



### Service Schedule

- **December 24<sup>th</sup>** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) will be celebrated with one service at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve services will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. (Family Friendly) and 10:30 p.m. (Traditional Candlelight Mass)
- **December 31<sup>st</sup>** (First Sunday after Christmas) will be celebrated at the regular 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. times (with a celebration of Marriage as part of the liturgy).

**Church Offices will be closed:** *Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26 for the holiday.* We will reopen on December 27 at 8:30am.

**Good Samaritan Clinic Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon:** *Thursday, December 14,* at noon in the Skinner Building.

**Holy Babble articles are due:** *Friday, Dec. 15* is the deadline for December minutes and January articles. Thank you for your time, articles and support. Merry Christmas!

**Saints Alive:** Holiday fun is in the air! Come join in the celebration on *Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>,* at *5:30 pm* in **St. John's Parish Hall.** Bring your favorite "pot luck" dish and beverages of your choice. This would not be a Saints Alive December party without playing Silly Santa! If you would like to participate in this traditional event, please bring a "white elephant" or even a nice gift. Hope to see you there!

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** *December 17, 10:30 Service:* "Creatures at Christmas" adapted from A "Beastly" Christmas by John. O. Eby.

- Dec. 16 – 10:00—12:00 Dress Rehearsal
- Dec. 17 – 9:45 Dressed and Ready for Pageant in Parish Hall



**Poinsettias for Christmas:** If you would like to contribute toward the Christmas Flowers, complete a form from the Sunday bulletin or Holy Babble the and leave it along with your check (marked "Christmas Flowers") in the church office or place it in the alms basin on Sunday. Deadline for turning in your information is ***Sunday, December 17.***

**Bicentennial Book Update:** This much-anticipated book has left the printing plant and is on its way to the states. We expect the books to reach Los Angeles December 2. We are still anticipating delivery to you near the end of the first week of December. This important and entertaining book, celebrating Fort Smith's bicentennial, is gorgeous.

An advance copy was sent to Mayor Sanders, and he says, "The bicentennial commemorative book is terrific. It truly shows the depth and breadth of our city and people."

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Cards for Others:** Please bring your unwanted all occasion cards so that our new coordinator - Mrs. Barbara Burgess can get the cards to the proper places in time for the holidays. See the basket in front of the Skinner building reception desk, or the basket in the Parish hallway.

**Remember to sign up to host Saints' Alive for 2018:** There is a new signup sheet on the bulletin board. The host provides the place, dishes, silverware, ice and an entrée, with everyone bringing a dish and beverage of choice. The host chooses what weekend and what day to have it that month and the time. Please call Karen Rouse at 479-763-1050 if you have any questions.

**Did you know?** You can make a secure donation to St. John's using your PayPal account or your Debit Card. Just click the link to go to our website <http://stjohnfs.org/giving/> it's that easy!



**CONNECTIONS GROUPS:** For Service, Social, or Study opportunities: Online Sign Up- [www.stjohnfs.org](http://www.stjohnfs.org) Home Page. Or Forms are on the Hallway Bulletin Board.

- **Creative Bible Journaling:** 6:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, next meeting Dec. 18 in the Skinner Building.
- **Rector's Classes** – Story of the Church in America. Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the Skinner Building and Sundays at 9:15am in Chambers Hall.
- **“First and Third Thursdays” Bible Study:** Thursday, Dec. 21 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. You are invited to be a part of a new Bible study group that is forming at St. John's. Bring your lunch and we will provide the drinks. The study will begin in Genesis and work through the Story of the Old Testament. Contact Emily Zeigler 462-2366 or Father Mike 221-4030.
- **Enneagram:** Meet 5:30pm-6:45pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, next meeting in January in the Youth Room/Skinner Building. Group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.

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**STARFISH– 6th-12<sup>th</sup>** grades: 2017-18: Hope & Worship Meet: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays; 12:00-2:00 pm with lunch provided.

- **Dec. 16, 17 – Christmas Pageant**

**Dolphins** – (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades) – Pageant preparation – Dec. 16, 17.

**Girls Scouts:** Meeting will resume on *Jan. 23*. Meetings are first and third Mondays from 5-7 at St John's in the classrooms by the nursery (church side of campus). Everyone please bring a snack, its potluck! As always, guests are always welcome. Leader: Natalie King-Hyman.

**WORSHIP MINISTERS – Advent 2, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017**

**8:00 service:**

**Usher:** Rick Hayes.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Terri Glasco; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Rick Hayes; *Prayers*, Becky Ibison; *Chalice*, Muggy Murray & