



Saint John's Spirit

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why gratitude? “When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it **hitched** to everything else in the **Universe.**” -John Muir “With **mindfulness**, every moment of **everyday** is a precious **jewel.**” -Thich Nhat Hanh “**Joy** is what happens to us when we **allow** ourselves to **recognize** how **good** things really are.” -Marianne Williamson “The **thankful** receiver **bears** a plentiful **harvest.**” -William Blake “We can only be said to be truly **alive** in those **moments** when our **hearts** are **conscious** of our **treasures.**” -Thornton Wilder

From Helen Hudson, Chair – Gratitude Ministry Team

At one of our recent Adult Education Lenten discussions (so ably facilitated by Will Turner), we were talking about real and metaphorical fasting, noting that how valuable it can be to shrink things and thoughts and habits that don't feed us or bring us closer to God; we also spoke of increasing such things that do bring us into a more sacred space.

One of our participants noted that something that happened at St. John's had really changed his worldview. That event was something seemingly simple. About a year or so ago, under the leadership of Ed Fain, our Stewardship Committee got a “make over” in the form of a name change, and “that has made all the difference.” When the Stewardship Committee became the Gratitude Committee, this parishioner found he saw the whole enterprise in a different light. Instead of “Gotta, Gotta, Gotta” and “Shoulda, Shoulda,” it became, “Wow, look what we have and look what we do. I want to be part of that.”

In our consumer-driven culture where the next Great Product and the next Great Food is ever before our eyes, Gratitude can be a difficult concept to come by. Our daily world encourages us to think we don't have enough, that we need many things that we actually don't, that we're plagued by scarcity. This is too bad because it's most often not true, and that mindset of scarcity hides God's generosity from us.

This was on Arthur C. Brooks' mind when he wrote an op/ed piece in the Wall Street Journal a couple of months ago. He titled the essay “Handsome Is as Handsome Gives.” In a jaunty voice, Mr. Brooks reports, “Donors to charity aren't merely generous souls. They're happier, healthier, and better looking too.”

Here's hoping that news brought a grin to your face! While Mr. Brooks' tone is light, he's not spoofing. In future newsletters, I'll share some of the scientific studies that, indeed, illustrate how gratitude expression and wellness are strongly wedded.

In the meantime, I continue to be deeply grateful for Jan's leadership, for the fine liturgy of Lent, for Wednesday night soup, for the on-going everywhere conversations among us about the Great Mysteries of this life which we address in private prayer and in community. Some of good stuff, though, is not a mystery at all. At St. John's we know we can ask anyone else in the

congregation for whatever kind of help we need and be assured of a generous, helpful response. I see this in action around here all the time. That is, I think, a sacred thing.



Sunday, April 13	Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m. – Passion According to Matthew
Monday, April 14	Taize at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	Healing Service at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16	Tenebrae at 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	Maundy Thursday with Communion at 7 p.m.
Friday, April 18	Good Friday service at Noon at St. John's
	Good Friday service at 7 p.m. at First Christian
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday –Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
	Brunch between services in Whitlock Hall



If you would like to contribute to our Easter Flowers, please fill out the insert which will be in the bulletin on April 6 and 13 or contact Rev. Jan.



Join us at St. Andrew's, Greencastle, on Wednesday, **April 23rd** when Sam Vaught will be confirmed. The service begins at **6p.m.** and a reception will follow. *All are welcome.*



Share the love with South Sudan and purchase a pin for a \$5 suggested donations. Pins are located in a basket on the credenza in the hallway outside Whitlock Hall. One hundred percent of the donations go to South Sudan!



Adult Formation – update from Will Turner

We will finish our discussion around the liturgical season of Lent on Sunday, April 6. After Easter, we will watch and discuss the PBS series “Forgiveness” under Jim Suren's facilitation. Please see the parish webpage for more information, including links to the discussion materials: <http://stjohnscville.org/education.php>.



The Dr. Mary Ludwig Free Clinic will be marking its first year of service to the community on

May 3rd by hosting our "Golden Apple" celebration. The event is named after the act of kindness that Dr. Mary showed each time she gave children an apple when they visited the Christian Nursing Service Well Baby Clinic. This will be an opportunity to review accomplishments and reward those who help the clinic serve the less fortunate in our community. The program will be held in Detchon Hall on the campus of Wabash College beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased from John Roberts or you can call the clinic at 765.362.3244. We would not be where we are today without the continued support of our community - thank you!



