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The Christian journey

RECTOR'S COLUMN

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When you read this, we'll be in the last days of Lent heading into Holy Week and Easter. We are closer to Easter than to ashes, closer to life and resurrection than to dust.

Amidst this larger drama of the Christian journey, smaller ones unfold. In the wider Church, conflict continues over who is welcomed to exercise leadership in the Church and how it is exercised. People struggle to understand one another, draw lines in the sand, or simply walk away. In every faction there are broken hearts.

For some of us at St. Alban's, difficult illness and health-related issues for ourselves and loved ones and impending loss claim a large part of our attention, energy and concern; still more broken heartedness.

As I consider all of this—Lent and Easter, Church struggles, life, death, pain, and everything in between—what emerges for me is that the cost of love is sometimes a broken heart. It is inevitable when we love another person, when we love a community. No one knew this more than, Jesus, who heart must have broken a thousand times as he tried to get his disciples to understand what he was trying to teach them. His heart must have broken a thousand times more in the gathering darkness before his crucifixion.

In Psalm 51 which we pray on Ash Wednesday, we proclaim "A broken heart, O God, you will not despise." Despise—no! But welcome, embrace and reshape in that embrace, if we but allow God to.

Look at how Christ reshaped dear Peter's heart—broken from fear, from guilt, from love and loss. How Jesus used the brokenness of Peter to remake him into a more courageous, strong disciple!! Look how Christ renewed the disciples as they poured their hearts out to him on the road to Emmaeus!

So often we wall our hearts off for fear of a broken heart. But Jesus never did. Courageously, he kept loving until the end and, of course, right into a new beginning, "so that all might come within the reach of your saving embrace" (A Prayer for Mission, BCP, p.101).

One thing Jesus asked of his disciples at the end of his days: their presence. And that is just what Christ asks of us always but especially as we approach Holy Week. "Can you be present with me? Will you wait with me?" Through prayer and openness, by gathering with others on this journey, we can be present to Christ. Through our prayers, visits, cards and calls, we can also be with those in the Body of Christ who are hurting. In both cases, our hearts can be made new simply by being present and open.

As Lent turns into Easter, may we have the courage to be present with one another when hearts may be breaking. May we have the faith and hope to be present to Christ knowing that in him all things are made new.

*Yours Faithfully,
-Walter+*

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Holy Week Schedule

The services of Holy Week are some of the most ancient of the Church, instituted in the 4th century by Cyril, Bishop of Rome, during his tenure there. There are services at St. Alban's every night of the week, Monday through Friday, at 7 PM. The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night begins at 8:30 and is followed by a banquet of your favorite foods—Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share! Champagne served!

On Monday and Tuesday nights, the services are simple, said Eucharists, with silence and a short homily. On Wednesday the longer service of *tenebrae* includes readings from the Psalms and other instructional readings; there is no Eucharist in the evening. On Thursday we wash feet, strip the altar, and an overnight watch in the chapel where the Reserved Sacrament begins at 9 PM through Noon on Good Friday.



There are two separate services on Good Friday—one at Noon followed by Stations of the Cross (for those who wish to stay) and then at 7. At both services a different drama (from the ones we've been watching on Sundays) will be performed. And then on Saturday morning the short liturgy for Holy Saturday is said and we decorate the church with flowers and color for the Great Vigil of Easter that night. Robert Woodson once again this year will perform for us three selections from *God's Trombones*. Bring bells to ring as we joyously sing Alleluia and the Glory to God.



Our Sunday services for Easter are at the regular 8 and 10:30 times, and there is a reception following the 10:30 service.

Seder meal

Easter doesn't end at St. Alban's with the last service on Sunday but continues for one more day (OK, for 5 more days of the Easter season!) with a special celebration on Easter Monday.



We observe a type of Jewish Seder meal of lamb and rich food and wine (or grape juice) until way past sundown! The meal is by reservation and needs to be prepaid. You'll find a sign up sheet and

contribution envelopes on the Information Table in the narthex.

You're welcome to join in the food preparation that afternoon beginning at 1:00 if you wish. Beth Nellist is in charge of dinner preparations and Father Sherman will be organizing our dessert table. Please, please join in the celebration!

