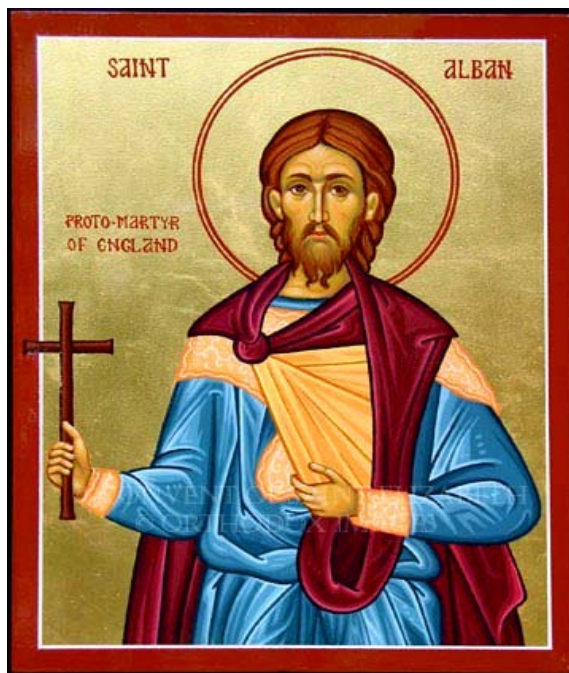


# *The Cross & the Sword*

The monthly newsletter of Saint Alban's Parish  
Family

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*I worship and adore the living  
and true God, who created all  
things*



I would like to shine this month's spotlight on our Sunday school teachers. We have several dedicated adults that volunteer to miss part of our service every week during the school year to

teach our young people. Our teachers teach in groups of two and rotate months throughout the year. You may not be aware but for the last several years we have been unable to purchase a Sunday school curriculum. Therefore our teachers along with the Megan Frede, our chair of Christian Formation, have been adapting the readings and gospel into different lessons along with coming up with a craft or activity to match. This is definitely challenging at times but they work hard to make it seem effortless to the kids. This is also the case with our chapel lesson that happens that occurs once a month.

The first Sunday of every month is our Children's Chapel lead by Christina Connelly and John Lorenzen. During chapel, the children learn more about our service, traditions and why we do what we do. This gives the kids an opportunity to ask questions and learn at their own speed.

So please join me in extending a special note of thanks for their dedication to our youth and their spiritual growth. Without each one of them our Sunday school would not happen every year.

Thank you so much:

Megan Frede  
 Julie Naunas  
 Melissa Townsend  
 Amanda Fazzaro

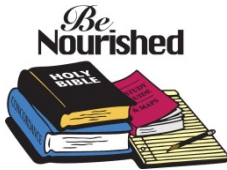
John Lorenzen  
 Christina Connelly  
 Erin Layden  
 Jordan Trendelman

We really do appreciate your service to our youth and making them feel special.

***"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.***

***Cindy Spice, Senior Warden***

## May Activities



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

The Woman's Bible Study and Fellowship group is taking a break but will resume on Thursday, August 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Rafter.



**The Lunch Bunch** will meet on Tuesday, **June 11**, at **Nine Mile Restaurant**, 13398 US 27 South, Fort Wayne, at **12:30 PM**. Please sign the poster in the narthex if you wish to attend. You may indicate whether you wish to have a ride and carpool from the church or will go directly. If you have any questions or need to cancel, please see Anita at church or call her at 449-9682. Hope to see you there!



Daughters of the King gather at **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, June 18**.

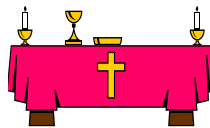


Men's night out will be at BJ's Brewhouse at 245 W. Coliseum Blvd, on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. A sign up list will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please join us as a good time is had by all.

**HEART AND HANDS Group** is not meeting this month.



**ALTAR GUILD** All members are asked to be present on **Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m.** for cleaning. New members are welcome also. It is the task and privilege of the Altar Guild to serve as *housekeepers of the sanctuary*, caring for the vestments, linens, and accouterments used in God's house at God's altar, preparing for the service, and assisting the clergy.



## Worship Commission



We have begun regularly scheduled Lay Eucharistic Visits to our shut-in parishioners. A special word of thanks is due to Deacon Sandy Ritchie who is providing emergency pastoral care as needed. We continue to need additional youth or adults who would like to assist at the Sunday Eucharist as servers or crucifers. It is anticipated that this need may be more acute over the summer when many of us are taking vacations. The altar guild remains in need of additional members, and emphasizes they are not open only to women for this service.

