



This week's email comes from Kevin Criley while M. Mary Kate is away from the office.

Good Morning St. Aidan's Family,

While Mother Mary Kate is taking some well deserved time off she has asked a few of us to write reflections in the Monday email. This Monday happens to be my update!

If you are not already aware I am starting Seminary at Virginia Theological Seminary this fall. I will be starting my drive out to VTS on August the 2nd to allow me to move in on August the 5th. I am extremely excited to start my theological education and to join Durango Jenkins out at VTS. I want to make a special shout out to both Durango Jenkins and Charles Martin. I have been extremely lucky to have had the example and support of both of them as I have made my way through the discernment process and while deciding which seminary to attend. Charles and Durango have been such great examples of faith to me during this process and have certainly made my life a lot easier throughout the seminary process. I also owe a particular debt to my wonderful discernment committee-Carina Julig, Jennie Garcia, Fran Zankowski, Chris Walther, and Neil Borman; for praying with me, talking with me, and sitting with me during this process.

Life has been a whirlwind of activity leading up to my departure on August the 2nd. My last day working at the General Services Administration's Federal Acquisition Service was on Friday the 14th. There always seems to be more to wrap up when one is leaving a job than I expect. At the same time, my roommates-St. Aidan's Members Carina Julig and Alec Celecki-and I have been moving out of our place in Denver. I would not recommend moving and ending work at the same time.

On Sunday the 9th I was fortunate enough to be the guest of the Rev. Laura Osborne and her partner congregations-Good Samaritan in Gunnison and All Saints in the Mountains in Crested Butte-as their guest preacher. Charles Martin and I have been visiting various congregations this summer to spread the word about the importance of the campus ministry work we have been doing at St. Aidan's with our partners in Lutheran Campus Ministries. As a product of this

campus ministry I am grateful for the work you all have done to allow Campus Ministry to flourish at St. Aidan's and continue to reach students. It is important that other congregations around our Dioceses understand the impact of this work as well. Speaking with the congregation at Good Samaritan was additionally special as that congregation is looking for ways to deepen engagement with students at Western Colorado University just a few blocks away from them. I am looking forward to taking this message about the importance of campus ministry to Mother Mary Kate's old congregation at St. Peter's in Basalt on July 23rd.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to St. Aidan's as I prepare to leave for seminary. This parish has had a tremendous impact on my life. I cannot imagine my life without all of you. Thank you for your grace, your faith, and your friendship. This congregation is such a light of faith during the storms of life. I am forever in your debt.

This is not a final goodbye, I am preaching at St. Aidan's on July 30th and I will be back over the holidays and next summer. Know that while I am at school I will be missing you all deeply and you will be in my prayers.

In Peace, Kevin Criley

# Take Faith Home Proper 9 Sunday July 16, 2023

#### Parking Passes Available

If you know someone who is looking for an Annual (August 15 2023 to August 15 2024)
Parking Pass in the St. Aidan's Lot, please let them know to check out

www.saintaidans.org/parking while we're renewing and selling. These passes are for M-F
7am to 7pm and do not include overnight, weekend, or parking for special events like CU
Football Games and Concerts at Folsom Field.

### **Graduate Student Seeking Room**

We have been contacted by a German graduate student who is interested in renting a room from August to December 2023. This is what she says about herself: I love getting to know new cultures, places, and food. I do not smoke and have an allergy to pets. Probably, I'm an ambivert person: I am totally curious about all the new people I am going to meet in Boulder. I want to get to know the city, its culture, and the nature around it. At the same time, I really enjoy having me time once in a while. Also, a healthy day-night rhythm is very important for me. In my spare time, I've always been doing something in the parish of my village. I have been an altar server for over eleven years, a lector since Christmas 2013, and a member of the parish council since February 2018.

If you would like to reach her to offer a room for the fall, please reach out directly to her at this email address: lena.kellner@colorado.edu

# Coming soon at St. Aidan's

# Pedaling Minds at St. Aidan's!

Pedaling Minds' mission is to help every person have fun riding a bicycle with control and confidence!

