

Saint John's Spirit

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From the Rector

"Are We There Yet?" A Very Good Question

Who hasn't been in a car for a long drive with young children and failed to hear this sometimes-bothersome question? Perhaps someone reading this article will get to experience this whiny rhapsody during the season for summer vacations. When the air conditioner goes out and you find your legs cramped into knots, 200 miles from Phoenix, your back aching, and your tolerance for the chosen music fading (not the tunes **you** would have chosen), your be-shortened legs sticking to the vinyl seats, you think, "How could this get any worse?". From the depths of the back seat arises that heart rending repetition, "Are we there yet?", which under normal circumstances would be difficult, but the torture is made even worse by the knowledge that 'Sweetie' decided on the scenic route, rendering you, car, spouse, and complaining children completely and totally lost.

Life in Church can get like that at times, especially when a community of faith lacks clear direction. One person wants to go here, another there, one group thinks we should build on this while another group thinks we should focus on that, while still a third group may not see a need to focus on anything at all for fear of leaving someone's needs and interests out. What's a church to do?

At least our friends in the car have a destination. They may be temporarily lost, but they will eventually wander their way into Phoenix. They have a goal, and signs along the way will eventually bring them to the "there" of "Are we there yet?" My own mother was able to keep me quiet by explaining the destination and teaching me to watch billboards and road signs, each one bringing us ever closer to Wall Drug or Rock City.

I believe that God has a clear mission for St. John's. I don't claim to know what it is, but I do believe that God has written a piece of that mission on every heart that worships here and on every heart that will find a home here, as well as on every heart that will be touched by our parish family. Like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, we must put our hearts together by answering the questions posed by our Parish Mission Task Force and by praying daily that God will help us find our mission. Then we can begin to share the joy of seeing it come a little closer to fulfillment every day - until we are finally "there".

During the entire summer, the Lectionary will be taking us on a tour of the Book of Genesis. We will be able to see this process unfolding for Abraham, Sarah and their family. Let us join with them in a common journey - by prayerfully responding to the questions asked by our Mission Task Force and by praying for God to guide us until we are right where God wants us to be.

Upcoming Sermons

- 6/1 Proper 4: How Long Can You Tread Water?
- 6/8 Proper 5: Are We There Yet?
- 6/15 Proper 6: Damnation and the Forgotten Virtue
- 6/22 Proper 7: Family Realities - What Can God Really Do?
- 6/29 Proper 8: The Testing Time

Mission Task Force

Mission Task Force would appreciate your feelings about the status and the future of St. John's. Please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions. They can be emailed to Mike Lohorn at the following address: hsdk@msn.com or it can be filled out and turned in to the church office with attention to Mike Lohorn.

Ponder these questions and note small answers for each.

1. In which direction do we at St. John's want to see our church go?
2. Who are we? How would you describe our church community?
3. What do people in the community think of St. John's: how are we viewed?
4. When the Parish thinks of St. John's, 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?

The biggest question to ponder: What do I as an individual think God's purpose for is for St. John's? What is the reason we here for in this time and place?

Parish Life

PARISH LIFE WANTS YOU (and your ideas)! The Parish Life Committee is getting ready to start up again after a bit of a hiatus. The purpose of the Parish Life Committee is to plan and organize activities that bring the parish together for fun and fellowship. (Parish Life is no longer the organization planning receptions or brunches, which is part of what St. Martha's Guild does.)

Because the committee is starting fresh, we are in need of both members and suggestions for activities. Currently the committee consists of Susan Albrecht, chair, and Meegan Reidy. If you would be interested in joining us to help plan, or if you'd just like to come and do a little brainstorming about activities, we will be meeting immediately after the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 1, in the conference room.

In the past, Parish Life has organized such events as Christmas at the Zoo, family game night at the church, canoeing, adult potlucks, a whole-family block party and an Indianapolis Indians outing. Please come join us on the 1st if you'd be willing to help! Or feel free to call Susan (361-0036) or Meegan (362-5285) with suggestions.

