

From our Priest

I'm writing an instructional guide to my religious habit and other habits you may have noticed when presiding at the altar. The first garment of the habit is the alb (from the Latin albus, meaning white), which represents our common baptism in our Lord. Then I put on the cincture, a visible reminder that I bind myself to Christ through my vows. Then I put on the scapular, which is the brown outer garment. It is an apron that symbolizes that I'm working in and for the Kingdom of God. Finally, I put on the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory's community cross, saying the following prayer: "Thank you for giving me the grace to wear the cross of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory. Give me the grace to be made worthy of the promises I have made through Christ our Lord. Amen." After putting on my brotherhood habit, I put on the priestly vestment to preside as we all celebrate the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist.

Each priest brings a unique style of worship to every congregation. You may have noticed that I partially slide the paten under the corporal fair linen during the Eucharist. Then, during the Lord's Prayer, I take the paten, cross myself with it and place it on the corporal to receive the consecrated wafer. This tradition pays homage to the early Eucharistic rites practiced in England. It's a tradition of the faithfully departed that connects us to our heritage as we live our faith today. If you have any questions about the Brotherhood of St. Gregory or how I preside at the altar, please ask me.

I take to heart the motto of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory: "Servus Servorum Dei," or Servant to the Servants of God. I am your servant as you serve Jesus through your good works and excellent words.

Soli Deo Gloria = To God Alone the Glory,

In Love & Service Bound, Ælred+

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Parish Life

Upcoming Easter Pitch-In April 9th

Plan to stay after our Easter morning service on Sunday, April 9 for a pitch-in brunch. Check the white board in the church nave to sign-up and let us know what you will bring (we don't want two hundred deviled eggs and no desserts, LOL)



Safe Church/Praesidium Academy Training



As part of its commitment to preventing misconduct, the Diocese of Indianapolis requires all clergy and lay leaders and everyone who cares for children or participates in leadership roles in a church setting to be background checked and to complete the online universal training curriculum through Praesidium Academy. Additional training is required for persons working with children and vulnerable adults or who work in other particular settings.

On March 4th, Shelly Bell provided in-person training to the Vestry for their required courses during the Vestry Retreat. The training took roughly 4 ½ hours and provided much discussion. Shelly is a Praesidium Administrator, along with Kathi Whipker. If you need or would like this training, please contact either Shelly or Kathi to set up an account.

Palm Sunday Preparations

Several parishioners got together at the church on Thursday, March 30 to fold palm crosses for the upcoming Palm Sunday celebration. Feel free to pick one up on Palm Sunday, April 2nd!



Men's Lunch

The men of St. Paul's host a lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month at El Nopal Mexican Restaurant (near the new car wash, in the former Sirloin Stockade building). This is a casual gathering with no agenda other than good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Lalith Paranavitana (812-447-8875) or Andrew Goldsmid (812-390-9588). The next gathering is April 27th — hope to see you there!

Parish Life

Forum on March 12th—"Five Wishes"

As part of the coffee hour scheduled after our Sunday service on March 12th, Bro. Ælred presented a workshop on end-of-life planning. The "Five Wishes" brochure provided a legal document that parishioners could fill out and have witnessed in order to declare their preferences for medical care and other related topics. Bro. Ælred also had prepared a packet to help each participant do some planning for their eventual funeral. Though this might seem like a morbid topic to some, by completing these tasks, you give your family such peace when that time comes. They don't have to wonder and worry about making choices that honor your wishes because you have already communicated this information. If you missed the forum and would like copies of the paperwork, just email Kathi in the church office and she will get them to you (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com).



Formation

Lenten Soup Supper & Book Study

On Wednesdays during Lent Bro. Ælred led a study over the book *The Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus*. Parishioners enjoyed lively discussion and shared a soup, salad, and bread meal together. Each gathering finished by celebrating the Eucharist together. There is one forum left, on April 5th at 6 pm, join us!



Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday Mediterranean Meal, Foot Washing, and Worship

St. Paul's will have a special evening planned for Maundy Thursday, April 6th. We will start with a Mediterranean meal in the Parish Hall at 6pm. It is a pitch-in and we have a simple menu — please check the white board at the back of the church to see what is still needed, and sign up.

After the meal, the rite of foot washing will take place in the parish hall. It is a powerful and moving practice of servanthood that immerses ourselves in the Holy Week experiences. In typical Anglican fashion, “All may — none must — some should,” avail themselves of the rite of foot washing.

Maundy Thursday will finish in the sanctuary with the Holy Eucharist followed by the stripping of the altar and the altar area. This is always a powerful service and will end in silence after the altar is stripped.



Good Friday Services Noon and 5 pm

There are two opportunities to worship on Good Friday. The first will be at the Community Good Friday Service. It will be held at noon, at Central Middle School in their “Gray Box Theater.” The second will be here at St. Paul's at 5 pm.