We completed our Pathways to Vitality project with the thank you luncheon for the Sheriff's and Corrections' personnel. The two departments were combined for one luncheon at their request. These luncheons reflected our gratitude for the work that our public servants do in helping make Crawfordsville a better place to live, work and worship. Thank you to all who brought food and all who were present to say “thank you.” We will give a report to the Diocese at our final gathering in May.

–Jim Suren, Meegan Reidy, Chas Cooksey



Bring those ink and toner cartridges!

help with the purchase of office and janitorial supplies as a result of your donations of used cartridges! Any size or type of used ink and toner cartridges, including 3-in-1s, are welcome. Place your used cartridges in the white bowl on the credenza. Thank you!

Last month we raised \$38 to

Sign Up! Our Coffee Hour sign ups are looking pretty bleak. The sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Won't you help by signing up to provide flowers or to host coffee hour one Sunday? Talk to Mary Angela Cooley.



So the sewer backed up in Whitlock Hall the weekend of March 8/9; so what? Well, due to a blockage in the main sanitary drain in Whitlock Hall and the action of the power flush toilets, we had quite a bit of "black water" that flooded past the wax rings on all three toilets in the restrooms on the first floor of

Whitlock Hall. This was the second time in two months and this second event was much more serious than the first. A significant amount of "black water" drained down through the light fixtures, heat vent openings, sprinkler head openings and the drywall joints in the ceilings in the Choir Room and Conference Room. The ceilings in the Whitlock Hall basement are made up of two layers of 5/8" Type X drywall with a sound deadening cavity between them. This design allowed the black water to accumulate on top of and between layers of drywall as well as contaminate the Conference Room carpet. The piano was missed, but the valuable, antique Chinese Oriental rug in the Choir Room was drenched. Once the water damage was discovered Sunday morning, the restrooms and kitchen were shut down and cleanup actions initiated. Since that fateful day, the following has taken place:

- On March 10, our insurer, the Church Insurance Company of Vermont, issued a claim number and advised us to remove and replace all the damaged drywall, sanitize the affected areas, replace the carpet and rug and make whatever sanitary drain plumbing redesign was necessary to prevent this from ever happening again. Fortunately, we have \$100,000 of Water Backup and Overflow coverage with a \$5000 deductible.

- Between March 10 and 21, all furniture items were moved to outside storage. Our general contractor removed and disposed of all the water damaged drywall and exposed the main sanitary drain system running through the floor trusses. Our plumbing contractor identified the location of the main drain blockage and re-engineered the main drain to route it away from where it runs underground through the court yard. The drain now continues to run overhead, through the basement restroom, through the cement block wall into the church basement and through the boiler room wall where it connects into the church basement sanitary drain system. The exposed floor trusses were sprayed with anti-bacteriological chemical. New drywall was installed and finished and all other structural work completed. The Whitlock Hall first floor restrooms and kitchen were opened for normal usage.
- During the week of March 24, the Choir Room, Conference Room and basement restroom ceilings and walls will be painted.
- During the week of March 31 the tile floors in the Choir Room and the basement restroom will be stripped and re-sealed and new carpet will be installed in the Conference Room. The Whitlock basement restroom will be opened for normal usage.
- During the week of April 7, all furniture will be returned from outside storage and all bookcases and files moved out of the basement hall and back into their proper places. All basement hallway, stairs and lobby carpet soiled during the remediation process will be cleaned.

By April 11, we should be back to normal. **Thanks** to everyone in the congregation who worked around the problems caused by the remediation and reconstruction. A **special thanks** to the contractors who rearranged their schedules and jumped in to make all this happen in a very short time frame: Dutcher Trenching; Cox & Pritchett Plumbing and Heating; Keystone Building Services; Menard's Carpet Care; Superior Moving & Storage; Town and Country Home Center; Service Master.

