



St. John's Spirit

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Wonders of Nature It has been said that “one man’s weeds are another man’s flowers.” Well, just what are all those crab grass weeds doing in our garden? Is this God’s way of keeping me on my knees, weeding and thinking about life? What is His plan for me? Where do I fit in, in this world? Am I on the right track?

Do we take time to see all the beauty God provides for us in nature? Do you see the geese flying in a perfect “V” shape? How do they know to do that and how do they decide who the leader is, or do they just take turns being the leader?



Do you see the “sky dance” of the turkey vultures as they play in the up-drafts from water ways or highways? I watch as a red spotted purple butterfly upsets the humming birds as it tries to feed at their feeder. The birds are intimidated.

This year for the first time our hummingbirds have decided they can actually feed together without quite so much fussing. How did that happen? What guides them and how do they know to come to our window every spring to let us know they are back and it is time to put the feeders out? For that matter, what guides them across the water two times a year in their migrations?

When I think of all the different birds and animals and their different needs, I am awestruck. What Being conceived of all the different creatures? It is beyond my imagination. Some things we could have done without, like mosquitos, but they must be food for some birds.

Back to the crabgrass – am I pulling out some of God’s flowers? Does He have a plan for them? I don’t know unless it is to keep me a humble gardener and on my knees to know that I am not in control.

God gives us so much- all He asks in return is our love and respect and to follow His ways. If we focus on those things we don’t have time to think about differences with others and can learn to accept people as they are. Sometimes it is hard to remember they are God’s people too.

We take so much for granted. It is a thrill to see the garden we planted come up – the seedlings marching in a straight row. How do the trees know when it is time to put forth flowers, and how

do the birds know when it is time to migrate? Scientists say it has to do with the amount of daylight every day. I don't know, is that the answer or is it a Greater Being than we can imagine in charge?

Keep looking for the flowers in your life. Go sit in a park or by a lake or river. Watch what goes on around you in nature and Thank God for His bounty. -Ruth Black



We begin our fall Adult Forums with a 3-week discussion on Marriage (Sept. 13, 20 and 27). Mark Kussmaul and Rev. Jan will facilitate the discussion. Please join us in Whitlock Hall beginning at 9:15a.m.

St. John's has adopted a classroom of 14 special needs students who are also food insecure. We have committed to pack and deliver backpacks throughout the school year so that these children will have food from Fridays until Mondays. We pick up the empty backpacks, take them to the Nourish office, fill them with food on the shelves, and then deliver them to the school for distribution. It's easy. It's fun. It helps make sure that children have something to eat over the weekend.

If you'd like to help, please contact Jane Gallagher, Outreach Chair.



Sign up and earn money for St. John's! Register your KrogerPlus card and shop at our local Krogers. A percentage of the amount you spend then comes back to St. John's on a quarterly basis. One of our neighboring churches got a check for \$150- not bad for simply grocery shopping as you already do! Here's how to sign up:

Our number is number 11405. The website is: krogercommunityrewards.com. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy during the registration process.

- Click on Sign In/Register. Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions

- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization (see above), select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call [800-576-4377](tel:800-576-4377), select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

“Don’t be a victim: Protect Yourself from Scams and ID Theft” – Wednesday, September 16, 2015 @ 11:30a at Franciscan, St Elizabeth Health (Bonzel Hall, 1710 Lafayette Rd). There is no cost to attend and lunch is provided. However, you must register (so they know how many for lunch!). Call: 765-364-3105.



Back to Basics: Join us as we return to basics around Anglicanism, the Bible, Christianity and Discipleship (catchy, huh? “A, B, C, D”). We begin with “Bible Basics” on Tuesdays, **September 15th at noon.** The discussions will last an hour. These discussions are part of “The Restoration Project” which was the subject of the Spring 2015 Clergy Conference. Each course is 4 or 5 sessions long and they are independent of each other (you can take one and not others). Depending upon interest, we will continue with “Basic Christianity” in November and then “Basic Anglicanism” and “Basic Discipleship” in the spring. Feel free to bring your lunch.



Tuesday, Sept. 15th – Session I: “The Big Overview: When YHWH Met Sally”

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd – Session II: “The Hebrew Scriptures – Learning Lectio Divina or the Bible Says: Gnaw on this!”

Tuesday, Sept. 29th – Session III: “The Hebrew Scriptures – Set your GPS for Zion”

Tuesday, Oct. 5th - Session IV: “The Gospels – The Incarnation: It’s a floor wax and a dessert topping”

Tuesday, Oct. 13th –Session V: “Acts and Epistles – Revelation”

Bring your unwanted books to St. John’s and Rev. Jan will take them to Half Price Books. Monies received are placed in the plate and help support our many ministries. Last week we received \$15 and the week before \$11. Just like that retirement ad that asks how much money is in your pocket and then shows the benefit to compounding and regular



investing, turn what you don't need into resources that can be used by St. John's to the benefit of others.

