



Hello!

As you know, St. John's is part of the Diocese Good News Garden network of gardens. Our garden is at Emmaus Monastery. Over the past few weeks, a number of people have worked to start up the garden, and all the plants are in! We have tomatoes, peppers, radishes, carrots, beans, pumpkins, onions, and so many more veggies. It looks really nice! The produce will go to the soup kitchen and other needs in the area.

We will need volunteers for ongoing garden maintenance over the summer. You can go there once and help out, or you can become a regular. You can sign up to go out and turn on the irrigation system and have a quiet space to read, or you can get in your exercise by pushing a cultivator between rows once a week. Anything you do will make you part of the garden.

Here are some needs:

- Turning on the water for the irrigation system every other day for several hours (you can sign up to do this on, say, a Tuesday)
- Walking the cultivator between rows once a week (you could say that you'll do this once, and someone else can do it other times)
- Fertilizing the plants (we'll show you how) with organic fertilizer

Please let Rev. Sr. Diane ([diane.stier@gmail.com](mailto:diane.stier@gmail.com)) and Laura ([cochr1ll@cmich.edu](mailto:cochr1ll@cmich.edu)) know what you'd like to do. Many hands will make light work, and this garden is another way that St. John's can be a part of the community.