Potluck Supper

The night before Palm Sunday (Saturday, April 4) we gather for a potluck supper and to make palm crosses for the next morning's services. A sign up sheet on the Information Table helps us (and others) plan for different foods and quantities. An affair for the entire family!

Palm Sunday

ON PALM SUNDAY our 10:30 service begins 15 minutes earlier outside for the procession of the palms. Weather permitting, we'll start at the concession stand and process into the church. Come and be a part of the St. Alban's Marching Band!

Drama presentations on the web

If you may have missed on of the Sunday Lenten drama presentations please go to our website www.saintalbansindy.org to see what you missed. Click on the Lenten Drama Series button to see all the presentations. More are added each week so be sure to check back often.

Baptismal Dates 2009

Saturday, April 11, 2009	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, June 21, 2009	Bishop's Visitation, St. Alban's Day
Sunday, May 31, 2009	The Feast of Pentecost
Sunday, November 1, 2009	All Saints' Day
Sunday, January 10, 2010	The Baptism of our Lord
Saturday, April 3, 2010	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, May 23, 2010	The Feast of Pentecost
A Sunday in July, 2010	
Sunday, November 7, 2010	All Saints' Sunday
Sunday, January 9, 2011	The Baptism of our Lord

One Summer Sunday will also be designated as a baptismal day if requested; the Bishop's visit is also an appropriate time for baptism.

Thank you

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to thank everyone for their help with the book sale. We had lots of support and help. It was greatly appreciated. The book sale was a great success; we took \$1,850 in receipts. This is much more than what we took in for the rummage sale in 2007 and a lot less work involved in it.

In the past, we have been asked to get outside help for raising funds for the church. We had books donated from members and non-members of the church. I am also happy to say that about 65 percent of the funds taken in from the book sale were from non-members of the church.

Besides, raising money for the church, the book sale gave us a great evangelism tool as well. We passed out information about the church, showed people the sanctuary, and answered questions about the church. This was a great way to get people into the door and tell them about us.

With the success of the book sale, we are planning on doing another book sale in March 2010. We are hoping that you will remember us during this year and donate additional books for next year's sale. We have plenty of storage and we are able to take the books at anytime. If you need help getting them to the church, please call me at 317-292-1459.

Don't forget, as a donation, you can write of on your taxes books that you donate. If you do donate books and wish to have a receipt, please contact Mary Tobey at the church and she will be happy to write one for you.

Once again, thank you for all your support and help,

McCoy Wagers

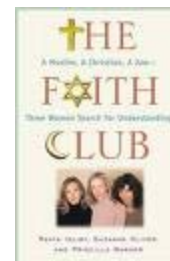
Book Club

The book club selection for April will be **The Shack**, by William P. Young. The discussion will be April 26th.

"Mac is a grief-stricken father in mid-life about to have an extraordinary experience with God. His great sadness began four years ago on a weekend camping trip, when his 6-year-old daughter, Missy, was murdered. What he couldn't know then, but is about to learn, was God's purpose for Missy's death. "
-AudioFile 2008



The book club selection for May will be **The Faith Club** by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. Check the next issue of the *Showing*, for information on the date of the discussion.



"There were arguments, hurt feelings, tensions, and difficult moments during which misunderstandings and resentments almost won. But they stuck it out and eventually decided to write a book about their own experiences together, rather than the children's book. It was the right decision. The result is an easy introduction to what Muslims, Jews and Christians believe, how those beliefs influence the ethics, morals, and values of individual. The book is a terrific read. You can't help but get wrapped up in their personal stories and by the end you feel as if you have been through the experience with them. "

-The Washington Post/Newsweek

Outreach News

- by Jeff Cichy

During the next few months, I will be spotlighting a few parishioners who take time out of their day to help the less fortunate and continue the mission of Christ.

Howard Patterson, who has been a long time parishioner of St Alban's and is currently a member of the vestry, has been volunteering for the past 3 years for the Kairos Prison Ministry. www.kairosprisonministry.org "The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen." One weekend, twice a year (April and September) Howard and about 45 other volunteers journey to the Pendleton Correction Facility and spread the Gospel of Christ. During the weekend they talk to the inmates about Christ, feed them, and simply listen. Howard said his ministry can be summed up in four words "Listen, Listen, Love, Love".

