

St. John’s Episcopal Church Timeline: History of Racism, White Supremacy and Resistance

This timeline helps us to understand how our congregation historically benefited from systemic racism and white supremacy, and where we resisted.

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Red text with yellow highlight denotes column headlines

Black text “in quotes” with pink highlight denotes quotes from St. John’s “Record of Services” which are made by the priest or lay leader in the memo section on the day of a worship service or other event. While not all notes relate directly to race issues the noting of some events such as “The wedding of Princess Anne” while I by 6gother local and national events are **not** noted contributes to conscious white centering and unconscious ignoring of events affecting the community and especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

Black text with blue highlights donates a date or event which needs more research.

Date	National/ Societal Event	St. John’s Complicity or Resistance	Irving Park/Immediate Neighborhood History	Larger Northwest Side/Regional History	Notes/Questions
Prior to 1833			For thousands of years this was the territory of the Council of Three Fires, the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa. They welcomed the Ho-chunk, Fox, Sauk, Miami, Kickapoo, and Illinois Confederacy tribes.		Nadig News Archives Sulzer Library 4455 N. Lincoln, Sulzer Library will have our newspapers dating back to 1940. An appointment must be made with the Archives Department to view past editions. You can schedule an appointment by calling 312.742.4455. http://www.nadignewspapers.com/publication.html
1833 (ratified in 1835)	“ Treaty of Chicago ” Land Stolen from Indigenous Peoples - one of 370	570 treaties - maybe land for individual farms came from these other treaties - how do you get	John Kinzie’s extended family received some \$50,000. John Kinzie Clark became the first land claimant in what was to be called Jefferson	During the 1830s and 40s, newcomers	

	Treaties, 5 of which affected Chicago area (1795, 1816, 1821, 1829, 1833)	information about treaties? There are 2 Treaties of Chicago Any academic research on treaties in Chicago Universities?	Township. More on John Kinzie here. John and Juliette Kinzie - founder of St. James - 1st Episcopal Church of Chicago, ministered to Native American people in WI.	("easterners") first claimed land along the branches of the DuPage River and then filled in across the prairies. KB: Encyclopedia of Chicago p.248 Perhaps the homesteaders, clearing and farming land.	
1843			Neighborhood History from Old Irving Park Association The chain of events leading to the development of Irving Park began in 1843 when Major Noble purchased a 160-acre tract of land from Christopher L. Ward, upon which Noble established a farm. The boundaries of that farm today would be Montrose to the north, Irving Park to the south, Pulaski to the east and Kostner to the west. Major Noble's house on the east side of Elston just south of Montrose doubled as the Blackthorn Tavern, serving travelers coming to and from the City of Chicago along the North West Plank Road (Elston).		
1847				By 1847, Chicago already had a community of black people who had organized Quinn Chapel an African Methodist Episcopalian church located in what is now	https://www.bbc.com/travel/bespoke/untold-america/chicago/

				downtown Chicago that became an Underground Railroad stop and a centre for abolition efforts for the area.	
1853				In 1853, however, Illinois enacted one of the harshest and most discriminatory laws passed by a Northern state before the Civil War. Known as the Black Laws it prohibited any out-of-state black person from staying in Illinois for more than 10 days, with violators subject to arrest or return to their former slave-holding state.	https://www.bbc.com/travel/bespoke/untold-america/chicago/
1856		The Cottonwood tree in the St. John's garden was planted about this time - as a property line marker.	Gray's first home built in 1856 at 4362 W. Grace survives today in a remarkable state of preservation and is the oldest house in Irving Park. John Gray Farmhouse built (on an 80-acre farm which predates the Civil War) (First Republican Sheriff of Cook County) Sheriff John Gray acquires/buys land in Irving Park.	The current owners of the "Gray Mansion" Kris and David Cloud invited archaeologists to dig in their yard to	

			John Gray Farmhouse built (on an 80-acre farm which predates the Civil War) <i>How did Grey acquire land?</i> Jefferson Park Town Hall built in 1862 on land donated by John Gray. High School opened in same building in 1870, John Gray elected school trustee. In 1874 he begins subdividing and selling portions of his large farm. His development is called Grayland. It is believed his home (and some other historic homes) may have been part of the Underground Railroad.	find evidence of early inhabitants, including escaped slaves. The results were inconclusive. https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aai:d:scds:US:27862b2e-dae6-418a-b1be-a619a92b6d64 https://news.wttw.com/2018/07/31/archaeological-dig-gray-cloud-home-attracts-neighbors-history-buffs	
1862	The Dakota War of 1862 or Little Crow's War in August. A military tribunal sentenced 303 Sioux men to death. Episcopal Bishop of Minnesota, Bishop Whipple went to DC to ask for justice. Abraham Lincoln commuted all of the sentences except for 38. These Dakota men were hung the day after Christmas in Mankato, MN - the greatest number of executions in a single day in US history.				https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakota_War_of_1862