-Sam Hildebrand

Reminder! Our Policies, Vestry Minutes and other important information can be found on our website: www.stjohnscville.org and on our bulletin boards.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL

Date & Time	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour Host	LEVs
4/6 – 8a	Ashbaugh	Ashbaugh	P. Swanson	Hudson	Meyer & Tussey	Twarek & A. White	None - Lent		H Hudson & D Booher
10:30	Lebedeff	Baumgardner & Booher	C-Sam Hildebrand A-CJ Charles						
4/13 –8a	R. Pickering	R. Pickering	C. Fields	Kussmaul	B. Culley & Reidy	E. Fain & J. Roberts	Palm Sunday		
10:30	Vaught	Culleys	C-J. Culley A-P. Lohorn						
4/17 -7p Maundy Thursday	W. Turner	Meribeth Kussmaul & Suren	Sam Hildebrand						
4/18-Noon Good Friday	Lamberton								
4/20 -8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	K. Haffner	Stultz & Tussey	Evans & Gallagher	J. Gary & E. Ball	Altar Guild	Easter Brunch	Pickerings
10:30	H. Hudson	K. Roberts & R. Pickering	C-S. Charles A-Baumgardner						
4/27 -8a	Suren	Suren	P. Swanson	Albrechts	J. Yerkes & Lawrence	N. Bennett & S. Albrecht	Hildebrands		
10:30	M. Hudson	Ashbaugh & M. Hudson	C-Vaught A- Cooksey						

Meals on Wheels: None in April.

Worship Leaders: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute and let the church office know as soon as possible. Adrienne Ashbaugh creates the schedule for greeters, lectors, LEMs, acolytes, and crucifers. If you have scheduling questions, please contact her at (765) 362-6845.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		4/1 9:25a-Wabash-Chapel 10a – Bible Study	4/2 7:30a-Centering Prayer 12: 15p Midweek Eucharist 1-Garden Club 5:30p Eucharist, Supper & Study	4/3 7p-Choir	4/4	4/5
4/6 8 & 10:30a- Holy Eucharist 9:15a – Formation 3-EFM	4/7 9a-Movers @ church 11:30-League	4/8 9:25a-Wabash-Chapel 10a – Bible Study	4/9 7:30a-Centering Prayer 12: 15p Midweek Eucharist 5:30p Eucharist, Supper & Study	4/10 <i>Oller Day Off</i> 7p-Choir	4/11	4/12 Luncheon: ECW @ St. Matthew's, Indy
4/13 – Palm Sunday 8 & 10:30a- Holy Eucharist 9:15a – Formation 4-EFM (Change time)	4/14 Holy Week 1p-Pat Raimondo mtg. 7p-Taize	4/15 Holy Week 7a-YSB/Whitlock 9:25a-Wabash-Chapel 10a – Bible Study 5:30p-First Christian Dress Rehearsal 7p-Healing	4/16 Holy Week 7:30a-Centering Prayer 12: 15p Midweek Eucharist 7p-Tenebrae	4/17 Holy Week 9:30-3 Oller @ Cathedral/Bishop 5:30p. Mtg. w/ Fire Inspector 7p-Maundy Thursday	4/18 Good Friday Noon-Good Friday service @ St. John's 7p-Good Friday service @ First Christian	4/19 Holy Saturday
4/20 8 & 10:30a- Holy Eucharist 9:15a – Brunch No EFM	4/21 <i>Oller Day Off</i>	4/22 9:25a-Wabash-Chapel 10a – Bible Study	4/23 7:30a-Centering Prayer 12: 15p Midweek Eucharist 6p-@ St. Andrew's – Greencastle Confirmation	4/24 <i>Oller Day Off (trans 4/14)</i> 7p-Choir	4/25	4/26 10a-3p-St. Paul's Indy Diocesan Leadership Day 9-12:30 Kussmaul's Divorce Recovery Workshop
4/27 8 & 10:30a- Holy Eucharist 9:15a – Brunch 4p-EFM	4/28 <i>Oller: Spring Clergy Conference</i>	4/29 <i>Oller: Spring Clergy Conference</i>	4/30 <i>Oller: Spring Clergy Conference</i> 7:30a-Centering Prayer 12: 15p Midweek Service 7p-Vestry			