



Office for
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Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Jan 6, 2024)

St. John the Baptist Mt. Carmel, Springfield

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Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge

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| Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) | Number of Weekend Worship Services | Number of Weekday Worship Services | Number of Other per Month Worship Services |
| 15 | 1 | 1 | |
| Current Annual Compensation | Cash Stipend | Housing / Rectory Detail | Utilities |
| | | | |
| SECA reimbursement | Compensation Available for New Position | Housing Available for | Pension Plan |
| | \$70000 | | We're in compliance with CPF requirements. |
| Healthcare Options | Dental | Housing Equity Allowance in budget | Annual Equity Amount |
| Full family | | | |
| Vacation Weeks | Vacation Weeks Details | Continuing Education Weeks | Continuing Education Weeks Details |
| One month, including 5 Sundays (standard) | | Other | 1 |
| Continuing Education Funding in budget | Sabbatical Provision | Travel/Auto Account | Other Professional Account |
| \$1001-\$2000/year | | Yes | No |

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

Our Bishop helped us realize how St. John's is a pastoral size church that has been entrusted with corporate-sized church responsibilities. We are at once blessed and challenged as beneficiaries of a family investment trust that expects us to pick up responsibility for mission, outreach, education, and evangelism within our parish, community, and Diocese. We are now at a tipping point where generous financial resources employed in the right way will give way to bold, unexpected statements of "come and see." This parish does not have financial concerns at the operational level. Instead, our focus is now on inviting and awarding grants to fund measurable reaches of Jesus Christ into a hurting world. We seek a priest who is faithful, true, and bold while possessing the maturity, demonstrated experience, and vision to manage abundance rather than scarcity. Please do not consider this opportunity if you are timid, doubt the seaworthiness of the ship, and are wont to remain tethered to the dock. This is our time of fulfillment. Without apology, we seek to be the very best expression of being Church in South-Central Illinois. Come be that priest with us.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

We have not been as persistent in this area as we would like to be. We look forward to acquiring a new rector—one who is a visionary and dreams big—to facilitate the growth and vibrancy of our community.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

spirituality, commitment, stewardship, vision, Fervor

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

We are more high church celebrating a formal mass from the Book of Common Prayer, following Rite II. When a priest is with us, we use vestments, sing hymns, and celebrate the Eucharist. We have been blessed to have a dedicated lector who leads us in Morning Prayer every Sunday and Wednesday. Our lay leadership, in the absence of a priest, has been leading and will continue to lead special services such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Week services, Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Stations of the Cross. We are blessed to have two part-time organists who serve our congregation in worship. When we have guests, we help them navigate any service they attend.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

When a priest is present, a layperson assists the priest. We have lay readers for the Lessons, and laypersons set up the altar and care for the linens. One parishioner functions as the yard maintenance man as well as the facility overseer. Other ministries our parishioners are involved in are hosting coffee hour, bell ringing, church garden management, and visitations, among many others

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

Concerning physical well-being, we have a lift to assist those with mobility issues to enter the church and a wheelchair to provide curb-to-church assistance. We have parishioners who pick up others so they can attend service. We have purchased hearing aids for those who cannot afford them; we have paid for a parishioner's new dental implants; and we visit those who are sick and provide them with food. Concerning emotional well-being, we check in on one another frequently to make sure everyone is doing all right. We visit those who are widowed and pray with them. We send cards to our brothers and sisters who are sick or otherwise indisposed to encourage them during their recovery. Concerning spiritual well-being, we continue to meet for Morning Prayer and other services. We pray for one another individually as well as corporately.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

We financially support multiple charities in the community, such as the Wabash Valley College Arts Council, Safe Haven (the local homeless women and children's shelter), the Wabash Ministerial Association, Lunch Wagon (a service that delivers lunches to children through the summer months), and WADI food pantry. Additionally, we purchased new uniforms for the honor guard to use at VFW/Legion military funerals, funded the Senior Citizens' Center, and have met individual needs as they have been presented to us. We have also financed five students' college educations with five more being supported at present. We have provided winter coats for children in need and contributed funds for the local Catholic school to be able to purchase new laptops for their students.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

Locally, we facilitated the restoration of the doors of St. John's-Albion (the historically oldest continuously operating Episcopal church in Illinois). One of our parishioners provides Day by Day and Lenten materials to the congregation at St. John's-Albion. We continue to send a delegation to Synod and attend Deanery meetings. We have provided \$10,000 to our Deanery Missions. More globally, we: contributed funds to help repair the chapel in a church in Sicily for their 100th anniversary, provided a Land Rover for a bishop in Africa, and have contributed funds to help meet multiple disaster relief needs—especially in Haiti.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

The church set up an official scholarship fund through Edward Jones called the Putnam/Blood Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide scholarships to students from all walks of life so they can continue their journey in higher education. For further information, contact Carolyn Peach.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

We are fortunate to have been blessed with a generous endowment that has facilitated our ability to bless those in need and provide for the needs of a resident rector. Additionally, we have loyal, tithing members who share their time, treasures, and talents with our community. As described in questions 4, 5, and 6, we readily sow into the lives of those who need it most. We use the funds God has entrusted us with to serve the less fortunate and to enhance and equip others to expand the kingdom of God. Simply put, our approach to stewardship is: we invest our finances so they grow so that we can invest in others so they can grow.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

We have not been troubled with parish-wide conflict, but in the event that there is a disagreement, we will deal with it as any family does, with open discussion, reasoning, and resolution.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

The retirement of our priest, followed by the outbreak of COVID-19, understandably created some changes in our church. As a result of COVID-19, we held services online for eight months, then an occasional supply priest would help us celebrate the Eucharist. Some parishioners left in order to supplement our lack of a priest; others supplemented our service with the online services of another church. That said, we kept in touch with our fellow parishioners via driveway chats, phone calls, cards, and delivering small gifts, among other methods. Though we are still in the process of searching for a priest, our core group remains devoted to loving and growing our church. Because of our lay leadership, we've been able to have Morning Prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays, even when a priest isn't available. Through this, we've learned to keep serving God, praying, planning for the future, and preparing for a new priest.

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Prior Incumbents

| Name | Position Title | Date Begun | Date Ended |
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| Brant Hazlett | Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | 1997-11 | 2020-02 |

| Name | Position Title | Date Begun | Date Ended |
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| Mark Brown | Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | 1995-02 | 1997-05 |

| Name | Position Title | Date Begun | Date Ended |
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| Anthony Viton | Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | 1966-01 | 1992-01 |

We are looking for a priest who is a visionary—capable of dreaming big, making a plan to achieve that dream, and then following through. Someone who is business-capable and well-versed in finance and the administration of endowments. We're looking for our next priest to be knowledgeable in Scripture and pastoral in his care of our congregation. Lastly, we are looking for a priest who is an evangelist and is dedicated to the growth and vibrancy of our church.

| Church School | Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School | Number of Students for Children School |
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| Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School | Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School | Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School | Number of Students for Adults School |
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| Day School | Number of Students for Day School | Number of Teachers for Day School | Number of Total Staff for Day School |
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Worshipping Community Web site:

Media Links:

Online References:

[StJohntheBaptistEpiscopalChurch](#)

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

During the pandemic we had livestream Sunday services conducted by Fr. Geoffrey Scanlon from his home on our Facebook page. The livestream was from Aug. 7, 2020 to April 28, 2021.

References

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