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# St. John's Spirit

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*We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth and living our faith in the community.*



**May 15, 2016 Pentecost:** the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the multitudes. A day when our differences of language were resolved and we could hear and understand each other. In the Episcopal Church, the liturgical color is red- the color for Feasts and special celebrations. We will light the Paschal Candle, symbolizing the presence of the risen Christ with the people of God. After today, we will put the Paschal Candle away except for use during funerals or baptisms when we are reminded that we die and we rise with Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Pentecost ("the fiftieth [day]") is the Greek name for *Shavuot* (Hebrew: lit. "Weeks"), the Feast of Weeks. This Festival celebrates the giving of the Law to Moses at Sinai. The Festival of Weeks is when the first fruits of the harvest were presented to God. In Christianity, Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. It is often referred to as the birthday of the church.

With the change in liturgical seasons (from Easter to Ordinary Time), we will use green altar hangings for most of the time until The Last Sunday After Pentecost (also known as "Christ the King Sunday"). We will also change some of the aspects of our service. We will once again add the Confession (which we did not say during Easter season), we will return to the *Gloria* from

<sup>1</sup> Donald K. McKim. *Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms* ((Louisville:Westminster John Knox Press, 1996)

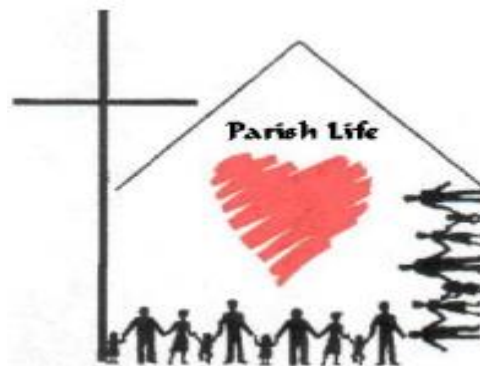
the *Pascha Nostrum*. From May 22nd through August 28<sup>th</sup>, we will sing the Creed (Wonder, Love & Praise 769) and we will no longer chant the Psalm or sing the doxology.

Ian Markham, Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary, reminds us that

the liturgy has been a vehicle of God's grace for countless lives.... The power of the liturgy resides in its capacity to converse with the complexity of our lives. The flow and movement provide space for worship, learning, confession, peace and finally, receiving the power of Christ through the sacrament into our lives.<sup>2</sup>

Leonel Mitchell, the dean of Episcopal Liturgy, wrote: We celebrate the time in which we actually live- the period between the Pentecost and the Second Advent.<sup>3</sup> Green is thus an appropriate color. It symbolizes growth and life – and for those of us in central Indiana, wonderful green grass, picnics and outdoor activities. A time when we often reconnect with friends and family. Hopefully a time when the church is a meaningful place for us to be to celebrate the life given to us by Jesus Christ.

*Parish Life:* Char Lingen and Carole Meyer are looking to bring some life to the Parish Life committee, which fell dormant most of last year, and are eager to have some new members, or old members! If you have any interest at all please let Carole know, or better yet just join us at **9 am on Sunday May 1st** in the parish library. We will discuss options for social events through the end of this year. So, put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas to the May 1st meeting.



Also please note, the date for "**Breakfast on the Shore**" has been set for **Sunday June 12th**, which coincides with the Strawberry festival. This will allow us to worship out at the Olanders on Lake Waveland, enjoy a pot luck brunch, and avoid the parking problem in town that morning! Watch for more details at a later date. *Contact Carole Meyer if you would like more information.*



Sam Vaught will graduate from Wabash *summa cum laude* on May 15<sup>th</sup> and immediately leave (May 16<sup>th</sup>) for Iona, Scotland where he has an internship for 10 weeks. Sam will be doing whatever the Iona staff needs doing while immersing himself in this place of pilgrimage and Celtic Spirituality. If you aren't familiar with Iona, you might view this YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gQoOYBRNj8>.

Sam will be blogging about his experience on Iona at [www.samuelvaught.blogspot.com](http://www.samuelvaught.blogspot.com)."

