



ST. JOHN'S  
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# The Eagle

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## St. John's Bible Artwork



When the construction in the church is finished, one of the details you will notice is the installation of twelve prints from *The St. John's Bible*. *The St. John's Bible* was the product of a collaboration of artists and calligraphers in Wales and the brothers at the St. John's Abbey in Minnesota. It is the first handwritten illuminated Bible created in over 500 years. I encourage you to see more of the St. John's Bible at [www.saintjohnsbible.org](http://www.saintjohnsbible.org).



The prints that we will have on display depict the seven days of creation, the Ten Commandments, the prophecies of Isaiah, the birth of Christ, the Crucifixion and Resurrection and other major events in the biblical story. The artwork was a generous gift of Bob Schoenhals in memory of Betty and Glenn Schoenhals and in thanksgiving for his daughter, Karen, and grandchildren, Glenn and Emma.

The artwork in the Bible offers new insights into the biblical stories and connects the events and people to our modern lives. As *The St. John's Bible* website puts it, it is "a work of art and theology." Once the work in the church is complete, we will have an opportunity to study *The St. John's Bible* more carefully. – Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

## From the Rector

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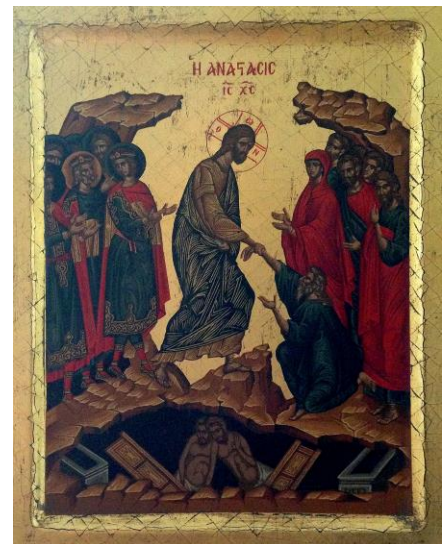
*Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Bradley Pace on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, at First Baptist Church*

Fifty years ago this Wednesday, James Earl Ray fired a single bullet, killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn. King had gone to Memphis to support striking sanitation workers there. After his assassination, riots broke out in cities across the country. Racial tensions spiked. But more than that, his death threatened to derail the civil rights gains of Black Americans. His death threatened to derail his advocacy for the poor and other working-class Americans. His death was a disastrous moment for this nation and for the people for whom he had sacrificed so much.

But his life, his ministry, his witness, was a part of a much larger movement, an uprising against systemic racism, violence and discrimination. That movement awakened Black Americans to real possibilities of freedom and equality and fair opportunity. It enraged many White Americans, while at the same time awakening others to the bitter realities of segregation and Jim Crow, of lynching, and of all the other ways systemic racism and prejudice had devastated both communities and human hearts. The movement didn't begin with Dr. King, and it didn't end with his death. Many Americans, many of us here today, have been inspired by Dr. King, by Medgar Evers, by Viola Liuzzo and by the other martyrs who gave their lives to bring us closer to the ideals we espouse as a country. Many Americans, again many of us here, have been inspired by Dr. King's dream and his vision of this nation as a beloved community.

It is a good thing, of course, because the movement continues. Progress has been slow. The dream has been deferred for too many. Justice has been denied too often. In this moment, there are new voices calling us to be our better selves. It is important, however, that this moment be more than that. It is important that this moment be a part of something larger, one moment in part of a larger movement. The fight for justice, the fight for equality, the fight for Dr. King's dream, the push for a beloved community must continue. I urge you, sisters and brothers, to find ways to honor Dr. King this week. But more than that, honor him and his vision with your lives.

