



## THE VISION

December 21, 2023



## **ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SERVICES:**

**8 am Rite I (In-person) & 10 am Rite II (In-person & YouTube)**

[Get your Bulletin for The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023 Here](#)

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## LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

It's been a busy week at St. Paul's!  
Here are some pictorial highlights:

**The December birthdays were celebrated several weeks ago.  
Many apologies for the delay.**



Jetta Dauphinee, from the 8 AM service, was the sole December baby.



Chris Mitchell, Margaret Kenney, Cindy Fischer & Robin Smith were the December celebrants from the 10 AM service.

**The Wine and Paint evening was a huge success.  
It looks like we have some future artists in our midst!**



Fran adding some touches to her background



Carrie, Brandon & RaiQuelle hard at work





**Angie Andriot, local artist and the evening's painting instructor.**



**Xavier Smith having the time of his life!**



**Finished product**

**The Greening of the Church happened Sunday after the 10 AM service. About 20 people stayed and helped transform our church into a Christmas wonder. Thank you everyone! The pizza lunch was well-deserved!**



**Edgar, Antonio and Jon had the difficult task of hanging the garland over the altar.**



**Karen adding the finishing touch--the star**



**The tree decorating team:  
Robin, Gerry & Sloane.**



Brandon hanging  
garland on the front  
pews.



Garland being hung on  
the choir pews by Robin,  
Margaret, Debbie, Karen  
& Meredith.



Creative design team,  
Kathy, Gwyn & Fran,  
contemplating the  
results

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**Last Sunday, St. Paul's hosted  
"A Two Grand Christmas."  
A benefit piano performance by Chris Harbeson-Borgelt and  
Jess Bullock of Two Grand Studio, a local music studio.  
The benefit concert raised \$400 for Habitat for Humanity  
and was attended by over 40 community members!**




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**PARISH NEWS:**





**There are multiple opportunities to get involved in Advent & Christmas activities as well as keep up to date on the special services planned for this season. Click the link below to find out what's happening.**

**Advent & Christmas 2023**

## **HOLY FAMILY**



**The Holy Family joined in the fun with the Fachs and the Franklins as they had dinner together at the Fireside Grill in Sellersburg.**

## **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:**



**St. Paul's Singers will be Caroling on  
Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 10:00 am-1:00 pm.**

**If you would like to join the singers for this festive day of joyful singing and  
lunch afterwards, contact Cindy Wood (812.697.1107) or Jackie Amend  
(812.989.8252).**

**If you or someone you know would like to hear the carolers, please click the  
link below to fill out the request form.**

[\*\*Caroling Request\*\*](#)

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## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

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### **Preaching Among Friends**

#### **Online Lay Preaching Workshop**

**Have you ever considered preaching? Would you like to know more?  
Maybe God is calling you to share the good news and you wonder what  
that might look like. The Diocese of Indianapolis is offering a class just  
for you! It is always nice when we get to hear from others within our own  
community and abroad. Could that be you?**

Preaching Among Friends, a six-week online workshop starting on January 9th  
for lay preachers. Below are some thoughts of previous participants.

Greg Seamon said "I now read scripture and commentary in a new, and I think  
better, way. I am now preaching at our church (Trinity Episcopal Church,  
Lawrenceburg, IN) on a monthly basis. My relationship to my parish and to  
God has been enhanced."

Laurel Cornell shared four things she liked about Preaching with Friends:

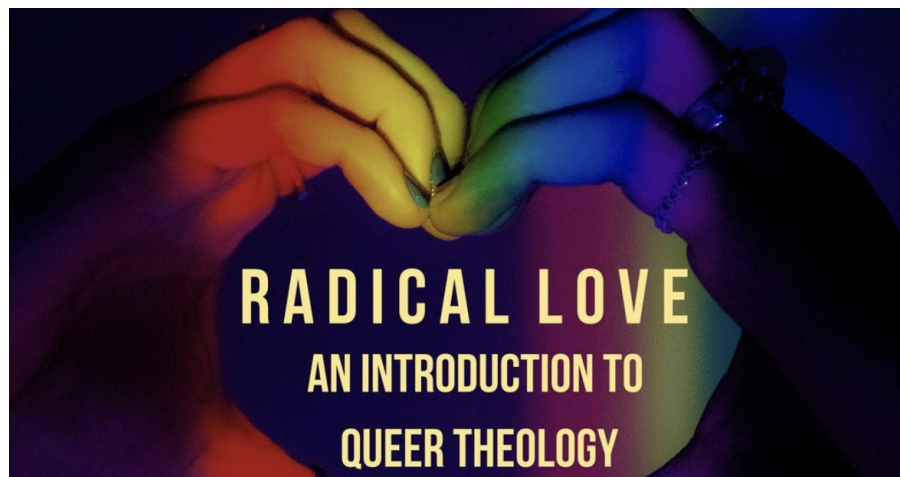
1. The course is organized, so you take it in small steps, with specific

homework done for every session.

2. There are a tremendous number of resources for understanding theology and history and for making it accessible to ordinary people.
3. The discussions with other members of the class were excellent. We got to hear each other's work and see how different people approached the same topic.
4. One of the best parts was Lisa leading us through how to craft a sermon.

Meghan McConnell shared "The course helped me with really great resources, a wonderful group of people from all over to journey with, and the mentors gave me confidence in myself and my understanding of how to share the Good News. I would highly recommend this course to anyone looking to enrich their ministry or even just faithfully work on the way they are listening to God."

Please click [here](#) to learn more and register. Please also let Fr. Allan know if you plan to attend (Financial support is available for those interested).



This 6-Week class discusses the book "Radical Love: An Introduction to QUEER Theology" by Patrick S. Cheng. The class is facilitated by The Rev. Rick Kautz at Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville.

Participants are to purchase their own book prior to class. A class syllabus will be sent out to show what chapters will be read each week.

The class is open to any LGBTQ+ individuals as well as family and friends regardless of denomination.

To find out more information or register, visit: <https://fb.me/e/5PQnBHwEx>



## Let Us Pray...

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for: we pray especially for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Jerry Amend, Bill Humble, Laura Fury, Dennis Novotny, Pat Myers, Sara Valentine, Marion Paris, Joda

Bell, Lavena Cooper, Virginia Pontrich, Larry Timperman, Pam Downs, Gordon Anderson, Ravi Herndon, Carol Wise, Charlie Corley, and Carter Messer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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