

Saint John's Spirit

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June is Mission Month at St. John's when every week in the month focuses on, or reinforces, some aspect of God's call to us to take the new life of Christ and his radical hospitality and transformative love beyond ourselves and into the whole world.

Outreach – Reaching Out in Love

Sudanese Companions in Mission Visit

June 21st is a day you will want to be a part of at St. John's. Bishop Ezekiel and Father Nyock from the diocese of Bor will visit Saint John's for the day. A number of activities are in the process of being planned. You will be informed of times and final plans as they become available. Volunteers are hosting the visitors for an overnight stay. Our special guests will be taken on a tour of Crawfordsville, particularly the sites of various missions in which our church and its patrons participate. The Bishop and Father will be present **for both 8 and 10:30 a.m. services, and will be present from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. to answer questions** about life and ministry in Sudan. **However, the Principal Eucharist will begin at 5 p.m.** Members of the Northwest Deanery (Bloomington, Terre Haute, West Terre Haute, Greencastle, Lafayette and West Lafayette) will gather in the Sanctuary for **A Celebration of Mission and Ministry, which will be followed by a reception in Whitlock Hall. The Deanery budget will pay for the meat. Parishioners are asked to provide sides.** Parishes in the Deanery are encouraged to bring representatives of ministries to receive blessings or commissioning – in the case of new ministries. **St. John's will commission its Shepherds and new Youth Ministry Team at this service.** It looks to be an informative, enlightening day, one which will help St. John's celebrate the support that, through love and generosity, they gave the children of the Sudan. Please set some time aside to plan to attend some or all of the planned events.

YSB Campaign

We are continuing to promote our tithing for the children blessing our lives. This will conclude at the end of June. We have raised half of the goal that was set for the Youth Service Bureau.

Summer Lunch Program

Once again, we will be providing lunch to children of Crawfordsville for three days. The dates will be June 24, 25, and 26. Sign-up sheet will be available closer to the date. We will need drivers, baggers, and providers of food to make our project as successful as in the past. June is mission month and St. John's is honoring it well.

Coming Up in June

On **Pentecost (May 31)** we will celebrate the 2008-2009 Christian Education year, but we are reminded that this education has been part to prepare us for the mission "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (BCP, The Catechism page 855). Jakub Brewer, son of Josh and Agata Brewer will be baptized.

On Pentecost **we are all asked to wear red**, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit that breathed life into the infant Church and gave the first Christians the power to move beyond themselves and follow the risen Christ in inviting all into the communion of God's love. - Father Todd

On **June 7, Canon Deb Kissinger will facilitate Calendar Planning** for the 2009-2010 year. This will help St. John's work more effectively to balance and focus the ministries that we use to engage in the Churches' mission. The Vestry, Committee Chairs, and anyone else who has a stake in the upcoming calendar is invited to attend. A working lunch will be served. Please RSVP revtoddkleff@yahoo.com by June 3rd if you

plan to attend. St. John's theme for 2009-2010 is "Challenges and Blessings".

Zoroastrian Presentation – June 9, 7 pm in Whitlock Hall. A member of St. John's Education For Ministry Class (Steve Smith) will be giving a lecture on the Persian religion (modern Iran) of Zoroastrianism. This small but highly influential religion did much to shape pre-Christian Judaism in the Fourth and Third Centuries B.C.E. (Before the Common Era) and as a result, Christianity.

Breakfast on the Shore will be celebrated at Larry Baumgardner's farm on **June 14**. Father John Ebberman and his wife, Betty, plan to attend. Myca Garrett, son of Katie Charles and Patrick Garrett will be baptized. **The only service held that day will be the 10:30 service at Larry's.** Barbara Penney will preach, telling us about her mission to China. The breakfast is a potluck picnic as there will be no electricity at the site. There will be a sign-up in the Narthex. Directions to Larry's farm can be found on the St. John's website.

Christian Education

Sunday School "Who News"

Sunday School is over for the year. Thanks to all our "kids". We had a blessed year. We had so much help from so many at St. John's. Our new friends include Don Black, Barb and Vern Easterling, Charles Cooksey, Robbie Little, Mike Scime, Jane Gallagher, Susan Albrecht, John Culley, Terry Lawrence, Carole Meyer, Jerilyn Yerkes, Father Todd and, of course, our wonderful parents!!

We will be working on finishing our space this summer - come help us!!!

Hannah and Kathy

Shepherding Ministry

The Shepherding task force has selected and trained nearly all of our new shepherds. These shepherds will develop relationships with small groups of St. John's families. Their mission is to communicate, celebrate, and connect the life of St. John's with all those who call St. John's a spiritual home. More specific details will arrive in a special mailing.