Howard, who was introduced to Kairos by his son Michael, is "truly blessed to be a part of this ministry". There are many ways you can help the Kairos Prison Ministry. Besides volunteering, you can become a "Prayer Partner" or do something as simple as make a dozen cookies. (Each volunteer is asked to bring 60 dozen cookies to the facility as part of their mission) Please see Howard or check the website for more information.

A special thanks goes out to Mary Boggs, Mariann Scott, and Susan Cooper who prepared the monthly meal for the residents of Craine House. We need volunteers for the April dinner (April 19th). If you would like to participate, please sign up in the narthex or contact Jeff Cichy or Father Sherman.

Spring Forum

The Church Women United Spring Forum will be Monday, April 6 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am at First Baptist/Indianapolis Church, 8600 North College.

The program will feature Dan Moseley speaking on "Living with Loss". Dan is a member of the Central Christian Church and a retired Professor of Practical Parish Ministry from Christian Theological Seminary. All are invited. Contact Mary Boggs at 253-6305 or marybboggs@yahoo.com for more details.

Opening day

The Opening Day of the St. Alban's Little League is Saturday, April 25—all day (but beginning at 9 AM). Come cheer on the teams and wear your St. Alban's athletic shirt! Our Evangelism Committee will be present too!

Confirmation

Confirmation for our Deanery will take place on Sunday, April 26, at 4 PM at Trinity Church, 33rd and Meridian.

Diocesan newspaper

Are you receiving your monthly copy of *Tidings*, the diocesan newspaper? All those who attend St. Alban's on a regular basis should be getting a copy. If you're not, please notify the office (546-8037).

(*Tidings* also has a copy of the Episcopal newspaper *Episcopal Life* inserted, so you get both for free!)

Vestry meets

The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 in the Library of the church.

Large print service bulletins

Large print copies of the Sunday service and the lessons are available on the table as you enter the back of the church from the narthex. If you don't see them, just ask the ushers to point them out to you!

Our Parish Life Together

During the Prayers of the People we pray for family and friends who are in crisis. Our continuing prayers are asked for those who are living with debilitating illness of body, mind or spirit and their caregivers; those suffering from addictions and their families; and those seeking employment. Please also hold in your thoughts and prayers those in our immediate family who are in nursing homes or are home bound.

Our Prayer List

Members of Our Parish Community

Dottie Soule; Jack Rickert, Ann White, Janice Croomes,
Lena Thompson, Joshua Heise

Friends and Family of Our Parish Community

Mike McConnell
grandson of Howard and Eddie Patterson

Cathy Kennedy
daughter of Jeanne Atkins

Stephanie Kihm
granddaughter of Marty Roman

Karl Samples
son-in-law of Edith Campbell

Jason
son of Deana McGivern

Florence
aunt of Jim Long

Bella Edwards
mother of Sandy Edwards

Sharon Short and Ralph Allison
sister and God-father of Karen Sullivan

Karen Wright
sister-in-law of Garnet Finn

Esther Greene
aunt of the Cerimele-Kosloski Family

Friends and Family Serving in the Armed Forces

Chris Wyatt; Lucas Cavazos



April Birthdays

3rd
Jeanne Atkins

7th
Jack Rickert

21
Harry Price IV

23
Jeffrey Gray

26
Garnet Finn

27
Nelson Wolisi

April Anniversaries

21st
Cecelia & Roger
Loney

Mariann Scott &
Rebecca Lewis


Please make sure the Church Office has special dates in your life so we may include them on our calendar.

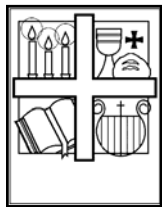
Please note that the Prayer List will be emptied of all current names listed and will begin anew on Easter Sunday. To renew a person for the list, please sign them up on the board in the Narthex on Easter Sunday.



