



Saint John's Spirit

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Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BCP 818).

Bishop Cate Waynick has called for the election of the Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis. The process began formally at the one day Diocesan Convention on April 25th. The timeline is as follows:

- By May 22, 2015: Deaneries submit all names for the Search and Transition Committee to the Standing Committee (who is the group which has Canonical responsibility for the process)
- July 18, 2015: Mandatory Search and Transition Committees retreat and beginning of their official work. The Search Committee will be discerning the skills and talents needed for the Eleventh Bishop ("Self-study").
- October 23-24, 2015: Two day Diocesan Convention with an update from the Standing Committee on the process.
- November 2014: Self-study completed.
- December 2015: Diocesan profile completed. The Profile will be posted on the "Office of Transition Ministries" website and is the document used to solicit nominations.
- January and February 2016: Nominations are received by the Search Committee.
- July 2016: Slate of nominees is announced. Petitions for additional nominations (in lieu of nominations from the floor at the electing convention) received for two weeks following the announcement of the slate of nominees.
- October 2016: "Walkabouts" begin.
- October 23-24, 2016: Election at Diocesan Convention.
- April 22, 2017: Consecration of new Bishop (Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis).

Between the time of the election and the Consecration, consents from a majority of the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church must be obtained. This consent process takes 120 days from the date the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Indianapolis sends out notice of the election and requests consent to the election.

Local Process and Involvement: Immediately following the one-day Diocesan Convention on April 25th, there was an initial meeting of the Northwest Deanery at the Bloomington Convention Center (Rev. Jan and the St. John's representatives to Convention were asked to attend). At that meeting, Dean Linda Johnson (Chaplain at IU) explained our local process. The Deanery Council will meet at St. John's on Saturday May 9th from 10a-Noon (the Deanery Council

consists of the clergy, a warden and the Convention Delegates from each of the 8 parishes in the Northwest part of Indiana).

Nominations for the Search and Transition Committees are due by May 5th. A second meeting of the Deanery Council is scheduled to be held at St. John's on Monday, May 18th from 6-8p. Following that meeting, the final list of nominations will be submitted to the Diocesan Standing Committee by May 22nd. Thereafter, the Standing Committee will announce who was selected to be on either the Search or the Transition Committee.

The process of electing a Bishop is covered by the Constitution & Canons of The Episcopal Church. If you have questions or are interested in the details of the process, please see Rev. Jan who has a copy of the current Constitution & Canons or you can read them online at:

<http://episcopaldiocesefortworth.org/constitution-and-canons-of-the-episcopal-church-2012/>

Please remember that the Constitution & Canons may be amended at the General Convention 2015 in Salt Lake City which occurs from June 23-July3, 2015. Rev. Jan is a Deputy to that Convention and a member of the Constitution & Canons Committee for The Episcopal Church.



Dear St. John's family, I do not have the words to express the depth of my gratitude for all of your thoughts, prayers, beautiful service, and reception during and after David's illness. David and I are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving community. I can't imagine my life without you. Mia and I appreciate your continued support, help, and prayers!!
Much love, Jerilyn



May 3 and May 10 "Walking the Bible" – DVD. Jeremy Hartnett & Jill Lamberton will facilitate discussion.

May 17 – "Praying Upside Down" with Kelly O'Dell Stanley.



Thank you to all who helped with or provided lunch for our Earth Day Habitat Workday April 25th.

We donated \$525 to the Family Crisis Shelter in our fund matching drive for March. We also

collected a good load of items for the shelter. Good job and thank you to all involved. The volunteers at the shelter were extremely grateful.

St. John's was once again awarded a grant from the women at Christ Church Cathedral. The \$1500 grant was written by Helen Hudson and Rev. Jan for support of the local Nourish program. St. John's has allotted the same amount in our Outreach budget to match that grant. This will help the organization continue to provide backpacks of food for children to take home each weekend during the school year.

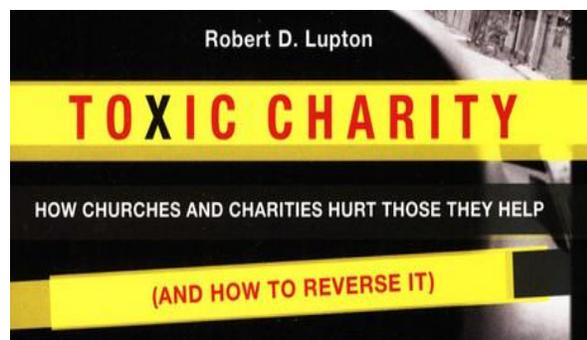
We have not had interest shown for people from St. John's to work at the Strawberry Fest on the Circle in Indy. It would be really good if we could get at least a small team to go to work. We receive a stipend for each person who attends, and it would be a nice gesture since we have received a grant for the past two years from Christ Cathedral. If someone is interested, please let Rev. Jan know and she will get us registered. It is the Thursday before Strawberry Festival in C'ville.

