

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Search Committee and the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, I am very pleased to announce that Fr. Christian Baron will be joining our St. John's family as the next Priest-in Charge. In the few weeks that I've known Fr. Baron, I've found him to be a delightful person--easy to talk to, a good listener, and excited and eager to join our ministry at St. John's. He begins his tenure on September 1st, with his first Sunday Eucharist on September 4th. Please read the attached letter from Fr. Baron to introduce himself and his family to us. I know you all are looking forward to this next phase in our life at St. John's as much as I am.

Your joyful Senior Warden,

Meegan Reidy

*Greetings, St. John's*

*My name is Christian Baron and I am delighted to accept your call to be the next Priest in Charge at St. John's.*

*The past few months have been wonderful discerning with the search committee, vestry and diocese. It has been beautiful to see how the Spirit has brought us all together in this way.*

*I have been reminded once again that the Church is not my church but that it does, indeed, belong to God. And God will take care of Her Church. God will guide it and direct it and will graciously let you and me participate in all of the goodness that is happening all around us.*



*I am coming to you from the Diocese of Western Michigan where I have been ordained for just over eight years. Most recently, I was serving two parishes in NW Michigan (in the pinky), St. Philip's, Beulah and Church of the Holy Trinity, Manistee. I was serving both parishes as a co-rector with my wife of twenty-two years, Jodi Baron. She is currently serving as the Canon and Sr. Associate at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis. We have three daughters Montana (16), Gretchen (15) and Magnolia (13). We have bought a house in Brownsburg (half-way between Indy and Crawfordsville) where our girls will go to school.*

*In my spare time, I like to hunt and fish, travel, and watch movies. I like good food and good drinks. I don't love to spend a lot of time in the church office, but instead make the local coffee shops and pubs my office (as much as I can). I do like to meet new people to partner with them in bringing about the Kingdom of God (even if they may not know that they are).*

*I'm looking forward to several years of ministry with you as we seek transformation for Crawfordsville and beyond. When I get started on Sept. 1, I'd like to get coffee with you and hear all about the ways that you have been engaged with your baptismal promises. My prayers are with you as we move into the next phase of life for this parish.*

*Fr. Christian Baron*