1869			Major Noble sold his farm and retired to McHenry County. Four men from New York – Charles T. Race, John S. Brown, Adelbert E. Brown and John Wheeler – purchased the farm in 1869 for \$20,000. Shortly thereafter, they purchased an additional 80-acre tract immediately south of the Noble farm from John Gray for \$25,000. This parcel, bounded by Irving Park Road on the north, Grace on the south, Pulaski to the east and Kostner to the west, was part of his original 320 acre farm. The intention of the men was to continue farming, but after seeing the success of suburban communities which had recently opened for settlement, they decided to subdivide their land and create an exclusive suburb seven miles from the city.		
1871			Chicago Fire - The Chicago fire of 1871, which was watched from the cupolas of several area homes, brought an influx of new residents who built many unique but slightly less pretentious homes. Current residents (2020) at the former Gray residence say the neighborhood watched the Chicago Fire burn from the lookout tower on top of the house. (ez)		
1872			In 1872, the area's first church, the Dutch Reformed Church and Society of Irving Park, was constructed on the southeast corner of Keeler and Belle Plaine. It remained the only house of worship for 13 years. The building was completely remodeled in 1908, according to the plans by noted architect Elmer C. Jensen. By the turn of the 20th century, congregations		

			representing the Episcopalian, Methodists, Disciples of Christ, Catholics and Baptists had been established.		
1874			Over 200 homes had been built in the original subdivision within the first 20 years. Several additions to Irving Park had greatly increased the 240 acre-suburb. Grayland, which was opened for settlement in 1874, extended west from Kostner to Cicero, between Irving Park and Addison. Subdivided by John Gray, the first Republican Sheriff of Cook County, on a portion of his extensive farm, it grew around the Grayland station of the Milwaukee Road Railroad, which is still in active use today. Gray later built a house on the northwest corner of Milwaukee and Lowell to reflect his newfound wealth, and it was a community showplace. Indoor plumbing with gold fixtures, exotic woods and expensive marbles highlighted his home. It was razed about 1915.		What is missing from these histories? Seems to be only from perspective of wealthy landowners. Social status and social power earned from donating land to churches and schools, etc. What about Gray's daughter's house and other Gray land donated to churches?
1883	In 1882 - Chinese Exclusion Act Started	St. John's First Sunday School in the home of Mrs. Boswinkle		.	St. John's first Record of Services book and Parish Register are lost.
1885	More homes build in Irving Park area after Chicago Fire	Mrs. Boswinkel wrote to Bishop William McLaren, requesting that he send a missionary to Irving Park; soon after, the Reverend Henderson Judd arrived. Worship services were held at Lindwood Hall, at Byron and Kedvale.	Unincorporated Irving Park not subject to city building laws - lots are much larger which attracted a much wealthier group of people. - check this date and placement	Grover Cleveland elected as US President with the combined support of Democrats and reform Republicans.	https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/grover-cleveland/
1897			Grayland train station named for Sheriff Gray		
1887	Jim Crow Segregation Begins	No Mention at St. John's St. John's "ppl congregation" was	John Roche is Mayor of Chicago (1887-1889)	John Roche is Mayor of Chicago	

		just beginning to raise money for building on the lot. Lot was given to St. John's from Sheriff Gray (Republican sheriff)		(1887-1889)	
1888		St. John's Women's Guild and Auxiliary officially organized. The Guild is the oldest organization in the church, with the exception of the Vestry. The Guild has "always contributed to the church financially more than any other organization." (info from the Golden Anniversary Book from 1938) Mrs. Ruth Wilson Florence organized the League of the Holy Child to raise funds for the 1888 Advent window.			
Dec 4, 1888		Dedication of St. John's sanctuary, church constructed for \$1,963 (\$100 given by the diocese, \$1500 loan, plus donations) on land donated by John Gray, an early developer of Grayland. Clarence A Jensen - architect J.W. Campbell - contractor and builder Article about dedication of sanctuary from the Anglican Advance 1889 (Diocesan newsletter) https://documentcloud.adobe.com/		Cleveland was defeated in 1888; although he won a larger popular majority than the Republican candidate Benjamin Harrison, he received fewer electoral votes.	This story was written from notes in our 50th anniversary book and read as a lesson at several Lessons and Carols services which mark the church building anniversary: https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:44fd2eb-9e96-4d13-8d73-9d1c916eaa75 Grover Cleveland: https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/grover-cleveland/

		link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:2d502d4c-d3a5-433d-a88f-6fb905253657			
1889		Real estate development firms and land speculators; neighborhoods of bungalows.	Old Irving area annexed to the city of Chicago.		
1891		Still building and fundraising for the church - new “hitching posts” and new gym in 1891.			
1893	Columbian Exhibition				
1894			Irving Park Review begins publishing (becomes the newsletter for the Old Irving Park Association)		
1896	Plessy v Ferguson	No mention at St. John’s		Elected again in 1892, Cleveland faced an acute depression. He dealt directly with the Treasury crisis rather than with business failures, farm mortgage foreclosures, and unemployment. He obtained repeal of the mildly inflationary Sherman Silver Purchase Act and, with the aid of Wall Street, maintained the Treasury’s gold reserve.	Grover Cleveland: https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/grover-cleveland/