Looking ahead: We will have a booth at the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival. Enough people indicated that they would be willing to work one or two shifts for the days of the festival. We are again asking only one ticket for tosses to win a bottle of water. It is more of an outreach program to provide a drink at a reasonable fee, and to be a presence in the community. We will be once again asking for donations of water and will let you know via email where to deliver that water.

St. John's is supporting Abby Twarek monthly for her mission work in China. Please continue to support her in prayer and keep updated with her outreach by visiting her website. She has opportunities for us to help support her work which includes providing school supplies. Her email address is: ab.twarek@gmail.com. Her blog can be found at: atwarek.blogspot.com.

FISH continues to provide food to people who need supplemental additions to their monthly food purchases. Deb Threlkeld provides nutritional information, recipes, and guidance to the clients coming for food. Please continue to pick up items that are staples in a household which will stretch a family's healthy eating in an emergency.

The First United Methodist Church has started an outreach program called The Table of Grace. The committee reaches out to homeless in Crawfordsville, helping to get them on their feet with support, job referrals, or simply helping them to get back home. If you know of a person living on someone's couch, or you come in contact with someone who is transient with no home, Table of Grace is asking that you refer them to First United Methodist, 212 E Wabash. They are also taking donations from area churches and individuals.

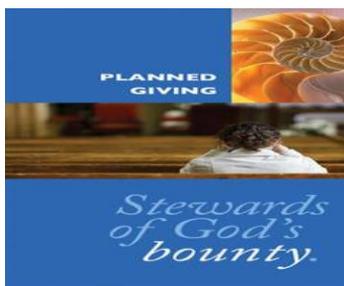


The Montgomery County Community Foundation is hosting Robert Lupton, the author of Toxic Charity on Tuesday, **May 5th** for lunch at the Crawfordsville Country Club (register with MCCF if prior to the event; cost is \$25 at the door).

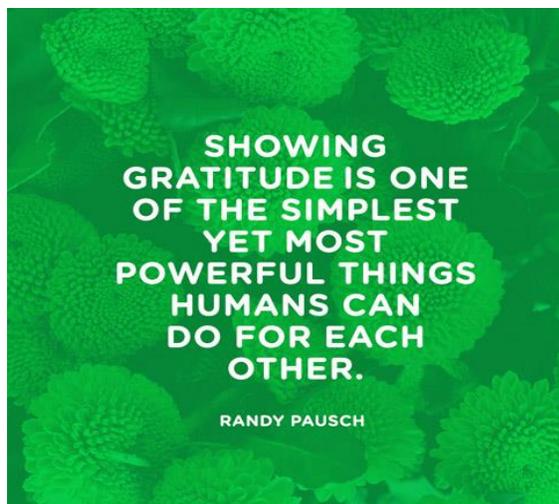
We will offer a chance to discuss the ideas Mr. Lupton puts forth on **May 12th** beginning at 1p in

Whitlock (please feel free to bring your lunch). Our focus is our response to Mr. Lupton's premises and how, if we accept some or all of them, we respond. All are welcome, whether members of St. John's or not. You can purchase the book online (it is also available as an e-book) but you do not have to have read it to come on May 12th.

Stewards of God's Bounty - Last month, this column introduced the Planned Giving Team appointed by the Vestry at their March meeting. Since then, the Team has been working with our Diocese and the Episcopal Church Foundation to prepare all the legal documents the Vestry must approve in order to establish the St. John's Stewards of God's Bounty Endowment Fund. Additionally, the Team is developing a statement of vision and mission to guide the Vestry and Congregation in the use of endowment resources. Establishing and maintaining an active planned giving program will become a vital St. John's ministry that offers our members and friends the opportunity to make a final testament about the importance of their Christian faith.



Please keep Team members John Culley, Ed Fain, Sam Hildebrand, Rees Olander, Harry Siamas and Rev. Jan in your prayers as they work to craft a Planned Giving Program that can enhance St. John's future ministry of service in our community beyond our annual budget capability. Watch your mail for an introductory letter from the Team. The information provided may raise specific questions which any Team member will be pleased to discuss with you.