Newcomers/Hospitality

Just a reminder that Friday, May 30th we are having a Parish Potluck in the home of Jim and Kathy Gary, 1047 South Glenway (take 32 West, past RRD's south plant and just after the Marathon Gas Station, turn left onto Glenway!!) We are gathering at 6:00 for beverages/appetizers and will probably eat closer to 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share and, if you have a lawn chair to throw in the car in case we need extras, that would be great! Please call Kathy Gary at 361-1468 to RSVP if you have NOT signed up on the sheet outside Whitlock Hall. (The Newcomers' Committee is hosting this event but the whole parish is invited!!)

Breakfast on the Shore

Join us on June 15th at Jim & Susie Smith's for a lakeside service followed by a pitch-in breakfast. Please bring a dish to share and folding chairs or blankets to sit on. As always, we are at the mercy of the weather. In case of cancellation, a message will be left on the church voicemail and email notifications will be sent.

Directions to St. John's Breakfast on the Shore
Take SR 47 South.
Pass Bal Hinch Grocery on left at CR 400 S.
Pass Former Dairy King Drive In on left just beyond CR 500 S.
Then go ½ mile and turn right at CR 550 S.
Continue on 550 S to first road, Chesterfield.
Turn right and go to end, Wellington.
Turn right and go down hill to Shore Drive.
Turn left and go to Sherwood Cove.
Turn left and go to the 3rd house on the left. (5023)
Allow 15 minutes from St. John's!
Questions? Call 866-0045.

Outreach

Thanks for all of the gifts for the gifts for the Mental Health Association's Christmas Drive. The next project that we will support is the Tri Kappa Summer Lunch for Children project. We will provide lunches on June 25 - 27 (Wed. - Fri.). More information will be coming. Watch for sign up sheets at church.

St. John's Family Camp

Hey! That does not happen until this coming Sept. 5-7. Why bring it up now???? Well, here's why. The new Executive Director of Waycross, Van Beers, has upgraded the facilities, improved food and guest services and has been very successful in attracting many new groups to the Center [check out the article on page D of the May "Tidings" edition]. This year we have all 5 bedrooms in the Main House and all 8 bedrooms in the Sleeping Wing reserved plus as many of the 10 cabins that we want. We also have 14 rooms blocked out in the Conference Center. If you have never been to Waycross, let us assure you that these are "hotel grade" rooms. But, they cannot be guaranteed after June 1 because there are two other groups wanting to use the facility.

Mike & Peggy Lohorn and Sam & Susie Hildebrand are the coordinators for this year's Family Camp. While plans for the weekend are not yet fully developed, we would like to have an indication from every parish family by June 1st if you think you might come for the weekend and the accommodations you desire. That way, we can lock in the Conference Center rooms for those who prefer that accommodation. While your early application is not considered a hard and fast commitment, we hope you will put it on your calendar in ink, not pencil, and join in on the fun in Brown County.

Cost this year will be \$79 per person per night at the Conference Center, \$67 at the Main House and Sleeping Wing and \$36 at the Cabins. Remember that all St. John's parishioner's children are paid for out of the Family Fund. Please email your intentions or questions to Sam at vti@accelplus.net or Mike at hsdk@msn.com.

Support OUR Troops

Peter Swanson is currently serving on active duty with the US Army and is stationed in Iraq. He would love to receive mail from members of the church family. Postage is regular first class. His address is:

Major Peter M. Swanson
HQ AAFES
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Peter can also receive e-mail. swansonpe@aafes.com

Welcome to the World!

Marikay Stultz is the proud grandmother of *twins Olivia and Alyssa*, born this month to Kristen Stultz and Thomas Mantesta.

Colton Dale Cory, great-grandson of Judie and Mike Esra. He was born May 7th. Please keep him in your prayers as he is in intensive care at Union Hospital in Terre Haute with a hole in his heart.

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of...

Jane Acers, cousin of Mary Bargiel. Pray for Mary's family, and especially for Jane's surviving brother, Bill.

Alice Kimball, mother of Pru Phillips, who passed away Friday, May 16 and for her family.

