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

From the Rector

In the Gospel of John, we read that Jesus was being followed by a large crowd—about 5000 people. Jesus takes five loaves of bread and a couple of fish and turns them into a feast for the crowd. In fact, John tells us that after everyone had eaten their fill, there were twelve baskets of food left over. The people were ecstatic over this miracle and wanted to make Jesus their king.

John tells us that the next day, the crowd showed up again looking for Jesus. And he realized right away that they were just hungry. The bread they had eaten the day before had only satisfied them for that day. But he also realized that they were hoping he might use a little of his divine influence to fix their problems, to make life a little easier for them. He tells them, “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.” He reminds them that God had sent manna from heaven to feed his people during the Exodus wanderings. Now, he says, God is sending you the true bread, bread that will change your life, bread that will give you life. “I am the bread of life,” Jesus tells them, and “whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will

never be thirsty.” He goes on to tell them that he has come to draw them in, to embrace them and save them, to show them the life of God’s Kingdom, to raise them up when they fall, to raise them up even when they have died.

I hope it’s obvious that, on the one hand anyway, Jesus isn’t just talking about bread; he has something much more important and much more profound in mind. And yet, here’s the thing—he really is talking about bread. You see in the Church—and this goes back to the practice of the earliest Christians—breaking bread was about so much more than just eating, so much more than sharing a meal, so much more than the Christian practices of hospitality or caring for the poor. Breaking bread was about binding the community of believers one to another and with all those who in faith had gone before. Breaking bread was about inviting God’s presence into the gathered community in a fresh way. Breaking bread was about joining Jesus in his sufferings, in his death, and in his resurrection on behalf of the world. In *the Didache*, one of the earliest Christian writings outside of the Bible, we read that “just as the broken bread was once wheat scattered upon the mountains and was then gathered together and made into one, so may your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom”. The bread became a sign and a metaphor for the bond that holds us together, for the presence of God among us, for our shared calling to suffer with Jesus on behalf of the world and then to rise with him. More than that, the bread became the means by which this unity was accomplished. If you’ve ever taken a Catechism or Confirmation class, you’ll know that the technical term for this is a “sacrament”. Sacraments are both the sign of God’s love and grace, but also the way we receive that love and grace. Communion—sharing the bread and the wine, sharing the broken body of Christ and the new covenant in his blood—is one of the great sacraments, it’s one of the ways we experience God’s love most directly, one of the ways we live into unity with Christ and one another.

Bread for the Feast Making Communion Bread

For the past several months, Dee Kueberth has been making our Communion bread. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dee for the wonderful gift of love she has offered to our community, and I hope you will also thank her when you have a chance.

This is really an unofficial ministry, and it has been for many years. When I arrived at St. John’s, Dick Barman had already been baking our communion bread for many years. (I believe Jim Chalmers made the bread for many years before that.) When Dick’s health declined, several people volunteered to make bread on occasion. Before he died last year, I made up my mind that I would make the bread for Dick’s funeral as a way of honoring that simple, unassuming contribution to our community and to the world. Dick’s ministry helped bind our community together, helped us experience communion with God and one another, helped feed us for the journey. With God’s help, Dick’s ministry of bread baking became life changing, life giving for all those who came here seeking God. It is hard for me to imagine a more fundamental contribution to the life of Christian community.

Thank you, Dee, and everyone else who has made our Communion bread over the past several years. While Dee is happy to make the bread, we know that many hands make light work. If you would like to help bake the Communion bread for Sunday services, please contact the church office at 765.742.4079. Bread can be baked, frozen, and stored for several weeks, so you don’t have to bake it every week. An updated version of Dick’s recipe is on the following page. – *Bradley Pace*, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

But sacraments are always embodied. They require stuff to make them happen, to make them present, to make them real. Baptism requires water—the water provides the tangible means by which we experience rebirth. A marriage requires the two people who are bound together—their relationship becomes one of the ways they experience divine grace. Communion requires bread or wine or both.