				When railroad strikers in Chicago violated an injunction, Cleveland sent Federal troops to enforce it. “If it takes the entire army and navy of the United States to deliver a post card in Chicago,” he thundered, “that card will be delivered.”	
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1902	The Philippine Independent Church forms from a break away from the Roman Catholic Church				https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippine_Independent_Church
1905	W.E.B DuBois: The Souls of Black Folk				
April 6, 1905		St. John’s granted Parish status. First Parish Meeting			Articles of Incorporation filled as “The Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen of St. John’s Church, Chicago”
1908					First volume of Parish Register begins in 1908

1909	NAACP established	Mission of St Stephen started on Albany Ave - a “chapel of St. John’s”. The bishop did NOT approve...			
Oct 4, 1914		Celebrated “Peace Sunday”			Quotes are notes from Record of Services - first volume begins on Trinity Sunday, June 7, 1914
Nov 22, 1914		“Mr. W. R. Sterling gave missions address”			
May 23, 1915		“Spanish War veterans in Church”			
May 30, 1915		Celebrated “Memorial Day”			Memorial was not an official federal holiday until 1971
April 16, 1916	Palm Sunday	“Stainer’s ‘Crucifixion’ was sung”			Mention of children and adult choir services mentioned throughout the Record of Services
May 21, 1916		“Rev. F. E. Lyon spoke on prison work”			
May 30, 1918		“Memorial Day - Day of Prayer for Nation”			
June 16, 1918		“Dedication of Service Flag Mr. George K Gibson, speaker”			
June 30, 1918		“Red Cross Service Mrs. Estella Ryan Snyder, speaker”			Probably not the first woman to speak in church - first one I noticed! kws
Aug 17,		“Rev. E. J. M. Nutter leaves -			I believe he served as a chaplain in

1918		called to France with YMCA”			WWI?
Nov 17, 1918	Nov. 11, 1918 Armistice Day	“Special Service of Thanksgiving, the World War is over. Glory be to God!”			Notes in Record of Church Services The sacrament of confession is offered frequently throughout 1918-1919
1916 - 1970	Great Migration				Relocation of more than 6 million African Americans from the rural south to cities of the North, Midwest and West. About 500,000 moved to Chicago. http://encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/545.html
1919	Race Riots in Chicago				
1920	Three African American men lynched in Duluth MN		The Depression and war years saw many of the larger homes converted into rooming houses and two-family homes.		
1921-1938		Rev. W. O Butler serves St. John’s			Butler is the longest serving rector in our history (17 years). There are no records of services during this whole period!
1924	Immigration Act	St. John’s raises money for a building project. The church is raised up and moved one foot to the north because of a property dispute with the house next door (now the rectory). The rector takes the streetcar downtown to hire laborers who dig out the basement. The 1888 window is			However, it must have been an active time since the building project happened and was paid for.

		moved from the west end to the north. The entrance is moved from the NW corner to the west end.			
1929-1935			Oscar Stanton De Priest (UU Congressman from Chicago's 1st district - first Black Congressman elected in the 20th century)		
1930			Irving Park Community Census Data 1930 Total Population - 66,783 White - 66,708 Negro - 37 Other Races - 38		James Hanna Martin and wife Hazel join St. John's. He shares his memories in a 1990 Eagle article written by Juanita Raman.
1938					New rector and record of services are kept, however the only notes are the preacher for the Sunday and weekly services.
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1940		An extension is built on the east end of the church - A gym on the first floor, and kitchen and bathrooms in the basement, includes a sexton's apartment?	Irving Park Community Census Data 1940 Total Population - 66,553 White - 66,509 Negro - 14 Other Races - 30	Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America Chicago Redlining Map c 1940	
Tues. Nov. 5, 1940	Election Day	"Election Day Wilkies vs Roosevelt"			This is notable because so few notes are recorded during this time. There was daily mass in the early 40's.
June 1, 1941		"Decoration Weekend"			Decoration Day was created after the Civil War to honor veterans and

					heal the divide between North and South. It is interesting that this rector uses this older term, since “Memorial Day” was used in 1918, though it was not an official federal holiday until 1971
July 25, 1941				The birth of Emmett Till	
Dec 7, 1941	Attack on Pearl Harbor				
Dec 31, 1941		“Morning Prayer is read with few exceptions in full by Lay Readers - E. E. Miller & R. O. Tanner”			
May 31, 1942		“Decoration Weekend”			
1943		Masy and Kiku Masuoka move to Chicago from Japanese Internment Camp in Alabama			
Tuesday , June 6, 1944	D-Day	“Morning of the Invasion And many came between services for private devotions”			
June 7, 1944		“Invasion Mass” At 7 and 9 am			
1945	Atomic Bomb - WWII Ended in Pacific	In the years 1945-1947 many baptisms and weddings are recorded. Worship seems to be “High Church” including services of Benediction.			
Feb 16, 1946		“Adult baptism of Theon Betts”			Theon Bettes is the artist who painted the figures on our reredos.

