



# Saint John's Spirit

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## Rector's Article

### Spring Cleaning and Lent

Sometime, usually during Lent, usually in March, the weather would warm, the snow would melt and mom would demand spring cleaning. Dad would often make a break for the barn, while my sisters and I were stuck with mom, wiping walls, shaking rugs, vacuuming floors, washing grimed up windows, and sorting through, well sorting through "stuff". Dad would be sucked into this black hole of activity by the gravity in mom's voice. "It's been a whole year and now, we can't find anything. Everything smells like cat pee and needs a good airing out, and ya know, the closets and attic are over packed with a gum lot of junk – and what we don't need has to go. It's gettin' in our way!" That was mom's nice way of saying that she tripped over some useless trifle and fell, or that she couldn't find a particular item, and things were in her way, resulting in the calamity that befell the rest of us. Everything but the cleaning was put on hold that entire day until just past dark. The first of the warm springish evenings would end with the sun setting orange and red in the west, while crickets began to serenade us once more. We were done. We all stopped, the sliding glass door and screens back in to allow the fresh spring air breeze through the house. And I had to admit, as I spat out some dust, that the whole house smelled new, that, in fact, everything seemed new. Lost treasures were found, and useless trash that caused us all to trip was cast aside. The house had experienced a resurrection.

I often think Lent is like that. What in our church or personal lives is lost and needs to be found? What is useless and needs to be cast aside? What is blocking the breeze of the Holy Spirit, which needs to be opened to let in God's fresh air?

## Lenten Programs

Special Presentation: Dr. Dave Gillooly: Mental Health for Caregivers

7-8:30 p.m. Whitlock Hall

For: Husbands and Wives, Medical and Mental Health Personnel, Teachers, and for anyone else who provides long-term support for others

Afternoon Lenten Bible Study: Conversations With Scripture: The Gospel of John

Tuesdays from 1:15-2:45 p.m. Whitlock Hall

Study Begins Feb. 23 and runs through March 30

Wednesday Evening Lenten Bible Study: Conversations With Scripture: The Gospel of John

Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Whitlock Hall

Study Begins March 3 and runs through March 30

Study Books may still be ordered by sign-up sheet on credenza in entry way opposite glass doors. \$12

### Morning Prayer Mondays and Tuesdays

All are invited to pray morning prayer at St. John's on Monday and Tuesday during Lent. We will begin at 7:20 a.m. and end by 7:50 a.m. at the latest. Since we will not be meeting daily, our readings will not following the daily lectionary but instead will take us through Luke. You do not have to be able to attend each day to participate. Even if you can only join us once, please know you are welcome.

## Family Game Night!

On Friday, March 19, from 6:00 - 10:00 pm, the Parish Life Committee will be hosting a game night for parishioners (and friends) of all ages. We're planning board games, card games and -- a new one this time -- a Wii tournament! For those interested in dinner, we'll have sandwiches & soup to kick things off at 6:00 pm (free will donation) and then the games will begin. If you'd rather arrive later, that's fine, too -- come for any portion of the evening. Just bring a beverage or a snack to share and your favorite game if you have one.

It will be really important for planning to have a good sense of how many people plan to come and what games they're interested in, so we are asking that everyone use the sign-up sheet which will be posted in Whitlock Hall. This will help ensure we have the right games at the ready and the right amount of food. You can also contact Susan Albrecht (susiequie23@sbcglobal.net or 361-0036) to let her know you're coming & what games you'll be bringing or would like to play.

## Youth Group

Attention all youth 4th grade and up: We will be having a lock-in Friday March 12th at 6:00pm to Saturday March 13th at 9:00am, at Larry Baumgartner's farm. The theme is "Bread for the Journey", which will be a poverty experience in a safe environment. It will be informative, eye-opening, and fun! Please join us, and bring a friend! We will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside Whitlock Hall, please sign up by Friday March 5. Please remember, we'll need release forms signed for everyone attending (there are copies on the credenza outside Whitlock Hall and in the Youth Room), and parents need to plan to attend Friday March 12th from 6 to 7:30 for a getting to know you session. Peace-Lorinda Hanebuth

## Parish Directory

It is once again time to update the Parish Directory. Please check your listing in the current directory and if you have any corrections please contact Cindy Smith at cksmith207@comcast.net or 362-2225.

## Vestry News

If anyone has an item that they wish for the Vestry to consider, the Executive Committee determines the Vestry Meeting Agenda. Therefore, please, contact a member of the Executive Committee ( whose names appear in the "To:" portion of this e-mail) prior to their meeting third Wednesday of the month in order to have that item considered by the Executive Committee for placement on the vestry agenda.

### New Wardens

The Vestry met in special session on February 14, 2010 to select new wardens, which was necessary because Sam Hildebrand will no longer serve as Rector's Warden, although he will continue to be on the vestry. Father Todd announced that he had asked Larry Baumgardner to become Rector's Warden and Larry had agreed. This created a vacancy in the office of People's Warden, and Jane Gallagher was nominated to that position and elected by acclamation. The Executive Committee of the Vestry now consists of Rector Todd Kleffman, Rector's Warden Larry Baumgardner, People's Warden Jane Gallagher, Clerk Barbara Easterling, and Treasurer Will Turner.

