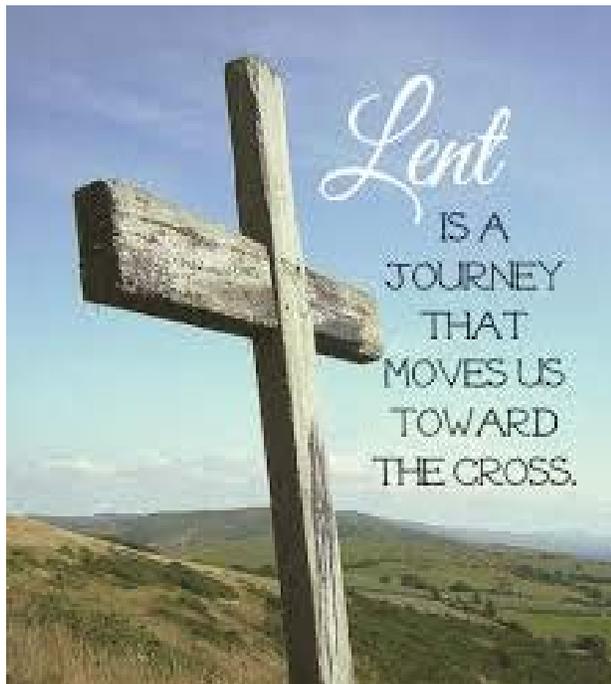


The Cross & the Sword

The monthly newsletter of Saint Alban's Parish
Family

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Interim Priest

It is my pleasure to inform everyone that we have found an interim priest for as long as we need him. His name is Father Paul Collins and he currently lives in Cleveland, Ohio. He is from India and came to the United States nearly 20 years ago. He was ordained in February, 2001. He has been married to his wife Anita for 36 years, she is a school teacher. They have 3 children, Jennifer who has a Ph.D. in Chemistry/STEM and is currently working with the Teaching and Learning Centre at Ohio State University, Columbus. Andrew who served in the US Army for 3 ½ years is now a junior at Oregon State University where he is studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Mary is a math teacher at Glenville High School in Cleveland.



Over the years he has been a professor, rector, priest-in charge and a supply priest. He has served in different parts of Kentucky and Ohio as a rector. Father Paul recently retired from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lyndhurst, Ohio. The vestry and I are very thrilled to have found someone with his extensive knowledge and background. He and his wife are equally excited to have this opportunity to grow and share the love of Christ with us all.

Please join us in welcoming Father Paul, Anita and his daughter Mary on March 3rd at either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. services. Let's show them how truly wonderful our Saint Alban's family can be.

Cindy Spice
Senior Warden

March Activities



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship will take a break but will resume April 25th.

Bible Study & Fellowship Group meets at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21**, at the home of Jack Rademaker

Wednesday Bible Group meets on **Wednesday mornings at 10:30** to study the weekly lessons.



The Lunch Bunch meets Tuesday, March 12th at **The Green Frog Inn**, 820 Spring Street. The time is 12 Noon. **(Wear your green, if you so desire!)** A flyer is on the bulletin board in the narthex where you can sign up and indicate whether you would like to carpool or drive directly to the restaurant. **We especially invite new people to join us, too!** Please see Anita Grams at church with any questions, or you may call her at 449-9682.

Daughters of the King meet at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19.**



Men's Night Out will meet March 7th at 6:30 at Arena Bar and Grill, 1567 W DuPont Rd. Sign up list will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Youth Group meets at **noon on March 10**, and **6:30 p.m. on Sunday March 24.**



Heart and Hands group meets at **10:00 a.m. on Fridays.**

Come One! Come All!

March 5

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, and beverages will be served.

Free will offering. Proceeds will go to the Operating Fund.

Please sign the poster in the narthex so we will know how much food to purchase. Join us and bring your friends!

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH INVITES US TO HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Beginning Wednesday evening, March 13th, Grace Episcopal Church will again have its weekly Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer is a form of traditional Vespers developed in 1986 at Holden Village in Chelsea, Washington. This beautiful setting, by Marty Haugen, is easily sung by the congregation, includes scripture readings and prayers, and the service lasts about ½ hour. Holden Evening Prayer has been an integral part of Grace's Lenten and Advent seasons for many years. We hope you will join us at Grace Episcopal Church, 10010 Aurora Place, Fort Wayne, on Wednesdays, March 13th, 20th, 27th, and April 3rd and 10th. This is the perfect way to prepare your hearts and minds through the season of Lent. All are welcome! We would love it if you could come and celebrate the Lenten season with us.

STEWARDSHIP

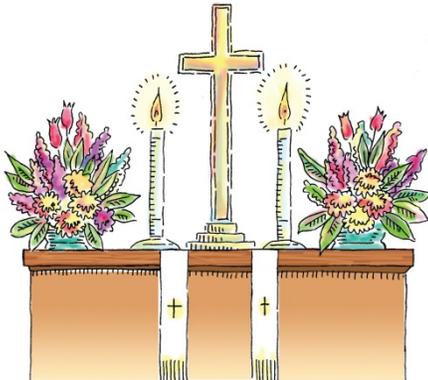
In January we received over \$8,900 in donations but despite savings from a lower than expected gas bill and savings from prudently delaying other expenses our net income was still \$700 below plan! How much is your gas bill? St. Alban's gas bill was still over \$430! Remember to keep up with your donations because they help keep us all warm on these frigid winter days.