We are here today, of course, because it is Easter Sunday. Alleluia! Christ is risen! We are here to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, his great victory over sin and death. My favorite image of the resurrection is the great Orthodox depiction of Jesus rising from the grave and standing astride the gates of hell. We have a small version of this icon hanging in the Chapel of the Resurrection at St. John's, part of which is printed on the cover of your bulletin. The Greek for resurrection is *anastasis*, which carries the literal sense of an "uprising". And that is what Easter is, that is what the resurrection is, an uprising, a revolt, against death and shame and fear. But it is not just Jesus' victory. In nearly every version, the icon depicts Jesus pulling others out of hell as he rises. In the version on the cover of our bulletin, you can see Jesus pulling Adam out of his grave. In some depictions, Jesus brings up both Adam *and* Eve. There are others there as well standing around Jesus, others who have just been raised with him. This uprising isn't just Jesus' victory. All those who had died are seen rising



from their coffins, freed from the bonds of death. Those who were bound by shame and fear have been freed. Hell no longer has any power over them. Sin and death no longer have any power over them. Jesus brings each one of them into the uprising.

His resurrection sparked a movement. After the resurrection, after his followers met him on the road and in the locked room and at the Sea of Galilee, after he had breathed on them, after the Holy Spirit had descended on them at Pentecost, they let go of the ways they had failed him, they let go of their fear and shame, they stopped hiding, and they moved out to the furthest corners of their world telling anyone who would listen about this movement and bringing *them* into the uprising. Jesus' disciples had been freed from fear and shame. They had been set loose with the fire of God's love, with the fire of God's justice. They had been awakened by a vision of a new world, a world where the ancient promises of extravagant blessing would be poured out on all people, a world where swords would be beaten into plowshares, a world where the poor and hungry and meek were blessed, a world where prisoners would be freed, the blind given sight, and the lame made to walk, a world where even those beholden to power and wealth could relinquish their privilege, give away that power and wealth for the good of others, and experience God's grace in all its fullness. They had seen a vision of the whole earth full of the knowledge and love of God. Of course the uprising threatened those in power, those for whom the finality of death and fear were powerful weapons. It threatened the same people who had crucified Jesus in the first place. But it also awakened in many the dream of a new kind of community, of becoming a new kind of human being.

One of the most important things about the resurrection is that it isn't a one-and-done event. The resurrection continues. The uprising continues. The theologian Fleming Rutledge reminds us that while the crucifixion of Jesus was an historical event — "he suffered under Pontius Pilate," as the Creed says, and was crucified outside the walls of ancient Jerusalem—the resurrection is different. The crucifixion was a moment in history, a moment that threatened to derail the kingdom vision Jesus had preached. Certainly his followers believed that it had. But the resurrection was and is more than just a moment. The resurrection is more-than-historical. The resurrection is part of a much larger movement, a creation-wide movement. Jesus rose from the dead on that Sunday morning three days after his crucifixion. But he is still risen. And that means, sisters and brothers, that the uprising continues. The gates of hell are still blown off their hinges. The shackles of death and shame and fear lie strewn about. We are raised with Christ, Paul reminds us, and the Holy Spirit has been given to us. That new world, that new Kingdom, that dream, that beloved community is still yearning, still coming near, still becoming. And that means you and I can encounter the risen Christ, we can join the uprising, we can be freed from death and shame and fear. That means that God's extravagant blessings are being poured out *on us*. It means that peace and freedom and wholeness are being meted out to those in need. It means that even those of us beholden to our own power and wealth, to our own sense of self-importance, to our ethnic and political identities, to our own agenda, even we can relinquish our privilege, give away our power and wealth for the good of others, and experience God's grace in all its fullness. Each of us is invited into this movement, each of us is called to join the uprising.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Now that we have encountered the risen Christ, let us share the good news of his victory, our victory, over sin and death. Now that we are freed from sin and death, let us share that freedom with others—forgiving, reconciling, seeking justice. Now that we have been filled with the Holy Spirit, now that we have seen the vision of God's kingdom, heard the dream of the beloved community, let us share that vision with others and begin living that vision, living that dream. Today is one moment. But it is a moment within a larger movement. That movement continues, the uprising continues. May God's extravagant blessings continue to be upon you and upon those you love and upon all those whom God loves.

Amen.



