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# July Epistle

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We're in the midst of those "hazy, crazy, lazy days of summer" when much in our lives quiets down for us to rest and recoup a little. These are beach days, reading days, coffee on the deck days and we all need some of that down time to recharge our batteries.

While there are fewer meetings and activities at St. John's over the summer, these are far from quiet days for us. Our music committee is meeting regularly, and working hard to create a parish music profile and develop a music program that we all appreciate. Our youth committee is working to recruit leaders for our youth group and begin a re-energized program in the fall. We're looking for folks of all ages who enjoy working with young people. If you are interested in being a leader, please let me know.

We are also busy re-evaluating our Sunday School program and recruiting teachers and leaders for next fall. Again, we're looking for folks who enjoy working with kids and can give a few Sundays a year to helping our children grow in Christian faith.

It looks to me like we should all rest up this summer because we're going to be busy, busy in the fall. Perhaps while you are relaxing on these hot days, you can give some thought to how you'd like to be involved in the ministries, programs and activities of St John's. We want to grow all

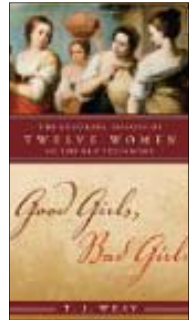
our programs: youth, children and music especially, and the only way that will happen is if everyone gets involved and shares the gifts and talents God has given you.

Kick back and enjoy the summer, but while you're doing so, please give some thought and prayer to what parts you want to play in our life together.

*Blessings,  
Vicki +*

## Bible Study Group

Was Jezebel really as bad as everyone thinks? What lessons can we learn from Good Girl Ruth? Find out by joining our six week Women's Bible Study group! We will read and discuss *Good Girls, Bad Girls:*



*Enduring Lessons of Twelve Women from the Old Testament.* Our group will meet at the church on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm, starting July 27<sup>th</sup> for six weeks. If there is enough interest in a daytime group, we will have a second group as well.

Please email Mary Margaret Godier at [mmgodier@yahoo.com](mailto:mmgodier@yahoo.com) if you are interested. She will contact you with the details as well as instructions for finding the book, signing up to be a chapter leader (if you are so inclined) or bringing a small treat to share with the group. Make sure to mention if you are interested in Wednesday nights or a weekday morning.

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# Sr. Warden's Corner



St. John's got the summer off to a rousing start in mid-June! On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Luau on the Lawn, we enjoyed great food, games and a good time for all. Many thanks to Matt and Betsy Kessler for spearheading this, and to Bill LaBarbera for providing great pig and chicken, and to all who helped.

On Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> we welcomed eight new Christians into St. John's fold with an enriching baptism service and special reception. It was a great welcome back for



Mother Vicki and Kevin following their trip to Turkey. Gene Montague's classes continue to inspire. I look forward to continued spirit and participation throughout the summer.

One of the songs we sang at the Baptism service was "Who'll be a Witness for My Lord." Earlier in June, Bishop Curry gave a (typical for him) rousing sermon at Trinity Church, Wall Street, on that subject. A video of his sermon can be found on the Trinity Wall Street website: <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/webcasts/videos/conferences-classes/interviews/can-i-get-a-witness>. If you have not seen it, I highly recommend it.

Many of us will be traveling some this summer, but I expect most of us will be here a good part of the time. I encourage you to use a portion of that time at St. John's. There are many opportunities to work, to learn, to worship, and to get to know one another better.

*Peace,  
Reid Calhoun*

# Treasurer's Report

In May, we continued our positive move forward. It was the first month this year when income was on budget, although we have a year-to-date shortfall of approximately \$3,560. Expenditures for the month were \$480 less than budgeted and for the year are \$4,500 less than budgeted. This results in a surplus for the year- to-date of \$5,217 against a budgeted surplus of \$4,212. At the same time last year, we had a deficit of \$2,267.

All costs related to the calling of our new Rector have been paid and are included in the numbers.

Summer is upon us and with many Parishioners being away for periods of time, our income historically suffers. Please do all you can to minimize this impact on our cash flow.

