

St. Mark's Announces New Rector

The Wardens and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Milwaukee, are delighted to announce that St. Mark's new Rector, beginning Jan. 1, 2016, will be the Reverend Ian Carleton Burch. He will be moving here from the Diocese of Chicago, where he has been serving as Associate Rector of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church on Dearborn Parkway. His first Sunday at St. Mark's will be January 3.



A Note from Father Burch

I am thrilled to accept the call to be St. Mark's next Rector. I believe that, with God's help, our future is bright, and our potential to be a change agent in the community is boundless. My husband, Travis, and I are both looking forward to our time together with St. Mark's, and we couldn't be more pleased to make Milwaukee our new home.

Biographical Information

I was raised in Chugiak, Alaska, where my family helped found a small, semi-rural mission congregation. My parents taught music in the public schools, and I still occasionally enjoy gigs around town as a very amateur violinist. I attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, where I studied Religion and Russian Language as well as Music. Directly after graduating, I began Master of Divinity studies at the Lutheran School

of Theology in Chicago. I graduated in 2004, then spent one year as a Chaplain Resident at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. After being endorsed for healthcare ministries by the Rt. Rev. George Packard in 2005, I worked as a professional Chaplain for eight years. I ministered in hospice, intensive care, emergency, and telemetry clinical areas. I was ordained to the priesthood in January 2014 by the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee and called as the Associate Rector at St. Chrysostom.

During my two and a half years there, I worked to stabilize the parish, increase membership, and share the gifts of the church with the neighborhood. I am particularly interested in church growth and finding clever ways for parishes to

Fr. Burch's
Start Date:
January 1

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First Sunday:
January 3

Please mark
your calendars
for the
Epiphany
Dinner on
Saturday,
January 9,
2016. This
will be our
first social
event with
Fr. Burch.

serve God in tangible ways in the community. I am also interested in how holy liturgy shapes us for Christ's service in the world.

I live with my husband Travis Trott, a social worker in community mental health. We travel as much as we can and try to get outside into God's creation often.



Fr. Burch and his husband, Travis Trott



Fr. Burch's mother, Susan, buying a pumpkin at St. Mark's this Fall as a self-appointed spy during his interview process.



Their dog, Captain Fantastic

What Shall We Call You?

A preference: I prefer Father Burch or Pastor Burch or just plain Ian. "Father Ian" makes me feel like I'm a priest at a church camp in the 60s tuning my guitar.