## Holy Week & Easter: Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who helped with our Holy Week and Easter services at St. John's and First Baptist. Everything went very well. The liturgy and music were beautiful, and the Easter receptions were festive. I especially want to thank everyone for being gracious and flexible despite the unusual circumstances. Thank you so much, and may God bless you in this Easter season. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*



## Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism is the sacrament by which a person is welcomed into the household of God. In water and in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, a person is sealed by the Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. Baptism is particularly appropriate on certain celebrations and feast days including Pentecost Sunday (May 20). Confirmation is the sacrament whereby Christians make a mature confession of the faith made on their behalf at their baptism. Regional Confirmation services are scheduled by the Diocese. The next regional Confirmation service will take place on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis. (Confirmands will meet with Bishop Jennifer about an hour prior to the service.) If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, or if you are interested in being confirmed, please contact the church office at (765) 742-4079 or [stjohns@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohns-laf.org). — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

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## With Gratitude

As we come to the close of another school year, it is my privilege to extend my hearty thanks to those who have helped with Christian formation for our young people. I know the Godly Play rooms are somewhat out of sight of the Sunday morning traffic pattern, but rest assured that intense theological study is occurring with those aged 3 years through fifth grade. (If you're curious about what happens in the Godly Play rooms we'd be happy to allow you to observe, just speak with Hilary to plan a time). Those helping in Godly Play include: Darby Anne Bigelow, Greg Buzzard, Katie Elder, Gayle Ennis, Heidi Kauffman, Sarah Kurtz, George Moore, Nate Mosier, Jeffrey Ravellette, Frances Shook, Jane Sovinski, David Umulis and Hannah Vinacco. For the second year, we had a Sunday morning class for our middle school youth, and thanks go to Ashley Bigelow, Julie Peretin, Tim Smith, Kyle Tribbett and Emily Umulis for their help in leading formation for our tweens.

Rebekah Sims and Tim Smith have capably assisted Bradley and I in leading the high school youth group throughout this year and Alison Moss has kindly provided us treats at each meeting. Thanks to all of you! We are always looking for more leadership assistance with all of our formation for Children and Youth so if you have a special interest in this area, please speak with Hilary or Bradley. — *Hilary Cooke, [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org)*

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## Circular Logic Marathon

On a sunny, but quite chilly, Saturday in April, a number of hearty St. John's members gathered at the Cumberland Park for the annual Circular Logic Marathon relay. This was the fifth year St. John's has participated, and the interest level was high enough that we were able to have two relay teams! (With some "friend of St. John's" runners included as well). As usual, we had intergenerational teams, and this year almost half our runners were aged 12 or younger.