Monday thru Friday Camps: 8:30am - 12:30pm July 10 - July 14 July 24 - July 28 July 31 - August 4

Saturday Sessions:

9am - 12:30pm (beginners), 1pm - 4:30pm (intermediate)

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Scholarships available! For more information and to register, visit <u>pedalingminds.org</u>

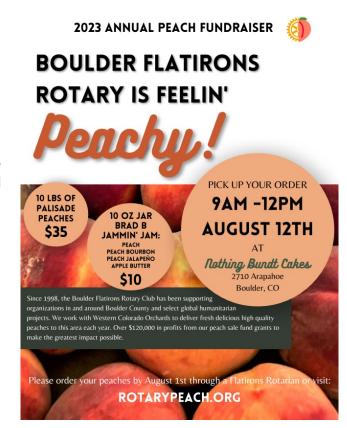


Hello Friends - It's that time of year!
The Boulder Flatirons Rotary is again bringing a truckload of juicy delight from the western slope next month. We are offering the 10lb case of peaches for \$35, and individual jars of the jams for \$10 each. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions. As always, you can pay by cash or check when you pick up your order. If you would like to use a credit card, the club website is live and ready to take your card payment for this year's treats

at <u>rotarypeach.org</u> (if you do use the website to order, please let me know so I can make sure to get you the correct order)

The peaches will be delivered on Saturday, August 12 - available for you to pickup between 9am and noon, at The NOTHING BUNDT CAKES store at 28th and Arapahoe

I hope you'll join us for another season of wonderful peaches! Best Wishes, Bal Patterson



# Bitty & Beau's Coffee - Boulder



Bitty & Beau's Coffee is coming to Boulder in the coming weeks to

1468 Pearl Street. You can read more about them at

www.bittyandbeauscoffee.com

Bitty & Beau's Coffee is more than just a place to grab a cup of coffee — it's an experience. The shops are run by people with disabilities and guests love the vibe in the shop! St. Aidan's will be hosting their hiring fair at our facilities on August 12th to help them find incredible candidates. The hiring fair is a one-day event where all interested candidates gather to learn more about Bitty & Beau's Coffee and interview for a job. The aim of the event is to get a sense of everyone's personalities and interests so they can place them in a role that offers the greatest opportunity to shine. Their Hiring Fair is designed as a fun, relaxed and memorable experience for everyone!

We're growing a way to gather midweek as a church community. The next meeting is this week on Thursday, July 20 at 6pm for food (bring

Whatever Night Live.

6pm EAT + 6:30pm FORMATION + 7:15pm PRAYER
Nursery Available

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY THIS
SUMMER!

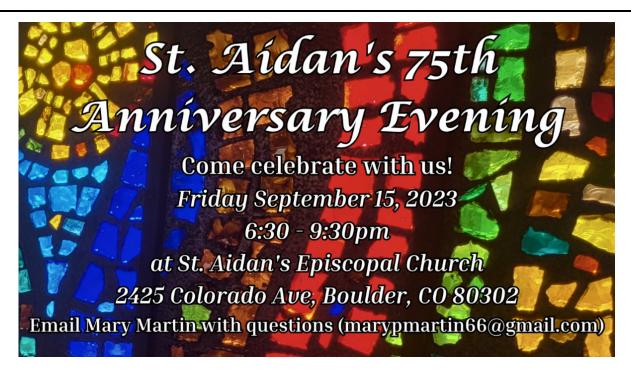
June 8, June 22, July 6,
July 20, Aug 3, Aug 17

Bring something to share and eat!

6pm EAT + 6:30pm FORMATION + 7:15pm PRAYER
Nursery Available

A mid-week chance to gather with
your church community. Formation
may include Bible Study,
conversation about a podcast, or a
book.

something to share), fellowship and prayer.



Click here to register and buy your tickets online!

## St. Aidan's Writing Group

This group and others in the Parish submit their writing and share with our congregation. This group has been meeting together for more than two years now. Curious? Email <u>Paul Voakes</u> for information.



- Morning Books & Booklets by Marty Coffin Evans
- Emma Reborn Pt 1 by ChatGPT
- The Evening by Ellen Weekley

On break for July and the first half of August.

Our first book when we resume in August will be "Look Homeward, Angel" by Thomas Wolfe.

If you are interested and are not currently receiving book group emails, please email <a href="Jim Paine">Jim Paine</a> at to receive the weekly Zoom meeting ID and password, and other information about the schedule and readings (and for any questions).

The Healing Team invites you to a quiet time of praying silently and voicing the requested prayers of our community. The prayer room is also open for individual, confidential prayer.

http://www.tinyurl.com/aidanmeet1



## Visioning & Discernment Update

The question before us is this: what is God calling St. Aidan's to be, to do, and to look like 75 years from now?

This update was shared at church services on Sunday, July 9.

Discernment Update + July 9, 2023 Paul Voakes, Senior Warden

Here's a **brief update** on our discernment process, which has now begun its second year of exploring our parish's long-term future.