					“Theon Betts is an Impressionist & Modern artist. Theon Betts’s work has been offered at auction multiple times, with realized prices ranging from \$150 USD to \$948 USD, depending on the size and medium of the artwork. Since 2009 the record price for this artist at auction is \$948 USD for Rolampont - France Marne Canal, sold at Skinner, Boston in 2009.” https://www.mutualart.com/Artist/Theon-Betts/39E623C49DD0CDEE/Biography
Feb 24, 1946		“Fr. MacLaury attends NY Initial dinner for National Council of Churches”			
1948-1950			Irving Park Community Census Data 1950 Total Population - 64,881 White - 66,509 Negro - 30 Other Races - 96		Notes seem to be a rotation of family names who were prayed for during daily morning mass.
Mar 3, 1951		75 people attend Evensong led by Seabury-Western Seminary in honor of the Breck Missionary Society			Bishop Breck began many of the Episcopal missions to Native American people in Wisconsin and Minnesota
October 14, 1951		A snapshot into the culture of St. John’s - Church announcements from October 14, 1951			
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1954	Legal Segregation Ends Brown vs Board of Education	No mention in Weekly Eagle	4 What was the effect of school integration, especially in the Irving Park area and the Willis Wagons Chicago Public Schools?		
April 10, 1955		"Indians Speak"	News clipping: "The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Valaangattil of Madras Christian college, India, will speak and show films Wednesday at a meeting of St. John's Episcopal Church" Chicago Tribune		
August 28, 1955	The murder of Emmett Till	Marvin Childress, a parishioner at St. John's beginning in 2010, grew up at 6506 S. Eberhart and was good friends with Emmett, who grew up at 6427 S St. Lawrence Avenue			
March 25, 1956		"Jail Chaplain will address St. John Church The Rev. James G. Jones Jr., House of Correction chaplain, will speak to St. John's Episcopal church congregation at 8 p.m. April 11 in the guild hall...He will discuss the need for clothing and food at St. Leonard's House, 2105 Washington blvd., a temporary home for released prisoners." Chicago Tribune			
1957					Notes in Record of service are names of people who received communion at home or at a hospital and Masses given in honor of someone.

April 28, 1957		“Episcopal Church Sets Program on Haiti Lore An afternoon of entertainment climaxing a study of Haiti missions is planned by the church school of St. John’s Episcopal church from 3 to 7 p.m. next Sunday at the church...A miniature market place will be created to reflect the customs and culture of the Haitian people.” Chicago Tribune clipping			
Dec 1, 1958			Our Lady of Angels School Fire		
March 7, 1959		Sat. March 7 Mass “for Valerie Thoma (O. L. of Ang School Fire”	Valerie Thomas died March 10, 1959 from injuries from the fire		
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1960			The prosperity following WWII was diminished when it was learned the Northwest (Kennedy) Expressway would cut directly through the heart of Irving Park. This resulted in the displacement of many residents and loss of many homes and businesses. During the 1960’s, apartment buildings replaced several larger homes along Keystone, Kedvale and Keeler north of the expressway. Irving Park Community Census Data 1960 Total Population 58,298 White 58,125 Negro 20 Other non white races 153		

1961	2 March, 1961 The Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Ambrose Reeves, resigns after having been deported from South Africa in September 1960 for his strong condemnation of the Government	Sun. March 12, 25 people attend a Special Evening Prayer service at 5:30 p.m. Preacher is Mr. Harold Wilson Note: "Rep Archbishop of Capetown, SA"		.	https://www.sahistory.org.za/article/general-south-african-history-timeline-1960s
Mar 2, 1963		100 people attend Benediction at 8 p.m. "Deanery Meeting Dr. T. Switz Slides on Diocese of Swaziland and Zululand"			I find it interesting that while the US is on fire the people of St. John's seem more interested in what is happening abroad kws
May 5, 1963		"Prayer for Pope John XXIII"			
June 3, 1963	Pope John XXIII died				
August 28, 1963	MLK "I have a Dream Speech"	No mention at St. John's			
Nov 22, 1963	"PRES KENNEDY ASSASSINATED"	prayers were offered for J.F. Kennedy the following Sunday Nov 24 (110 at 9 am 55 people at 11 am) and 64 people attended a requiem mass on Monday, Nov. 25			
1965		Kiku Monica Masuoka dies of brain aneurysm. Funeral is July 2; 125 people attend.	First Asian-American buried in the Acacia Masonic Cemetery; place secured because Masy and the Rector were Masons.		http://undereverytombstone.blogspot.com/2015/03/founder-builder-of-acacia-park-cemetery.html
Oct 24, 1965		"Dedication of Episcopal and American Flags"			

Jan. 30, 1966		“Blessing of the Masuoka Memorial Window” The Nativity Window given in honor of Kiku Masuoka is the first stained glass window to depict persons of color. Surrounding a very white Mary and Jesus there is a Japanese girl, an African-American girl and a white boy.			
Mar 20, 1966		“The Archbishop of Canterbury visits Paul VI today in Rome”			
Aug. 5, 1966				Martin Luther King, Jr.'s visit to Chicago Marquette Park	Chicago Trib article: https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-mlk-king-marquette-park-1966-flashback-perspective-0731-md-20160726-story.html
1966		In the fall of 1966, with the permission of the bishop, liturgies from “England” (1549), “Canada,” “Scotland,” and “India, Pakistan, Russia, and Ceylan” were used.			
July 13 1966	8 Filipino nurses are tortured, raped and stabbed to death by Richard Spark at E. 100th Street, Chicago				
Nov 6, 1966		“A taped recorded message from the Bishop was played at both Masses today”			Wonder what this was about? kws
Dec 11, 1966		“Pastoral letter from Bishop read at both Masses today”	Bp. Montgomery's pastoral letter of December 26, 1966 Statement of Policy on Equal Opportunity in Housing		

