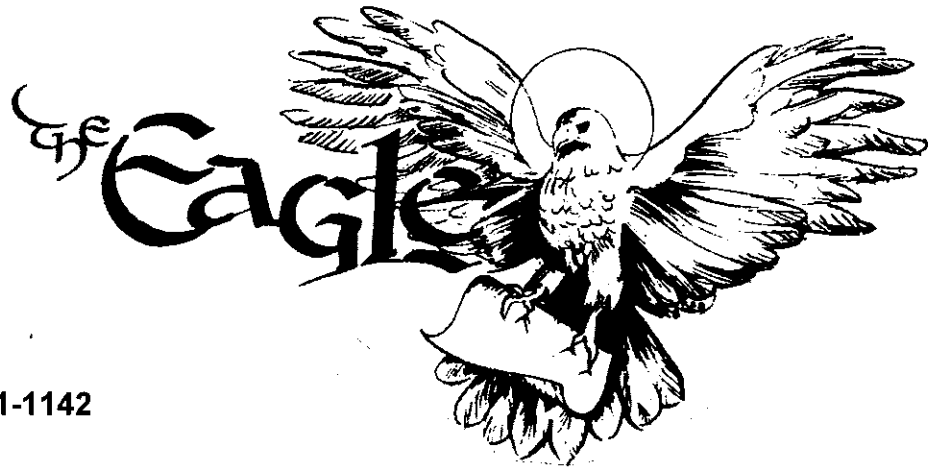


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Dave Vorbeck and Tammy Turner-Vorbeck were confirmed by Bishop Waynick at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis on May 17th.

A View from the Big Pew

Dear Friends,

I offer you several items as we begin our summer.

First, please know of Pat's and my surprise and thanks (as parents of the bride) to all who contributed toward a parish wedding gift to Annie and Craig. On arrival at Annie and Craig's for dinner and an evening of "family business" not related to the wedding, Annie told us about a card and check from Nolie Parnell on behalf of the vestry and parish.

It was only when we returned to St. John's and I read the minutes of the Vestry meeting which took place while we were away that we learned of the scope of the plan and actual size of the gift. The balance is still to be distributed to one of Annie and Craig's suggested charities. So thanks for your generosity, but more for your prayers and interest in two people who are very much a part of our lives, albeit little known to many of you. I understand this invitation went out electronically. Might this be a harbinger of things to come - the beginning of the end of our parish paper stream?

Second, I want you to be aware of our summer worship schedule.

- ◆ On Sunday, June 3rd, we will enjoy our annual parish picnic with the congregation of Good Shepherd. The early service will be as usual. The later service will be held at Shelter #1 in Happy Hollow Park in West Lafayette. The picnic will follow immediately. We provide the table service, meat and drinks; please bring a summer salad, fruit or dessert to share. Because this is the occasion for our annual Episcopal Community picture, be sure to wear bright clothes. We do this rain or shine, if necessary, all can be done under the shelter. Thanks to the Parish Life Committee for coordinating this effort for us all.
- ◆ Beginning Sunday, June 10th we will combine our two Sunday worship services into one at 9 am. This schedule will hold for ten weeks, through and including August 12th. For this combined service we will not switch between Rites 1 and 2, but will use Rite 2 exclusively in order to experience newer liturgical texts including that for the Lord's Prayer. Nursery care will be provided from 8:45 until 10:45. We hope the intermingling of folks from our different services will serve to strengthen our overall congregational identity. During these ten weeks this year we will relocate the eagle lectern to the center aisle, where the Paschal Candle stood during Eastertide. The intent is to see if this location might be a more accessible and less hazardous station not only for reading lessons and intercessions, but psalms as well. Should this be the case, it may become permanent.

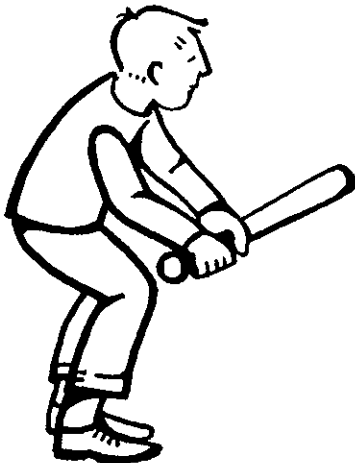
My third item brings three needs to your attention:

- ◆ At the front of the church, near the tabernacle (wall safe) in which we reserve blessed bread and wine, is a large candle in a wall sconce. Called the Sanctuary Candle or Sanctuary Light, when burning this candle reminds us of the sacramental presence of Christ in the bread and wine reserved in the tabernacle. The candle burns for seven days and nights, and is renewed every Saturday by the Altar Guild. Persons are invited to contribute toward the cost of this candle and to designate that contribution as a thank or memorial offering which is then remembered in the prayers of the people on the Sunday designated. There are several Sundays when there is no donor to provide the candle - a suggested offering of \$5/week. I invite all of us to help support this

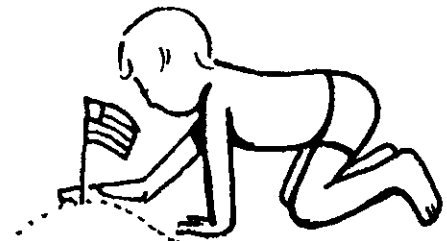
sacramental and liturgical witness and enrichment of our weekly intercessions by seeing that every Sunday is sponsored. There is a calendar of available Sundays at the rear of the church. You may call Sylvia Miessler for more information. It is not the need for \$5/week, but the occasion to enrich our worship, that I place before you.

- ◆ From the Sanctuary Candle I will move your attention to the altar flowers. Provided by parishioners as thank or memorial offerings which are included in the Sunday intercessions, these fresh flowers bring the beauty of God's creation into our worship throughout the week. We move them to the chapel altar for use there after Sunday services. There are several Sundays in the next few months that are in need of donors. You can learn which dates are available by phoning the parish office. The suggested offering is \$40, but no amount is too small. Some donors are able to give larger amounts. You might be interested to know that as recently as 150 years ago a rector might be replaced if he asked for flowers to be placed in the sanctuary, due to the ceremonial controversies afoot in the church at that time! But I'll take the risk, and if you'd like to know more about how our parish flower system works, speak with Sue Bracey who coordinates that part of our worship preparation.
- ◆ Finally, I call your attention to the coffee hour hosting sign-up sheet. This is certainly a major part of our Sunday experience. Hosts and hostesses are always needed to make the necessary preparations and to clean up afterward. We used to say there "wasn't much" to this ministry, trying to encourage people to take their turn. Recently we have begun to encourage people taking a turn by saying that "this is really important to us, and we want it to continue year 'round." A volunteer makes the coffee, and the parish has donuts delivered. We try to minimize the preparation. Hosting involves cutting and traying donuts and setting out cups and napkins, seeing to the "supplements" like creamers and sugar, and cleaning up afterward. It is a major building block of our corporate life for those many who participate. If you can help in the hosting, there is a sign-up sheet near the literature table. Mary Campbell or Nancy Bowker would be happy to help you understand more details if you're interested.

And so summer is upon us. May it be for each and all a time of renewal, restoration, growth and blessing.



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UN Millennium Goals:

1. Eliminate extreme poverty and hunger;
2. Achieve universal primary education;
3. Promote gender equality and empower women;
4. Reduce child mortality;
5. Improve Maternal health;
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB;
7. Ensure environmental sustainability;
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

SAVE THE DATE! CONCERT!

Sunday, September 23, 4-6p.m., with VIP Reception following.
Millennium Development Goal Benefit Concert
featuring world renowned
vocal artist, Elisabeth Von Trapp.

Organized by the Diocesan ECW Council and underwritten by Christ Church Cathedral,
Trinity and St. Paul's Indy.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM TICKET SALES GO DIRECTLY TO MDGs
ACHIEVEMENT!!!**

Concert at Christ Church Cathedral;
Reception at Columbia Club.
Watch for details to follow!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Meeting date: Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m., CRI, St. Paul's Indy,
6050 North Meridian St.

For more information contact Bev Ruebeck at
317-849-0919 or email to: b.ruebeck@worldnet.att.net
Volunteers from any and all churches are needed and encouraged to
attend a planning meeting for the MDGs Benefit Concert.

People are needed to assist with promotion, MDGs education, ticket
sales and event arrangements. Great opportunity for fellowship!

If you do not know about MDGs, come learn and get excited!

"As you know the Presiding Bishop will be visiting our Diocese June 15-17, 2007. Ted and Amy Paget are planning to attend events Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16. We'd be pleased to share our car and/or help you organize a larger transportation pool. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall so we can coordinate this effort. Any questions? Please call Ted or Amy at 742-4239."