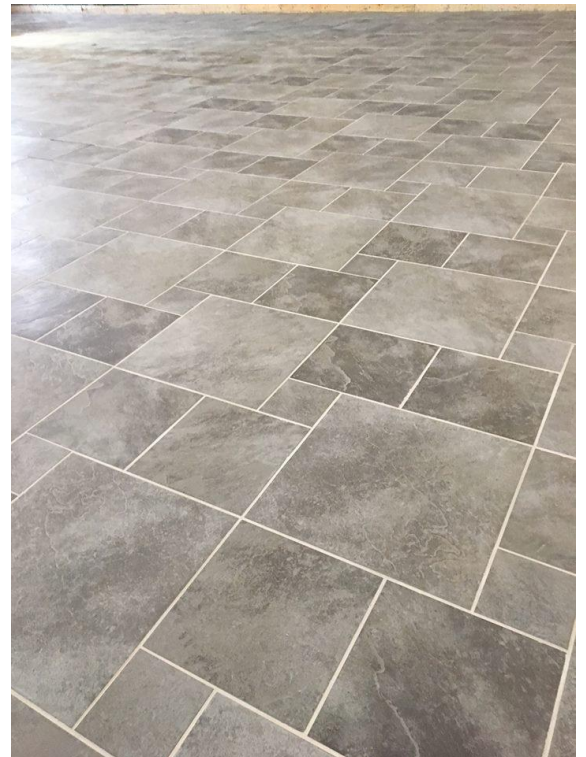
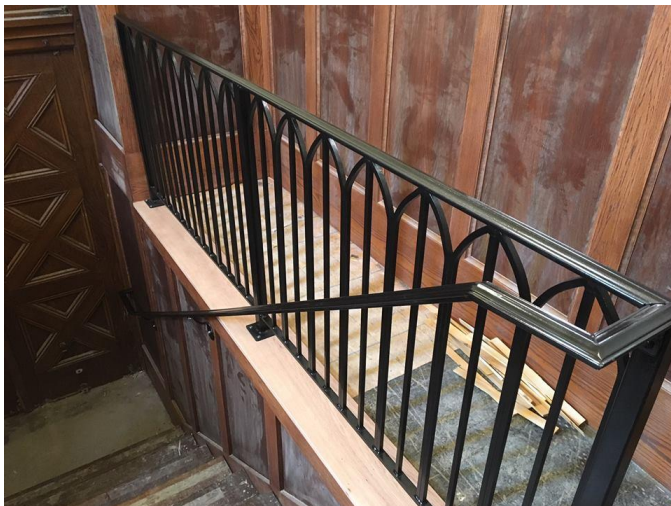
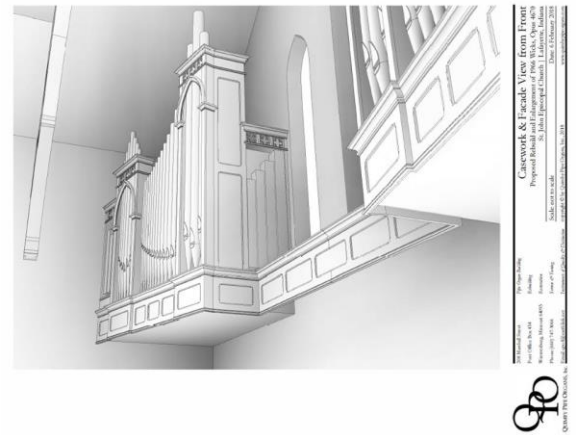
Many thanks to this year's intrepid St. John's Steeplechasers: Corinne Armstrong, Ashley Bigelow, Greg Buzzard, Ezra Buzzard-Cooke, Isaac Buzzard-Cooke, Josh Byrn, Hilary Cooke, Becky Dick, Brien Dick, Warren Douglas, Noah Douglas, Elizabeth Douglas, Lee Hibbard, Keenan Hogan, Bill Kealey, Abby Martin, Judah Pace, Ezra Peretin, Rebekah Sims and Allegra Smith. Special thanks to Rebekah Sims for so capably organizing our teams! — *Hilary Cooke, [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org)*

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## Construction Update

Work is progressing in the church. As the Eagle goes to press, you can see significant progress as the floor and the wainscoting begin to take shape. Photos below (clockwise from top left): The new organ console at the Quimby workshop; an artist's rendering of the organ as it will look once installed at the back of the church; the new floor, installed and grouted; the bell tower entry, complete with new wainscoting and new iron handrails.



## From Rebekah Sims

Hello St. John's Family:

I'm writing to let you know that I am in the early stages of the discernment process, looking toward a possible vocation in the diaconate. In March, two deacons from the Diocese of Indianapolis came to St. John's to train my Congregational Discernment Group (CDG). We have been meeting regularly throughout March and April and will continue to do so in May and June. I am deeply grateful to the six St. John's members who have committed time, energy, insight and kindness to the complex work of discerning vocation.

In addition to the CDG, one of the first formal steps in this process is shadowing — visiting another congregation to observe how an ordained leader serves a church community different from the discerners' own home church. Between April 29 and July 15, I will be traveling to Indianapolis to complete my shadowing requirement at Holy Family Episcopal Church, where I will observe Deacon Cathy Scott. Thus, for most of the summer, you won't see me around St. John's. I look forward to returning at the end of July with some new experiences and a wider view of deacons in the Diocese of Indianapolis. — *Rebekah Sims*

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## Save the Dates

### **Pentecost Sunday, May 20**

Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of the Church's life and witness. Wear red to celebrate the fire of God's love and the mission of the Church. That Sunday, we will have **one service at 10:15 a.m.** After the service, we will celebrate with a BBQ lunch and ice cream sundaes!