Willis Albrecht, father of Brian Albrecht, who passed Friday, May 23 and for the Albrecht Family.



Congratulations to our Graduates!



Betty Culley graduated from IUPUI. She earned a Masters in Public Affairs.



Riley Gillan is graduating from Crawfordsville High School. He will attend Indiana University and plans to major in Creative Writing.



Katie Green is graduating from Crawfordsville High School. She will attend Indiana University and plans to major in Environmental Policy.



Jill Lamberton graduated from the University of Michigan with a Ph.D. in English and Education. She has a two-year teaching appointment at Wabash starting in 2009, after a year in Rome.



Trip Roberts is graduating from Crawfordsville High School. He will attend the College of Wooster and plans to major in Biology.

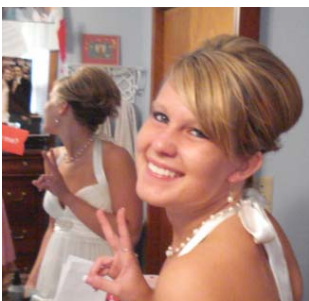


Emma Reidy graduated from Kenyon College in Art History. This week she begins in a position at a European antiques and interior design firm in Carmel. She will also begin studies in Interior Design at IUPUI this summer.

Alexis Siamas is graduating from Indiana University with a degree in Art History and a minor in Outdoor Recreation.



Christanne Siamas is graduating from Crawfordsville High School. She will attend Hofstra University and major in Print Journalism.



Ally Taylor is graduating from Southmont High School. She will attend Ball State University and plans to major in Social Studies Secondary Education.



Collin Worley is graduating from St. Monica's Catholic High School. He will attend Humboldt State University in California and plans to major in Mathematics.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Calendar

- May 30 Newcomer's Potluck, 6pm, at the Gary's
- June 1 Parish Life Committee Meeting following 10:30 service, all are welcome
- June 8 Summer worship schedule begins (one 9am service)
- June 15 Breakfast on the Shore at Jim & Susie Smith's, 9am
- June 22 Debra Kissinger, Canon for Education and Formation, to meet after church with Vestry and Committee Chairs, lunch provided
- June 25 - 25 Summer Lunch Outreach
- September 5-7 St. John's Family weekend 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
6/1 8am	Mike Scime	Mike Scime	Diane Ault				
6/1 10:30	Steve Gillan & Meribeth Kussmaul	Mary Angela Cooley	Sam Hildebrand/ Andrew Patterson & Kristen Albrecht			Carole Meyer & Jane Gallagher	Cindy Smith & Tom Twarek
6/8 9am	Larry Baumgardner & Elaine Pickering	Judy Wynne	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Diane Ault			Cyndy Fields & Bethany Fields	Barb Easterling & Jim Smith
6/15** 9am	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Marc Hudson	Sam Hildebrand	Chris Redmaster/ Kitty Haffner & Darek Long			CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	John Roberts & Nancy Bennett
6/22 9am	Bob Cooley & Kim Roberts	Joe O'Rourke	Erin Redmaster/ Teresa Anderson & Andrew Patterson			Meegan Reidy & Betty Culley	Merry Worley & Ellen Ball
6/29 9am	John Culley & Betty Culley	Diane Ault	Anna Redmaster/ Alex Pearson & Libby Pinkerton			Pru Phillips & Ann O'Dell	

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

**Breakfast on the Shore.

The Church office is open from 9am - noon, Monday through Friday
 Father Todd's office hours are from 10am - noon, Monday- Thursday, and by appointment

New Church E-mail Addresses

There are some new addresses for church committees and services. These are permanent addresses for each committee. More are coming soon!

<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	newsletter@stjohnscville.org	<i>Pastoral Care</i>	pastoral.care@stjohnscville.org
<i>Property Committee</i>	property@stjohnscville.org	<i>Website Administrator</i>	webmaster@stjohnscville.org

The next Newsletter submission, preferably typed, is due by Friday evening, 6:00 p.m. June 27.

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