And therein lies one of the keys to all of this. The sacraments require our participation. God may very well pour his love and grace onto the world. God may very well pour his Spirit onto humanity, binding us in some miraculous way. But it doesn't really work unless we show up. And in most cases, it doesn't really work unless we contribute something of our life and labor to the process. So, we sometimes pray to God before Communion recalling that the bread is the "fruit of the earth and work of human hands" just as it comes to us through the goodness of God. Go back to that story of the feeding of the 5000 I mentioned a minute ago. The whole story gets going because some kid shows up with five loaves and two fish. I imagine that God could have fed everyone without that kid's contribution, but that doesn't seem to be how God works. So much of the Christian story is about God taking what we give and using them to heal us and to repair the world. The life of Jesus is, in a way, the greatest illustration of that whole story—God takes human form to know and be known by humanity, to redeem and save and to draw us into his nearer presence.

I know I will be away for a few months, but please know that each of you remain in my prayers and in my heart. My hope is that while I'm away, you will continue to show up and connect with God and one another. Show up and connect with your friends. Show up and break bread together. Show up, continue becoming, and continue to be the Body of Christ in the world, broken for the world. And, if you keep reading, you may even find your call to make the bread our community shares. I can't wait to be with you again, worshiping, sharing, and making Christ known through word and action, through bread broken and wine poured out. – *Bradley Pace*, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

Communion Bread Recipe

1 cup warm water
1 packet dry instant yeast
¼ tsp table salt
2 Tbs vegetable oil
3 Tbs honey
2/3 cup all purpose flour
2 cups whole wheat flour

1. Mix water & yeast together. Stir until yeast is dissolved.
2. Stir in salt, oil, and honey.
3. Add flour. Mix by hand, adding drops of water if the dough becomes too dry.
4. Turn dough onto lightly floured counter and knead for about 5 minutes.
5. Return dough to mixing bowl and cover with waxed paper.
6. Turn on oven for 1 minute to 350°. After 1 minute, turn oven OFF and place covered dough into warm oven for 1.5 hours. Remove when done.
7. Set oven to 350° for 1 minute. While oven is heating up, knead dough again with knuckles about 3-4 times. Roll into ball and divide into 4 equal parts. Place on a cookie sheet that is covered in tin foil and sprayed with vegetable oil. Cover with wax paper. Turn oven OFF and place covered dough into now-warm oven for 30 minutes. Remove when done.
8. Turn oven on to 350°. While the oven is heating, make a shallow cross across the top of the bread with a knife.
9. Bake the uncovered dough for 9 ½ minutes.

From the Curate

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.

-3 John 2

One of the interesting things about Indiana spring weather is its brevity. Tulips, daylilies, and Black-Eyed Susans poke their heads out of the snow and blossom in weather that ranges from 32-92 degrees over the course of a week or two.

Change is everywhere! The new life celebrated by the coming of spring and the resurrection of Christ offers us a reminder that we too are changing. This is a great moment for each of us to reevaluate our activities and poke our heads into trying something new. I will admit that I am terrible at exercising. I admire people who love to go to the gym for their workout. If that appeals to you, kudos! And consider safely changing your routine. What equipment hasn't been tried? What if you switched the order?

Does just the thought of exercise make you want to sit down with a cold iced tea or a beer? If you find going to the gym less than appealing, the clear weather offers us the chance to shed a few (or more) of those pesky winter pounds and see the new flora and fauna that has come out in the neighborhood. Whether it is walking, running, biking, yoga, Tai chi, gardening or playing with our kids, the longer days beckon us outdoors.

I still don't like to exercise, but I like to be fit. So, I rename exercises as activities, and their routines as trainings. Then I am more likely to enjoy them. I can train for an event because it gives me a goal for a brief season.

In my last column, I suggested we start dreaming again and set new goals.

For nearly 6 years I have been dreaming about walking the Camino de Santiago. "The Camino" is any of about 6 routes through Europe that end at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. Pilgrims from all over the world walk or bike 700 to 100 km to arrive there. According to tradition, the remains of the Apostle James are buried there.

