



# Saint John's Spirit

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## From the Rector

### Upcoming Sermons

- 5/4 Following Christ and Facing Our Fears
- 5/11 Have You Checked Your Plumbing Lately?
- 5/18 The Trinity: Why Bother? Mary Bargiel

## Outreach

The annual ingathering for the Episcopal Fund for Human Need will be May 11 which is Pentecost Sunday and Mother's Day. There will be envelopes included in the bulletins at church. The money collected goes to service agencies in our diocese. The Youth Service Bureau received a grant from this fund for JUMP (mentoring program). This year's fund will benefit 24 agencies. Your gift counts. Send a lifeline to those who need it most.

We will continue to accept donations for the Montgomery County Mental Health Association's Christmas gift drive. Continue to bring toiletries, sweat clothes, small gifts that will bring a smile to someone's face.

## Mission Task Force

The Mission Task Force will first be looking at their answers to the following questions. From there we want to bring these questions to the parish for their responses. It is our hope that the responses will identify our strong points as a church family and help us focus on our spiritual journey with God.

1. Where do we want to go? (St. John)
2. Who are we?
3. What do people in the community think of St. John, how are we viewed?
4. When the Parish thinks of St. John what do they think of?
5. Who are our neighbors?
6. What does the Church provide for us? What do we provide to those outside the Church?
7. What do I think is God's plan for St. John's?

## Newcomers/Hospitality

The Hospitality and Parish Life Committees want you to hold the date -- Friday, May 30th, at 6:00 p.m. -- we are hosting a parish potluck at Kathy and Jim Gary's, 1047 South Glenway. There will be reminders and directions in the bulletin at a later date ... so get the date on your calendar!

## Liturgy Committee

At recent meetings of the Liturgy Committee, the committee agreed with the plan to return to one service on Sundays at 9:00am during the summer period starting June 8th.

In addition, the Committee felt we are running short of Acolytes who function as Torch Bearers and, as a result, the present Acolytes are bordering on burnout. After discussion, the Committee felt we should actively recruit before we do some "creative scheduling." Further discussion revolved around possible Candidates and Trainers. If you have any interest in being an Acolyte or just want to know more about it, please contact John Culley, our Head Acolyte Trainer.

If you have any thoughts or opinions about our Liturgy or what we might try, please let any of the Committee members know about your concerns. Committee members are:

Todd Kleffman(Ex Officio)	Jill Lamberton
Angela Cooley	Sheila Evans
Susie Hildebrand	Alex Lebedeff
Bob Cooley	John Culley
Joe O'Rourke, Vestry Liaison	Mike Lohorn
Pru Phillips	Jerilyn Yerkes
Kent Meyer, Chair	

## Christian Education

### Adult Day Services Presentation

On May 4, Michael Plant of Christ Lutheran Church will present information of Adult Day Services during Sunday School time.

### Teachers still needed!

Please sign up in the Narthex outside Whitlock Hall.

### Sunday School for pre-schoolers

The class for 2 to 4 year olds will meet again on May 11. Contact Kathy Gary with any questions.

## Getting to Know...

Robert and Mary Angela Cooley came to Crawfordsville in 1962 when Robert began a 37-year teaching career at Wabash College. Robert has served on the Vestry, as Senior Warden, has sung in the choir for 45 years, and currently heads the Stewardship Committee. Mary Angela has served on the Vestry, been Christian Ed. Director, is a past member of the Altar Guild, and currently enjoys being a member of the Guild of St. Martha and St. Andrew, and a student in Education for Ministry.

They are the parents of three sons and one daughter, ages 43 to 53. In addition to raising their own children, they have been short-term parents to another dozen youngsters during the ten years that they were licensed foster parents for Montgomery County. About the time her last child was in Jr. High, Mary Angela went back to school herself, earned a Masters Degree, and for the next 15 years worked as a licensed clinical social worker.

Robert and Mary Angela began attending the Episcopal church in 1952, shortly after their marriage by an Episcopal priest, while living in Pensacola, Florida, where Robert was in basic training at the Naval Air Station. Their confirmation classes were in Hutchison, Kansas, during advanced flight training. (Yes, the U.S. Navy had a base in Kansas!) They were confirmed at the cathedral in Birmingham, Alabama while on home Christmas leave, by Bishop C.C.J. Carpenter, best remembered as one of the recipients of the Letter from Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr. Their first "home" parish was in Alameda, California where Robert was attached to Patrol Squadron Nine. The Cooleys believe that there was a great benefit to learning early that there are many different "flavors" to Episcopal worship. They also say that "it felt like coming home" to join St. John's parish, where they have worshiped with six or seven rectors, plus two "interims" over the years.

## Pray for the Repose of the Souls of...

*Caroline Harmon*, who passed this week and for the family she leaves behind.

*Harold W. Lamberton*, grandfather of Jill Lamberton, who passed Tuesday, April 22 and for the Lamberton Family.

