



St. Simon's Episcopal Church

Celebrating God's Love for All
Seeking to Embody Christ in the World



Our Story

We are a faith community with vibrant worship services, deep spirituality, and warm friendships among members. We worship in the Episcopal tradition, but believe the altar is God's table in which *all* are welcome. Our services are intricately crafted, pulling from several liturgical resources including the Book of Common Prayer, the Iona Abbey Worship Book, Daily Prayer for All Seasons, and many others. We practice a progressive theology focused on seeking God and loving our neighbors as ourselves. We have an emphasis on learning. Our Church School, Youth Group, and Adult Formation programs actively engage much of our congregation. Our weekly Centering Prayer practice and other seasonal programs help deepen our relationship with God and one another.

Our Path

With a strong foundation of liturgy and worship, we believe God is calling us to broaden our reach, grow our community, and increase our impact on the world around us. We hope to reinvigorate our programs, especially those for children and families. Our evolving faith calls us to explore liturgy and music that speaks to every generation. Additionally, our parish surveys indicate a strong desire to enhance our outreach programs in order to serve our neighbors in need and spread God's love.

Our Strengths

We believe our warm and inclusive culture, flexible and inviting liturgy, and interactive education are our greatest strengths. We have meaningful relationships with each other and with God that strengthen our community. We have many parishioners engaged in multiple ministries centered around our care for ourselves, for others, and for the earth. We invite you to explore our website for more detailed information about each of our ministries.

Our Challenges

Over the past two years, our church has experienced unexpected times of change. This has caused grief, sadness, and a feeling of unsteadiness. This time of transitions has sparked a desire for visionary leadership and re-established stability. We are also seeking creative ways to engage people who have very full lives.

Our New Rector

We seek someone who has a vibrant relationship with God nourished by their own spiritual journey - someone whose preaching style authentically relates to the realities of life today. We envision a warm, welcoming and approachable leader with a strong gift for pastoral care. We seek a rector who is willing and able to recognize the talents and gifts of our parishioners and foster a collaborative approach to ministry and leadership at St. Simon's. We hope our new rector will help us bring forth a clear vision for our parish's future – someone who will lead us and walk beside us on our journey.

Our Neighborhood

St. Simon's is located in Arlington Heights, drawing members from the surrounding communities in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. The village population is 75,101. The school districts are highly rated and offer a full complement of academic and extra curricular activities. The revitalized downtown area has restaurants, movie theaters, and shops. Many special events are held throughout the year including art fairs, farmers markets, and festivals. The Arlington Heights Park District maintains the many parks in the community, as well as two golf courses. Arlington Heights has two commuter train stations, providing easy access to downtown Chicago in about 30 minutes. We are also only a 15-minute drive away from O'Hare Airport.

Our Diocese

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is led by Bishop Jeffrey Lee and has 122 member congregations, spreading from Lake Michigan on the east, to the Wisconsin border on the north and the Iowa border on the west. The Diocese is known for its leadership initiatives designed to support congregational vitality. To this end, the Diocese focuses its energies on two key programs: The College for Congregational Development and Fierce Conversations. The Nicholas Center, located on the fifth floor of the Diocesan office building in downtown Chicago, provides classroom space and accommodations for these programs as well as other leadership events.

Our Details

For more detailed information about our church, we encourage you to explore our website, saintsimons.org. There you will find the most up-to-date information on our worship services and other ministries along with weekly reflections from a member of our clergy, staff, or parish. A summary of our 2020 proposed budget follows. A [brief history](#) of St. Simon's and the results of the Congregation Assessment Tool ([CAT](#)) Survey from 2012 and 2017 can provide more insight on the strengths and desires of our congregation.

To apply for this position, please complete the Clergy Information Form for Transitions found on the [diocesan website](#). For more information about this position, please contact Andrea Mysen, Director of Ministries, at amysen@episcopalchicago.org or 312-751-4203.





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St. Simon's 2020 Operating Budget (Proposed)

of Pledges: 109

St. Simon's Operating Revenues

2020 Pledging Income	\$381,400
Non-Pledge Giving	\$18,700
Prior Year Pledges	\$855
Open/Holy Days/Flowers Offerings	\$9,190
Investment Income	\$1,000
Facilities Usage Donation	\$2,080
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$413,225</u>

St. Simon's Operating Expenses

Clergy	\$115,515
Non-Clergy Staff	\$118,501
Utilities & Insurance	\$51,400
Faith, Formation & Fellowship	\$8,700
Maintenance	\$41,780
Administration	\$25,925
Worship	\$7,300
Diocesan Pledge and Outreach	\$42,200
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$411,321</u>

NET OPERATING SURPLUS \$1,904