Holy Saturday Opportunity for Prayer

No formal service is planned for Holy Saturday, but the church will be open for you to come pray silently between 10 am and 2 pm. Please take advantage of this time to contemplate and be still before the glory of Easter bursts forth the next day.

Easter Sunday Eucharist and Pitch-in Brunch

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:15am on April 9th, Easter Sunday. The service will be livestreamed as well for those who cannot join us in person. After our Eucharist, we will gather in the parish hall to share a meal. There is a sign-up board at the back of the church, please check to see what you can bring to add to our brunch. Hope to see you there!



Liturgy

By Nancy McKinney

Telling the Season of the Year by the Color of the Altar

Did you know that Episcopal worship is color-coded?

Like other liturgical churches, our church upholds the long tradition of arranging the year around the life of Jesus Christ.

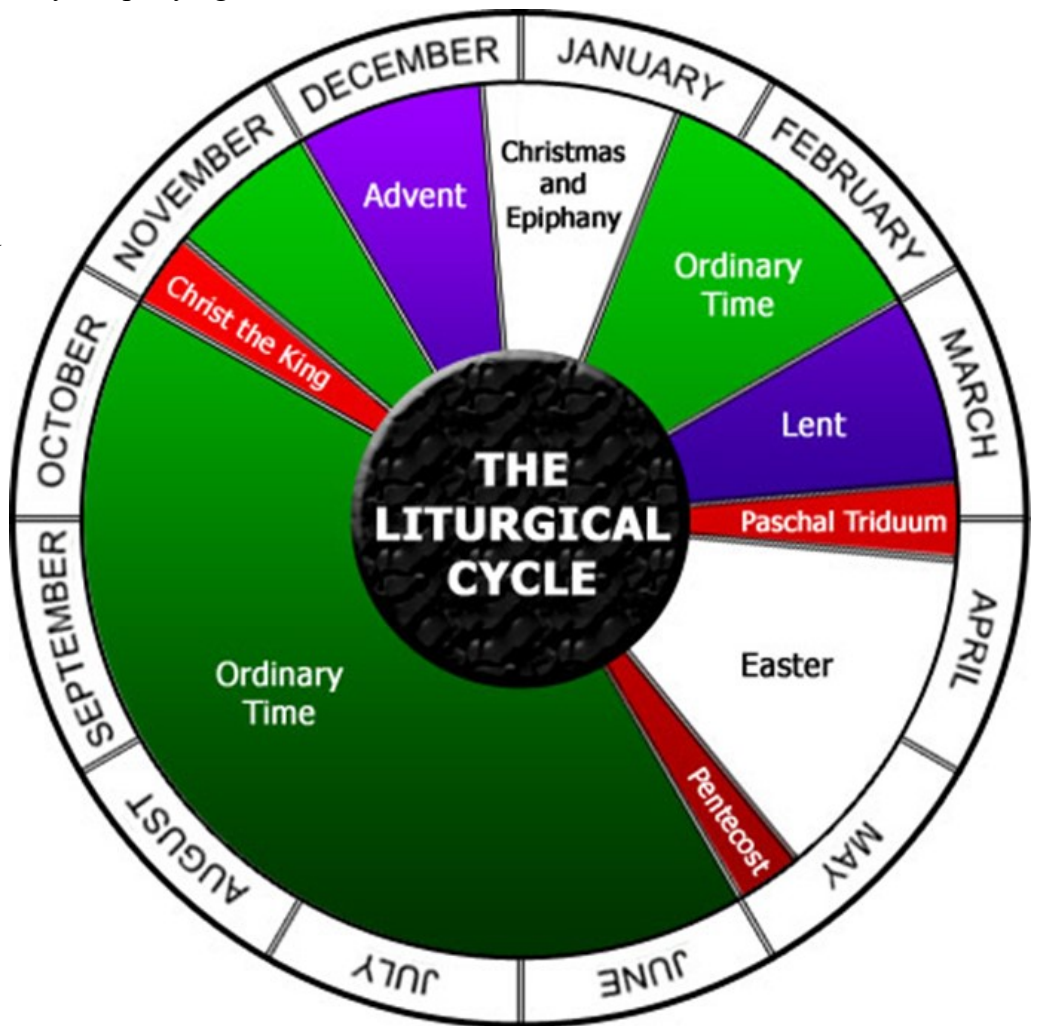
It all begins with Advent, the Christian New Year, which is a four-week countdown to Jesus' birthday, aka Christmas. The color used for Advent on the altar is purple or blue. But the color used for Christmas Day and the Christmas season is white. We celebrate for 12 days before Epiphany (hence the famous song, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..." which most people erroneously think happens BEFORE Christmas).