<sup>2</sup> Ian S. Markham. *Liturgical Life Principles* (New York: Morehouse Publishing, 2009), 29.

<sup>3</sup> Leonel Mitchell as quoted in Vicki K Black. *Welcome to the Church Year* (New York, Morehouse Publishing, 2004), 113.

Sam will return to Crawfordsville in early August. He will preach at St. John's on Sunday, **August 21<sup>st</sup>** when we will celebrate his time with us and his journey forward.

After that, Sam's next step is with St. Hilda's House, a ministry of the Episcopal Service Corps, in New Haven CT. Sam will be part of an "intentional community" learning and working for the academic year. For more information on St. Hilda's House: <http://www.sainthildashouse.org/>

Sam will be continuing his discernment around ordination while at both Iona and St. Hilda's House. Your prayers are requested for Sam and for all who seek God's will for their lives.



May 1 – Part 3: The Papal Encyclical on The Environment (Marc Hudson & Mark Kussmaul)

May 8, 15, 22: Kathleen Norris: Embracing a Life of Meaning (Helen Hudson & Jill Lamberton)

*Christian Formation will be "on vacation" from May 29<sup>th</sup> until September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

Terry Lawrence and a few of her furry friends will be participating in the Animal Welfare League's annual STROLL-FOR-STRAYS on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to help them support our local animal shelter, contributions can be given or sent to Terry

(1011 Ray St) or sent directly to the animal shelter (1104 Big Four Arch Rd). Checks should be made payable to "AWL" with "Stroll-For-Strays" in the memo line. Thanks, aarfs and purrs!



Outreach is one way we live into our Baptismal Covenant and the words of Jesus to feed the hungry, visit the sick and clothe the naked (Matthew 25). In May we finish our time with Nourish – a program that sends food home on the weekends with children whose families are food-insecure. We have been filling backpacks this school year, assisting with special needs children. Outreach continues each month through work we do in the community as well as projects we do as St. John's.

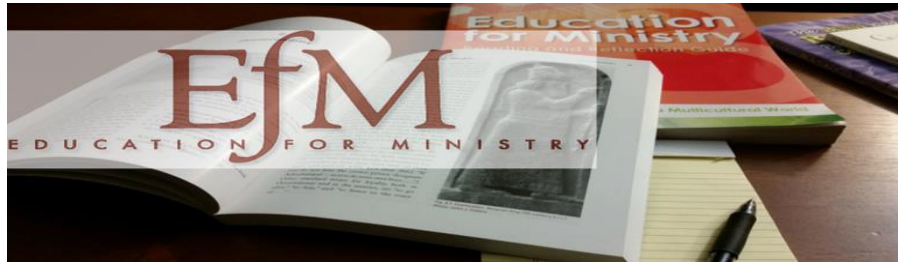
The next meeting is **Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a** (BYOL) in Whitlock Hall. Bud Arnold will share information he learned at a Center for Congregations program. If you have a passion for helping those among us, please see Bud Arnold, Chair of Outreach, to share your ideas and to join the work this ministry team does.



One of the ministries that is integral to our worship is the **Altar Guild**. The Altar Guild prepares the Table so that



we may partake of Communion each Sunday and at other services. They make sure there is bread, gluten-free wafers, and wine for each service. Altar Guild members polish the silver and brass communion vessels and offering plates, launder and iron the communion linens and replenish the candles with liquid wax. Also, they launder the albs used by the Lay Eucharistic Ministers and acolytes. All of this is done so that we can enjoy the beauty of St. John's. If you are interested in joining this ministry team, please talk to Betty Culley, chair.



On **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, we invite anyone interested in Education for Ministry (“EFM”) to join us at **3p** in Whitlock Hall. We’d love to show you what EFM is all about. If you would like more information, please contact one of the group: Barb Easterling, Betty Culley, Dan Booher, Kim Roberts, Lynette Zuichkovski, Sam Hildebrand or Rev. Jan.

*Photo: Michelle Pemberton, Indianapolis Star*



The Spirit & Place Festival held a “Before I Die” program in late April that was co-sponsored by the IU School of Nursing. It’s important that we “live until we die.” Part of living until we die is reflecting upon how we want our life to finish. This includes creating a Durable Power of Health Care, a Will and within your overall estate plan, considering a gift to St. John’s. The gift may be in set dollars or a percentage of an account, depending upon your preference.