Summer Office Hours

Beginning May 27, the church office will be open from 8:30-11:30 instead of 9-12 to accommodate the church secretary's summer childcare needs. This schedule will continue until school begins on August 13.

In Other News

Summer Worship Schedule

The liturgy committee has decided to continue to having two services (8am & 10:30am) throughout the summer.

Memorial Plaques Installed

The three panels created by Don Black and hung in the south stairwell in the Narthex have now been identified with descriptive brass plaques. Check them out and read them to any children who may not be tall enough to read them for themselves.

Anglican Rosary

Prayer beads have been used since the beginning of human history and are found in almost all religions. However, the Anglican Rosary didn't exist until the 1980's.

The Anglican rosary consists of 33 beads, representing the number of years Christ spent on the earth. There are four groups of seven beads that form the weeks. The number seven can represent the seven seasons of the church year or the seven days of creation. The four Cruciform beads separate the weeks and signify the four points of the cross. The invitory bead is above the cross. Prayer starts at the cross and the invitory bead invites us to pray along the other beads.

There is no specific prayer for the Anglican rosary. You can find some you like or create your own. There are several websites that have prayers. This has a large variety of prayers. Some are general, but some are specific to different groups such as single parents, caregivers, the unemployed, quilters, etc... <http://gigibeads.net/prayerbeads/prayers/prayers1.html>.

There are several sites online to purchase rosaries as well as instructions for making your own!

The audio visual equipment in Whitlock hall is a memorial to the life of Marsh "Bud" Jones, Jr. as the new plaque so states.

Moving On...

Brandon Long has decided to transfer his membership to Crawfordsville Community Church. We wish him well in his new church home.

Strawberry Festival at the Cathedral

The deadline for signing up to work at the Cathedral's Strawberry Festival is June 1! It takes place outdoors on the circle in Indy June 11th. We will be paid \$25 for each person who works a four hour shift that day. What a great opportunity to help their project and our church as well! Teens 16 & up are welcome to work as well. Contact Carole Meyer for more info!

Stroll for Strays

Terry Lawrence reports that the Stroll for Strays has raised \$7500 so far.

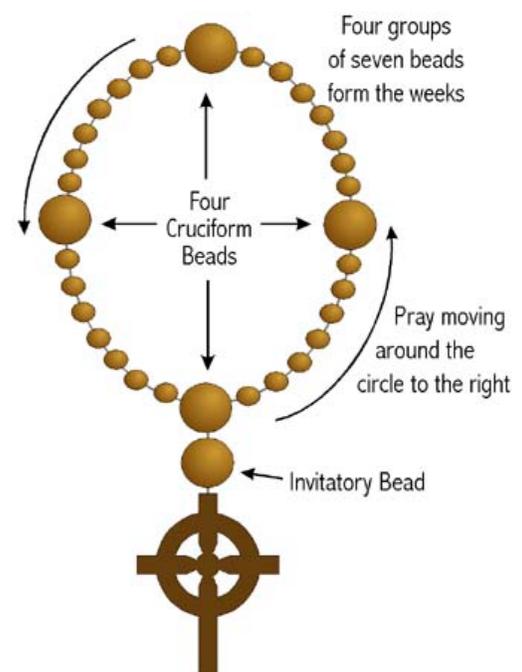
Directory Updates

We have new members to St. John's - Ed and Sue Fain. They are in the process of moving from South Bend to a home in Crawfordsville (and a cottage on Racoon Lake). They are in the parish directory; however, their information is not correct. Here are the corrections for future reference:

Ed and Sue Fain
654 South St. Louis Drive
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
574/339-7121 (Sue's cell)
email: suefain@accelplus.net

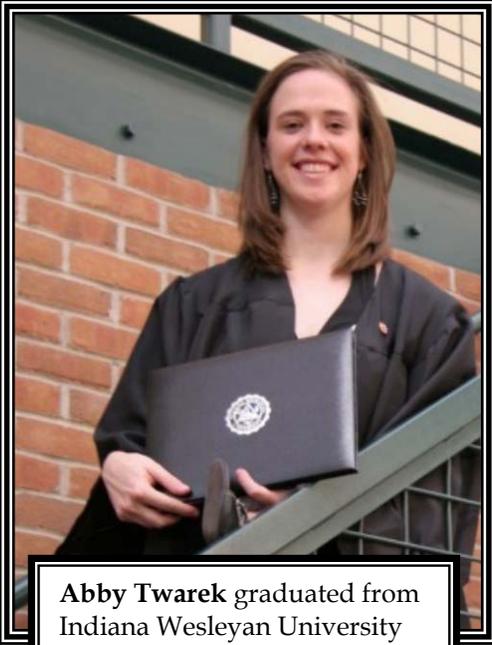
Cyndy Fields' Cell # is (765) 918-3023

*Hungry after church?
No time to cook Sunday dinner?
Can't decide what restaurant?
Same old thing?
Try this:
Sunday, June 28, after 10:30 service
In Whitlock Hall
Sunday Dinner and Social Life
Join us,
Free
Details to follow*





Congratulations to our Graduates!



