register. A call-in, audio-only, option is available. If you have

questions, please email Louise Boling at [copperboling@gmail.com](mailto:copperboling@gmail.com). Registration will be open until the event begins. – *Charlene Watson, cel.watson@comcast.net*

## Holy Moly Children's Formation

Children's Formation is now open to ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We begin all together in the Youth Lounge for a opening prayer and video on the New Testament called Holy Moly! Then children split into age groups, discuss the stories together, and work on crafts. Children's Formation begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 10:15 a.m.

Please note that on **Sunday, April 10**, we will have a special Palm Sunday event. We will meet in the Youth Lounge and learn about Palm Sunday before going to the ecumenical blessing of the palms at 10:00 a.m.

–*Gretchen Freese, gretchen@stjohns-laf.org*

## Easter Egg Hunt

We will have the St. John's Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 24** following the 10:30 service. – *Gretchen Freese, gretchen@stjohns-laf.org*

## Give and Save: From the St. John's Finance Committee

*Some of us have found this an excellent way to contribute to charities like St John's. If it applies to you, we encourage you to consider it.*

### Donating to a charity using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD)

Fidelity Learning Center

If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity (St John's), as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to \$100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. If you take a withdrawal, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

Why is this distinction important? If you take the RMD as income, instead of as a QCD, your RMD will count as taxable income. This additional taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). For example, your taxable income helps determine the amount of your Social Security benefits that are subject to taxes. Keeping your taxable income level lower may also help reduce your potential exposure to the Medicare surtax.

## St. John's Financial Summary, February 2022

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Jan-Feb</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Pledge Income</b>	\$69,325.00	\$386,450.00	17.9%
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$2,360.81	\$105,569.93	2.2%
<b>Non-Operating Income</b>	\$6,201.68	\$33,406.23	18.6%
<b>Transfer Income</b>	\$0.0	\$43,500.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$77,887.49	\$568,926.16	13.7%
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Outreach</b>	\$10,446.56	\$85,796.00	12.2%
<b>Program</b>	\$1,817.94	\$21,600.00	8.4%
<b>Administration</b>	\$742.21	\$4,000.00	16.9%
<b>Personnel</b>	\$51,898.33	\$310,131.24	16.7%
<b>Office</b>	\$4,101.29	\$26,650.00	15.4%
<b>Property</b>	\$16,152.96	\$120,348.92	13.4%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$85,159.29	\$568,926.16	15%
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	\$-7,271.80		

## From the Curate

On March 13, we once again, moved our clocks, skipping an hour as we sprang forward to Daylight Saving Time. Collectively, we reordered how time was marked to accommodate a system that increases the evening light at the expense of light in the morning. Time did not change. The total hours of sunlight did not suddenly change. But our relationship to it did.

The pandemic affected the way we marked time and our relationship to it. We still had 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per common year. But the standard rituals marking life events were cancelled to limit the virus' seemingly relentless march of destruction. I hope that we are finally on the other side as communities reopen, although I don't know for certain.

For two years our interactions with each other have been bounded by visual estimates of distance, facial coverings, fear of coughing, loss of the Common Cup, political rhetoric, scientific findings and missed celebrations. The rituals and social interactions we once took for granted took a back seat as we learned in our isolation that technology could afford us opportunities to reconnect in ways that we had never before utilized, even if only out of desperation.

Some things are worth keeping, like frequent hand hygiene and technological prowess. Other things might be worth leaving behind like the 6-foot distances between people and polarization.

And some things we may have to relearn. We once knew how to greet each other and how to monitor our

facial expressions. Now we tentatively extend hands, fists and arms wondering if we are to shake hands, fist bump, or embrace. The surgical masks that hid our reactions of annoyance, disagreement, and anger are removed, and we may be tempted to hurriedly replace them with a new mask of pretense as the only alternative.

But as Lent ends and Eastertide begins, we are offered another choice. Instead of blindly returning to old ways, we can walk through this pandemic into a new way of life. We can see the other person with loving eyes, a kind heart, and a gentle smile or nod of the head. We have all been through a traumatic time. We have collectively and individually suffered deep losses, some greater than others. We are all still trying to find a way forward that works. And most of us are tired of trying. Yet in ways known and unknown, we have grown stronger in this wilderness. We have survived. Perhaps we are battered, or a few pounds heavier, or on new medication, but we are here. And we still have the power to choose. So, I invite you this month, to choose to be kind. Sometimes it won't seem to make a difference. But sometimes, you'll be surprised by a returned smile, a cheery greeting, or the knowledge that you brought a little bit of healing to a broken world and to your own soul.

