



# *The Cross & the Sword*

The monthly newsletter of Saint Alban's Parish  
Family

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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*





I want to shine this month's spotlight on June Williams. Most likely if you have been at Saint Alban's any length of time, you have received a card or note from June. She always went out of her way to welcome anyone that walked thru our doors. She diligently checked the guest book and took down names along with addresses so that she could send a note to let them know she was glad that they came to visit us. She made it her mission to send out birthday cards to everyone. If you volunteered for anything and she knew it then you would get a card to say great job and a big thank you. She always enjoys seeing our youth at the altar or volunteering in any way. Over the years June has volunteered in many capacities around Saint Alban's. She loves this church and has always wanted to see us succeed as a community of faith. Unfortunately June hasn't been able to worship with us for several weeks and I personally miss seeing her smiling face and her wonderful hugs during the passing of the peace. Her current address is on the board in the narthex, so if you have ever gotten one of June's cards then please remember her in her time of need. Let's flood her mailbox with well wishes to let her know that she is missed. Thank you June for all that you have done for Saint Alban's.

Cindy Spice  
Senior Warden

## Monthly Meetings in March



Our **Wednesday** morning Bible Study Group meets at **10:30 a.m.** to look at the lessons for the following Sunday,

The Lunch Bunch will be going to **Dos Margaritas** at 4230 N. Clinton Street on Tuesday, March 10th, at 12 Noon. Please look for the flyer on the bulletin board to sign up and indicate if you wish to carpool or will go directly. Please join us! 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 17**. Jesus is the center and source of all Daughters of the King activities. Rooted in prayer and study, every Daughters chapter serves the parish under the direction of the rector. Following a three-month training period, members commit themselves to serve in His Name.



**Men's Night Out** will meet March 5th at Granite City, 3809 Coldwater Road.

**Youth Group** meets **March 8** and 22nd at **6:30 p.m.**



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

## STEWARDSHIP

We had a fantastic start to the new year with our donations exceeding \$12,000. What a great way to start the year with hope and positivity! We continue to save money on supply priests and having our own organists. But, we had a whopping \$954 electric bill paid in January due to the cold (we have a drafty old building but we love her). Luckily we did not need any snow removal which saved us \$470 which helped mitigate the electricity impact. The generous donations and our frugality really paid off and we had a net income of over \$3,600!



This month we would like to recognize the time and effort that George Shamp has put into organizing and leading the food drive. It has been a huge success and a great outreach ministry.

We would also like to bring attention to the voice talent of Donald Irvine. We have a one person choir in the back of the sanctuary and it is truly a treat to hear his voice singing the hymns. We do not want to embarrass him but he is truly talented.



**David Birchfield**



## Food Collection

## FOOD DRIVE

I look at what God has been able to accomplish through a small group of motivated, God loving Christian men & women, in just four weeks of a food drive. I am overwhelmed, and overjoyed by the amount that has been collected so far. Two carts in four weeks and we are on one week from the halfway point.

I told you that after two carts we would be at a point that I call “The Gravy on the Potatoes” part of the drive. It happened much earlier than expected! My hat will remain off, and my thankfulness will continue to grow as we work through the

next six weeks of the drive. Please don't let up. We have any opportunity to do something extraordinary here!

God's Blessing,  
George Shamp



*Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:54*

Soon two Daughters of the King (DOK) will become Licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV) and a third Daughters of the King will become a Lay Visitor. They will be taking communion to those unable to attend church. Early March, Father David Evans will be conducting a class and they will begin their ministry in April.

Julie Zeider (LEV) and Pat MacWhorter (DOK) will be taking communion to Shirley Johnson. Rose Tinder O'Brien (LEV) and Sonja Primeau (DOK) will be taking communion to June Williams.

Our current teams are Elaine Fazzaro (LEV) and Jo McMahan (DOK) visiting John Diver; Jordan Trendelman (LEV) and Sonja Primeau (DOK) visiting Luann Kleinschmidt; and George Stamp (LEV) and Rose Tinder O'Brien (DOK) visiting Frances Krauskopf.