We have finished the upgrade to our accounting system. We have one final bug to be fixed, and then we will have much more user-friendly reports. We

acknowledge and thank Joe Paulonis and Arienne Brown whose tremendous efforts made this possible.

A snapshot of the results is shown below and, as always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please let either myself or a committee member know. We would be pleased to help. Thank you all for the great support that you continue to give.

*-Alan Kettle*

	<u>May 2001</u>		<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	25,264	25,400	118,138	121,700
Expenses	19,520	19,904	112,921	117,578
Net Surplus (shortfall)	5,744	5,496	5,217	4,122
Mortgage Balance at end of May			475,671	

## Stewardship Corner

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*The following are excerpts from “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Tenth Anniversary Edition.”*

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10). What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly is one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to God.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. These linked realities, discipleship and stewardship, then make up the fabric of a Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord. Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion. To be a Christian disciple is a rewarding way of life, a way of companionship with Jesus, and the practice of stewardship as a part of it is itself a source of deep joy. Those who live this way are happy people who have found the meaning and purpose of living.

In some ways, it may be harder to be a Christian steward today than at times in the past. Although religious faith is a strong force in the lives of many Americans, our country’s dominant secular culture often contradicts the values of the Judaeo-Christian tradition. This is a culture in which destructive “isms” (materialism, relativism, hedonism, individualism, consumerism) exercise seductive, powerful influences. Jesus’ invitation to follow him is addressed to people of every time and condition. Here and now it is addressed to us—members of a community of faith blessed with many human and material resources yet often uncertain about how to sustain and use them.

Christian stewards are conscientious and faithful. After all, the first requirement of a steward is to be “found trustworthy” (1 Cor 4:2). In the present case,

moreover, stewardship is a uniquely solemn trust. If Christians understand it and strive to live it to the full, they grasp the fact that they are no less than “God’s co-workers” (1 Cor 3:9), with their own particular share in his creative, redemptive, and sanctifying work.

Christian stewards are generous out of love as well as duty. Of course, people’s lives as stewards take countless forms, according to their unique vocations and circumstances. Still, the fundamental pattern in every case is simple and changeless: “Serve one another through love...bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal 5:13, 6:2). This includes being stewards of the Church, for, as we are quite specifically told, “the Church of the living God” is “the household of God” (1 Tim 3:15), and it is essential to practice stewardship there.

The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter it is charged with intense joy.

Women and men who seek to live in this way learn that “all things work for good for those who love God” (Rom 8:28). It is part of their personal experience that God is “rich in mercy [and] we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them” (Eph 2:4, 10). In light of all this, it only remains for all of us to ask ourselves this question: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ? The Spirit is ready to show us the way...

*“As our concept of stewardship continues to evolve after twelve years of marriage, we are grateful for the people who have challenged us from the beginning to embrace fully Christ’s teachings. They weren’t always telling us the things we wanted to hear, but we feel blessed that we were able to work through the initial frustrations of committing the best portion of our time, talent, and treasure to the Church. It’s difficult to separate ourselves from the demands and possessions of the world, but there’s a tremendous amount of peace that comes from every decision we make for Christ and his will for us. We can’t overstate the powerful impact the lifestyle has had on our marriage and three children.”* Tom and LaNell Lilly, Owensboro, KY

For the full version of “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response,” please contact the church office or visit the following website: <http://www.usccb.org/stewardship/disciplesresponse.pdf>.

## Sunday School Curriculum Committee

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The Sunday School Curriculum Committee was formed to recognize that the children of St. John's are *the future* of St. John's. Our challenge is to create a Sunday School experience that provides biblical instruction and experiences that will sustain them all of their lives; and to make the experience educational and available to all generations who are part of St. John's.

The committee, guided by subject matter experts, is considering a wide aspect of Sunday School to include curriculum, time, and all age groups. We are looking at both content and process using a wide angle and a zoom lens approach. The committee reflects the both generational diversity and religious background of the parish.

