



Ministry Guide

MINISTRIES, OUTREACH & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



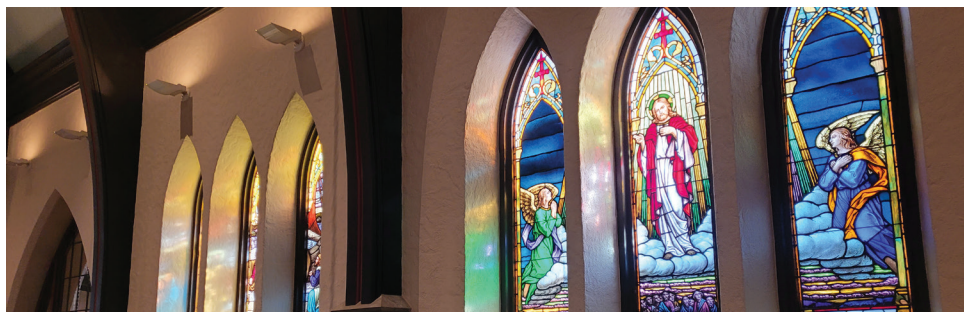
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ACOLYTES

Open to baptized members of St. Paul's over the age of 9 who have the discipline to pay attention and participate during the service. Children can begin training as "shadow torchbearers" at age 8 1/2. Acolytes begin as torchbearers who light and extinguish altar candles, carry torches in procession, and assist with other duties during the service. As they gain experience and maturity, acolytes may be invited to carry the processional cross and assist the priest or deacon in preparing for the consecration of the elements.

For more information talk to any of the lay people you see serving at the altar or contact Shane Hatchett, dshatchett@gmail.com, Larry Krauser, lkrauser@gmail.com or Rose Scovel, rose.hamel.scovel@gmail.com.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild cares for the worship space, sets up for every service, and cleans up after every service, including care for the communion linens. We work in four weekly teams with our duty running from Saturday to the following Friday. Teams meet on Saturday morning to prepare for Sunday worship, and members also clear from at least one of the Sunday services. Although the commitment is year-round, members trade duty weeks with one another as needed. Contact info for:

Team One: Mary Anne Jones	indymaj@hotmail.com
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Team Three: Pam Coates	coattales74@gmail.com
Team Four: Barb MacDougall	drakemac411@gmail.com

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The building and grounds committee oversees all aspects of the physical plant, making recommendations of annual maintenance needs as well as strategic planning to meet short and long term goals of the parish. Those interested in serving on this committee should contact Dan Thompson, dthompson@stpaulsindy.org.

CHANGE RINGING

It's music + math + memory. It's British. It's bells. It's Change Ringing. This group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Lilly Room. All levels of experience are welcome. For information contact Bill Cummings, bc11235@gmail.com.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

For information about any of the following ministries, contact Laurie Pierce, lpierce@stpaulsindy.org. St. Paul's Family Ministry welcomes and encourages the support and leadership of those that do not have kids or kids at home anymore.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

This program is offered most Sundays at the 9 a.m. service during the school year (September-May). The time in Children's Chapel mirrors the liturgy of the service with a children's sermon, creed and prayers of the people. Serving as a Children's Chaplain or Assistant would be a 1x month commitment at the 9 a.m. service.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Children's Library is open for anyone to check out books or enjoy some quiet time reading. Serving with the library ministry would involve monthly maintenance reshelving and organizing books.

EPISCOPALS

EpiscoPALS pairs new families with families that have been a part of St. Paul's for a long time. PALS help new families get acquainted to the community and act as a resource for any questions they may have.

FAMILY GREETERS

Families are encouraged to sign up to be greeters together. Family greeters assist ushers with welcoming people and distributing bulletins. We know newcomer families feel more comfortable at church when they see other children participating; this is an important part of our welcoming hospitality.

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

Family Ministry Events include annual favorites like the Backpack Blessing and Pancake Supper. Events typically happen once a month. Many family ministry events are created for the enjoyment of the entire parish. Serving as a Family Ministry Event team member would be a commitment of planning and helping set-up/clean-up for whichever events you'd like to support.

FAMILY OBLATIONS

Families are encouraged to volunteer to bring up the bread and wine at the 9 or 11:15 a.m. services. This is a great way for our youngest children to participate in the service.