And so, my prayer for you remains that you will prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 1:2) – *Andrea Arsene, andrea@stjohns-laf.org*

## A Note about the Rector's Sabbatical Plans

In the fall of 2019, St. Johns' received a Clergy Renewal Grant from the Center for Congregations. The grant provided nearly \$50,000 to cover my sabbatical travel as well as activities and other expenses at St. John's during my time away (it was one of 25 awarded to congregations in Indiana that year and one of 125 given out nationally). Originally, my sabbatical was supposed to take place during the summer of 2020. Unfortunately, COVID-19 had other plans. Because there was still so much uncertainty in the winter and spring of 2021, it seemed like a good idea to put it off an additional year.

This year, however, the plan is a go. You may remember that my sabbatical involved travelling across the U.S. and attending Major League Baseball games. For several reasons, my family and I have scaled-back our plans significantly. Part of the reason is that travel is now substantially more expensive (and I probably under-budgeted from the start). But as our children have grown, they now have busier summer schedules (camps, school trips, etc.). We will, however, get to spend several weeks travelling through California (from Petco Park in San Diego to Oracle Park in San Francisco). I also get to

take each of the kids on a separate trip. Judah got his in last summer when we went to Houston and Arlington. We saw several games, hit Six Flags over Texas, and even showed up in a replay on MLB.tv. Isaiah and I will go to Atlanta to see the Braves (and eat chili dogs at the Varsity Drive-in). Clay and I are going to hit the Big Apple where we'll catch the Yankees and the Mets (and visit some favorite cousins). Katie and I are hoping to find time to take a short trip alone (I've heard Miller Park in Milwaukee is romantic in the summertime), but those plans haven't been finalized yet. The kids are also clamoring to visit Cleveland for a Guardians' game, the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame, and a visit with old friends from our time in Youngstown. I am planning a solo trip that either goes through Detroit, Toronto, and Pittsburgh (a jewel of a city as well as the site of incredible baseball history) OR a minor league baseball trip through Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina (ending at the home of the Durham Bulls and inspiration for the movie *Bull Durham*). In the meantime, I plan to spend a lot of time with the family, to read, to kayak and hike, and to generally reenergize.

Back in 2019, when Lloyd Brewer, Greg McClure, and I attended the Information Gathering for the Clergy Renewal Grant, I asked the presenter how we should think of our sabbatical plans on a scale of "professional development to vacation." Citing the grant recipients who had just described their own sabbaticals, he said those plans could fall anywhere from "following in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis to the beach in the Bahamas". I recognize that this sabbatical plan is more on the "vacation" side of that scale. At various times, I imagined a sabbatical filled with study and research, reading, and writing. However, when it came down to it, I knew that in this season of my life, I needed to dedicate time,

energy, and resources to my family and to making memories with them. After two years of the pandemic, I believe I need that now more than ever. Taking that time will allow me to regain energy and a sense of playfulness in my ministry. I am deeply happy in my ministry at St. John's and find it life-giving. And because I have every hope of continuing a long pastorate at St. John's, I want to continue to build on that joy in my ministry.

I am incredibly grateful to Lloyd Brewer and Greg McClure who helped me write the original grant request. I am also grateful to the Vestry who understand the importance of clergy sabbatical time and have supported my plans at each step (especially as those plans have necessarily shifted over the past two years). And I know that you will be in good hands while I am away. Andrea, Gretchen, Michael, and Teresa will keep things humming along.

In addition to my sabbatical/Sabbath time, I believe now is also a wonderful time for St. John's to "take a break" and to reflect on where we are and what we've all been through together. The pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. We need an opportunity as a congregation to reflect on "this season" of our common life, to find new sources of energy, and redefine our purpose. I would, of course, recommend that each of you spend a little time at the ballpark. But when I get back, I want to take the opportunity to process the last two years together and to think about the years ahead. In addition, we can make time to celebrate and get reacquainted.

If you have any questions about my sabbatical plans or about programs for St. John's during that time, please don't hesitate to contact me. More information will be coming soon. — *Bradley Pace*,  
[bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

## Continuing Curacies at St. John's

The Diocese has asked that St. John's continue hosting and training newly ordained clergy. This is a testament to St. John's health and vitality. As a parish, St. John's is a wonderful place to begin ministry and the Diocese recognizes that. It is also a wonderful opportunity for us to benefit from the energy and perspective of additional clergy (we have certainly benefited greatly from Mother's Andrea's ministry with us).

To this end, the Diocese has asked St. John's to host a new curate beginning this summer, and the vestry has agreed. While the details are still being arranged, the new curate has been identified. More details will be coming soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. — *Bradley Pace*,  
[bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

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## Important Dates to Remember

**Spring workday** – Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Help get the church ready for Holy Week and Easter. Lunch will be served.

**Palm Sunday** – Sunday, April 10

Services at 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom) and 10:30 a.m.

**Easter Sunday** – Sunday, April 17

Services at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom), and 10:30 a.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Sunday, April 24 after the 10:30 service

**Easter Season Celebration & Rector Sabbatical Send-off** – Sunday, May 23

Bradley will be leaving for his sabbatical. Come celebrate with BBQ.