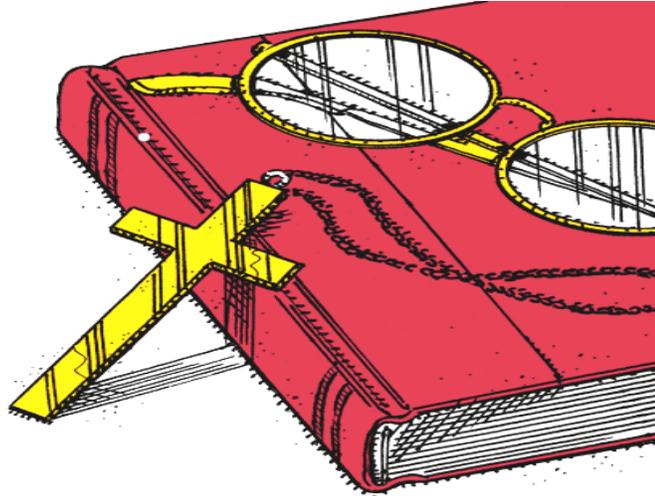


The Cross & the Sword

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Let us keep our eyes
on Jesus, the author and
perfecter of our faith.

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Dear People of St. Alban's,

I always feel like I return to Fort Wayne and St. Alban's with a renewed and healthier perspective on life when I come back from my weeks with the young people of the Diocese—whether from Youth Camp (grades 3 – 9) or Senior High Mission Week (grades 10 – 12).

There are many reasons for this, I'm sure, not least among them is the reminder that we are all part of a continuum—over time—of people and experiences that make up the larger and wider Church of which we are all a part. It's one of the numerous consolations that come from being part of a (small "c") catholic (i.e. universal) Church that sees the parish connected to the diocese, the diocese as an integral part of the national church (or Province: The Episcopal Church in the USA), and that Province as one of the 41 Provinces that comprise the worldwide Anglican Communion. Theologically speaking, of course, the Anglican Communion is then related to the body of believing Christians throughout the world (regardless of denominational affiliation) and to the Universal Church in both heaven and on earth about which we sing every week in the Eucharist when we affirm in the words of the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory."

So, if our diocesan camping ministries are on one metaphorical end of the spectrum of the Great Church Universal, it could be seen that the Lambeth Conference (the decennial gathering of all the bishops from around the Anglican Communion currently underway at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England) is at least towards the other end of that same arc. Of course, most of us usually live somewhere more broadly in the middle of this imaginary continuum.

No matter where we individually fit into the Church's story and structure, I think one of our most important callings and tasks is to be aware of, and pray for, the parts of the "Church's Arc" that we ourselves are not personally involved with.

So, I invite your awareness of—and your prayers for—the areas of our Universal Church life that we don't always easily think of or prominently consider: our

homeless ministries, hospital chaplains, campus ministries, indigenous people's ministries, prison chaplaincies, addiction ministries and many, many others.

As St. Paul says so eloquently—but somehow also so evidently—in I Corinthians: “For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ....Indeed, the body does not consist of one part but of many.” (I Cor. 12: 12, 14) In other words, whether you're sitting in conference at Canterbury, teaching Sunday School, visiting the sick, vacuuming the aisles of your worship space, preparing food for the latest parish social function, or one of a thousand other church activities—please know and trust that you are faithfully working in the “Vineyard of God” and fulfilling a vital task on behalf of the Lord and your fellow travelers in the Faith.

Our roles may change from time to time but our belovedness of God is a constant.

In the Peace of Christ,
Fr. Michael r.+

STEWARDSHIP

If you are unable to regularly attend Sunday services you can donate at your convenience through Tithely. Also, please link St. Alban's to your Amazon Smile account and your Kroger plus card.

This is easy money to St. Alban's and it helps both of these companies put their donations in the direction you want. We are also eager for volunteers to help as acolytes, ushers, altar guild, A/V, nursery and coffee hour so please call the office to be put in touch with the right person. Thank you everyone for keeping this community strong.

David Birchfield

FINANCE

Income for the month of June was under budget by a little over \$1,300. If you have been on vacation or have missed your contribution, please try to catch up as soon as possible. We know these are hard times and appreciate your devotion to St. Alban's.

On the flip side, we were under budget on expenses; however some expenses are paid on a quarterly basis so may catch up in the near future. All in all, so far we are looking like we should reduce our deficit somewhat by the end of the year.

Thanks for all you have contributed, not only in pledges but in the effort you put forth to keep St. Alban's running smoothly.

Marilyn Rafter

FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS FOREVER by George Shamp

Over the 35 years being part of the family of St. Albans, many loved family members have come, and we love them and enjoy them, and the Lord has other plans for them, and they leave.

We are so blessed to be a part of this Church family, each of us is special, and we are loved. Not only by Christ, but by each other. Sometimes we have our little spats, but they don't last long because we practice what Jesus taught us, to forgive. Not 7 times, but 70 x 7 times.