This is a year-long commitment to make sure we carefully consider the needs of everyone,

and tap into all the rich resources of the hearts and minds of the St. John's flock. We invite you to seek us out and share your own memories of Sunday school. Please tell us what you loved and what you learned.

Committee members are Gail Calhoun, Betsy Kessler, Mary Margaret Godier, Paige Campion, Mary Martin, Carolyn Stoklas, Sandra Rhodes, Julia Mielish, Dave Roberts, Mary Ellen Archer, Ann Holmes and JoAnn Vaught. We are delighted that Vicki will be there to guide us along the way.

The roster is open and if you feel called to join us, please, please know you are welcome! Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

-Jo Ann Vaught

## Music Committee

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The Music Committee has met twice this summer. At our first meeting, we developed a series of questions to gather information needed to develop a music profile for our parish. Questions distributed the first six Sundays focused on several aspects important to the music program.

- \* Music we recall from our childhood
- \* Types of music that feed our members spiritually
- \* Changes to the music program that members would like to see
- \* Facets of the music program that members would not like to be changed
- \* Members' feelings about learning new hymns/ styles of music
- \* Ways in which members see themselves participating in the music program.

We have found that although some prefer traditional music and others prefer contemporary music, many members are open to a variety of musical styles/types and are willing to learn new hymns/service music. Also, a children's choir should be a part of our music program.

The committee is still studying and discussing the responses we have received. Once responses to the last two questions are received, we will begin work on a parish music profile.

We are committed to providing a rich musical program that reflects the need for a variety of styles of music. Furthermore, the committee recognizes the importance of musical leadership that will enable all of us to learn and appreciate music that is "new" to us.

You will find a sample of the responses received thus far on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

-JoAnn Wootten

## Green Committee

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Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Autobell car wash ticket sales! We made \$1,488.52 which will enable us to install seven programmable

thermostats in the Parish Hall and Education Building. New thermostats were advised in the energy audit, and we should be able to save energy and money year round.

-Jeannette Kettle

# The Hungry Among Us

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Many of us may have an image of the people that visit a food bank. Here are just a few facts from a comprehensive study, "Hunger in America" completed in 2009. The study used interviews with over 62,000 clients of food banks, soup kitchens, etc., and an additional 37,000 surveys to provide information on hunger in NC.

Below are listed just a few of the key findings related to hunger in North Carolina.

**Characteristics of the Hungry:** The Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC (FBCENC) provides food to an estimated 542,000 people annually. The FBCENC is the agency with which our local Triangle-Area Ministry (TAM) Food Bank is affiliated.

- \* About 30% of the households served by food banks in our area have children less than 18 years of age.
- \* 30% have at least one employed adult.
- \* 74% have incomes below the federal poverty level (currently \$22,050 for a 4-person household).
- \* 40% of those served must choose between paying for food and paying their utilities.
- \* 37% must choose between paying for food and paying for medicine and medical care.

**Current Situation for Food Pantries:** Recently FBCENC reported that the agencies it serves have seen an increase of 20% in the number of individuals served during the past year. The previous year saw an increase of 31%. Thus in the past two years on the average, **food banks and other feeding programs have had an increase of 51% in the number of individuals served.**

The amount of food distributed has also risen from 31.5 million pounds in 2007/2008 to 41.5 million pounds in 2009/2010. The increase in demand makes it difficult for food pantries to provide food to all who need it.

**How You Can Help:** All of us receive many appeals for assistance during the year, and it may be difficult to give them all serious consideration. However, we ask that you continue to remember the hungry this summer. **Bring food** for our food collection. We take donated food to the food bank every week. **Make a monetary donation** to Tri-Area Ministry, (P.O. Box 1394, Wake Forest NC 27587) or to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC (P.O. Box 58129, Raleigh NC 27690-5831).

**Set a Goal To Fight Hunger This Summer: Talk with your children about hunger** (not just all those starving Chinese your mother told you about), but about the hungry in our own community. You can get ideas at [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org). Under the "Education Tab" you will find a "Kid's Page."