GODLY PLAY STORYTELLER

Godly Play is a Montessori-based spiritual curriculum that St. Paul's uses for ages 3-5th grade students. Each class, children hear a Bible story told with simple,

beautiful wooden pieces. The storyteller memorizes the script in order to tell the story. And then they wonder with the children afterwards- "I wonder what part of this story you like best? I wonder what part of the story is most important? I wonder where you are in the story?" There is no need for Biblical experts, as answers to wondering questions are not meant to be given. Godly Play supports children hearing our stories over and over and finding their own meaning within them. Serving in this role would mean committing to being present in a Sunday School class twice a month and memorizing a script beforehand. Adults find that learning these stories provides depth to their own spirituality.

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

"Meal Train" is the name of a website that organizes volunteers to bring meals to someone in need. When a St. Paul's member is sick, having a surgery, death in the family, having a baby, or another life event where meals would be helpful, we can offer them a "meal train" from the Meal Train Ministry Team. A meal train can be set up every day for as long as you wish, only a few days total or every few days for a few weeks. Serving on this team, means you would be added to the email group. When someone requests a meal train, an email with a link goes out, you go onto the meal train website, look at the available dates and sign up to bring the family a hot meal on a date that works for you. People that don't love to cook can also serve by sending food service gift cards or picking up already prepared food from a grocery or restaurant and dropping it off. Serving on this team does not commit you to sign up for any of the meal trains; it only means you'd be included in the notice.

NURSERY

The nursery is open for ages 0-3 on Sunday mornings and for select special events. If you would like to serve in the nursery, this would be an occasional commitment as available when our nursery staff is not able to be there.



PARENT GROUP

The family ministry parent group is open to any parents with children still in the house. The group generally meets once a month at St. Paul's for appetizers and desserts. This is a time to connect, share and pray for one another.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2nd ADULT

St. Paul's offers six Sunday School classes 3-4 Sundays a month, Labor Day through Memorial Day. Serving in a Sunday School room as a 2nd adult is a once a month commitment with no prep required.

WORSHIP TOOLS

The bookshelves on the left side of the sanctuary are tools for all ages to use during worship but are particularly popular with children. With coloring and sensory objects, these tools get heavily used each week. Serving with this ministry would involve restocking the shelves after a Sunday morning service, as often as able.

YOUTH & CHILD READERS

Children and youth are encouraged to be full participants in our worship. They may sign up to read a lesson from the Bible on Sunday morning. Readers are expected to be practiced, not perfect.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

The Youth Ministry maintains a full programming calendar with events monthly. Serving with the youth group could be preparing food for them, serving as a mentor, or coming to teach a special skill or share your wisdom and stories.

FAITH, JUSTICE & THE ARTS

St. Paul's created Faith, Justice & the Arts in order to fulfill the promise of our Baptismal Covenant to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. We strive to reach out via an arts lens to help foster change with other organizations and communities in our city.

FAITH: Building trust to dismantle the systems that divides us.

JUSTICE: Cultivating reconciliation that forms healed communities.

ARTS: Creating experiences that transform each of us.

Faith, Justice & the Arts is just one more means to reach out into our community, form bonds and help to move the needle to make Indianapolis a safer and "healthier" city. Info at stpaulsindy.org/fja. If you would like to learn more about FJ&A, contact Jim Luce, jluce@iuhealth.org or Kate Appel, katea31@gmail.com.



GARDEN MINISTRY

Raised beds on the front lawn of the church provide opportunities for volunteers to grow together, connecting with one another, God and our planet earth. Our hope is to expand this offering in the new year and volunteers are encouraged to participate through planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. Our hope is to provide produce to local food pantries in the area as we continue to expand this ministry. Please contact George Slenski, george@slenski.net if interested in participating.

GRANDMOTHERS' GROUP

This group meets faithfully on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in Room 207 (Parish Center). Aside from good food and fellowship, the group takes on the work of assembling and creating coloring books that are distributed at Riley Children's Hospital. For info contact Coordinator, Ruth Williams, ruthwilliams6@hotmail.com.

