



They say that May brings May flowers, however with Indiana weather it appears to bring cold, rainy and possibly snow weather. But even though the weather goes back and forth the members of Saint Alban's were able to come together to make our inside and outside beautiful for Easter morning. Last month we displayed pictures of the wonderful landscaping. This month I would like to recognize those that made the inside as spectacular as the outside. Our Altar Guild does an amazing job every Sunday setting and cleaning up for our services. For all of our special and holiday services they truly go above and beyond so that our Sanctuary reflects the seasons. Sometimes we forget to stop and think about all the little stuff that goes into making our services happen each week. Without all of their tireless efforts we wouldn't be able to worship every Sunday.

This group is currently lead by Barb Jackson who has recently completed her 27th year as the Altar Guild Directress, which is huge considering when she took this position on that it was supposed to be a 3 year term. Assisting Barb on this wonderful commission is Bonnie Camp, Susan Diver, Anne Donnelly, Gloria Guindon, Marilyn McClure, Elaine Fazzaro, Jo McMahan, Rose Tinder-O'Brien and Marion Frid. Take a moment this month and reflect on everything that goes into making our services run smoothly and say a big THANK YOU to these ladies.



If you are interesting in helping service on this committee or possibly taking on the responsibilities that Barb currently does speak to her or Elaine Fazzaro. I'm told that it takes approximately 30 minutes to complete the tasks required for each service and members help out a few times per month, which is not really that much time when you consider how important the tasks truly are to all of us. Keep in mind that just because the current group is made up of all females it doesn't have to remain that way; men are welcome to help out as well. Please consider joining this admirable commission.

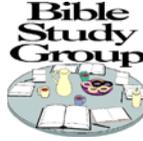
"Two people are better than one because together they have a good reward for their hard work" Ecclesiastes 4:9

Cindy Spice
Senior Warden

May Activities



Wednesday Bible Group meets each **Wednesday** at **10:30 a.m.** to study the weekly lessons.



The Thursday night Woman's Bible Study and Fellowship will meet on **May 9, 23** at 2:00 – 4:00 at the home of Marilyn Rafter.



The Lunch Bunch will not be meeting this month.



Youth Group meets at **6:30 p.m.** on **May 26**. All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited for games, music, Christian instruction, and reflection on topics brought by the youth.



Daughters of the King gather at **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, May 21**.

Men's night out will be Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. It will be at Casa Grill at 411 E. DuPont Road. Please sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to attend.



HEART AND HANDS group meets at **10:00 a.m.** on **Fridays**.

HOLY YOU TUBE - *Three Minute Theology*

Recently I was sitting in the hallway of a medical building waiting for my husband, and I was flipping through the mail on my phone. An older man approached me and said disdainfully, "I didn't know old people did that, too. I thought it was just teenagers." I had no good come back so I laughed and said, "Oh yes, me, too."

If you find yourself with three minutes on your hands and your phone handy, I have the perfect solution for you on You Tube. If you think You Tube is all about cute dogs and cats, adorable kids, music performances etc., you need to discover *Three Minute Theology* These are wonderful little segments explaining Theological terms and beliefs in three minutes. They are done with clever drawings. You will find two types of *Three Minute Theology* segments on You Tube, but I prefer the ones with the drawings not the ones with the lecturer. Start with the one titled "What Does It Mean To Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?"

It is one of my favorites. Spoiler alert: you don't have to speak in tongues or dance in the aisle to be filled with the Holy Spirit!

Written by Deacon Sandy Ritchie

STEWARDSHIP



Just like February, in March we topped \$11,000 in donations. We are still keeping in the black and over budget for 2019 but that is mostly due to the fact that we do not have a full time priest. So, keeping up with your donations is still vitally important to the church!

We want to recognize the talents of Julie Naunas and Debbie Grosjean for keeping our office and finances going smoothly every week. Let's also thank the St. Alban's Altar Guild and the St. Alban's Youth Group for preparing the church for Easter Services! The dedication of Julie, Debbie, the Altar Guild and the Youth Group help keep our church strong. **David Birchfield**





Worship Commission

Worship Committee We have all been uplifted by the glorious celebration of Our Lord's resurrection on Easter morning. But as we continue to enjoy the gradual unfolding of nature through this spring, we are reminded that Easter itself is not a day, but a season. All Sundays this May are not Sundays after Easter, but Sundays of Easter. This will be reflected in our worship by continuing to utilize Easter hymns at the 10:15 service.

This month we begin a new ministry of regularly scheduled Lay Eucharistic visitations to bring communion to our members who are unable to attend services at church. A team consisting of one licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitor accompanied by a member of the Daughters of the King will be bringing the sacrament to one of our shut-ins following the 10:15 service. This is to better serve these members of the church in the absence of a resident priest through the week. But it should also serve as a reminder of our unity as "one body" in Christ, even when some of our members are not always physically present.

The altar guild is very grateful for all of those who stepped forward in April to assist with the preparations for Holy Week and Easter. The need for several additional people to become a regular part of this ministry continues. Anyone who could give a little time to setting up for services and cleaning up after please speak to Barb Jackson or myself.