## Columbarium News

The St. John's Columbarium, located on the west wall of the south transept of the nave, was originally installed in 1992 and contained 32 niches. This past summer, 16 additional niches were added and the seating in the transept was modified to provide better access to the Columbarium. At this time, 33 niches have been reserved, leaving 15 available for sale at a cost of \$500 per niche. If you or any member of your extended family is planning to choose cremation for Christian Burial, you may want to consider our Columbarium as the final resting place for the remains. The Vestry has specified that the Columbarium is for the interment of the cremated remains of any child of God. Also, any priest who has served as Rector of St. John's, and his or her spouse, may be interred in a niche free of any fee or costs but otherwise subject to the established rules for the use of the columbarium.

If you are interested in learning more about the choices for Christian Burial at St. John's, please contact Fr. Todd. If you wish any specific information about the rules for use of the Columbarium or the procedure for purchasing a niche, you may contact any member of the Columbarium Committee who's members are Sam Hildebrand, Sheila Evans and Tom Sheets.

## Confirmation

A Confirmation class for all ages will meet all Sundays through Lent, including Palm Sunday. They will be held in the library from 12:00 until 2:00pm.

Confirmation service will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in Lafayette. The service is at 11:00am, but confirmands are asked to be at the church by 10:15am.

## Chefs Needed!

Chefs (ok, anyone with reasonable culinary skills) are needed to provide Sunday evening meals for 10 - 12 guys at the Real Presence at Wabash. There is a signup in Whitlock Hall. Details are located there. No Ramen noodles, please.

## Correction

The delegates for the 2010 Diocesan Convention are Mark and Meribeth Kussmaul with Randy and Elaine Pickering attending as alternates. This was incorrect in the February newsletter.

## Outreach

March is Youth Service Bureau month at St. John's. Our church is working to provide car seats to be given to families living at or near the poverty level so their little ones can be safe. There are two examples in Whitlock Hall, if you would like to see them. They are available at Walmart. The specifics are as follows:

**Convertibles:** These can be converted to either face the rear of the car or the front of the car for children at least 1 year old. They should have five-point harnesses (the seat belts built into the car seat). These seats are for kids 5 - 40 pounds.

**Booster:** also come with five-point harnesses and are for kids 22 - 80 pounds.

Each of the seats shown is priced at \$52.50 plus tax.

The YSB needs 55 of these seats, so let's see what we can do to put a dent in that need. You can partner up with someone to buy one, donate to Outreach by specifying Outreach on your check to St. John's, or if you feel especially called, buy one at Walmart. Bring them to Whitlock Hall and we'll try to surround the room!

Carseats cannot be used and must be new.



Cosco Scenera  
Convertible Car Seat



Cosco High Back  
Booster Car Seat

## Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
<b>3/7 8am</b>	Diane Ault	Vern Easterling	Teresa Anderson			
<b>3/7 10:30</b>	Alex Lebedeff	Sara Lawrence & Kim Roberts	Steve Charles/ Ashtyn Warren & Chas Cooksey	Cindy Smith and Marikay Stultz	CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	Susie Hildebrand & John Roberts
<b>3/14 8am</b>	Mike Scime	Mike Scime	Kitty Haffner			
<b>3/14 10:30</b>	Jim Gary	Larry Baumgardner & Marc Hudson	Paul Moehling/ Joe & Ben Green	Alex and Ann Lebadeff	Betty Culley & Meegan Reidy	Barb Easterling & Tom Twarek
<b>3/21 8am</b>	Kitty Haffner	Larry Baumgardner	Joe & Ben Green			
<b>3/21 10:30</b>	Marc Hudson	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Vern Easterling	Sam Hildebrand/ Jon & Lorinda Hanebuth	Chris and Sharon Redmaster	Jane Gallagher	Cindy Smith & Jim Smith
<b>3/28 8am</b>	Diane Ault	Elaine Pickering	Hannah Anderson			
<b>3/28 10:30</b>	John Culley	Betty Culley & Kim Roberts	Bill Patterson/ Matthew & Andrew Patterson	Chris and Raquel Johnson	Jerliyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Ellen Ball & Nancy Bennett

# Calendar

March 12	Youth Group Lock-in
March 15	4pm Outreach Committee Meeting
March 19	Family Game Night 6pm
March 28	Palm Sunday; Sunday School classes will meet
April 1	Maundy Thursday 7pm Holy Communion
April 2	Good Friday 7pm Passion Reading from John
April 3	10am Family event - decorating the cross with butterflies.
April 4	Easter Sunday 7:30am Vigil/Sunrise Service 9 - 10:15 Easter Brunch (no Sunday School) 10:30am Easter Service

## Lenten Events

Morning Prayer - Mondays and Tuesdays 7:20 - 7:50

Afternoon Lenten Bible Study - Tuesdays 1:15 - 2:45

Wednesday Evening Lenten Bible Study - 6:30pm through Lent

## *Ongoing Events*

Sunday - 8 & 10:30am Worship Services

Sunday - 9:15am Christian Education

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

Choir Rehearsal - Thursday nights 7 - 8pm

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

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