Fall Preview – St. John's Book Club

The St. John's Book Club wrapped up its 2006/07 season in May. Plans are underway for the fall. The book club meets on the third Wednesday of each month (excepting December, July, August) at 7 pm in the Commons. To whet your reading appetite for the fall, here are the plans for September-November 2007.

Wednesday September 19th- *God's Detectives*. Join us as we look at clerical sleuths! Watch the next *Eagle* issue for reading suggestions.

Wednesday October 17th - The book club will feature *Flags of our Fathers*, Lafayette's OneGreatRead running from July 1 to November 11th. The author, James Bradley did extensive research on his father and the other five men who marched up the side of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima during World War II and raised the American flag—a moment captured in one of America's most famous photos. There's an edition of this book for teens, too! Let's have a multigenerational evening.

Wednesday November 21st - As we prepare for Advent, we'll turn reflective and read *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner. It's a series of charming, yet thought provoking essays on how the Orthodox Jewish rituals that shaped the author's young adult life are rediscovered in her life as a Christian today.

Selections for our 2008 season are OPEN now! Check out materials in the commons and make suggestions to pagets@gmail.com.

—Amy Paget



Why We Care

Fr. Ed suggested that people who attended our Lenten Series on Millenium Development Goals (MDGS) write about experiences that moved them to participate. It's hard to think and write honestly about these things. Start with a familiar nursery rhyme...

Hannah Bantry, in the pantry,
Gnawing at a mutton bone;
How she gnawed it,
How she clawed it,
When she found herself alone.

Dorothy: I vividly remember a time when, reading nursery rhymes with us, Aunt Beth laughed out loud over "Hannah Bantry," and kidded my mother about a time when she'd found her as a girl in their own back pantry, chewing on bones left over from a family meal. Mother laughed, smiled, and called back across the room at us, "I was hungry! It was the only way I got enough food!" Later, when I asked mom about the incident, she put me off, saying, "Oh... Beth was always tagging after me..."

Mother was the fourth of eight children born to a family in St. Albans, New York. Their prospects deteriorated when the father was stricken with tuberculosis. There was no Social Security, no health insurance, no unemployment insurance or Disability from the government, but the family stuck together. They survived on potatoes from the sandy soil of their grandfather's farm fields further east on Long Island. They dug for clams and fished from rowboats in Long Island Sound. They caught blue crabs and picked wild blackberries in salt marshes between the fields and open water. My mother, called "the runt," often went hungry because the other children were older and stronger or younger and faster, and got the most food during meals. Mother's special gift from the salt marshes was a bout with childhood malaria. Her sister Beth's heart was never strong after rheumatic fever. The eldest children were already in high school when their father died. They soon got jobs. Living at home, sharing earnings communally to help their mother, brother and sisters;, all survived.

Now, when I hear of large families with sickly children and a parent who can't make ends meet, I think of what wonderful people my mother and her siblings grew up to be. I think about wonderful people nearby and around the globe who need a financial boost to help them get through their hard times.



Feed the hungry

Kaye: I was born in The Hague, Netherlands in 1936. I lived in Holland during the war (World War II, not the first one!). The last year of the war was called the "Hunger Winter"(1944-1945) because there truly was nothing for us to eat. The Western part of Holland (containing The Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam) was not liberated by the Allied Forces until May 1945. City dwellers suffered the most and many died of hunger and cold. There was no fuel to heat homes and trees had long ago disappeared to be used as firewood. My older brother used to bring us firewood because unbeknownst to my mother he would go into the minefields by the dunes to gather it there. Until one day he came back home, shocked and covered with the blood of his friend who had stepped on a mine right in front of him.

As for food, it was not to be found anywhere. My mother used to improvise by preparing such delicacies as sugar beet pulp and flower bulbs. (Since then, no one in my family has eaten porridge!) I remember vividly being cold and hungry all the time that final year of the war, and our joy when one day in May Swedish airplanes dropped Red Cross packages with loaves of bread and packets of butter. It was like Manna raining down from heaven on the streets and rooftops of The Hague! Food by then had almost become an abstraction for us: I had no idea what a cake or fruit looked like. Schools had been closed for over a year because of the bombings, and learning is hard when one is hungry. The first fruit I saw in 1945 I received from a kind Canadian soldier who gave me a banana which I almost ate with the peel on.

