



# The Eagle

The monthly newsletter of **ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE**

**January 2015**

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## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Family Service & Holy Eucharist

8:30 p.m. Carol Prelude

9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> The 1st Sunday of Christmas

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 Holy Eucharist

*The St. John's Office will be closed on  
December 25th & 26th and January 1st & 2nd.*

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Reports Due

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Brunch & Annual Meeting immediately  
following

*Godly Play will meet on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Godly Play will NOT meet on December 28<sup>th</sup>, January 4<sup>th</sup>, and February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*The Youth Group will meet in St. John's Commons on  
Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.*

## From the Rector

By Bradley Pace

Many of you know that Ed & Patty Tourangeau were in town at the end of November for a brief visit. They attended worship at St. John's on the first Sunday of Advent. I even got to have a brief chat with Fr. Ed later in the week to talk about some of St. John's past and some of my hopes for the future.

In our conversation, Fr. Ed asked me what I liked best about being at St. John's. The thing that immediately came to mind was the way this church—and this community—welcomes and encourages thoughtful discussion. Just that week, a graduate student at Purdue wrote to Hilary and me wanting to talk about the Bible. He was incredibly well-read in the Bible, biblical literature and history, and in biblical languages. However, he had always been connected to communities of faith where big questions about the Bible, about theology, and about the Christian faith and life in general were really unwelcomed. Hilary and I took him to lunch and enjoyed a wonderful, engaging conversation about all of those things and more—a conversation that ended with more questions than answers. This is just one example. I get to have these conversations regularly here. A good deal of the time, these conversations happen with people who are not even connected to St. John's. I like to thank of it as evangelism, but the fact is I get as much out of it as I give.

I'm sure that I say things in my sermons that rub some of you the wrong way some of the time (if not, keep listening, it will happen). I hope I have also challenged some of you when you needed to be challenged and comforted some of you when you needed to be comforted. Hilary and Bob have certainly done that for me. At our best that's what preachers ought to do because, of course, that's what the Gospel does. But I love the fact that I can play with Scripture, ponder theological questions,

and ask serious questions about the Christian faith and life with you (from the pulpit or otherwise). No one has thrown any vegetables yet. No one has booed. No one has stormed out. Some of you have asked me questions. Some of you have challenged me. Some of you have even comforted me. However, I know that you are there with me playing and pondering and living out the faith. And I love the fact that you are willing to leave church sometimes with as many questions as answers.

I'll be honest; I think that is the number one reason why St. John's is a strong church. I think it's why we see new folks showing up. I think people are yearning for a connection to God, but they have so many questions. I think people want to be in community, they want to find a place to serve, they want to experience the holy, but nothing is simple. The fact that a church community like St. John's is here, asking questions *and* living out our Christian calling is such an important thing in a world where simple "truths", pat answers, or cynicism often rule the day.

Thanks for your openness and your support. And remember; if you have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In love and service,  
Bradley+

## January Lunchtime Concert

By Michael Bennett

January 14<sup>th</sup> will provide an opportunity to hear a young vocalist from Lafayette. DePauw University student Elena Escudero will sing a concert of music by Faure, Handel and Mozart. Elena has sung with the St. John's choir on many occasions: Evensongs, the April 2014 Hymn Festival, the service of installation for Fr. Bradley, and so on. While in high school, Elena attended Lafayette Jefferson and was a private student of Vergene Miller. The concert begins at 12:10pm and lunch follows as usual – I hope to see you there!

## Book Group

### By Mary Campbell

Ah – January in Indiana! Is there any better time to stay inside and curl up with a good mystery book? Bob L’Homme has selected two contemporary American authors for us whose works he enjoys in just such situations.

Paul Doiron is a native of Maine, and his award-winning mystery series (5 plus 1 to be published in January) are set in Maine. His protagonist, Mike Bowditch, is a Maine Game Warden. The first in his series is *The Poacher’s Son* (2010). He does a terrific job of describing both the Maine woods and the strengths and foibles of Bowditch.

Tamar Myers spent her childhood in Congo as a child of missionaries but has lived in the US since her teen years.

She has written three sets of mysteries: The Den of Antiquity series (16 books), the Pennsylvania Dutch series (16 books), and the Amanda Brown series (4 books). So there is no lack of reading material! Bob recommends that we start with the Den of Antiquity Series, the first book being *Larceny and Old Lace* (1996). Despite the unfortunate fact of a murder, there is a lot of wit and humor in her books.