So, this summer, a long-time friend and I will meet in Portugal and begin a 250 km walking pilgrimage to Galicia. It will be a time of prayer, discernment, and a chance to experience different cultures. We have chosen a coastal route to be refreshed by the ocean breezes I have missed. And I can't wait to share more about it when I return.

So, while Father Bradley leads the way in having his adventures finally come to pass, let's have our own adventures to share with him when he returns. You've heard about mine, and I'll want to know about yours! Let's get creative about our health with at least one new thing over these next two months. Let's prosper in new ways that our hearts, souls, minds and bodies may be renewed. Buen Camino! –
Andrea Arsene, andrea@stjohns-laf.org

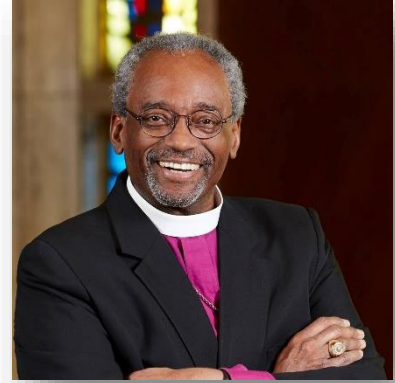
Mother Andrea will take the route along the coast of Portugal (in purple). Photo from Pinterest.



Presiding Bishop Visits IndyDio June 4-5

Full Schedule Available Online

Presiding Bishop Michal Curry will visit the Diocese of Indianapolis on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5. The events include a festival Eucharist and outdoor reception, a fiesta and two Pentecost services. The events are open to all, but registration is required. Those who wish to volunteer during the Presiding Bishop's visit may register online. Registration info and the full schedule of events are available on the diocesan website: www.indydio.org.



Indianapolis Pride

June 11

On June 11, the diocese will once again have a presence in the Indy Pride Parade on Massachusetts Avenue in downtown Indianapolis, and at the Pride Festival at Military Park. Volunteers are needed to march in the parade, staff the diocesan booth at the festival, or both. Registration is required to march in the parade or volunteer for a booth shift. For more information, go to www.indydio.org. Please contact Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale at brendan@indydio.org with questions.

Be Loved! Be Kind! Be You! Compassion Camp Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 27 through Wednesday, June 29 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 27 through Wednesday, June 29 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and join St. John's, the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity Lutheran, and Our Savior's Lutheran for an intergenerational Compassion Camp Vacation Bible School held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1005 North 21st Street, Lafayette. We will gather for games and a meal at 5:30 followed by programming at 6:15 concluding with worship each evening. All ages from 3-199 welcome. Please pre-register on the St. John's website.

On Wednesday, June 29 at 7:15 p.m., there will be a livestream on Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's Facebook and YouTube Pages of the closing worship. If you are not able to join us in person, please join us online to see what has been happening at VBS. All in the congregation are welcome to join us in person at Holy Trinity or online. – *Gretchen Freese, gretchen@stjohns-laf.org*



Volunteers needed for VBS

We will need volunteers to help in the classrooms with crafts and games, and to set up and clean up. We also need volunteers to provide a breakfast for supper meal on Monday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Gretchen will have a sign up in the Commons. Please sign up or email gretchen@stjohns-laf.org. Thank You! – *Gretchen Freese, gretchen@stjohns-laf.org*

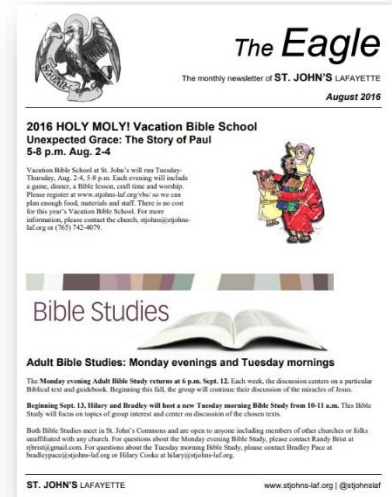
Many Thanks Cindy Gerlach! Welcome Greg McClure!

I want to take a moment to thank Cindy Gerlach who expertly edited *the Eagle* each month for 5½ years. Cindy was a stabilizing force for *the Eagle* after 3 or 4 different editors during the previous few years.