Jan 8, 1967		"Read Pastoral letter from the Bishop regarding placement of Negro clergy"			The snow (lots of it) gets more mention. Also the priest started saying "Mass facing the people" on Feb 12, Lent I"
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March 1967		The March 1967 issue of the Eagle included Bp. Montgomery's pastoral letter of December 26, 1966 regarding the Statement of Policy on Equal Opportunity in Housing and the results of the vestry discussion and vote on each of the six pledges. 1. Educate their membership on the moral necessity of an open mind and just community. For 11; against 2 2. Urge owners to sell or rent housing without racial restriction. For 5 against 8 3. Support local real estate offices and lending institutions in their cooperation with this program. For 7; against 6 4. Cooperate with and aid in the establishment of responsible community organizations, and support them in the implementation of those programs. For 8; against 5 5. Undertake to secure peaceful acceptance and welcome of Negro families prior to and at the time of their entrance into any community. For 7; against 5; no answer 1 6. Use their resources to help make housing available without racial discrimination For 4; against 8; no answer 1			The letter and reply of the vestry was printed in the Eagle March, 1967: https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:d8c3c628-29a3-4a6a-a91e-84a798b34d61 A copy is in the St. John's Archives
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May 31, 1967		"Blessing of land and Rectory by Bishop Montgomery" The son of current parishioner William "Bill" Adams was confirmed at this service.			Old rectory on Kenneth was sold and the land and rectory next to the church was purchased.
Dec 3, 1967		"Bishop's Pastoral Letter" "The New Trial Liturgy"			This was the introduction of updated language, what would become the 1979 Prayerbook
April 4, 1968	MLK Dies	27 (about 20 more than usual) people attend the evening communion service. "Dr. Martin Luther King murdered in Memphis"	Nothing mentioned about civil rights in Old Irving Park Association history summary		During this time there are 3 daily services - a combination of Communion, noted as "liturgy" and prayer services called "Matins" or "Evensong"
Holy Week April 7-12		Each night of Holy Week Evening Prayer notes: "Litany for City"			
June 1968		June 5 "Sen. R. Kennedy shot" June 6 "Kennedy dies" Sunday June 9 "National Day of Mourning"			
Aug 26-28, 1968				Democratic National Convention	https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/protests-at-democratic-national-convention-in-chicago
Nov 10, 1968		"Address at both Masses by Robert Schwardtfeger"			Not sure what this was about.
May 11, 1969		Rogation Sunday "Dedication of Flagpole"			I think this was in the garden. Kws The "Dedication of Episcopal flag" was June 29 (for in the church?)
May or June?			Founding of the Muslim Community Center on Elston		https://mccchicago.org/about-us/

1969					
1969		2 Letters from Bishop included in The Eagle: 1: Sept 4 What happened in South Bend? Special General Convention - separatism among the blacks and white racism among whites tend to place great strain upon relations between members of our church. Gives a grant of \$200,000 to the National Committee of Black Churchmen 2. Sept 8 A letter to the editor of NYT that the convention wasn't saying that it "endorsed the principle of reparations".			Copy of the October 1969 Eagle: https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:6cda2b22-4956-4a5e-8828-5f17bf6c0732
Dec 4, 1969			Black Panther leader Fred Hampton murdered at his home in Chicago. The operation was organized by the FBI, CPD, and the Cook County State's Attorney's office.		
Nov 2, 1969		"Film instead of Sermon"			This was a Sunday. Wonder what the film was about?!? Happens again on May 10, 1970
			Irving Park Community Census Data 1970 Total Population 54,900 White 99% Black 0% Other non white races 1%		

Feb 5. 1971		"Apollo 14 on the moon"			
Oct 31, 1971		St. John's has a sister relationship with the Diocese of the Windward Islands. From the January 1972 Eagle: Photo titled "The Rev'd Randolph Evelyn, Rector of St. John's Parish, Gouyave, Grenada, West Indies, and Father Adams listen to the Sermon at the concelebrated Mass on Oct. 31st. (Photo by Dr. M.A. Masuoka.)"			The Eagle January 1972
1972	The New Jim Crow - research event dates and definitions			Jon Burge, began as a Chicago Police Officer and eventually became a Commander. Following the shooting of several Chicago law enforcement officers in 1982, the police obtained confessions that contributed to convictions of two people. One filed a civil suit in 1989 against Burge, other officers, and the city, for police torture and cover-up; Burge was acquitted in 1989 because of a hung jury. He was	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jon_Burge

				suspended from the Chicago Police Department in 1991 and fired in 1993. chicagopolice torturearchive.com	
May 7, 1972		"Burning of the \$30,000 mortgage"			This was for the rectory, purchased in 1967.
1972		Interesting post in "The Eagle" about St. Francis of Assisi. It mentions that he was a "social activist" and effective in initiating sweeping social and economic reforms.			
Nov 7, 1972	The 47th quadrennial presidential election . Incumbent Republican President Richard Nixon from California defeated Democratic U.S. Senator George McGovern of South Dakota. Until the 1984 election , this was the largest margin of victory in the Electoral College for a Republican in a U.S. presidential election.	"Election Day"			
1973				Illinois passed one of the nation's toughest bilingual education laws responding to tens of thousands of bilingual students in Chicago. Then in 1974 the Supreme	https://www.oyez.org/cases/1973/72-6520