GREEN MINISTRY

The Green Ministry is an initiative and outgrowth of the Garden Ministry. The focus is to improve how we protect the environment at St. Paul's and our surrounding community. Please contact George Slenski, george@slenski.net if interested.

INTERCESSORS

The Intercessor is a lay person who contributes to the liturgy by reading the Prayers of the People. Prayer is an important part of the worship and liturgy and those who are called to this ministry experience the power of expressing our faith, beliefs and engaging in sacred conversation with God. When we pray we are doing so on behalf of our congregation, community, the larger Church, our nation, and the world. If interested in participating, please contact Shane Hatchett, dshatchett@gmail.com

INTERGENERATIONAL TEAM

Members of this team believe that the church is a place to build relationships across generations. We all need each other. This team works to create coffee hours and opportunities for parishioners to build relationships across the Parish.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (LEMS)

Open to baptized members of St. Paul's over the age of 16, LEMs are lay persons who administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist. LEMs may administer the consecrated bread and wine at any celebration of the Eucharist in the absence of a sufficient number of priests and deacons to assist the celebrant. LEMs often serve "double duty" carrying the Gospel Book or torches in procession. For more info contact Shane Hatchett, dshatchett@gmail.com.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (LEVS)

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) are a team of lay adults (16 years or older) who take the consecrated elements to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to attend the Celebration of the Eucharist in person. LEVs receive training for this ministry, and act under the direction of a member of the clergy. For more info, contact the Rev. Barbara Kempf, bkempf@stpaulsindy.org.

LECTORS

A lector is a lay person who desires to contribute to the Liturgy by reading assigned lessons from the Old Testament and the New Testament. It is a ministry in which you help to create sacred space through proclamation of the Word of God. The reading of Holy Scripture reminds the members of the congregation of the historical and contemporary relationship they have with God.

The ministry of Reading the Word is one way we live out St. Paul's Mission "to seek to be a diverse, generous and faithful community by creating space and time to experience God's presence and love." As Mitch Finley writes in *The Joy of Being a Lector*, "...The word of God is, first of all, a spoken word, a 'word' spoken to us by God. This is why the ministry of lector is so important to the liturgy." To volunteer, contact dshatchett@gmail.com.

LGBTQ FAITH

LGBTQ Faith is an initiative of the members of St. Paul's who identify as LGBTQ. Meeting once a month, LGBTQ Faith is rooted in community, advocacy, spiritual formation and service. All LGBTQ persons are invited to attend. Meeting times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's (Youth Lounge). For more info contact the Rev. Jeff Bower, jbower@stpaulsindy.org.

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Did you know that every Sunday it takes three staff and/or volunteers to operate our worship livestream? St. Paul's also often livestreams special worship services, music offerings and funerals. If you are interested in getting a behind-the-scenes tour of the church's A/V system, and learning about volunteer opportunities, please contact Barbara Bates, bbates@stpaulsindy.org in the Church Office.

LUNCH & LEARN

Once each month during the program year (October through May), we offer a weekly Lunch & Learn program for adults of all ages. We begin at 11:30 a.m. with a brief service of noonday prayers. Following our prayers, we have a 35-minute presentation on various topics of interest. We finish with a nice catered lunch, usually soup, salad, and cookies. It's a great time to learn something new, share a meal with others, and enjoy a casual time of fellowship. Cost is \$5; contact the Rev. Barbara Kempf, bkempf@stpaulsindy.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

St. Paul's Choir is a modern blending of mixed voices that has served as a model for choirs in Episcopal congregations throughout the country. The singers' time spent in rehearsals is intense preparation for a sacramental duty in the life of worship and prayer. When singers take on such enormous liturgical responsibility they create an atmosphere of vitality and life for the worshipping community. The singers' minds accomplish these acts with remarkable ease, and youth respond readily to the challenges, routine, structure, and community that the choir provides.

The Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is the American manifestation, has nurtured one of the strongest traditions of worship led by choir. The choir leads worship through the singing of service music, canticles, hymns, psalms and anthems. As such, the choir performs a sacramental role in worship, offering their gifts from God to the people of God through sung prayer. The choral program emphasizes personal instruction for each singer, encouraging both musical and spiritual growth.

