March 2022

Dear Friends,

Whenever a picture is taken of someone or a group of people, it captures that particular moment in time. Pictures capture these moments along with stories about the moments and/or situations. They are something that we can reflect on but once the picture is taken or the situation happens it remains in a way captured in time and space.

Over the years this is how I have thought about pictorial directories. They are a picture of a parish at a particular moment at a particular time in a particular place in the life of the parish. Our last published pictorial directory was published in 2016. Karla Dickens did a fantastic job of putting it all together, and it is a treasured document for our parish. She worked extremely hard on it and for that we are all thankful.

Since 2016, many things have changed. Some folks have died or moved out of the area. Others have come back to St. John's or have joined us in this faith community from another one. Since the last directory, Mother Ede and I have baptized 21 babies. An active parish is always changing.

One of the wonderful things about our new online directory is that it will change with us. It shows activities that are happening as they are happening and provides us with additional information, like birthday and anniversary dates as well as service groups. Through the hard work of Liz Evans and Jenn Johnson we have this new type of directory that should serve us for years to come.

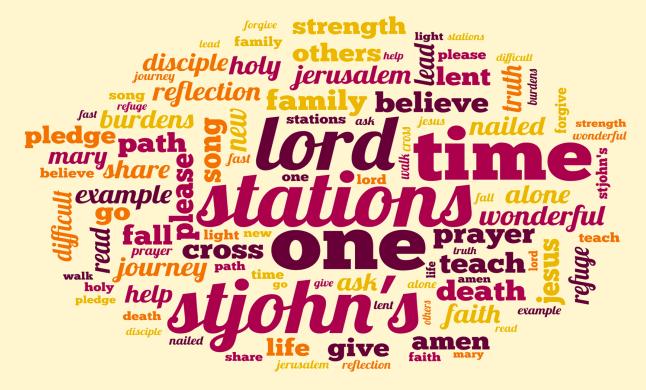
I encourage you to keep it updated by submitting current pictures and address changes or other information that our community of faith will need.

If you have this directory, please ask your fellow parishioners if they have it and if they don't, then show it to them. As we continue on our faith journey together, this directory will continue to grow and change with us as it provides us useful information about each other in our community of faith.

Christ's Peace,

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### Join us for Stations of the Cross & Dinner



Please join us for Stations of the Cross and Lenten dinners **every Friday** during Lent, starting March 4. Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:15 p.m. inside the Church, and dinner will be held afterward at 6 p.m. When the weather is nice, we will eat outside.

Pyx Remindel If you have a communion Pyx at home and are not using it to get your communion wafer, please return it to the church so it can be sanitized and made available to others requesting one. The office has loaned them all out and does not have any additional ones available. Thank you.

## **Upcoming St. John's Children's Activities**

March 13 - St. Patrick's Day Parade following the 10:30 a.m. service. The children can bring their favorite riding toy or wagon decorated to ride in the parade. If anyone has any green beads they can donate for the children to throw, please contact Amy Baker or drop them by the Church office.

April 9 - Jackson County Children's Ministry Spring Gathering; hosted by St. John's 9 - 10:30 a.m.
The Theme is *Growing*.

April 17 – Children's Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please bring filled plastic eggs no later than Thursday April 14, to be hidden during the service. Also, please have your child bring their Easter basket with them.

July 10-12 - Vacation Bible School 5 -7:15 p.m. The theme this year is *The Trinity*.



# How do you plan to observe Lent this year?



**Rick Roberts** 

**Dee Harris** 



**David Lewis** 



**Liz Evans** 

Having been raised Methodist, the notion of doing something special for Lent was not part of my tradition. Based purely on depictions in movies and TV. Lent to me was inexorably linked with the idea of sacrifice, giving something up; as in "I'm giving up chocolate for Lent." Since becoming Episcopalian I have discovered Lent can also be about growth and improvement, both spiritual and well being. This year I will observe Lent by making a concerted effort to help others everyday by donating or volunteering.

During this season, I plan to start each day with a devotion and reflection. I am also offering my time to more service to the Lord.