				Court ruled the lack of additional support for students with limited English skills denied kids a meaningful education and violated the Civil rights act.	
Jan 28, 1973		"Peace in Vietnam!"			Peace for who? After the war hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese were imprisoned in re-education camps after the communist takeover. Tens of thousands died. An estimated two million civilians left the country. The conflict destabilized the whole region leading to the conflict in Cambodia where Pol Pot came into power forcing millions into forced labor camps and millions of people dying.
Aug 5, 1973		"Blessing of Mobile Homes"			I googled but didn't find a mention of mobile homes built in this neighborhood at this time.
Oct 10, 1973		"V. P. Agnew resigns!"			
Nov 14, 1973		"Marriage of Princess Anne"			
Jan 6, 1974		"Clocks put on one hour to D.S.T because of energy crisis"			H. Colburn Jr. was the server at this 8 am mass!
July 29, 1974	11 women ordained in Philadelphia, PA by 3	No daily service, no mention			

	retired bishops.				
Aug 8, 1974	President Nixon resigns				
Aug 9, 1974		No daily service "Gerald R. Ford becomes 38th President of the U.S.A. on the resignation of Richard M. Nixon"			
Sept 8, 1974		11:15 in LaBagh Woods "Mass in Korean and English" priests are Leon BE Adams and Martin Ohm (? signature hard to read)			In this era a Parish mass and picnic in early summer and the fall was a regular practice.
Nov 17, 1974		"Letter from Bishop" read at Sunday masses			
Jan 12, 1975		Sunday Bulletin note "Handmade Christmas & Epiphany banner hanging in the Church is given to the Glory of God and as a thankoffering by its creator, Mrs. Nadine (Raich) Pool."			https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e013c143-958e-4949-b856-15316cbc7b
1975		Resurrection window installed in honor of Stanley Pearson (1917-1975) shows two groups of disciples, in each grouping one is black and one is white in the background of the figure of Jesus (white).			The Register of Services lists "House Mass" with guest preachers and various notes "alcoholism" "Charismatic Movement" "Prayer" "The Priesthood"
Nov 2, 1976		"Election Day Carter defeats Ford"			
May 14, 1978		99 people attend Sunday Mass "Baptism of Jose Lopez"			During this era a new note for "Laying on of Hands" (Healing Rite)

Jan 23, 1980		"Saragossa Forum"	Irving Park Community Census Data 1980 Total Population 49,489 White 91% Black 0% Other non white races 9%		
Oct 6, 1981	Andwar Sadat assassinated	On Wed. Oct 7 Masy Masuoka leads Evening Prayer notes in memo line "Anwar Sadat"			
1982 - present	The New Jim Crow				
Sept 26, 1982		"Visitation Bp Primo"	The Right Reverend Quintin Ebenezer Primo, Jr., served as the Suffragan Bishop of Chicago from 1972-1985, the first black bishop elected in Chicago.		Is this the first time he came to St. John's? 10 years into the job??
April, 1983				Harold Lee Washington (April 15, 1922 – November 25, 1987) was an American lawyer and politician who was the 51st Mayor of Chicago . Washington became the first African American to be elected as the city's mayor in April 1983. He served as mayor from April 29, 1983 until his death on November 25, 1987.	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_Washington

Sept 30, 1984		“Ruth Meyers Seminarian 1st Sunday” First woman seminarian, she served until June 9, 1985	The early 1980's saw a rebirth for Irving Park as a wider audience discovered the beautiful homes and rich history of the area. The Irving Park Historical Society was formed in 1984 to help preserve this heritage and the irreplaceable architecture which had survived since the earliest days of our history.		The Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers was one of the first women to serve as a priest in Chicago. She taught at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary for 14 years.
Feb 1986		New Hymnal Introduced “Our new hymnal seeks to take into account not only our rich history, but also our hopes for a better world and an inclusive church.”			
1988				Created in 1988, the Northwest Home Equity Assurance Program - https://nwheap.com/ was meant to stop white flight from a handful of Chicago bungalow belt neighborhoods by guaranteeing the value of residents' houses. The home equity program covers about 48,000 homes in parts of the Jefferson Park, Old Irving Park,	Dedication of Pentecost Window is May 22, 1988 Artist is Shirley Federow (first/only woman artist featured at St. John's?)