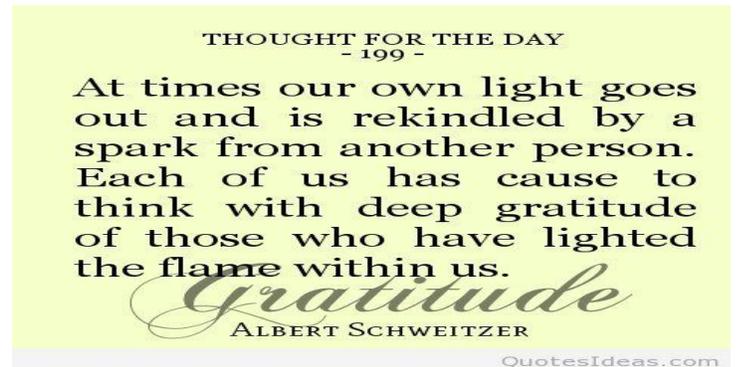
Don't forget: St. John's Sound Systems

We recently upgraded and repaired the equipment that supports the sound system. Part of the sanctuary sound system that is now available are individual Gentner digital receivers that allow a person to sit anywhere in our buildings and be able to hear all sound system transmissions through a personal ear bud. For individuals still having some trouble hearing the sanctuary speakers, the Gentner receiver may be something you want to consider. If so, please contact Rev. Jan to make an appointment to try out the ear bud – it's just like listening to music on your iPhone.



Reminder! Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, Customaries (that is, policies and procedures) and other important information can be found on our website: www.stjohnscville.org or on our bulletin boards 

*Have you been a spark to another person?
Where has St. John's been a spark to help
you live with gratitude? What are you most
grateful for?*



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
Sept 6										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		S. Charles	J. Wynne & B. Easterling	CJ Charles & Cyndy Fields				
10:30a	S. Albrecht	D Booher & K. Roberts	Sam Hildebrand	P. Lohorn			N. Bennett & W. Olander	Easterling/Abrecht	Fain/Oller	Lamberton
Sept 13										
8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Mussmaul		C Fields						
10:30a	B Easterling	D Booher & B Culley	J Culley		Ball/Twarek	C. Meyer & J. Tussey	A White & T Twarek	Ashbaugh	Pickering	Gary
Sept 20										
8a	S. Vaught	S. Vaught		K. Haffner						
10:30a	E. Fain	J & B Culley	W Turner	B Turner	C Smith & J Gallagher	B. Culley & M. Reidy	E Fain & J Roberts	A White	Pickering	Spencer
Sept 27										
8a	J Suren	J Suren		R Pickering						
10:30a	C Short	S Vaught & A Ashbaugh	S Charles	CJ Charles	Olanders	S. Evans & J. Gallagher	S Albrecht & J Gary	Charles	Booher/Hudson	

Meals on Wheels: Sept. 3: Cindy & Jerry Smith; Sept. 10: Carole Meyer & Betty Culley; Sept. 17: Chris Short & Tom Twarek; Sept. 24: Sam & Susie Hildebrand

*If you are not able to serve as noted, please arrange for a substitute **and** let the office know ASAP. Thank you!*

~ September 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Oller Vacation 7p-Comm Chorus Rehearsal (WH)	2 7:30a-Centering Prayer 11:30a-Garden Club Oller Vacation	3 Oller Day Off 6p-Girl Scouts (Sunday School Rooms) 6p-YSB/Inspire (WH) 7p-Choir	4 Oller Day Off	5 Oller Vacation
6 8 & 10:30a- HE: Gray Lesesne Supply Oller Vacation	7 LABOR DAY Holliday-Office Closed	8 Oller Day Off (transferred 9/11) 7p- Comm Chorus Rehearsal (WH)	9 7:30a-Centering Prayer Noon: Oller/Clergy Lunch 6:30p-Oller Meeting (WH)	10 Oller Day Off 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir	11 "Saints" @ Waycross	12 "Saints" @ Waycross
13 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a-Formation (WH) "Saints" @ Waycross 3p- EFM (WH)	14 12:30-3:30 Oller outside meeting	15 12-1: Bible Basics (WH) 7p- Comm Chorus Rehearsal (WH)	16 7:30a-Centering Prayer 1:30-6p-Oller @ Diocesan Office re 2016 Budget 7p-Vestry	17 Oller: Ember Day @ St. Paul's, Indy-all day 6p-YSB/Inspire (WH) 7p-Choir	18 Oller Day Off	19 Oller Day Off 7:30p-Indy 11 Game
20 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a – Formation (WH) 3p- EFM (WH)	21	22 12-1 Bible Basics (WH) 7p-Comm Chorus Rehearsal (WH)	23 7:30a- Centering Prayer	24 Oller Day Off 6:30p-Hitch event (WH) 6p-Girl Scouts (Sunday School room) 7p- Choir	25 Oller Day Off	26 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library)
27 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a- Formation (WH) 3p- EFM (WH)	28	29 12-1 Bible Basics (WH) 2-9p Oller: Ordination of Lea Covill @ Trinity, Indianapolis 7p-Comm Chorus Rehearsal (WH)	30 7:30a-Centering Prayer	Notes: Rev. Jan can be reached by email: janet.oller@gmail.com Or cell phone: 765-225-8554. Office hours are by appointment.		