Taking communion to those unable to attend church is a special ministry and those doing this ministry are indeed special people. God Bless you! Judy Wall.

## WORSHIP COMMISSION



The days are lengthening and the first signs of approaching spring are noticeable in our yards. Also, Lent has begun. While we all look forward to the commemoration of our Lord's resurrection at Easter, we cannot fully appreciate that glorious celebration without taking our part in the Church's season of preparation. Fr. Evans will also be with us in Holy Week for a Maundy Thursday Eucharist followed by the all night watch with the sacrament. There will be a Good Friday Liturgy and Easter Eve Vigil service this year, as well as the Sunday Easter Celebration. Please make an effort to attend these services as you are able. Have a blessed Lent. Elaine Fazzaro

**LENTEN STUDIES** will be every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. throughout Lent.

### Friday Evenings in Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Friday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27**, 4/3 and 4/10. 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.



Once again Grace Episcopal Church will host **Soup and Bread Suppers** on Wednesday evenings during Lent beginning Wednesday, March 4, 2020 and continuing through April 1, 2020. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm each Wednesday in the undercroft. An elevator is available to those who prefer not to use the stairs. This is a great time of fellowship and an opportunity to meet with fellow Christians from area churches. Please check out the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

## Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter flowers will be in the pew card holders on the Sundays of March 22 and 29. You may contribute any amount for these flowers. Please note whether you would like the flowers *in thanksgiving* for an important event in your life or *in memory* of a loved one. Envelopes must be received by April 5<sup>th</sup> to have information listed in the bulletin.



The deadline for the April issue of *The Cross and the Sword* is **Thursday, March 19**



Set your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Vestry Stewardship

## Operating Fund

Operating income for Jan	\$12,044.20	Operating income for 2020	\$12,044.20
Operating expense for Jan	8,377.58	Operating expense for 2020	8,377.58
Net gain for January	\$ 3,666.62	Net gain for 2020	\$ 3,666.62

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## Vestry Highlights

At the meeting of the Vestry Retreat on February 8, it was noted:

- a) that there is still a need for servers
- b) by Megan that we need Easter Eggs and volunteers to fill them as well as candy donations.
- c) There is still a search for more Lay Eucharist Visitors. There are three people interested but need total of 5-7 more. Training is being planned.
- d) that there is a plan for an indoor cleaning day.
- e) that light bulbs need replaced in the Sanctuary
- f) that parking lot needs sealed
- g) that painting needs done outside doors, garage, outside railing, yellow safety lines
- h) that we are looking into fundraising opportunities to help with outreach and fellowship missions.



it was moved:

- a) to have/allow the Youth Group to repaint the downstairs bathrooms.
- b) to appoint Megan Spice-Frede as clerk for vestry.
- c) to appoint Julie Naunas as treasurer
- d) that we are looking into fundraising opportunities to help with outreach and fellowship missions.

## 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.*

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**Neal Birchfield  
Ray Brandes  
Dick Camp  
Christina Connelly  
Denise Frede  
Marion Frid  
Vicki Irvine**



**Shirley Johnson  
Mary Lansford  
Matthew Michael  
Rick Spice  
Les Stath  
Cayley Townsend  
June Williams**

**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

**Vestry**

Cindy Spice	Senior Warden
Jordan Trendelman	Junior Warden
Kenny White	Property
Laura Michael	Fellowship
Elaine Fazzaro	Worship
Jordan Trendelman	Membership
David Birchfield	Stewardship
John Lorenzen	Outreach
Marilyn Rafter	Financial
Megan Spice-Frede	Christian Formation
Judy Wall	Care Connection
Christina Connelly	Communication Director

**Church Staff**

Office Administrator	Debbie Grosjean
Organist(s)	Judith Palmer & Pat Stath

**Office Hours**

9:00 - 1:00  
Monday through Friday

Office phone	485-8022
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