To quote Edmund Wilson (1895-1972), “No two people ever read the same book.” This, of course, is what makes interesting discussions in book groups! See what you think of either or both of these writers – and come, share your thoughts.

Join us on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30 in the Commons. Enter through the garden. If the weather looks bad – stay home and read!

## Welcoming and Hospitality

### By Hilary Cooke

Kathy Copas, the Coordinator of Communication and Evangelism for the Diocese of Indianapolis, met with members of St. John’s in November to begin developing a clear process of welcoming and providing hospitality at St. John’s. It was a fruitful day and I know that I left feeling energized and excited about our community.

To follow up, Kathy will join us again on January 18, 2015 following the 10:15 service. I invite anyone interested in cultivating an atmosphere of hospitality and welcoming at St. John’s to join us. Knowing that weather is sometimes unpredictable in January, the “ice date” will be the following Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

We will have lunch, so if you know you will definitely attend, please RSVP to Hilary at [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org).

## Parish Prayers

### By Hilary Cooke

Some of you may know that for many years, the local custom at St. John’s has been to divide our directory into segments to correlate with days of the month. The intention behind this action was so that we could pray for all the members of the parish each month...both at church (we read the names in the services held in the chapel throughout the week as well as printing names on Sundays) but also so that parish members could do the same with daily prayers at home.

The new directory will soon be out, but because it is a picture directory and not printed “in house,” it will not be divided into segments. In order for us to continue our practice of praying for the entire parish each month, Teresa Lohrman and I will create a list. The list will be in the chapel for the weekday services, but if you would like a list to keep at home, let us know and we’ll be happy to share. It is our intent to keep this list updated regularly so that new members are added in a timely fashion. Questions? Contact Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org) or Hilary at [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org).

## Jubilee Christmas 2014 - Thank-You!

By Maggie McClure

It was another fabulous Jubilee Christmas. This year we welcomed 41 families into our building and gave them the opportunity to shop for Christmas presents for their children. There were a total of 103 children who will wake up Christmas morning with presents.

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations. Jubilee Christmas would not have the impact it does without the presents, cash, time, or combination of these that the St. John's and Good Shepherd communities offer. Merry Christmas.

### Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the February Eagle will be Monday, January 19. Email to [eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org) or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

## Jubilee Christmas 2015

By Maggie McClure

Oh yeah!! We are barely complete with the 2014 Jubilee Christmas but it isn't too early to think about 2015. As many of you are shopping the After Christmas sales, consider picking up an item or two for next year. Collection bins will remain in St. John's Commons for a few more weeks. All donations are kept in a locked room until next year's event.



### We give thanks to God for the lives of...

Martin Stob  
November 14, 2014

Robert C. Miessler Jr.  
December 5, 2014  
Husband of Silvia Miessler



## 2015 Vestry Slate & Election Announcement

The St. John's Vestry is pleased to announce the new slate of vestry members to begin service in 2015. The election of new vestry members will take place on **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> before and after the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services.** According to the Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese of Indianapolis, to be eligible to vote, a person must:

- A. be over 16 years of age
- B. have their baptisms recorded in the parish register take part regularly in worship,
- C. have received Holy Communion at least three times in the past year, and engage in works of charity, and
- D. be a contributor of record to the operating budget of the parish.

Please note, there is no provision in the St. John's by-laws for absentee ballots or for nominations from the floor.

We will be electing four new vestry members. The slate of candidates is as follows:

### Peter Olds Cooper

Peter's maternal grandfather was an Episcopal minister in Brooklyn, New York and Punta Gorda, Florida. Peter became an acolyte at All Saints by the Sea in Santa Barbara, California at age 8, confirmed in 1953. He was on the vestry and treasurer at Christ Episcopal Church in Anacortes, Washington.

Retired from Microsoft in Washington and moved back to Lafayette in 2002 with his wife Linda. His two children and three granddaughters also live in Lafayette. Peter received his master's degree from Purdue. He demonstrates cooperating at the Indiana State Fair Pioneer Village, Canal Park Village in Delphi and the Feast of the Hunter's Moon. He is a blacksmith and a master gardener. It would be a privilege to serve on the vestry at St John's.



### Jim Marciniak

It is a honor to be asked to serve on the vestry. St. John's has been a significant part of my life and our family's parish for over 40 years.

I have served on four previous vestries, the parish life committee, the worship committee, the music committee and the search committee that selected Michael Bennett our Director of Music. I also have been a choir member and have chaired the shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Currently I am an acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Tuesday night adult bible study.