Abby Twarek graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in Special Education. She will be teaching English in China next year.



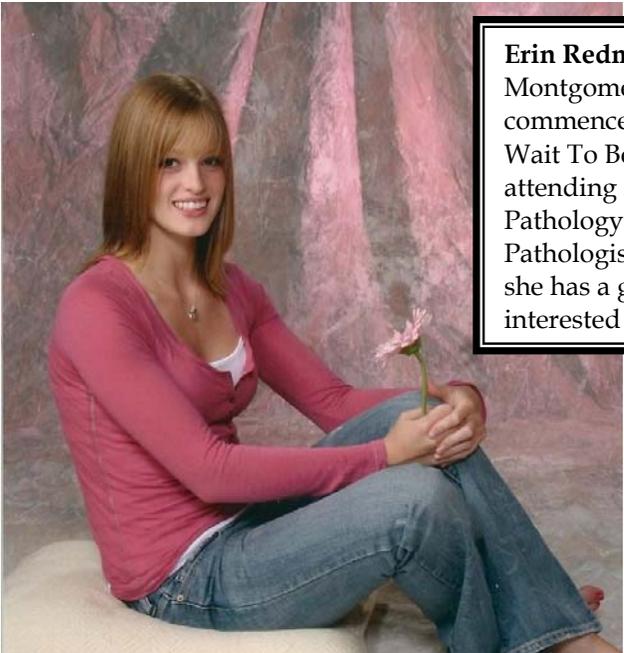
Bethany Fields graduated from Indiana State University with a BS in Criminology. She is currently looking for a position working in probation.



Katie MacGregor (daughter of Merry Worley) graduated Cum Laude from Michigan State University School of Law on May 15, 2009. Katie will be taking the bar exam in late July in North Carolina where she and her husband, Sean are planning to move.



Kerry Lohorn is graduating from Crawfordsville High School. He will be attending IUPUI in the fall with a pre-pharmacy/biology major.



Erin Redmaster graduated from North Montgomery High as validictorian. Her commencement speech was entitled "I Just Can't Wait To Be King", and she did great. Erin will be attending Purdue University to study Speech Pathology. She has shadowed Karen Selby, Speech Pathologist at Ladoga Elementary, and learned that she has a gift for working with young people and is interested in that particular field of study.

Nolen Royalty will graduate in May from Northfield Mt. Hermon School (Mt. Hermon, MA) and will attend Grinnell College next year.

Calendar

May 31 Pentecost Celebration

June 7 Calendar Planning with Canon Deb Kissinger

June 9 Zoroastrian Presentation, 7 pm in Whitlock Hall

June 14 Breakfast on the Shore 10:30am only service at Larry Baumgardner's farm.

June 21 Sudanese Companions in Mission Visit, am services and 5pm service and potluck

Ongoing Events

EFM - Tuesday nights, 7pm

Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm

Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
6/7 8am	Mike Scime	Mike Scime	Joe and Ben Green				
6/7 10:30	Susan Albrecht	Vern Easterling & Marc Hudson	Sam Hildebrand/ John & Linda Hanebuth		Deb Swanson & Barbara Penney	Jerilyn Yerkes and Terry Lawrence	Cindy Smith & Jim Smith
6/14 10:30	Kristen Albrecht	Sally Lawrence & Kim Roberts	Bill Patterson/ Matthew & Andrew Patterson		Jane Gallagher & Shelia Evans	Cyndy Fields, Bethany Fields, & Adrienne Ashbaugh	Susie Hildebrand & Barb Easterling
6/21 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Kitty Haffner				
6/21 10:30	Alex Lebedeff	Robert Cooley & Jane Gallagher	Chris Redmaster/ Erin & Anna Redmaster		Carole Meyer & Meegan Reidy	Carole Meyer & Jane Gallagher	John Roberts & Susan Albrecht
6/28 8am	Judy Wynne	Larry Baumgardner	Teresa Anderson				
6/28 10:30	Mary Angela Cooley	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Paul Ludwig	Steve Charles/ Charles Cooksey & Kristen Albrecht		Beth Lauer & Jo Tussey	Kim Roberts, C J Charles & Chas Cooksey	Vern Easterling & Ellen Ball

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. June 24.

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