				Dunning, Montclare, Galewood, Portage Park, Belmont Central, Belmont Heights and Belmont Cragin neighborhoods. Two similar programs were started around the same time on the Southwest Side. Then-Northwest Side Ald. William J.P. Banks ushered an ordinance creating them through the City Council in 1988, but then-Mayor Eugene Sawyer vetoed it. Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan then helped get the programs approved in the legislature, bypassing City Hall. Richard M. Daley was elected mayor in 1989, and he supported the creation of the	
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				Southwest Side and Northwest Side home equity districts after voters in those neighborhoods overwhelmingly had backed them in ballot referendums.	
Dec 4, 1988		100th Anniversary of the building of the church 146 people attend 4 pm “Festival Centennial Service” Bishop Frank T. Griswald, presiding			Irving Park Review by Charles A. Karavich: "The people who eventually founded the parish were the same who had moved to a once-remote suburb to establish their homes and raise their families amidst an atmosphere of fine schools and churches." Try to read between the lines. Where were these people coming from? Changing parts of Chicago?
1990		Parish Directory - using only last names and oral history number of People of Color estimated to be 6-8, about 8% of membership	Irving Park Community Census Data 1990 Total Population 50,159 White, Not Hispanic 33,193 Black 479 Hispanic or Latino 12,222 Native American, Eskimo or Aieut 201 Asian or Pacific Islander 4,289 Other Race 5,487		The Record of Services has water damage, difficult to read notes from 1991
June 14, 1992		“The Rev. Nina Olyedo Jaquenod (sp?), Preacher, Food for the			

		Poor”			
1993-2019				Luis Vicente Gutiérrez (born December 10, 1953) is an American politician. He served as the U.S. Representative for Illinois's 4th congressional district from 1993 to 2019. From 1986 until his election to Congress , he served as a member of the Chicago City Council representing the 26th ward.	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luis_Guti%C3%A9rrez
August, 1994			St. Augustine Philippine Independent Church begins worshipping at St. John’s on Sunday evenings.		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippine_Independent_Church
Feb 1996-July 2004					Thomas Joyce, Rector, no memoranda in Record of Services
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2000		134 adult members (estimate) Parish Directory - using only last names and oral history number of People of Color estimated to be	Irving Park Community Census Data 2000 Total Population 58,643 White, Not Hispanic 25,912		

		11, about 8% of membership	Black 1,342 Hispanic or Latino 25,401 Native American, Eskimo or Aieut 307 Asian or Pacific Islander 4,417 Some other race 12,092 Two or more races 3,230		
Sept 11, 2001	Attacks on World Trade Center, Pentagon, and hijacking and crash in Pennsylvania	No service, no mention			
Jan 2005		The Rev. Carolyn Bavaro, Interim Rector (First woman priest to be hired)			
Sept 4, 2005		First Sunday for The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer			
Jan 31, 2006			Shooting and injuring of 3 Schurz students in alley behind convenience store on Milwaukee Ave, across from Schurz.		
Feb 9, 2006		Sunday service for healing			Incident leads to project with North Park grad students and local community https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:9a1203e5-e79b-4859-bf9b-b50d73091907
Oct 1, 2006		First pet blessing "19 dogs 1 guinea pig"			Concerts held in the sanctuary are noted in the record book
June 14, 2008		Marriage of Edward Dzialo and Jason Martin, first blessing of a same-gender relationship			Probably the first same-sex wedding at St. John's (the first one recorded)
Sept 11,			St. John's members (along with other area		

2008			community groups) attend Interfaith Iftar, at the Muslim Community Center on Elston		
Oct 3, 2008		Marriage of Melissa and Ken Jacobsen, interracial couple			Probably not the first at St. John's!
Jan 20, 2009	Barack Obama inaugurated as 44th President of the U.S.A.	Julianne Buenting brings communion to someone at Northwestern Hospital writes in notes "Inauguration Day"			The Rev. Julianne Buenting was a seminarian at St. John's, ordained in 2009 and served as a non-stipendiary priest until 2012.
Feb 12, 2009	200th birthday of Charles Darwin	St. John's hosts "Darwin Day event"			
July 19, 2009		Matsiko Children's Choir sings for Sunday service.			World Orphan Choir, a mission of the International Children's Network https://www.matsikochoir.com/
2010		167 adults (estimate) Photo Directory about 20 People of Color, about 12% of membership	Irving Park Community Census Data Total Population 53,359		
June 28, 2010				Jon Burge convicted of obstruction of justice and perjury in relation to testimony in a 1989 civil suit against him for damages for alleged torture.	https://theintercept.com/2018/09/25/jon-burge-chicago-police-torture/
June 1, 2011		St. John's had 3 same-gender weddings in 2011, including the wedding of Maureen Ziegler and Connie Frontzak		Civil Unions legal in Illinois	First "Ashes-to-Go" given at Irving Park El and Metra stops
March		Guest preacher, The Rev. Alice J.			First African-American woman

20, 2011		Greene, Irving Park Baptist Church			preacher at St. John's?
May 13, 2012		Max Salus, Preacher			First child under 12 to preach?
Dec 14, 2012	School shooting in Sandy Hook, CT	Dec 21, 9:30 a.m. memorial "For victims in Sandy Hook, CT" 6 attended			
2014			Irving Park Community Data 2014 Total Population 53,665 White non-Hispanic 23,040 42.9% Hispanic or Latino 22,643 42.2% Black non-Hispanic 1,633 3.0% Asian non-Hispanic 4,417 8.2% All other categories 1,932 3.6%		
March 15, 2015		69 people attend the 3 pm Chicago Community Chorus' Gospel Mass concert			
June 26, 2015				Marriage Equality upheld by Supreme Court	
June 28, 2015		The Rev. Bryan Cones celebrated Eucharist at St. John's			Bryan Cones was sponsored for ordination by St. John's (first openly gay priest at St. John's?)
Sept 18, 2015		87 people attend Chicago Gay Men's Chorus concert			
Dec 12,		31 people attended Eucharist at 5			

