



# Saint John's Spirit

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### **New Life & The Great 50 Days - Welcoming Newcomers and Resurrecting an Old St. John's Tradition**

The Easter Season celebrates the New Life given by God to Christ and passed on to the Church and to all the world through the Church. This season of celebration was resurrected in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as The Great 50 Days, a season to keep the Paschal Candle burning every Sunday and to focus on renewal and hope. 10 New people have entered into the St. John's Family through Baptism or by entering into the Baptismal Covenant with us as a first step toward being confirmed or received by the Bishop next year. We should rejoice and do all in our power to help these ten and all other recent newcomers find their places and develop stronger connections to Christ and to their new brothers and sisters **at St. John's. Following the 10:30 Service on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will resurrect the tradition of regular potlucks** to welcome them and to celebrate the upcoming Confirmation of Anna Redmaster at Christ Church Cathedral,

7 pm the first Sunday in June. Please, come early for good seats.

This Potluck will be a time for celebrating renewal of St. John's ministry structure into a more 'minister-friendly' one that opens opportunities for more collaboration among various groups within the parish. Moreover, the Vestry will present how St. John's plans to move boldly into the future as we approach our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This will hardly be a boring meeting! As many as possible should make this day a keystone in their May calendars. **On the Feast of Pentecost**, the Sunday in June marked by the annual Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival, **our second potluck** will feature a **Picnic on the Shore** of Walnut Creek (Larry Baumgardner's Farm) and the main course will be a **Pentecost Pig Roast**, with fowl as well. We bring the side dishes and drinks.

Depending on the weather, we hope to have outdoor worship, games, and fellowship!  
We hope to begin having some form of parish potluck at least every other month.

### **Opportunities for Healing and Reconciliation**

Yes, over the years there has been some dissention among members of St. John's. People are rightly concerned about the nature of conflict within our church or any church. The issues and reasons vary according to the perspectives of the persons involved, and then, there are many people who seem to notice something but are not necessarily involved and wonder what is "really going on"? Dealing properly with church conflict is learned, it is not innate! We must all remember that the Church was born in conflict, and that when people gather in groups, there will be differences that can lead to conflict, **which is why the Vestry has invited Canon Bruce Gray to speak to us about church conflict and help us discuss positive ways to deal with it, which witness to God's love even when strong differences arise! Please, come to these presentation/discussions on Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm in Whitlock Hall. Each date will feature different info, and child care will be provided if needed.**

**The Ascension and Committal:** The first Sunday in June will also mark The Feast of Christ's Ascension. Mary Angela Cooley has asked that our parish enter Robert Cooley's Ashes on that Day. Peggy Milbern as also asked the Liturgy Committee to remember her Robert with the hanging of paraments and the consecration of new linens.

On that Sunday, the 10:30 Service will conclude with a Committal in our Columbarium, where the ashes of those desiring to be buried in the church are kept, and with a consecration of new linens.

**Family Camp – New Possibilities:** Family Camp will be held only 25 miles from St. John's at Camp Talitha near Shades State Park this year. The date will be in August but is not yet confirmed. The cost for renting the entire Camp for a weekend is only \$650 total! We will need to bring food and beverages, but the savings are enormous, and the distance and easy-to-find nature of the Camp make the spot a winner. The two largest buildings have AC!

**Why All the Cameras?** Some may be offended at Adult Forum and Worship to see taping being done, others may not care. All may wonder why. We are attempting to create a library of Adult Forums for those who may not be able to attend a particular session, but do not wish to miss the content. At worship, the Service of the Word up through the Sermon only, is taped to create a library for parishioners and for those who might have missed a Sunday. Who would deny someone who was say, ill or homebound, the chance to feel like they actually experienced our worship or education? Remember, Worship is corporate, though personal, not private!

This fall at a Parents' Night Out some of the older youth got together talking about wanting to help our church. Children have excellent hearing and some had overheard conversations about the Church and our financial challenges. One of the kids said wisely, "Well I have a piggy bank for that kind of stuff. Why doesn't our church have piggy banks?"

Another youth added that jars or cans are good enough if some of 'em can't afford piggy banks.

I just listened and let the conversation unfold. After several minutes the kids had talked about the feeding of the 5,000 and what Jesus did with five loaves of bread and two fish. "If Jesus can do that with such a little tiny bit, imagine what he could do if we collected people's change in jars for God!" At that point I stepped in and informed the kids that they would have to collect the money, and take it with their parents to the bank, have it counted, get deposit slips, and return the slips back to the church. They all agreed.