April 2009

Sunday Worship Schedule
 8am Holy Eucharist (said service)
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (with music)
 10:30 am Church School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Wednesday Worship Schedule 4/1 - Holy Eucharist and Healing 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 - Holy Eucharist & Morning Prayer</p>		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p><i>Palm Sunday</i> 9am Choir 9:15am Adult Ed. 3-5pm EFM 7pm AA</p>	<p>7pm Eve Prayer/HE 7pm Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>6:30pm Devington 7pm Eve. Prayer/HE 7pm 12-Step Workshop (downstairs)</p>	<p>10:15am Wed. Disc. 6pm Lenten Soup & Study</p>	<p>9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7pm HE/Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar 7pm AA 9pm Night Watch</p>	<p>10 <i>Good Friday</i> 12noon Liturgy 1pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross 8pm AA</p>	<p>11 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 10am Liturgy 8:30pm Great Easter Virgil & Reception</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p><i>Easter Day</i> Reception following Service 9am Choir No Church School 8pm AA</p>	<p>7pm Paschal Feast (by paid reservation) 7pm Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>6:30pm Vestry 7pm 12-Step Workshop</p>	<p>10:15am Wed. Disc.</p>	<p>7pm Devon Annual Meeting (Parish Hall) 7pm AA</p>	<p>11am-2pm Baseball Photos 4pm-10pm AA Anniversary Dinner</p>	<p>25 <i>Baseball Opening Day</i> 6pm International Dinner</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>9am Choir 9:15am Adult Ed. 3-5pm EFM 5pm Craine House 7pm AA</p>	<p>7pm Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>6-7pm Freetown Singers 7pm 12-Step Workshop</p>	<p>10:15am Wed. Disc.</p>	<p>7pm AA 8pm AA</p>	<p>8pm AA</p>	<p>6pm International Dinner</p>
26	27	28	29	30		
<p>9am Choir 9:15am Adult Ed. 12noon Book Club 3-5pm EFM 4pm Confirmation 7pm AA</p>	<p>7pm Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>6-7pm Freetown Singers 7pm 12-Step Workshop</p>	<p>10:15am Wed. Disc.</p>	<p>7pm AA</p>		



Lay Ministry Schedule

APRIL 2009

Sundays		April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
ACOLYTES	8:00	P. Krause	Ella Stotts	M. Wyatt	H. Patterson
CRUCIFERS	10:30	J. Bandy	J. Long	K. Sullivan	M. Wagers
LECTORS	10:30	J. Trendell W. Smith	B. Nellist M Wyatt	H. Patterson E. Patterson	L. Lohman T. Klos
CHALICE BEARERS	10:30	J. Trendell R. Vaughan	B. Nellist R. Vaughan	H. Patterson E. Patterson	M. Wagers R. Lewis
USHERS & GREETER	8:00 10:30	E. Stotts B. Boehmer K. Sullivan	P. Krause M. Carter M. Scott	E. Stotts R. Lewis M. Scott	P. Krause K. Sullivan B. Boehmer
OFFERING MANAGERS	8:00 10:30	E. Stotts M. Wagers	P.Krause B. Nellist	E. Stotts J. Long	P. Krause R. Lewis
COUNTERS		J. Mellor R. Stutzman	B. Nellist M. Wyatt	L. Northrup B. Nellist	J. Bandy R. Lewis
ALTAR GUILD		J. Trendell M. Boggs	J. Trendell M. Boggs	J. Trendell M. Boggs	J. Trendell M. Boggs
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS AFTER 10:30 SERVICE		J. Harmon J. Hocking	J. Atkins S. Cooper	S. Edwards R. Edwards	Ben Cash Barb Cash
CHURCH SCH. AST.		M. Boggs	Barb. Cash	J. Trendell	G. Cerimele/ M. Boggs

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation please find a substitute.



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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(without music)
9:15 a.m. Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(with music)
10:30 a.m. Church School
Childcare Available

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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The Rev. Walter Sherman, Rector
Tom Dearchs, Organist, Choir Director
Mary Tobey, Church Secretary
Mariann Scott, Editor *Showing*
Robin Edwards, Treasurer

ST. ALBAN'S 2009 VESTRY

McCoy Wagers, Senior Warden, Fundraising (2010)
Mark Wyatt, Junior Warden, Buildings & Grounds (2010)
Ella Stotts, Education (2011)
Jeff Cichy, Outreach (2011)
Whitney Smith, Worship (2010)
Deanna McGivern, Stewardship (2011)
Howard Patterson, Evangelism (2012)
Gina Cerimele, Parish Life (2012)
Barbara Cash, (2012)