Singing in the choir requires an enthusiasm for choral singing and basic music reading skills. The choir leads weekly worship at the Sunday Eucharists. The 9 a.m. choir is composed of trebles (boys and girls who sing soprano) with adults and teens who sing alto, tenor, and bass. The 11:15 a.m. choir consists of adult singers. All singers are given the opportunity to lead monthly Choral Evensongs, perform major choral works with orchestra, and participate in choir tours.



CHORAL SCHOLARS

The Choral Scholar Program for young vocalists provides musical instruction by underwriting lessons for those exhibiting leadership and commitment to the choir program. Each scholar receives a scholarship for private music instruction and has the opportunity to attend a summer music camp. Choral Scholars are expected to display a high level of reliability through regular attendance and individual practice. After an initial training period, this program is open to youth fourth grade and above. For info contact Brad Hughley, bhughley@stpaulsindy.org.

ABC CHOIR

ABC Choir is an age-appropriate musical experience for ages 4-8 that strengthens musical listening skills and introduces children to the world of music. A trained musician specializing in preschool education leads these sessions. The sessions help children find their voice by learning games that teach pitch and a sense of rhythm. Using songs we sing in worship, children can discover the language of music in ways geared to their developing minds. For more info contact Brad Hughley, bhughley@stpaulsindy.org or Jacob Taylor, jtaylor@stpaulsindy.org.

OUTREACH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Outreach Oversight Committee (OOC) provides coordination, guidance, and vision for all outreach activities within the church, ensuring they align with vestry and clergy recommendations and support and enhance the church's goals of building a committed Christian community and transforming the neighborhood and the world. The committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. It is limited to 12 members (three classes of four people, each serving a three-year term). If you have questions or are interested in serving on the Outreach Committee, contact Cathy Henney, chenney64@gmail.com or the Rev. Patrick Burke, pburke@stpaulsindy.org.

ABBIE HUNT BRYCE HOME

The Abbie Hunt Bryce Home is a non-profit residence that supports low income terminally ill patients as they enter their final chapter. St. Paul's members are welcome to volunteer in a variety of capacities such as admin support, meal preparation, or direct compassionate care for residents. Please contact Patrick Burke, pburke@stpaulsindy.org or Brittany Babbitt, bbabbitt@morninglightinc.org for more info.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES PROJECT

The Christmas Families Project is a ministry sponsored by the Outreach Oversight Committee (OOC) and supports the children and families of IPS #43 (James Whitcomb Riley Elementary School). OOC determines the number of children to adopt and the source of participant families. Because of the pandemic, this program has looked different the last two years. Nonetheless, in 2023, our focus will remain on serving the children and supporting their parents, giving them the ability to be involved in the selection of gifts for their children. Contact Cathy Henney, chenney64@gmail.com for additional info.

DAMIEN CENTER

Damien Center provides services, education, and advocacy for people living with or at risk of HIV and those seeking care in a safe and supportive environment. Damien Center relies heavily on volunteers to provide essential services to the community. Members of St. Paul's are welcome to serve in a variety of capacities, including working in the food pantry, teaching enrichment classes, providing client support, and engaging in community outreach. To volunteer contact Tessa Barnard, tbarnard@damien.org or visit damien.org/volunteer.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. As Jimmy Carter puts it, "We talk about poor people in need, and this is the best way I know to close that gap between rich people and the people who've never had a decent place to live." The St. Paul's build crew is a great way to help someone build a nice home, and it's a nice time of shoulder-to-shoulder fellowship. No experience is necessary, and all materials and training are provided. Anyone 16 or over can be part of the build crew. Contact Bill Cummings, bc11235@gmail.com



IPS SCHOOL #43

This K-8 school is located at 40th and Capitol. There are many opportunities to be involved, some requiring regular participation and others that are one-time events. Tutoring, reading or assisting in the classroom, or helping with the after-school programs are just a few ways to be involved with the children. There are also special events and collections that offer ways to assist. We will be coordinating our efforts with other churches, some businesses, as well as with the teachers and support staff. If you are interested in participating in this important and rewarding ministry, please contact Janie Frazier, caldwellmj@gmail.com or Marge Olsen, margeolsen@att.net.