Thank you, Cindy!!!

Greg McClure has volunteered to become the new editor beginning in August. Greg brings years of experience in journalism and a heart for St. John's and our ministries. **Thank you, Greg, and welcome to this new ministry!!!** – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

*Cindy's first issue of the Eagle
in August 2016.*



Worship in the Street

Sunday, July 3

On Sunday, July 3 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. This year, we are planning a cookout after the service. Come and let us join our friends in Christ as we worship together!

Save the Date for Worship in the Park & Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 14 at Happy Hollow Park

The Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 14 at Happy Hollow Park Shelter 1. Holy Eucharist will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by the parish picnic. Please bring a dish to share.

LUM honors Adelia Sorge

In celebration of National Volunteer Month, Lafayette Urban Ministry recognized a number of Star Volunteers for each of LUM's programs at the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the LUM Volunteer Appreciation Reception in April. Among those recognized was Adelia Sorge for her work with LUM's Immigration Clinic. The LUM Immigration Clinic helps individuals from other countries, who are legally in the US, to navigate the often difficult and confusing Immigration and Naturalization Service bureaucracy. Congratulations to Adelia and many thanks to her for her valuable work on behalf of our community and those seeking assistance.



Announcing our New Curate

The Rev. Jason Fortner

As I wrote to you in the April Eagle, the Diocese of Indianapolis 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 these new clergy.

To this end, the Diocese has asked St. John's to host a new curate beginning this summer, and the vestry has agreed. I am pleased to announce that beginning August 1st, the Rev. Jason Fortner will be joining St. John's as the new curate. I am very much looking forward to working with Jason, and I believe we will all benefit from his ministry with us. While I will be away on sabbatical when he arrives, there will be various opportunities to welcome him and his family and to celebrate with them.

You can find an introductory letter from Jason below. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Dear Beloved in Christ of St. John's Lafayette,

Hello! My name is Jason Fortner, and I'll be joining you in a few months as a curate. I'm very grateful to have the chance to work and worship alongside Fr. Bradley and the rest of the excellent staff. I'm also very excited to get to know all of you who join us for worship and fellowship!

After working as a Spanish teacher at Frankfort High School for the last twenty-seven years, I will be leaving the classroom behind in order to pursue God's call to ministry in the Episcopal Church. I am currently serving as the transitional deacon at the Episcopal Church of All Saints in Indianapolis. I will graduate from Bexley Seabury Seminar Federation in Chicago on May 13, and I will be ordained as a priest on June 4. I hope to use the weeks between teaching and joining you to

decompress and rest after four years of balancing family, seminary, and work.

My wife Shelbi, our son Matt (grade 9), our daughter Elliott (grade 6), and I live in Lebanon. Shelbi works in the College of Education at Indiana University Kokomo. We are loved and kept busy by our dogs Loki and Vixen and our cats Gandalf and Jonesy. My adult twin daughters Lucy and Kate live in Normal, Illinois and will be entering their senior year at Illinois State University in the fall. We have a deep connection to Lafayette and the area. Shelbi received her undergraduate degree from Purdue. We have friends in the city, and we are big fans of many of the local eateries.

I am thrilled to begin my ministry as a priest in the Episcopal Church at St. John's. The beauty and mystery of the liturgy, the powerful visceral connections of the sacraments, and the openness of the people of the Episcopal Church were all used by God to call me to this new phase in my life. I look forward to working together to proclaim God's love for all people with no exceptions and the miraculous news of Jesus' resurrection in Lafayette and the larger community. I pray that with the Spirit's guidance and power we will discern where God is at work and join in whole-heartedly!

Grace and peace to you all,

Fr. Jason



Congratulations to Our Graduates

All wise, all loving God, we thank you for the many gifts you give us; for making us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us to be your people. Look with love on our graduates and bless them as they complete their years of study. May your Spirit strengthen the talents you have bestowed upon them and help them to use these gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. We ask these blessings through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Sunday, May 15, we honored those from St. John's as well as our family and friends who were recently graduated. Congratulations to:

The Rev. Andrea Arsene, M. Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkely, CA
Mother Andrea received her M.Div. in 2020 but was unable to walk from graduation because of the COVID-19 pandemic. She will be able to attend graduation and receive her degree on May 21st.