### **Summer Worship, June-August**

St. John's will switch to the summer worship schedule on **Sunday, June 3**. From that Sunday through August 26, there will be **one service on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.**

### **Holy Moly! Vacation Bible School, June 4-6**

Holy Moly! Vacation Bible School will be at St. John's **Monday, June 4 through Wednesday, June 6**. Each night, we will meet from **5-8 p.m.** for games, dinner, lessons and worship. Children ages 3 years through eighth grade are welcome. There is no cost for VBS.

### **Worship in the Street, Sunday, July 1**

Details are still in the works, but Worship in the Street is tentatively scheduled for **10 a.m. Sunday, July 1**. 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. Come and let us join our sisters and brothers in worship! Please note: There will be a 9 a.m. service at the church that day.

### **The St. John's Church Picnic, Sunday, Aug. 5**

The St. John's church picnic will be **Sunday, Aug. 5** at Prophetstown State Park. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at **10:30 a.m.** followed by the picnic. Please note: There will also be a 9 a.m. service at the church that day.

## Pastoral Care at St. John's

Each year, I ask your assistance in reminding me about parishioners who may have disappeared or “fallen through the cracks.” Again, I want to reiterate that request. I am often reminded of how important the St. John's community is in the lives of so many people. If you think of someone you haven't seen recently or anyone else who might like a visit from a member of the clergy or a Eucharistic Visitor, please let one of the clergy know. We may be able to reconnect with them, or we may find out about an opportunity for prayer, care or other types of support. Offering the sacraments, sharing God's gracious love and helping people strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ through our prayer and support are a major part of what we do as a Christian community. I know that the St. John's community has been there for many of you during the good times and the bad times. Together, we can make sure that St. John's is there for others as well. You can help me by first reaching out to folks you haven't seen recently. Call them, visit them, drop them a card. Secondly, you can tell me. This kind of communication can help St. John's continue to be a wonderfully supportive community. Likewise, please let a member of the clergy know if you or a family member becomes seriously ill, are admitted to the hospital, or are homebound for an extended period. Please contact the church office at (765) 742-4079 or by email at [stjohns@stjohnslaf.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnslaf.org). — *Bradley Pace*, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

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## Holy Moly! Vacation Bible School

**5-8 p.m. June 4-6**

**Holy Moly! Vacation Bible School** will be at St. John's for children **3 years old to eighth grade Monday-Wednesday, June 4-6, 5-8 p.m.** This year's VBS will focus on the story of Joseph from the book of Genesis. There is no cost for VBS.

Volunteers are needed to **prepare meals** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Please contact Katie Elder at (765) 463-3803 or [katie.elder1@gmail.com](mailto:katie.elder1@gmail.com) if you would be interested in helping with meals.

Volunteers are also needed to **assist in the classrooms** and provide snacks/desserts. Visit [www.stjohns-laf.org/vbs/](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/vbs/) to register or contact Hilary Cooke at [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org) for more information.

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## Newcomers' Dinner & Big Questions Reunion Cookout

**6-9 p.m. Friday, May 4**

**456 Goose Creek Way, West Lafayette (just off 500 North)**

If you began attending St. John's in the last six months (or so) AND/OR you recently attended the Big Questions classes, Bradley and his family would like to invite you over for barbecue, fun and fellowship on Friday, May 4 from 6-9 p.m. Please bring a salad, desert or drink to share. Children are welcome. Please RSVP by e-mail or by phone, (312) 208-8791. — *Bradley Pace*, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)



## May Book Group: What a Great Book!

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23**

The month of May means it's time for our Ninth Annual *What a Great Book!* meeting. For this last gathering of the season, the Book Group invites everyone to come share the titles of some of their favorite books. There are lots of reasons you might describe a book as "great." So whether the book is exciting or challenging or charming or informative or inspiring or funny or timely or has some other quality that appeals to you – please come to share and to tell us something about why you like it. It's always a fun meeting – the only thing more fun than reading a good book is telling other people about it!