Epiphany commemorates the coming of the Three Kings and lasts until Ash Wednesday, aka the first day of Lent. The time after Epiphany is shown in green and lasts 4 to 10 Sundays beginning with the Baptism of Our Lord. Because Lent starts 40 days before Easter, the date is always different. That's because, as everybody knows, most Christians celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox. (What, you didn't know that? Did you think Hallmark cards determined it?)

Lent's color is purple, and it leads us to Holy Week, which is celebrated by Passion Red, and the Great Three Days, which culminate in Easter, the biggest holy day of them all. Easter's color is white, and some refer to the Easter season as 50 days of partying.

Then we hit the day of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus' disciples. Although the altar may be covered with red for Pentecost day itself, the season of Pentecost is colored in green, and we're off on roughly seven months of studying the teachings and miracles of Jesus. This time after Pentecost is sometimes called "ordinary time" and lasts for almost half of the church year. The length of this season varies from year to year, depending on when Easter falls.

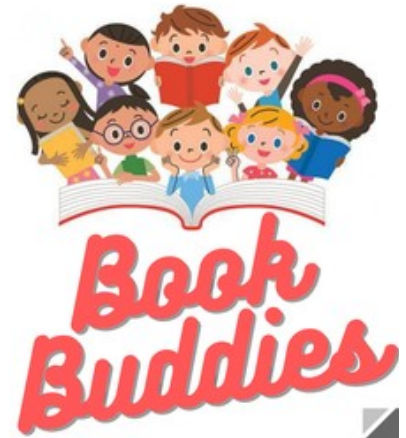
If you found this hard to follow, then you know why we've assigned colors to each season, which we display with banners on the walls, fabric on the pulpit, and, of course, the cloth on the altar.



Outreach

Partnering With Our Neighbor, Schmitt Elementary

St. Paul's has several fun opportunities to partner with Schmitt Elementary this spring. On March 23rd a handful of parishioners volunteered to help the sixth graders with their fundraising meal. The proceeds would go towards their class trip. To show their appreciation, the students will be here at the church on Wednesday, April 12th to do some spring cleaning. We could use a few volunteers to supervise pairs of students as they wash windows, sweep floors, polish the pews, and maybe even some outdoor clean-up in our garden and yard. Please contact Andrew Goldsmid (812-390-9588) if you would like to help out!



The following day, Thursday, April 13th St. Paul's will host the annual end-of-year pizza party for the Book Buddies. Schmitt students and their book buddies will come to the parish hall to enjoy pizza and lemonade together. Each student will receive a book as a gift from St. Paul's. These books will be selected just for them by Beth Stroh of Viewpoint books. It is always a fun afternoon! *We could use a few volunteers to help clean up the parish hall after the party, about 11:30, so we can have it neat and tidy for Bridge Club when they arrive at noon.*

Love Chapel Food Drive—Urgent Appeal

Recently, Love Chapel has seen tremendous need for food – approximately a 40% increase in numbers of people served. Last year alone, over 200,000 pounds of food was purchased to supplement donations and meet the need. The United Way and The Bartholomew County Food Insecurity Coalition are planning a massive food drive for the month of April. The goal is to raise 200,000 pounds of food, or the monetary equivalent of this amount. Over 20 companies are participating, and we already have six churches participating, in addition to the public plea.

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE

United Way
of Bartholomew County

Your donations of these foods would be
MOST appreciated by the pantries:

Bartholomew County
Food Insecurity
Coalition

•	Peanut Butter
•	Soups/Stews- low sodium
•	Cereal
•	Pastas
•	Pasta Sauce
•	Rice
•	Canned Veggies- low sodium
•	Canned Fruits- in fruit juice
•	Jelly
•	Bagged side dishes (instant mashed potatoes, noodles, rice, etc.)
•	Canned Pastas (beefaroni, ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs).

Would you consider joining us by giving financially or donating food? \$1.80 is approximately equivalent to one pound of food. The food raised will go to support the three primary food pantries, with Love Chapel receiving 91%, Salvation Army 3%, and Hope Food Bank 6%. These figures are based on the annual food given out. The drive runs all of April with the final distribution happening on May 5th – Day of Caring! Pick up a paper grocery sack in the back of the church and see how much you can have to donate by April 30th! If you need a second sack, that's a good problem and we have plenty!!

See the next page for more information about this urgent appeal.

Vestry & Finance

There was no business to attend to in March so the Vestry did not meet, therefore there are no minutes.

Financial Summary

Financial Summary February: YTD Actual Revenue is \$34,544 as compared to the budget of \$25,100 for a favorable budget difference of \$9,444. YTD Actual Revenue is \$34,544 as compared to the previous year of \$27,806 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$6,738. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$31,264 as compared to the budget of \$33,816 for a favorable budget difference of (\$2,552).