Sarah Bailey, West Lafayette High School
Sarah will attend Purdue in the fall.

The Rev. Dr. Joanna Benskin, M. Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkely, CA
Joanna received her M.Div. in 2021 but was unable to walk for graduation because of the COVID-19 pandemic. She was able to attend graduation and receive her degree on May 21st. Joanna serves as the "Pathways Priest" for the Diocese of Indianapolis and lives in Evansville.

Amanda Cazort (daughter-in-law of Bill & Olynn McInerney), M. Ed. from Boston College

Laura Flandermeyer (Granddaughter of Jim & Shirley Marciniak), B. S. from Purdue University in Biological Engineering
Laura will attend graduate school at Washington State University in the fall.

The Rev. Jason Fortner, *M. Div. from Bexley-Seabury Seminary in Chicago, IL*
Jason will be ordained to the priesthood on June 4th and St. John's Curate in August.



Cotter Hogan, *Harrison High School*
Cotter will be attending Purdue University in the fall.

Tommy Kappock, *West Lafayette High School*
Tommy will attend Purdue University in the fall.



Madeline Marciniak (*Granddaughter of Jim & Shirley Marciniak*), *Key West High School*
Madeline plans to go to Nursing School in Fort Meyers, FL



Courtenay Murakowski, *M. Div. from Bexley-Seabury Seminary in Chicago, IL.*

Danae Pick, *M.M.E. from Indiana University*
Danae received a Fulbright Scholarship to further study music education in Hungary beginning this fall. Danae and her husband Caleb began attending St. John's in 2021.

Adria Tribbett, *Harrison High School*
Adria will take a year off from school before pursuing further studies.

April 2022 Vestry Notes

The St. John's Vestry met on Wednesday, April 20 for our regular meeting. Among the items discussed were:

- Bradley and Dennis reported that, while the new Curate's compensation package was not included in this year's budget, there are several options for funding it. Those options were discussed. A recommendation will come out of the finance committee and will be put forward for approval at the May meeting.
- Bradley said that he would like to begin strategic planning in the fall when he returns from sabbatical.
- Jennie Stein, Mary Anne Robinson, Dee Kueberth, and Bruce Johnson were approved as delegates to Diocesan Convention. Greg McClure and Maggie McClure were approved as alternates.
- Bradley said that the staff were working on a survey to gather information about the worship schedule. Questions will ask about an 8 am service, the time of the later service, weekday services, and more.

St. John's Financial Summary

April 2022

INCOME	Jan-Apr	Budget	% of Budget
Pledge Income	\$140,640.00	\$386,450.00	36.4%
Operating Income	\$13,077.69	\$105,569.93	12.4%
Non-Operation Income	\$12,992.61	\$33,406.23	38.9%
Transfer Income	\$0.0	\$43,500.00	0.0%
TOTAL INCOME	\$166,710.30	\$568,926.16	29.3%
EXPENSES			
Outreach	\$21,360.16	\$85,796.00	24.9%
Program	\$4,899.13	\$21,600.00	22.7%
Administration	\$742.21	\$4,000.00	16.9%
Personnel	\$105,236.14	\$310,131.24	33.9%
Office	\$6,397.27	\$26,650.00	24.0%
Property	\$33,738.52	\$120,348.92	28.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$172,373.43	\$568,926.16	30.3%
Net Income (loss)	\$-5,663.13		

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Save the Date

Saturday, June 4 – Festival Eucharist with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (Bloomington, IN)

Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, June 11 – Indy Pride (Indianapolis, IN)

Monday, June 27-Wednesday, June 29 – Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 3 - Worship in the Street

Sunday, August 7 – Welcoming our new Curate, the Rev. Jason Fortner

Sunday, August 14 – Parish Picnic at Happy Hollow Park