We will start constructing our selections for the 2018-2019 season at our May meeting, and some of the titles we share at our meeting will no doubt be on that list. All types of books are welcome – from detective fiction, to science fantasy, history, classics of literature, short stories, biography/autobiography – we are open to it all. We've read everything from YA fiction to Shakespeare, and a lot in between!

We will meet on Wednesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Enter through the garden gate. If you need transportation, please call Mary Campbell, and we will see what can be arranged. — *Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com, 426-5541*

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## Garden Ministry Report

**Spring Garden Clean-Up 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21**

Greetings! This winter weather just does not want to give up.

Just a reminder of spring garden clean-up, set for **9 a.m. Saturday, April 21**. Larry Hicks will be bringing us a load of mulch to spread. You may want to bring gloves for yourself. Wheelbarrow will be supplied. I will provide lunch that day in the Commons. WE normally finish late morning. Anyone wishing to help please contact me.

Anyone wishing to be involved in the garden ministry is asked to get in touch with me. You can work as little or as much as you want. On the Saturday of the week you are assigned, you do general maintenance; it doesn't require a lot of time. — *Carl Taylor, carl.taylor1957@gmail.com; (765) 585-8064*

## Food Pantry provides Easter hams to families in need

Many Tippecanoe County families that are faced with food insecurity were able to provide more for their families and friends this Easter season thanks to a generous donation from the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers to the St. John's/LUM food pantry.

The IBEW Local 668 has been purchasing and delivering turkeys at Thanksgiving and hams at Christmas and Easter to the food pantry for several years. The members of IBEW voted this year to donate \$1,500 to the food pantry to be used to purchase items that would make the Easter season a little more special.

Thanks to their generous donation we were able to purchase and provide 60 hams to families as well as restock our supply of a much-needed necessity: toilet paper. On behalf of all the volunteers at St. John's/LUM Food Pantry, the parishioners at St. John's and the employees and volunteers at Lafayette Urban Ministry, we want to thank the IBEW Local 668 for their donation. We are honored to count you as a partner in *our* effort to feed *our* neighbors in need.

The pantry is always looking for organizations, schools and places of employment with whom to partner. If you are involved with a group or organization that would be interested in helping in this way, please contact Katy Travis at [foodpantryadmin@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:foodpantryadmin@stjohns-laf.org) or call the church office.

## Financial Report

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**FINANCE REPORT**  
**OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE\***  
As of March 31, 2018

A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$22,981.00	\$82,808.00	\$374,472.00	22.1%
2	Operating Income	\$4,502.34	\$10,686.42	\$73,152.43	14.6%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$3,501.67	\$8,950.01	\$32,000.00	28.0%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$1,760.00	\$40,000.00	4.4%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$30,985.01</b>	<b>\$104,204.43</b>	<b>\$519,624.43</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$6,049.08	\$21,481.87	\$108,069.00	19.9%
2	Program	\$563.91	\$3,181.90	\$20,400.00	15.6%
3	Administration	\$0.00	\$243.08	\$2,500.00	9.7%
4	Personnel	\$21,107.08	\$61,737.35	\$247,319.48	25.0%
5	Office	\$1,720.46	\$5,163.87	\$27,395.00	18.8%
6	Property	\$7,896.79	\$21,066.51	\$113,940.95	18.5%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$37,337.32</b>	<b>\$112,874.58</b>	<b>\$519,624.43</b>	<b>21.7%</b>
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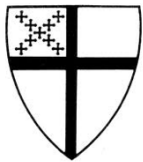
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summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting periods.

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

### Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the June-July Eagle is **Monday, May 14**. Note that the Eagle will not be published in July. Send submissions to [eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org).



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