Dorothy Jones and Kaye Kleine-Ahlbrandt volunteered to serve as parish representatives for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) this year. ERD provides emergency assistance in times of disaster, rebuilds devastated communities and offers long-term program development solutions to fight poverty.

UTO

As I write this I am sitting in my new living room at my apartment at Friendship house. Out the window is a lovely view of the sky, honey locust trees and a large American flag flying in the breeze.

We all have SO MUCH to be grateful for – Family and friends both near and far – Health and/or strength to fight for our health – Beauty of our area, varying by season – The general safety of living in this country – Work or volunteer opportunities to help ourselves, our families and our communities.

You are each wished a blessed summer ahead. Remember God's love. Remember the needs of others around the world by using your Blue Box or envelope to share your gifts of prayers and generosity to help others less fortunate.

Our spring UTO Ingathering totaled \$406.43 as of 5/21/07. The next Ingathering at St. John's will be in November.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Louise Davis

Attention! Attention!!

The next Eagle deadline is July 16, 2007!

**Unless I am personally notified about emergencies,
submissions will not be accepted after Tuesday
afternoon of the deadline week.**

**You can reach me, Janet Huber, at 463-1317
or (email) janhub@insightbb.com.**

Births

Branden Joe Mosier
May 11, 2007
Son of Nate and Anglea Mosier

Confirmations

David C. Vorbeck
May 17, 2007

Tammy A. Turner-Vorbeck
May 17, 2007



Graduates

Alicia Burke
School of Pharmacy
Purdue University

Daniel Byrn
West Lafayette High School

Will Paget
Jr. High

Tyler Dell
Jr. High

The Presiding Bishop Is Coming!

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori will be visiting our diocese June 15-17 and there are several opportunities to interact with her while she's here.

June 15 (Madame Walker Theatre):

2:00—5:15pm The Presiding Bishop will give an initial address of the weekend with questions and answers followed by a reception with light refreshments.

June 16 (Radisson Hotel on the Circle):

9:30—11:30am plenary session of event attendees with question and answer period. Lunch on your own (12:15 brown bag session on advocacy)

1—2:30pm breakout sessions on each of the Millennium Development Goals

2:45—4:15pm panel discussion on global partnership to accomplish the MDGs (panel includes the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Waynick, the former executive director of the World Food Program, and other local leaders)

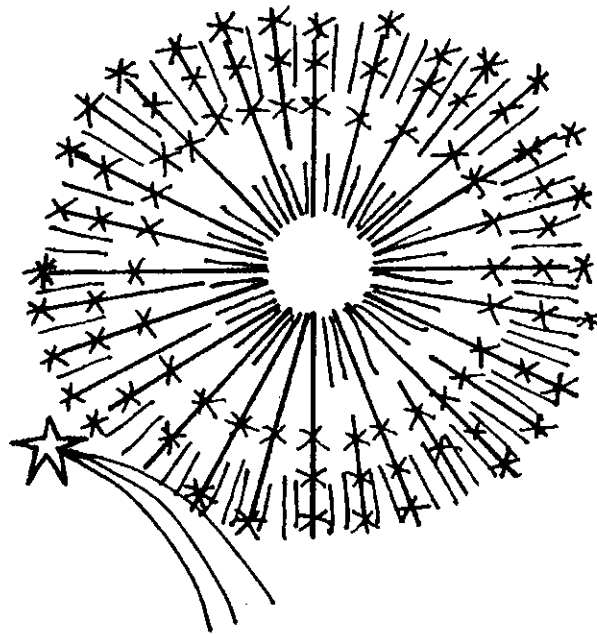
4:30—5:30pm reception with light refreshments

Ted Paget will be gathering names of those who wish to carpool—look for more information on that on page 5.

Food Finders Food Bank Needs Your Help!!!

Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. is seeking regular volunteers and groups to sort product mornings or afternoons Monday – Friday. Groups needed of 8 – 10 adults for one-time sorting, available on Saturdays. Volunteers are also needed to help with landscaping, riding mower and gas included. Call or email Kitty Purcell for more details

765-471-0062 or kpurcell@food-finders.org



Thank you for the lovely Easter flowers that you sent to me. It made my house feel like Spring.

Blessings to you,
Charlotte Tomes