Originally from the great state of Minnesota, we came to Lafayette in 1970. I was on the Administrative staff at Purdue until retiring in 2007 as an Associate Director in the Division of Recreational Sports.



This is an exciting time in the life of St. John's and I look forward to serving the clergy and you the church family.

## Catherine Riehle

I have enjoyed visiting St. John's since soon after moving to the Lafayette area in 2006, though it's a place that's become particularly special to my husband Matt and I since our daughter Greta was born two years ago. Having grown up in Catholic and Lutheran churches, respectively, Matt and I have felt very much at home in the Episcopal Church in general and at St. John's in particular, and I am excited about the opportunity to learn more about and contribute to this wonderful community.



## Tim Smith

I originally moved to Lafayette to pursue a master's in Agricultural Economics at Purdue, which I finished in May. I'm currently pursuing a doctorate in the same department. My master's thesis was on childhood malnutrition in Nepal, and I hope to pursue research in international development at the household and community level for my dissertation. I am fairly new to both St. John's and Lafayette, having lived here for a little more than two years, and attended for almost two years. I was baptized at St. John's, and confirmed in the diocese of Indianapolis, in 2013, and I've been involved in youth ministry at St. John's since last fall. It would be an honor and privilege to serve this community on the vestry.



## Make Sure You Get Our Messages By Bradley Pace

If you haven't been receiving email updates from St. John's, you may not be on our mailing list. Go to [www.stjohns-laf.org](http://www.stjohns-laf.org), look in the bottom, right-hand corner of the homepage under "Connect with St. John's, and join our e-newsletter mailing list. If you have signed up, but still aren't receiving messages, check your spam folder. If you use GMAIL, check to make sure the messages don't go to your "social folder".

Either way, sign-up to make sure you hear about all the news at St. John's. For more information, contact Bradley at [bradleypace@gmail.com](mailto:bradleypace@gmail.com). You can also sign-up to follow St. John's on social media. Look for @stjohnslaf on Twitter and Instagram.

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**FINANCE REPORT  
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES\*  
MONTH ENDING October 31, 2014**

**A. INCOME**

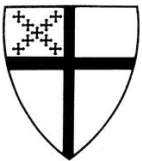
|   |                      | Current Month | Total 2014    | Annual Budget | % of Budget |
|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 | Pledge Income        | \$ 25,972.95  | \$ 252,137.58 | \$ 326,418.00 | 77.2%       |
| 2 | Operating Income     | \$ 2,665.15   | \$ 38,196.19  | \$ 38,886.30  | 98.2%       |
| 3 | Non-Operating Income | \$ 916.67     | \$ 9,166.70   | \$ 11,000.00  | 83.3%       |
| 4 | Transfer Income      | \$ -          | \$ 44.50      | \$ 50,000.00  | 0.1%        |
|   | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>  | \$ 29,554.77  | \$ 299,544.97 | \$ 426,304.30 | 70.3%       |

**B. EXPENSES**

|   |                            |                |                |               |       |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| 1 | Outreach                   | \$5,282.91     | \$ 53,777.83   | \$ 66,072.00  | 81.4% |
| 2 | Program                    | \$2,856.42     | \$ 17,515.63   | \$ 23,950.00  | 73.1% |
| 3 | Administration             | \$1,197.69     | \$ 1,552.19    | \$ 3,900.00   | 39.8% |
| 4 | Personnel                  | \$23,545.28    | \$ 186,838.47  | \$ 225,306.94 | 82.9% |
| 5 | Office                     | \$1,646.81     | \$ 21,002.89   | \$ 26,520.00  | 79.2% |
| 6 | Property                   | \$8,462.65     | \$ 63,127.84   | \$ 80,555.36  | 78.4% |
| 7 | Miscellaneous (Non-Budget) | \$ 2,019.25    | \$ -           |               |       |
|   | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>      | \$ 42,991.76   | \$ 345,834.10  | \$ 426,304.30 | 81.1% |
|   | <b>Net Income (loss)</b>   | \$ (13,436.99) | \$ (46,289.13) | \$ -          |       |

Notes

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



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The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke

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*Parish Administrator*

Teresa Lohrman

*Director of Music*

*St. John's/Lum Food Pantry*

Steve Starks, Director

Gayle Ennis, Co-Director

*Building Use Coordinator*

Bill McInerney

*Eagle Editors*

Alice Goss & Sally Goeke



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Heather Johnston Nicholson, *Jr. Warden*

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