Some of you may remember "The Last Lecture" which was given by Randy Pausch as his pancreatic cancer got worse. He was a professor at Carnegie Mellon. His "Last Lecture" went viral and many of us were blessed to view it. This quote is a reminder of how he choose to live the last part of his life. If you have not seen/heard his lecture of read his book, please consider doing so.

Sign Up! Our Coffee Hour sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Won't you help by signing up to host coffee hour one Sunday? *Talk to Meegan Reidy.*

In April, we raised \$40 to 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. Rev. Jan delivers them to Staples monthly. Thank you!

Rev. Jan is available by cell phone (765-225-8554) or email (janet.oller@gmail.com). Office hours are by appointment. Days off are generally Thursdays and Fridays but please call if you have a pastoral emergency regardless of what day of the week it is! Check the calendar posted on the office door for the most current schedule.

	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
May 3										
8a	P. Swanson	P. Swanson		K. Haffner						
10:30a	S. Fain	Meribeth Kussmaul & M. Hudson	Sam Hildebrand		Albrechts	B. Culley & M. Reidy	S. Albrecht & J. Gary	D. Booher & J. Binder	D. Booher & H. Hudson	
May 10										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		S. Charles						
10:30a	S. Albrecht	K. Roberts & D. Booher	J. Culley		Hudsons	S. Evans & J. Gallagher	E. Fain & J. Roberts	J. Yerkes	Pickerings	
May 17										
8a.	R. Pickering	R. Pickering		C. Fields						
10:30a	N. Bennett	L. Baumgardner & J. Culley	Sam Hildebrand		Olanders	J. Yerkes & T. Lawrence	A. White & T. Twarek	C. Meyer	Pickerings	
May 24										
8a.	Mark Kussmaul									
10:30a	W. Olander				C. Smith & J. Gallagher	CJ Charles & C Fields	N. Bennett & W. Olander	Jim & Kathy Gary	S. Fain & J. Oller	
May 31										
8a	J. Suren	J. Suren		K. Haffner						
10:30a	H. Hudson	A Ashbaugh & R. Pickering	S. Charles	CJ Charles	CJ Charles & B Easterling	C. Meyer & J. Tussey	S. Albrecht & J. Gary	E. Ball	S. Fain & J. Oller	

Meals on Wheels: May 7: Cindy & Jerry Smith; May 14: Carole Meyer & Betty Culley; May 21: Chris Short & Tom Twarek; May 28: Sam & Susie Hildebrand. If you cannot serve as noted above, *please arrange for a substitute and also inform the office ASAP. Thank you!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Oller Day Off	2
3 8 & 10:30a HE 9:15a-Formation 1:30p – God & Me 3p- EFM	4 11:30-2p-League (WH)	5 12-4p-MCCF @ Country Club: Toxic Charity	6 7:30a- Centering Prayer 11:30-2p-Garden Club(WH) Oller @ Center for Congregations, Indy 7p-ECF Webinar re Stewardsip	7 7p- Choir Oller Day Off	8 Oller Day Off	9 YSB:"Dancing with the Stars" (St. John's sponsor)
10 8 & 10:30a HE 9:15a – Formation 3p- EFM Mother's Day	11 7p-Worship & Liturgy (WH) 12:30-3p: Oller mtg outside parish	12 1p- Toxic Charity discussion (WH)	13 7:30a-Centering Prayer	14 7p- Choir Oller Day Off	15 Oller Day Off	16 8-12: Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library) Oller @ COM, St Mary's, Martinsville
17 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a – Formation Noon-Parish Discernment Group Noon- Stroll for Strays Wabash Graduation	18	19 C'ville School Visits to St. John's (Jerilyn Yerkes)	20 7:30a-Centering Prayer C'ville School Visits to St. John's (Jerilyn Yerkes) 7p-Vestry	21 6-9p-Annette Hitch (WH)	22 Oller Day Off	23 Oller Day Off
24 8 & 10:30a –Morning Prayer Oller Day Off	25 Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed	26	27 7:30a-Centering Prayer	28 Oller: Higher Education Comm Mtg @ All Saints, Indy	29 Oller Day Off	30 2-4p Black Family Gathering (WH) Oller @ Dio Offices re 2015 General Convetion Preparation
31 8 & 10:30a- HE 11:45a-Planned Giving Team (Library)	Notes: Please check the calendar on the office door for updates to this calendar as the month progresses. Rev. Jan can be reached by email: janet.oller@gmail or cell phone: 765-225-8554 unless noted otherwise in the Sunday bulletin.					