Bartholomew County Food Insecurity Coalition

United Way of Bartholomew County

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

HELP FEED OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

APRIL 1-30

Two ways to help

1 Food Donation

Participate in your church or business's food drive. OR drop food off at **YES Cinema** or any **First Financial Bank** location



2 Monetary Donation

Your gift will help our three local food pantries buy the high-quality food they need.



All donations benefit:



COMMUNITY CENTER of HOPE



Title Sponsor:



Employee Schedules

Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Bro. Ælred Dean, will be available in the church office Tuesday through Saturday each week. He can be reached by email (stpaulscolumbuspriest@gmail.com) and plans to be out of the office on pastoral visits twice a week. Bro. Ælred will keep a sabbath on Mondays – taking the day off and stepping away from email/phone.

Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator, has returned to class and will now be in the office Thursday and Friday from 8am—3pm. She can be reached in the office during those hours (812-372-7869 or email: stpaulscolumbus@gmail.com), or on her cell any other time (812-603-5028).

Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director, welcomes voices to the choir. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 5:30—6:30pm and the choir will sing on one Sunday each month. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you have questions or need more information.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Tracy Hosterman
- 4 Chuck Saunders
- 6 Julia Christopher
- 10 Annetia Doll
- 18 Cheryl Christopher
- 20 Elizabeth Cvelbar
- 25 Bill Druen
- 28 Eric Elliott

April 3 Lalith & Cheryl Parnavitana

April 18 Bill & Nancy Ardizone

April 26 Don & Marilyn Wools

April 2023 Service Schedule

If you are unable to serve as assigned, please find a substitute & let Kathi know.

Date & Time	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter/ Usher	Teller	LEV	Live Stream
Apr. 2 10:15 am Palm Sun.	Sarah DeLap	Passion Play: Boddie, McKinney, Erickson, zur Loye, DeLap, Thompson, Firestone, Morris	Ken Erickson John DeLap	Nancy Morris Ken Erickson	Roxie Garber	Steve Talbert
Apr. 9 10:15 am Easter	Chuck Boddie	Nancy Morris Nick Firestone	Andrew Goldsmid Rita Lynch	Nick Firestone Andrew Goldsmid	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid
Apr. 16 10:15 am	David Thompson	Nancy McKinney Melis zur Loye	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Cindy Overmyer	Kelli Thompson
Apr. 23 10:15 am	Sarah DeLap	John DeLap Rita Lynch	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Firestone Andrew Goldsmid	Roxie Garber	Steve Talbert
Apr. 30 10:15 am Rite 1	Nancy Morris	Cheryl Paronavitana Dorcas Miller	Ken Erickson Lalith Paronavitana	Ken Erickson Frank Guthrie	Nancy Morris	Lalith Paronavitana

April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 2 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	3	4 9am — AA	5 5 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Discussion 5:30 pm Finance 6:30 pm Choir	6 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm Maundy Thurs. Service 6pm IN Action	7 9 am — AA Good Friday Services Noon (Central MS) 5pm Here	1 8 Holy Saturday 10 am—2pm church open for prayer
9 EASTER Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream Easter Pitch-in	1	11 9am — AA 6 pm — Vestry	12 10am Schmitt Students here 6:30 pm Choir	13 10am Bible Study 10:45 am Book Buddies Party 1pm—Bridge Group	14 9am — AA	15
16 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	17	18 9 am — AA	19 6:30 pm Choir	20 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	21 9am — AA	22
23 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	24	25 9am — AA	26 6:30 pm Choir	27 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch 1pm—Bridge Group	28 9am — AA	29
30 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I In Person & Livestream	May 1	2 9 am— AA	3 5:30 pm Finance 6:30 pm Choir	4 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	5 9am — AA	6

Sunday services can be accessed on our website (stpaulscolumbus.org)—click the Facebook icon.
 Zoom meetings use Meeting ID 291 212 0372 Password: church

OUR MISSION:

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL THE WORLD.

THAT BELIEF IMPELS US TO MIRROR GOD'S LOVE WITH GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS, ALWAYS RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING, AND TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE AMONG ALL PEOPLE.

Meetings

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 pm

Vestry

Tuesday, April 11, 6 pm

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden

Barb Parker

Junior Warden

Don Wools

Treasurer

Cindy Overmyer

Vestry Members

Commission Liaison

Julie Abedian '23

Communications

Nancy Ardizzone '25

Parish Life

Andrew Goldsmid '24

Formation

Frank Guthrie '24

Finance

Nancy McKinney '24

Welcoming

Barb Parker '23

Senior Warden, Outreach

Steve Talbert '25

Marketing

Kelli Thompson '23

Worship

Don Wools '25

Jr. Warden, and Buildings & Grounds



Office Notes: The deadline for Venite information and articles is the 15th of the month. If you wish, you may leave a message concerning schedules to serve, etc. in the gray book outside the office, call the office (812-372-7869), or send an email to: stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com. Thank you!

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