**Educate Yourself:** Even if you can't respond to every request for help, consider those that help the hungry.

**Donate Food Each Week:** If you are able, bring at least 19 ounces of food each week. This amount equals about one meal. If you are able, donate more.

**Donate Money:** A donation of \$1 equals \$8 of food or 4 meals. Save your loose change all month, and then write a check to TAM or to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. If you know someone who is celebrating a life event but requested "no gifts," make a donation in their honor.

*-JoAnn Wootten*

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## Youth Committee

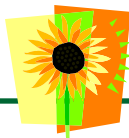


The Youth Committee has met twice and is working on improving the programming at St. John's for our middle and high school students. We are currently in the process of looking for leaders for our EYC as well as a curriculum for them to use.

We have decided to eliminate the Sunday morning church school for middle schoolers and instead encourage this age group to participate in the church service through serving as an acolyte, reading or singing. We are looking forward to a refreshed and exciting youth program starting this Fall!

*-Tori Bennett*

## In Our Prayers



Lynn Bartholomew  
Kathy and Joe Binns  
Brenda Brown  
Sam Brown  
Patrick Cancro  
Doug Crowe  
Isabel Crowe  
Virginia Currie  
Jimmy Cushing  
Mark Dunn  
Murray Dunn  
Frankie Epps  
Betty Fuller  
Marie & Hudson Hamilton  
Sandra Hayes  
Nelda Huffstetler  
Jack Hunt  
Christina Kaye  
Kenneth and Samantha  
Helen Kovacs  
Susan Lee  
Pat Maiocco  
Gail and Ken Marsh  
Joe Marsh

Speed Massenburg  
Shane McKewen  
Mestas family  
Maria Milam  
Abigayle Claire Monteith  
Dick Monteith  
Tim Mozingo  
Elwood Munz  
Catherine Newton  
Virginia Olsen  
Anthony Ottley  
Nora Ottley  
Mark Paige  
John Paulonis  
Brendan Pearce  
William Presson  
Marisa Rosa  
George Shiflett  
George and Dana Telenko  
Karen Tiner  
Ken Wayne  
Linda Wolfgang  
Rochelle Zaino

### Our Men / Women in Armed Services:

Amanda Altman, Vicki Smith's cousin  
Thomas, Tom & Darden Baker's son  
John, Pinky & David Cooke's son  
Michele Cooke  
Derek Dinkins, Daniel Cheek's cousin  
Drew Holt, Ben Miller, Daniel Virant,  
Lee & Perri Holt's nephews  
Chris Jones  
Guy Jordan  
Charles Kelly  
Frank Kelly, Carol Smith's grandson  
Michael, Bill & Bonnie LaBarbera's son  
Michael Klump, Kathy Binns' brother  
Sean Lynch, Pinky & David Cooke's friend  
Ryan McDavitt  
Steven  
Phillip Tinker  
Kyle Weinell

### Those who have died:

Austin Flowers  
Lane Meyer  
Matthew Speight

## July Birthdays



01	Hunter Kramer Kelly Osborne	07	Henry Allen Anna Armstrong Claudia Curran	15	Bill Batton	27	Tom Baker III Marilyn Crawford Drew Hylton Abby Presson
02	Cindy Hall Marc Lownes	10	Alton Hare Read Kessler	16	Mike Dearstyne	28	Lynn Bartholomew Lauren Freeman John Kessler Mark Paige
03	Bob Bidwell Alex Reichmeider	11	Kaylah Busse Carol Clise Jim Jenkins	17	Michael Turner	29	Jameson Dapo Gregory Kastendike
04	Jenny Brewer Mynn Paige Andy Wilkinson III	12	Karen Matchunis	18	Andrew Dickhart Jennifer Marshall	30	Greg Stattel
05	Shirley Matheny	14	Ayden Delahunty Mike Husinko II	22	Kristen Davis	31	James Cook III
06	Paul Barrows William Kramer Elwood Munz			23	Elisabeth Vohwinkel		
				25	Catherine King		
				26	Patty Ray		