2015		pm “Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe” “en Español” The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, presiding Charis Davidson translated the sermon.			
2016-2017		African-American Book Group meets monthly, discusses about 24 novels, non-fiction, poetry, film, theatre		Northwest Side development reignites interest in program aimed at preventing white flight May 2017 Tribune article Since it was created in 1988 - the Northwest Side home equity fund has continued to collect money via the additional tax levied on all homeowners in the boundaries. The program's reserves now total \$9.57 million in two accounts, according to agency records.	
May 15, 2016		39 people attend Jesus Garcia’s concert “Piano Mexicano”			
Dec 2016 - July 2017		Garth Howe, Crow Creek Sioux, postulate for the diaconate, begins internship.			

Mar 4, 2017		Second Spanish Mass, The Rev. Alvaro Arica, preacher The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, presider Jesus Garcia, pianist			
Mar 14, 2017		St. John's African-Amercian Book Group hosts lecture by Natalie Moore, author of <i>The South Side</i> .			
May 5, 2017		91 people attend concert by ResonaTe Trans Voice. Parishioner Chiqui Buenaventura is a member.			
May13, 2017		16 people attend lecture by Scott Alexander, Professor of Islamic Studies at Catholic Theological Union			
June 10, 2017			Members of St. John's attend Iftar at the MCC, Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer invited to speak		
2018		St. John's Antiracism Team Formed		5150 N Northwest Highway Affordable Housing development approved for funding.	
July 11, 2018				Mia Irizarry is harassed at Cook County forest preserve by a white man for wearing a shirt with the flag of Puerto Rico. Cook County police show up but	

				do not arrest the man. After the video goes viral Timothy Trybus is arrested and charged with a hate crime. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVdePfxlRKc Northwest Coalition Against Racism and Hate is founded in response to the hate crime at the forest preserve - https://www.nwscalition.com/ St. John's becomes an active member in the coalition.	
Sept 16, 2018		Adult baptism of Gianna Lu Mei Lin Elliott			
Mar 12, 2019			St. John's members attend 50th anniversary celebration of the Muslim Community Center. The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer invited to speak.		
2019		Holy Week Sermons include themes tying lynching of African-Americans to Jesus' crucifixion			

Summer 2019		Antiracism Meetings for Youth Group			
2020		3rd annual antiracism plan			
Feb 2, 2020		At all three Sunday services “Commissioning of Antiracism Team”			
March 15, 2020		The Rev. Kate Spelman and the 4 members of the Daszczuk family are the only attendees “Covid Closure” Sermon and music pre-recorded and sent by email		Illinois two-week Stay at Home Order begins on March 14.	
March 22, 2020		8 & 10 am first online services held at the Rectory via Zoom and Facebook Live			
April 22, 2020		Land Acknowledgement Plaque Installed “You are standing on the land of Native peoples. For thousands of years this was the territory of the Council of Three Fires, the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa. They welcomed the Ho-Chunk, Fox, Sauk, Miami, Kickapoo, and Illinois confederacy tribes and offered assistance to the first Europeans to travel here. These nations were forced from this land in 1833 by the Treaty of Chicago. St. John’s now stands on this land, seeking a new relationship of honor and respect for our Chicago			

		neighbors: the Ojibwe, Lakota, Dakota, Navajo, Choctaw, Cherokee, Potawatomi, Odawa/ Ottawa, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Oneida, Blackfeet, Cree, and Alaskan Native people.”			
May 2020		193 adults (estimate) Photo Directory about 28 People of Color, about 14.5% of membership			
May 25, 2020	George Floyd Murdered	George Floyd vigil at St. John's	St. John's members attend Black Lives Matter marches in Jefferson Park and Belmont-Cragin	St. John's members attend Black Lives Matter marches throughout the city-(Wells Park, Grant Park - add other events)	
Sept 2, 2020		20 people attend a Zoom conversation about the move to change the celebration of Columbus Day to a celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day			
Aug 18, 2021		The St. John's Wednesday morning Bible Reflection Group, on behalf of parishioner Marvin Childress, childhood friend of Emmett Till, meets at the home of Emmett Till to pray and lay flowers.		The Home of Emmett and Mamie Till opens as a museum and memorial garden 6427 S St. Lawrence Ave	
Oct 27, 2021		St. John's hosts Critical Race Theory event	Critical Race Theory event Press Release in Nadig News		

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		St. John's Antiracism Team Annual Report of Work Done in 2021			
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2022		Help write and pass Chicago Diocesan resolution F185 Commitment to Antiracism Work in Congregations			
		St. John's Antiracism Team report done of work in 2022			
2023		140th anniversary of the first Sunday School Class			
		Laura Singer joins diocesan Antiracism Commission			
Dec. 2023		Rector Kara Sherer Wagner speaks in support of neighborhood migrant shelter at St. Bartholomew			
		St. John's Antiracism Team report done of work in 2023			

2024					
February 24, 2024			Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer elected Bishop of Rochester NY		