## In Other News...



*Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. Psalm 147:7-9*

## Deanery Council

There will be a Deanery Council meeting in May or early June. This is for clergy, convention delegates, alternates and other interested parties. Typically they are held at St. Andrew's in Greencastle. Watch your Sunday bulletin for more information!

## Congratulations to...

Those who were confirmed and received on April 5:

*Bryce Barton (confirmed)*

*Kelly Barton (received)*

*Larry Baumgardner (reaffirmed confirmation vows)*

*Jeremy Hartnett (received)*

*Jill Lamberton (confirmed)*

## Youth Task Force

The Christian Ed/Youth Strategic Task Force Committee has been meeting since February. Its members are Susan Albrecht, Sam Hildebrand, Libby Pinkerton, Chris Redmaster, John Roberts and Lisa Warren. Nearly 20 St. John's teenagers participated in a survey developed by the committee, providing their input on past, current and possible future youth/Christian Ed programming. Based upon these survey responses, input from parents and other parishioners, reflection upon guiding questions, and discussion within the committee, a recommendation is currently being prepared. One aspect of the proposal would concern senior high aged youth, with a suggestion for shifting our focus away from traditional Sunday School and towards a series of activity-based events. These activities could be a mixture of outreach/service, educational, creative, spiritual or purely social ventures. If anyone has questions or comments, please contact chair Susan Albrecht.

## A Big Thank You...

To Joe O'Rourke for his work on facilitating the Jewish, Muslim and Christian panel.

## Stewardship Committee

There is a new Stewardship Committee convening. Bob Cooley has agreed to head this committee. Look for more information in the future!

## Graduating Seniors!

Calling all graduates (high school, college, etc...). If you know of someone graduating this year, we'd like to feature him/her in the June newsletter. Contact Cindy Turner for more info!

# YSB Bowling Tournament

A small but mighty group of parishioners joined 120+ people Saturday, April 26th to participate in the Youth Service Bureau's 2nd Annual Bowling-for-Youth fundraiser. Ashley and Matt Kendricks helped get the word out about the event. Bowlers whose names you might recognize included Ashely, Peggy and Kelley Lohorn, Lorinda and Johathan Hanebuth, Jane Gallagher, and Fr. Todd bowling on four different teams. Together these three teams help raise \$637 to support the Juvenile Mentoring Program. Also working hard at the event were Dave Ault (YSB Board Member) and Mike Scime (YSB Director). In addition to those who bowled, eight members of St. John's volunteer as mentors in the program. The group celebrated their contribution to Bowling-for-Youth with an after event lunch at Little Mexico.



Photos courtesy of Ashley Kendricks.

# Calendar

May 6                                    Deanery Clericus (meeting of clergy of deanery) Noon, St. Andrew's, Greencastle  
 May 11                                    Preschool Sunday School Class meets  
 May 12                                    Executive Committee Meeting 5:30pm  
 May 27                                    Vestry Meeting 6:30pm

June 14-15                                Indiana Day Weekend at Washington National Cathedral  
 June 15                                    Breakfast on the Shore at Jim & Susie Smith's

September 5-7                         St. John's Family week at Waycross.

### Ongoing Activities

EFM - Tuesdays 7-9pm, except May 27  
 Eucharist - Wednesdays Noon & 6:30pm  
 Heart of Christianity Group - Wednesdays 7:00pm

## Sunday Servers

Service	LEM	Lector	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Coffee Hour*	Greeters*	Altar Guild	Offering Talley
5/4 8am	Elaine Pickering	Diane Ault	Diane Ault				
5/4 10:30	Vern Easterling & Mike Scime	Mike Scime	Sam Hildebrand/ Andrew Patterson & Darek Long			CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	Ellen Ball & Susan Albrecht
5/11 8am	Larry Baumgardner	Kitty Haffner	Kitty Haffner				
5/11 10:30	Bob Cooley & Jane Gallagher	Kent Meyer	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Kristen Albrecht			Meegan Reidy & Betty Culley	Jim Smith & Merry Worley
5/18 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Vern Easterling	Teresa Anderson				
5/18 10:30	John & Betty Culley	John Culley	Chris Redmaster/ Anna & Erin Redmaster			Pru Phillips & Ann O'Dell	Tom Twarek & Nancy Bennett
5/25 8am	Vern Easterling	Judy Wynne	Hannah Anderson				
5/25 10:30	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Sally Lawrence	Alex Lebedeff	Steve Charles/ Libby Pinkerton & Alex Pearson			Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	John Culley & Vern Easterling

**\*Schedules were not available for this edition. These should be listed in the bulletin.**

The church office is open from 9am - noon, Monday through Friday.

Father Todd's office hours are from 10am - noon, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and by appointment. Wednesday is his administrative day.

The next Newsletter submission, preferably typed, is due by Friday evening, 6:00 p.m. May 23

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