# July Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalicians	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon					
03-Jul	8:00	Phillip Paige Abby Telenko Daniel Brittingham	Katharine Ferguson	Bob Bidwell		Louis Mullinger	Louise Howard	Miriam Houtz, Melanie Murphy	Isaiah 26:1-8 Psalm 47 Romans 13:1-10 Mark 12:13-17	Vicki Smith				
	10:00	John McDuffie Meredith Massey Olivia Massey	David Bennett Rob Massey Rob Massey	Catherine Massey Harold Davis	John Rich and Melanie Murphy	Jim and Sharon Davenport								
	8:00	Trevor Telenko Creighton Ball Sophie Holmes	Louis Mullinger	Katharine Ferguson		Mike Morse					Patty Ray	Jenny Brewer and Sharon Davenport	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Vicki Smith
	10:00	Jack Presson Julia McCormick Stephanie Thomas	Kevin Smith Donna King Carole Friedman	Elizabeth McDuffie Carole Friedman	Bill Houtz Al Hinton	Harold Davis Al Hinton								
8:00	Shane Morse	Cathy Plaut	Bob Bidwell	LeejCopperfield		Julie Arthur	Elizabeth McDuffie, Elizabeth Melvin and Kristen Bierline	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Vicki Smith					
10:00	Jack Kessler Conner Hicks Kody Hicks	Laura Santos Al Hinton John Rich	Tom Baker Kennille Baumgardner	Shannon Correia	Michael McDuffie Bill LaBarbera									
8:00	Jonathan Farrell Jaxon Farrell	Bob Bidwell	Zack Ross	Louis Mullinger	Alton Hare					Shirley Matheny	Arline McCullough, Denise Munz, Carol Paulonis	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Vicki Smith	
10:00	Trevor Daw Emma Daw Jayne Bennett	Harold Davis Miriam Houtz Kevin Smith	Christine Knights Jim Davenport	Laura Santos	Dave McPherson Roger Melvin									
8:00	Sydney Osborne	Louis Mullinger	Katharine Ferguson		Larry Demanovich	Shirley McHose	Linda Hayes, Kelly Osborne	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 16 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	Vicki Smith					
10:00	Sean Leech Meredith Massey Olivia Massey	Kari Delahunty Daniel Cheek Christina Kastendike	Catherine Massey Elizabeth McDuffie	Dorie Allen	Bill Batton John Rich									

## Preschool News

The Preschool has room in the Parent/Tot 1-year-old Playgroup for the 2011-2012 school year. The playgroup will allow you to introduce your little one to school with you there to help him or her explore. You will meet other parents/grandparents, learn some new circle time games and songs, have snack together and dabble in art. The playgroup will meet every Friday starting September 16<sup>th</sup>

from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. There is a \$45 registration fee, and the cost is \$45 a month.

Contact me at 562-8619 or [kbaron@stjohnswf.com](mailto:kbaron@stjohnswf.com) for more information about the Playgroup or to place your child on a waiting list for any other classes. Get more details on our website: [www.stjohnswf.net](http://www.stjohnswf.net).

- Kristen Baron

## 2011 High School Graduate



Matthew Daw graduated from Morris Academy and will be attending Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he will be studying physics and continue competitive swimming. Matt is the son of Lisa Hunt.



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## From the Parish Register



**Born** - *Bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable.*

**Andrew Oliver Chase Kastendike**, son of Greg and Christina Kastendike, on June 2  
**Gannon LaHiff Iwig**, son of Jon and Lauren Iwig, on June 2

**Baptized** - *Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.*

**Mikayla Ellis Howard, Riley Lauria Clark, Brian Jenkins Northrup, Molly Claire Northrup, Ryan Nelson Bell, Abram Daniel Cheek, Andrew Dutch Fisher, and Carter Reid Harris**

**Transfers** - *Give them courage, patience, vision and strength in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.*

**Brian, Michelle, and Mikayla Howard** from Church of the Servant, Wilmington, Delaware  
**Betty and David Bland** from Good Shepherd, Scranton, Pennsylvania