We also honor everyone's dedication to St. Alban's in giving their time and talent especially Barb Jackson for her 27 years of dedicated service leading the altar guild!

David Birchfield

WORSHIP COMMISSION

For the past twelve years St. Alban's has been blessed with a beloved Rector in Fr. Dan Layden. We cherish the time we have shared together and wish him well in his next endeavors.



While our search committee is working diligently to find another permanent arrangement, we anticipate engaging supply clergy to provide our usual Sunday Eucharistic services at 8:00 and 10:15. At this time we will have Father Paul Collins from Cleveland. Other clergy in the area will be available for emergency pastoral care, but we will not be able to offer mid-week services that require a priest.

Worship Schedule Ash Wednesday occurs on March 6th this year. Those wishing to receive ashes may consider availing themselves of the 12:15 p.m. service at Trinity downtown. We do expect to continue having Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. during Lent.

There is a need for a few more youth (or even adults) who would like to be trained as servers. If this is something you would like to do, please speak with

me or with Cindy Spice. We also have a need for additional persons who would like to assist the altar guild with their responsibilities in making sure that our services are carried on smoothly and efficiently in a way that is honoring to the God we come to worship. We anticipate that St. Alban's will continue to function as a vibrant and caring faith community, but each of us will need to look for the ways we can offer a little more of our time and talent to make this happen.
Elaine Fazzaro, Worship Chairman

Friday Evenings in Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Friday 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 and 3/29, 4/5 and 4/12.** Walk with Jesus down the road to Calvary on *The Way of the Cross*, a powerful devotional liturgy that follows Jesus through His passion and death. At each station a meditation, versicle and response, and prayer is read.



FOOD BANK



In January 2019 we served (40 individuals)
14 family units Approximately 600 meals.

The deadline for the April issue of *The Cross and the Sword* is **Thursday, March 21**

Souper Bowl Sunday Due to your generous giving we collected 60 cans of soup. Thank you.

Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

Operating income for Jan	\$ 8,926.63	Operating income for 2019	\$ 8,926.63
Operating expense for Jan	10,987.15	Operating expense for 2019	10,987.15
Net loss for January	(\$2,060.52)	Net loss for 2019	(\$2,060.52)

Vestry Highlights

At the meeting of the Vestry on February 8, it was moved

- a) to draft a letter of agreement for the Rev. Aaron Paul Collins to be our supply+
for 6 months for 2 services per Sunday.
- b) to approve Josh Miller and Julie Zeider for endowment.
- c) to accept the worship leader licenses for Marilyn McClure, Jordan Trendelman, Tammy Gillig, George Shamp, John Lorenzen and Josh Miller.
- d) to appoint Megan Spice-Frede to be clerk to the vestry.



March Birthday

4 Linda Finger
12 Pat Stath
14 Alexa Foland



14 Carolyn Grate
14 Luann Kleinschmidt

and Anniversaries

15 Rob & Deb Kerr
19 Les & Pat Stath

*If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed,
please notify Debbie at 485-8022, so that we may add your date to our records.*

**Paul Barker
Ray Brandes
Dick & Bonnie Camp
John L. Diver, Sr.
Dick Donnelly
Denise Frede
Abbie Gillig
Greg Gillig
Tammy Gillig
Vicki Irvine**



**Mary Lansford
Gene Pettibone
Jack Rademaker
Cindy Spice
Rick Spice
AltaLee Stellhorn
Bill Townsend
Paul Wiseheart**

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

What to give up for Lent

Give up	Instead:
watching television one evening a week.	Visit some lonely or sick person instead.
looking at other people's worst points.	Concentrate on strong points and positive attributes.
speaking unkindly.	Let your speech be generous and understanding.
your worries.	Trust God with your problems and frustrations.
hatred or dislike of anyone.	Learn to love.
fear which prevents Christian witness.	Seek courage to speak about your faith to others.
grumbling.	Learn to give thanks in everything.
ten to fifteen minutes each day.	Use that time in prayer.
judging by the standards of the world.	Learn to give yourself to God.

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday School (Sept-May)

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 noon Holy Communion

Vestry

Cindy Spice	Senior Warden
Jordan Trendelman	Junior Warden
Norm Grams	Property
Tammy Gillig	Fellowship
Elaine Fazzaro	Worship
Josh Miller	Finance
Jordan Trendelman	Membership
David Birchfield	Stewardship
Phil Mayer	Outreach
Megan Spice-Frede	Christian Formation
Judy Wall	Care Connection
Christina Connelly Communication Director	

Church Staff

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Paul Collins
Office Administrator	Debbie Grosjean
Organist(s)	Judith Palmer & Pat Stath

Office Hours

9:00 - 1:00
Monday through Friday
Office phone 485-8022