MISSION IN MOMBASA

This group supports our ministry partners in Mombasa, Kenya who operate five foster homes serving children who have no one to care for them, a growing school serving preschool age through second grade in an extremely impoverished area, and a facility for boys who have been homeless. Teams from St. Paul's have traveled to Mombasa several times, and the leaders of the programs in Mombasa have visited Indianapolis. Special projects and fundraisers are held at various times. A very needed way to be involved is to become a sponsor for a child. To become a sponsor or for other info, contact either Cheri Irmscher, cheri@friendsofthefamily.org or Barb MacDougall, drakemac411@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care at St. Paul's is a shared ministry among the laity and clergy. Much pastoral care happens informally. Parishioners come to know, care and minister to one another, especially at times of illness or loss. Praying for each other, sharing a meal, calling on the phone, sending a personal note or card, visiting, good listening and help with transportation are a few ways parishioners show Christian care to one another. At St. Paul's, we have licensed Eucharistic Visitors who take communion regularly to homebound parishioners or those who are unable to get to church due to illness or other limitation. We have seasonal gatherings for our homebound and others. If you feel called to participate, contact the Rev. Barbara Kempf, bkempf@stpaulsindy.org.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC

Through the language of music, St. Paul's Music is a bridge between the secular and the sacred that creates community, connects people with the divine, and develops young musicians. Through generous supporters, St. Paul's Music is able to offer a variety of events to the community, and continues to feature choral masterworks performed by St. Paul's Choir with orchestra, as well as professional artists from the Indianapolis area and around the world. This organization also supports projects such as recordings and choir pilgrimages. Find more info at stpaulsindy.org.



TGIF ADULT FELLOWSHIP

TGIF is a fellowship group geared toward adults older than their mid-30s. It usually meets on the second Friday of each month. Sometimes the group meets in the Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and a movie, and other times it will meet at another venue. Past events have been at the St. George's Middle-Eastern Festival in Fishers, dinner and fellowship at St. Joseph's Brewery downtown, potluck dinners hosted by members, and movies in various theaters. No meetings are scheduled in July, August or December. Members are notified by email, Facebook and in the weekly newsletters. Contact Alan Davis, brssplr@gmail.com.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

This group meets every Tuesday for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Broad Ripple Brewpub, 842 E. 65th St. Come for lively conversation centered around either a religious or current book of interest. Satisfy your appetite while you share your thoughts. Contact Larry Johnson, 317.858.7527 or betlarj@indy.rr.com.

USHERING/WELCOME MINISTRY

Do you remember your first visit to St. Paul's? If you are like us, you remember walking in to find someone there to greet you and make you feel welcome. Then, during the service, perhaps you weren't sure where to go or what to do, and, again, someone was there to answer your question or point you in the right direction.

As part of the ushering/welcome ministry, you have the opportunity to help the next person to visit in the way that you were once helped. This is one of the most important ministries in St. Paul's because we are often the first people seen when visitors walk through our doors. Perhaps fortunately, it is one of the easiest in which you can become involved. For information contact Jeff Kelsey, jtgkelsey@gmail.com or Katie Kelsey, kgmeger@gmail.com.

VESTRY

Our Vestry meets monthly to support the church's mission, ensure effective organization and planning and manage resources. Serving on the Vestry allows for connections to others in our parish and a deeper understanding of the work of the many dedicated employees and parishioners. To learn more about opportunities to serve in parish leadership, contact the Rev. John Denson, jdenson@stpaulsindy.org.

WALK & PRAY ON THE MONON TRAIL

Late spring and early fall, we offer a weekly morning walk on the Monon Trail. We meet near the trail in Broadripple and, weather permitting, enjoy a 30-minute moderately paced walk and a short service of Morning Prayer. Once a month, we gather for coffee and fellowship at the end of our walk. Contact the Rev. Barbara Kempf, bkempf@stpaulsindy.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. Come for a mid-week spiritual boost through the reading of God's word and learn how to apply it to daily living. Each lesson is self-contained and requires no homework. Contact Alice Roettger, aliceroytger@outlook.com or 317.253.8840.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This is a new group to St. Paul's, for those 21-30 years of age, without children, providing times to gather and build community, and explore spiritual formation of interest to the group. In addition, we will engage in service projects and other activities to enrich our personal lives and faith development. For those interested in participating in this group contact Jeff Bower at jbower@stpaulsindy.org.





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