## STEWARDSHIP



In April we topped \$9,800 in donations including Holy Week but we were a little shy of what was budgeted. Having limited Holy Week services did not help, so if you missed a donation please catch it up. We are still keeping in the black and over budget for 2019 but that continues to be mostly due to the fact that we do not have a full time priest. Keep in mind the collaboration with Grace will help us attract and keep a full time priest while keeping us financially sound.

Did you know your donations help pay for insurance coverage on our church? It costs about \$1,000 every three months to keep our church safe from a calamity. We have insurance on ourselves, our cars and our homes and we need it for our church.

We want to recognize the talents of Abbie Gillig and Michael Irvine, our graduating seniors, for their work on the gazebo, playground, Christmas Play, coffee hour as well as acolyte. I am sure I missed a bunch! Let's also thank the Sunday school teachers (Melissa Townsend, Christina Connelly, Erin Layden, Amanda Fazzaro, John Lorenzen, Jordan Trendelman and Julie Naunas) for their time and dedication to the future of our church and our children. Give them a hug next time you see them.



Care Connection Commission

I encourage everyone to go to the Saint Alban's Website, [saintalbanfw.org](http://saintalbanfw.org), and take a look around. Don't miss the section called, "Our Diocese" (on the right, midway down). In that section, click on "Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana" for a special treat. Now that you have made it to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana website, click on the "About Us" link at the top of the page and in the dropdown box, click on "Community Spotlight." Scroll down and you will see the treat I mentioned. Our own Jordan Trendelman is spotlighted!

## FELLOWSHIP

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY...**Don't forget that June 16th is Father's day. Whether your dad is still with us or with the Lord, come to church Sunday June 16th to say a special prayer for him. May God bless all Father's and their most sacred vocation in life!





**Sunday June 23rd is Saint Alban's Sunday!** Please come and join us as we celebrate our patron saint. Saint Alban's feast day is June 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Church calendar. There will be a blessing of the playground at the beginning of the service. We will have the 10:15 service and afterwards have a cookout/potluck. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns with condiments, coffee and lemonade will be supplied. Please note sign-up sheet on bulletin board in narthex and sign up for what you will bring.

If you can help in any way please contact Tammy Gillig. Let us join together as a family in the name of Christ and our patron Saint Alban.



**TIN CAPS GAME** Please join us for the 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. If writing a check please make it out to St. Alban's. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Mayer at 450-3147. Hope to see everyone there.



**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

## Food Bank

**In April we served 12 families (42 individuals) approximately  
630 meals**

The deadline for the July issue of *The Cross and the Sword*  
is **Thursday, June 20**

# Vestry Stewardship

## Operating Fund

Operating income for April	\$10,287.26	Operating income for 2019	\$42,681.74
Operating expense for April	10,360.88	Operating expense for 2019	41,665.55
Net loss for April	\$ (73.62)	Net gain for 2019	\$ 1,016.19

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## Vestry Highlights

At the meeting of the Vestry on May 21, **it was moved** to:

- transfer \$634.00 from Script fund to Camp Fund. Motion by Cindy and seconded by Christina. Motion passed unanimously.
- transfer 800.00 from Youth fund to Camp Fund. Motion by Cindy and seconded by Megan. Motion passed unanimously.
- give \$200 per camper towards camp and the ability to give 100% of fee for those in need to go to camp. Motion by Cindy and second by Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.



**It was noted that...**

- Electronic Giving Program on App Tither.ly is still in testing stage and has been set-up.
- we still need more people to serve and be a crucifer.
- we need more volunteers for coffee hour.
- St. Alban's Sunday is on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a cookout & potluck after 10:15 service and blessing of the playground at the beginning of the service. More information to follow.
- Joyce Mayer is still in charge of the food bank. No transferring of coordinators at this time.
- we are still storing food bank supplies from Our Lady of Good Hope Church.
- we are still needing ushers for 8:00 a.m. service.



1 Robert Kerr  
2 Barbara White  
4 Matt Michael  
6 Becky Middleton  
7 Carol Newell  
11 Ed Brooks  
12 Rick Spice  
14 Edie Dearing  
14 Phillip Mayer



17 Marilyn McClure  
18 Jason Holliday  
20 David Pass  
21 Blake Pontius  
22 Janine Steinbrunner  
25 Glen Grate  
25 Barb Jackson  
25 Bailey Parker  
28 Rose Trueblood  
28 June Williams  
29 Pat MacWhorter

### and Anniversaries

4 Dana & Barbara White  
10 Larry & Christine Sanxter  
19 Michael & Kelli MacDonald  
21 David & Laura Birchfield

*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.*

**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**

Interim Priest	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