Elaine Fazzaro



Care Connection Commission

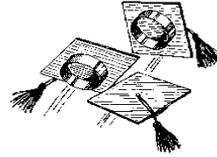
Deacon Sandy, the Daughters of the King, the Worship Commission, and the Care Connection Commission have established Eucharistic Visitor Teams. A Eucharistic Team consists of a licensed Eucharistic Visitor and a Daughter of the King. At the conclusion of the 10:15 am Sunday Service, Father Paul will bless the Communion Box, containing the Sacraments, that will then be taken to our residential/home bound church members (shut-ins). The schedule for visitations will be added to the Ministry Schedule. On the schedule, you will note there are Sundays where no Eucharistic

visitations are scheduled. These dates have been left open for visiting temporarily home bound church member (post-op, etc.).

Currently our home/residential bound church members are John Diver Sr., Luann Kleinschmidt, Frances Krauskopf, Tom Kurtz and Gene Pettibone.

If you, or someone you know, are not able to come to Church and would like to have the Eucharistic Visitor Team bring communion to you, please call Judy Wall at 260-485-1049.

RECOGNITIONS FOR SENIORS:



Lauren Jankowski, granddaughter of Julie Zeider, will graduate from Purdue University on May 12 with a Bachelor's Degree in Multidisciplinary Engineering: Biomedical and Neuroscience. Lauren will be working as a researcher for the next year before going on to Graduate school to complete a PhD in Neuroscience at either Duke University or Johns Hopkins University.

Abbie Gillig is graduation from Bishop Dwenger High School this May. She is in the top 20% of her senior class, been on the Dwenger scholars honor roll all 4 years and participates in the National Honors Society. In addition, she is a part of rosary and decade club. Abbie is very excited to begin this new chapter of her life at Purdue West Lafayette, pursuing a degree in psychological sciences this fall.

Michael Irvine is graduating from Canterbury this May. He will be attending Valparaiso studying electrical engineering this fall.



Happy Mother's day...Don't forget that May 12th is Mother's day. Whether your Mom is still with us or with the Lord, come to church Sunday May 12th to say a special prayer for her. May God bless all Mother's and their most sacred vocation in life!



SPONSORED CHILD: Our previous sponsored child is no longer at Madina School and we have been assigned a new child for our St. Alban's sponsorship. The name of the new child is Emanuel Bockarie. He is a pre-school student. Please check out the bulletin board, in the narthex, for his picture.



Please join us for the Tin Caps game on Friday, July 19th. Game time is 7:05.

It is always a good time at a beautiful stadium cheering for the home team. And don't forget all the great food and snacks from the vendors there. There will be a sign up list on the bulletin board.



The tickets are 12.00 dollars each. Please sign up for how many tickets you want. All money for tickets must be in to Debbie by June 20th. Hope to see everyone there. If writing a check please make it out to St. Alban's. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Mayer at 450-3147.

Church Records

Paul Wiseheart died on April 6, 2019.



FOOD BANK

In April we served (27 individuals) 10 family units
Approximately 405 meals

Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

Operating income for March	\$11,359.02	Operating income for 2019	\$32,394.48
Operating expense for March	9,257.87	Operating expense for 2019	31,304.67
Net gain for March	2,101.15	Net gain for 2019	1,089.81

At the meeting of the Vestry on April 23, **it was moved to**

- a) to approve for LEV: Elaine Fazzaro, George Shamp, Jordan Trendelman, Judy Wall, Elaine Marten.
- b) to pay up to \$600 for CAT survey to create profile to search for new clergy.

It was noted that...

- a. it was approved via email to pay Father Matthew for Dick Donnelly's memorial service and to pay 100% of mileage for Father Paul.
- b) Electronic Giving Program on App Tither.ly is still in testing stage and has been set-up.
- c) Need more people to serve and be a crucifer.
- d) that the week of May 13th – Our Lady of Good Hope Church is planning on transferring the food bank supplies that we have stored.
- a. that the lawn fertilizer is not covered under the contract. Kenny is helping with this.
- e) that the yellow lines need repainted in parking lot.

The deadline for the June issue of *The Cross and the Sword* is May 16, 2019

May Birthdays

1 Julie Naunas
5 Marion Frid
8 Joyce Mayer
12 Dale Edington
12 Eugene Pettibone
12 Joan Shamp
14 Tom Kurtz



17 James Parker
18 Michael Irvine
24 Chuck Igwe
27 Shirley Johnson
29 Jacob Sliger
29 Madison Sliger
31 Josh Miller

and Anniversaries

12 Robbie Frede II and Megan Spice-Frede
20 Jim & Barbara Jackson

*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.
Denise Frede
Vicki Irvine
Mary Lansford
Jack Radamaker

Rick Spice
Les Stath
AltaLee Stellhorn
Carlen Trujillo
Bill Townsend
Betty Wiseheart

For those unable to worship with us:

John Diver, Sr., LuAnn Kleinschmidt,
Frances Krauskopf, Tom Kurtz, and
Gene Pettibone.