Two weeks ago the first collection from God Jars went into a designated fund for the benefit of the Church -NOT THE YOUTH- but collected BY the Youth. The amount totaled \$597.67. If you want, get a jar, ay jar, put it in a prominent place, and at the end of the day put your pocket change in it with a prayer for God to show us all how he can multiply little things.

There is only one rule. **Once money goes in the God Jar, it doesn't come out until it's placed in one of the orange God Jar Buckets at t. John's.** The vestry determined that the youth will be asked to name this special fund designed to help St. John's.

### Outreach News



Thanks to everyone who supported the Youth Service Bureau JUMP Bowlathon, whether as a bowler, a cheerleader, or through giving a donation. The event was great fun. St. John's had 16 bowlers and 7 cheerleader/observers. Besides all of the good times, \$833 was raised in St. John's name to help many children have the opportunity for a healthy role model in their lives.

**YOU ARE INVITED!!!** Come join the ladies from the Diocese of Indianapolis and help welcome the National Board of the Episcopal Church Women and the National Board of the United Thank Offering. These two Boards are meeting in Indianapolis from Wednesday, 28 April 2011, through Tuesday morning, 4 May 2011, at the Benedictine Center to review the area and plan for the Triennial Meeting in July 2012. On Sunday, 1 May 2011, you are invited to celebrate the Eucharist with these Boards, followed by a time to ask questions of the Board Members and to hear of some of the preparations for the Triennial Meeting. Afterwards there will follow a lunch for all attendees, which is gratis. Nancy Ferrianni will be the cleric and the Eucharist will begin at 11:30 a.m. with arrival between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for visitors. Reservations are needed so accommodations can be planned. **Please make your reservation by Wednesday, 27 April 2011, by contacting Charlene Watson: Phone: 765-474-9101 or E-mail: [cel.watson@comcast.net](mailto:cel.watson@comcast.net)**

### **Prepare for Pentecost Now**

Larry Baumgardner will be hosting a Pentecost Pork and Ethnic Picnic, on June 12<sup>th</sup> at around 11:00 am on his farm. We invite everyone for outdoor fun and fellowship. Pork Barbecue and Barbecued Chicken will be provided. All we ask is for you to bring a side dish/dessert, which best represents your ethnic heritage.

## St. John's Bowling Teams and Cheerleaders



## Servers Schedule

<b>Service</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>Crucifer/ Acolytes</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Offering Tally</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>
<b>5/1 8am</b>	Jim Suren	Jim Suren	Teresa Anderson				
<b>5/1 10:30</b>	Helen Hudson	Marc Hudson & Jane Gallagher	Mike / Peggy Lohorn & Erin Redmaster	Angie Daniels & Hope Jones		Susan Albrecht & John Culley	Ruth & Don Black
<b>5/8 8am</b>	Dylan Thomas	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Steve Charles				
<b>5/8 10:30</b>	Barb Easterling	Vern Easterling Larry Baumgardner	Bill/Andrew Patterson Chas Cooksey	Chas Cooksey & Jo Tussey	CJ Charles & Cyndy Fields	Barb Easterling & Ed Fain	
<b>5/15 8am</b>	Mark Kussmaul	Mark Kussmaul	Joe Green				
<b>5/15 10:30</b>	Elaine Pickering	Elaine & Randy Pickering	Paul Moehling Erin Redmaster/Ashtyn Warren	Alex & Ann Lebedeff	Chas Cooksey & Carole Meyer	Tom Twarek & Vern Easterling	Susie & Jim Smith
<b>5/22 8am</b>	Diane Ault	Jim Suren	Steve Charles				
<b>5/22 10:30</b>	Nancy Bennett	Adrienne Ashbaugh Steve Gillan	Chris Redmaster/Mike Lohorn/Robbie Little	Chris & Raquel Johnson	Betty Culley & Meegan Reidy	Cindy Smith & Jim Smith	Ellen Ball
<b>5/29 8am</b>	Elaine Pickering	Randy Pickering	Cyndy Fields				
<b>5/29 10:30</b>	Jill Lamberton	Meribeth Kussmaul Paul Ludwig	Bill/Matthew Patterson Ashtyn Warren	Chris & Sharon Redmaster	Sheila Evans & Jane Gallagher	Ellen Ball & Nancy Bennett	Carole Meyer

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m May 20th

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