When I can't sleep at night, I'll usually pray, and normally the "Our Father", and then I'll give thanks, and right at the top of the list is my family, both biological and Church. And I mention each by name and try to picture them. And I remember how blessed I am for all my family including those no longer here. All those that have touched my life, some very profoundly, and I realize how much God has blessed me.

God loves you also, and so do I! You are blessed also! Please join me in thanking our loving Savior!

AUGUST ACTIVITIES



Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall – Fr. Michael continues to lead a Bible Study on the Book of Genesis, followed by an informal Eucharist. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!** (Cancelled Wed, August 24th due to Fr. Michael on vacation.) Will resume on the 31st.

The **evening Bible Study and Eucharist** that takes place on **Thursdays** in the Parish Hall **at 6:30 p.m.** finished the Book of Acts this week and **will be taking a brief hiatus until just after Labor Day.** More information to follow soon about plans for this fall!

FYI: Fr. Michael's regular office hours are Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and any other time by appointment. Monday is his regular day off.



Vestry will meet on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00 p. m.

h Bunch will meet this Tuesday, August 9th at The Deck at the Gas House located at 305 E Superior St, Fort Wayne. All are welcome and need to be there by 11:30 a.m. Please see the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board to your right as you leave the sanctuary; they do not save seats or take reservations. If you have any question please contact Rose T-O'Brien.

Men's Night Out will be on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday, August 17th. Watch for more information to follow on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Rescue Mission Tuesday, August 9th from 4:15 –5:30 p.m. **Team I** from St. Alban's will be on hand to help serve dinner, 404 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Office Notes



Debbie will be out of office 10-12th of August. if you need assistance, please call the church and leave a message.

Father will be on vacation August 18th – August 26th. During this time if you need anything please call the office or John Lorenzen, Senior Warden.

Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

Operating income for June	\$ 7,586.86	Operating income for 2022	62,131.59
Operating expense for June	10,035.17	Operating expense for 2022	66,988.80
Net loss for June	(\$2,448.31)	Net loss for 2022	(\$4,857.21)

Vestry Highlights

Vestry did not meet in July.

August Birthdays

2 Wesley Stath
5 Aliyah Jones
11 Judy Wall
14 Larry Dearing
16 Claire Irvine
19 Ed Guindon



20 Anne Donnelly
24 Elaine Fazzaro
26 Anita Grams
27 Sally Sowder
29 Denise Frede

and Anniversaries

7 Donald & Vicki Irvine
24 Rob & Denise Frede

24 Ed & Gloria Guindon
28 Jeff & Laura Diver

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER ESPECIALLY: Jerry Anderson, Ellen Anderson, Deanna Bates, Mindy Blech, Neal Birchfield, Bonnie Camp, Dick Camp, Vincent Carboni, Ethan Clark, Jimmy Clark, Alesha Critten, Courtney, Marilyn Crewe, Elliot Culwell, Jane Davidson, Denise, Kari Doepke, Donna, Ethan, Kathie Edington, Elaine Fazzaro, Joey Fazzaro, Chris Foreman, Denise Frede, Tammy and Greg Gillig, Karl Frick, Anita Grams, Brook Gresback, Gary, George Imhausen, Cam Irvine, John Jeffries, Aerika Katip, Pat Kerlin, Mikey & Brian Kim, Mary Lansford, Julie Lieb, Jo McMahan, Maureen McMahan, Rick McMahan, Melissa, Michelle, Janet McQuain, Francis and Bobbie Mustapha, Steve Potosky, Canon Henry Randolph, Mark Sowder, Sandra, Mary Scribner, Terry Searles, Tom Snyder, Cindy Spice, Ginger Spice, Rick Spice, Mariane Sumners, Melissa Surles, Carolyn and Bill Townsend, Blu Turner, Bishop Keith Whitmore.

Military: Kaylee Collins, Sean Collins, Matthew Michael, Danny and Robert Scribner, R. J. Smith,

The deadline for the September issue of *The Cross and the Sword* is **Thursday, August 25.**

Fruits of the Spirit

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- Gentleness
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- Joy
- Long Suffering
- Love
- Meekness
- Peace
- Temperance

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:30 a.m. In person or on-line.

Live streaming Service from Saint Alban's YouTube channel! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATo1XzD8KUK>

It will also be posted on our Facebook page and it will be archived on our YouTube channel.

Vestry

John Lorenzen	Senior Warden
Julie Naunas	Junior Warden
Laura Michael	Fellowship
Elaine Fazzaro	Worship
David Birchfield	Stewardship
Marilyn Rafter	Financial
George Shamp	Outreach
Kenny White	Property
Amanda Fazzaro	Christian Formation
Jane Spice	Care Connection
Megan Spice	Communications Director

Church Staff

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Michael Roeske
Office Administrator	Debbie Grosjean

Office Hours

9:00 - 1:00
Monday through Friday

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