Earlier this year our Visioning Committee morphed into the Partnerships Team, which has been slowly, deliberately, identifying possible partners who might be able to help us attain the goals we articulated in our voting process last fall. These potential partners include religious neighbors on the block (first and foremost Hillel, but also the Wesley Foundation and University Lutheran Chapel); a Jewish congregation in North Boulder looking for space to share; community organizations such as Boulder Philharmonic, Parlando School of Musical Arts, and the Northern Colorado YMCA (whose primary interest in talking to us is providing affordable child care to the Boulder community); a private development company that is deeply committed to enhancing religious life on CU campus, and of course CU itself. We've had very preliminary "getting to know you" conversations with all of the above, and they've all been very positive.

And now: We've arrived at a point where we realize that we need legal expertise, financial expertise, city-politics expertise, and real estate expertise that we simply don't have. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our congregation, we are able to afford a consultant to help us into a more sophisticated stage of planning. We received two bids for consultant work, and the Vestry has accepted the better of the two: a bid from Trestle Strategies. This firm has a long record of successful work in Boulder. Their work includes consulting on the University Hill Hotel, the CU Conference Center, the Millennium redevelopment, the mixed-use development at Boulder Junction, and many, many more. The founder and owner, Danica Powell is a former member of the City of Boulder Planning Department, and she would personally lead the work on the St. Aidan's project.

#### Trestle's proposal is a detailed, three-stage plan to:

- Conduct a 10-part property analysis during July and August, including our longoverdue property appraisal, to give us the baseline information we will need going forward in conversation with potential partners.
- Conduct a 12-week Needs Assessment and Engagement, with both the St. Aidan's
  congregation and potential partners, from September to November. Please stay
  tuned for invitations to participate! The key document at the end of this stage will be
  their "Summary of Findings and Recommendations."
- Craft a Real Estate Strategy: a road map to help us make the key real estate decisions we will need to make over the following several months.

The Partnerships Team and Vestry are excited, and eager to move to these next steps. I also want to reiterate the Vestry's reassurance that St. Aidan's isn't going anywhere! Whatever we may decide, we will do our best to ensure that St. Aidan's has the financial wherewithal to continue indefinitely where we are right now, as an Episcopal parish, and that we'll keep asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in ways that deepen our faith and strengthen our service to the community. Please contact me, or any member of the Vestry or the Partnerships Team, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you! Paul Voakes

Questions? Email Committee Co-Chairs <u>Bal Patterson</u> or <u>Pam Greene</u> or <u>Senior Warden</u> <u>Paul Voakes</u>.

Worshipping Christ, and shining His light to CU, Boulder, and the world.

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#### Commended to our Prayers

Prayers for Healthcare Workers & those working at high risk jobs: Danielle and Grant Muller, nurses at Denver hospitals, Cameron Muller, first responder and EMT for Denver Metro fire station, Michelle, Mike Murphy, Mike Greenwood, Edith Presler, Jen Watkins, Dowell Williams, Ryan, Marty Gilkey, Caitlin Fischer, teachers, those who work in schools, and caregivers in day care centers.

For our CU Campus, and especially the Bread+Belonging community and the LCM Board during this time of transition.

For the Long-term Recovery of Boulder County and surrounding areas after the Marshall Fire.

For those in need of bodily healing: Roy Faverty, Kay Gibson, Troyanne Thigpen, Bob Moore, James Gregory Brown, Joanna, Dowell Williams, Ruth, Lou Patterson, Mike Metzdorff, Greg Smith, Fr. Steve Wengrovius, Pat Galvin, David Huff, Kelly Boyer and family, Nancy Costello.

For those seeking God's guidance and strength all who seek employment, Patrick Costello and family, Diane Hayes, Luke, Barb Williams, Travis, Jonathan Nelson, Barbara Metzdorff, Heidi, Derek and Lauren Huff.

For those in need of prayers for our mission abroad: Richard and Catherine Ranger, former parishioners of St. Aidan's, are missionaries with SAMS, (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) and serve Uganda Christian University (UCU).

For those who serve in the US Military, especially: Parker Rost (Marine Corps), Commander Michael Stengel, for soldiers deploying and their chaplains and families.

For those who have died: Esther Zago.

For those celebrating birthdays: Mark Markley (7/20).



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#### Office Hours:

From June 20 through August 11 the office will be staffed Tuesday-Friday 9am to 1pm most weeks--please email office@saintaidans.org if you need to stop by at a different time.

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