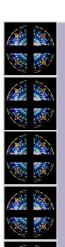
More study of the Bible is of great importance to me, especially in these trying times.

As a fairly new member, I am also studying the history of the church. My classes before confirmation were so interesting. The history of this faith is an important part of my decision to become part of the church.

I am originally from Moss Point but moved away in 1985 and lived most of my adult life in Chicago, and now in Northwest Indiana. We began returning to the coast as snowbirds a few years ago and enjoy worshipping with St. John's members. As we move into Lent. I look forward to the Ash Wednesday service and the Lenten dinners. I hope to participate in a Stations of the Cross Zoom service from our church up north. I would also like to read the Gospel of Mark.

For Lent this year, I've decided not to give up anything, but instead, to add some new habits. I plan to have a daily devotional with Mama including scripture, reflection, discussion and prayer. We've done that sporadically, but I'd like to make it a commitment during Lent.

I also plan to take a walk most days and use that time to pray and to think about all the many things I am grateful for.



#### St. John's Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, Bishop
The Rev. Tom Fanning, Rector
The Rev. Ede Plovanich, Part Time Associate
Priest

Hope Shotts Steiner, Organist-Choir Director Terry Willis, Sexton Jenn Johnson, Church Secretary Pam Eaves, Nursery Attendant Alix Thrower, Nursery Attendant

### 2022 Vestry

Kelly Smith - Senior Warden
Deborah Banahan - Junior Warden
Deborah Banahan - Parish Activities
TBD - Inreach
Rhonda Shook - Outreach

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Con Lancaster - Treasurer
Donna Stewart - Vestry Clerk
Bobby Baker - Assistant Treasurer

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. – noon Phone: 228-762-1705 E-Mail: office.sjecpm.org Web: www.sjecpm.org If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary please email or call Jenn with the date. Thank you!

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Saturday	05 Tonya Latady Billy Miller	12	19	26 Penny Ames *Brenda & Con Lancaster	05
Friday	04 Chandler Beasley Mollie McNeel Paula Tolleson	11 *Kim & Billy Williamson	18	Allison DuBose Alicia Fitch	01
Thursday	03 Nell Norwood	Tom Stevens Peggy Steward	Jason Battley Yvonne Lawarre Baillie Pettis	24	31 Cheryl Sullivan *Susan & Bill Miles
Wednesday	02 David Minkler	Mary Bet Evans Christian Fontaine Rick Roberts	16 Bill Card	23 Ann Williams	30
Tuesday	01 Anna Laura Plovanich	08 Rhonda Shook	15 Barbie Harkey	22 Hallie Waldrep	Mickie Baria Izabella Beasley *Emily & Brent Higdon
Monday	28	Murray Forsman Sonny Pickett	14 Kristin Garriga	21 Tom Schaub	28 Ryan Zelenka *Karen & Bill Nelson
Sunday	27	90	Susie Crenshaw Len Murray Jackie Switzer	20	27 *Susan & Terry Harris

	Lay Mi	Lay Ministry Schedule March 2022	ule March 20	)22	
	March 2nd	March 6th	March 13th	March 20th	March 27th
Verger	Bill Nelson	Dustin Taylor	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson	Dustin Taylor
	12:05pm	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
	Priscilla Battley	Bob McDonald	Gira Bardwell	Mary Maner	Priscilla Battley
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	John Banahan	Kathy Khayat	Rick Roberts Bruner Bosio	Mary Mgt Bailey John Banahan	Karl Steinberger Monica Donald
Acolytes		Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates		Gabby Kyzar, Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates	
Worship Camera	Matt Jones	Bill Stewart	Matt Jones	Bob Plovanich	Bill Stewart
Ushers	John Banahan	David Minkler	Ted Battley	John Banahan	Leonard Fuller
Altar Guild	Judy Williamson Laura Branch	JoAnne Fontaine Brenda Lancaster	Rhonda Shook Tonya Latady	Catherine Miller Mary Bet Evans	Connie Belk Anna Stewart
Flower Guild	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sunday School Teachers	N/A	Taylor Banahan, Abby Wills, & Amy Baker	Deborah Banahan & Amy Baker	Amy Baker	Kelci Miller