In late fall, the Planned Giving Team will be hosting an evening of information and discussion. That evening will be followed by a second date when you are invited back to St. John’s to work through actually filling out your funeral plans. Neither evening is mandatory- they are options to help you help your families know what your wishes are when the time comes. *Watch for more information, including specific time and dates.*

Won’t you please help out? We need hosts for our coffee hour after the 10:30a service. A few of you regularly sign up but there are many more who could.... Please see the bulletin board in the hallway and find a Sunday when you might provide simple cookies or treats to go with our coffee.



**Reminder!** Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, information about Sacraments and other important information can be found on our website: [www.stjohnscville.org](http://www.stjohnscville.org) or on our bulletin boards



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	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
<b>May 1</b>										
8a	P Swanson	P Swanson		C Fields						
10:30	J Hartnett	M Hudson & K Roberts	S Charles	CJ Charles	Ball/Twarek	J Yerkes & T Lawrence	S Albrecht & W Olander	Hildebrands	Fain & Oller	
<b>May 8 Mother's Day</b>										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		K Haffner						
10:30a	J Wynne	M Kussmaul & D Booher	W Turner	B Turner	C Meyer & B Easterling	CJ Charles & C Fields	A White & J Gary	Haffners	Fain & Oller	
<b>May 15 Pentecost Wabash Graduation</b>										
8a	R Pickering	R Pickering		T Titus						
10:30a	S Evans	J & B Culley	J Burd	J Burd	Hildebrands	C Meyer & J Tussey	E Fain & T Twarek	Vaughts	Pickerings	
<b>May 22</b>										
8a	M Kussmaul	M Kussmaul		C Fields						
10:30a	R Olander	A Ashbaugh & B Culley	S Hildebrand	P Lohorn	Hudsons	B Culley & M Reidy	N Bennett & J Roberts	Ball/Twarek	Pickerings	Cooley
<b>May 29</b>										
8a	J Suren	J Suren		S Charles						
10:30a	S Fain	R Pickering & J Culley	W Turner	B Turner		S Evans & J Gallagher	S Albrecht & W Olander	Garys	Hudson & Booher	

Meals on Wheels: 5/5: C & J Smith; 5/12: C Meyer & B Culley; 5/19: C Short & T Twarek; 5/26: Hildebrands

Nourish: Jane Gallagher

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE 9a-Parish Life meeting(Library) 9:15a-Formation 3p- EFM	<b>2</b> 11:30-League of Women Voters (WH)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer	6p-Girl Scouts (Sunday School rooms) 6p-YSB (WH) 7p-Choir Oller: St. Christopher's (Women Clergy mtg)	<b>6</b> Rector's Sabbath	<b>7</b> Oller Day Off
<b>8</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 3p- EFM	<b>9</b> 12:30-Culley meeting (WH) Oller Vacation	<b>10</b> Oller Vacation	<b>11</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer Oller Vacation	<b>12</b> 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir Oller Day Off	<b>13</b> Oller Day Off	<b>14</b> Oller: Commission on Ministry @ Cathedral
<b>15</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE <b>Pentecost/EFHN</b> 9:15a-Formation 3p- EFM Wabash Graduation	<b>16</b> 11:30a-Outreach (WH)	<b>17</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Visit	<b>18</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Visit 7p-Vestry	<b>19</b> 5p-Leauge (WH) 6p Girl Scouts (Sunday School rooms) Rector's Sabbath	<b>20</b> Oller Day Off	<b>21</b> Armed Forces Day 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library)
<b>22</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a Formation Last Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer 6:30 Oller meeting (WH)	<b>26</b> Rector's Sabbath	<b>27</b> Oller Day Off	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day –Office Closed</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes: Rev. Jan is available by cell phone: 765-225-8554; by email: <a href="mailto:janet.oller@gmail.com">janet.oller@gmail.com</a>. Office hours are by appointment.</b>			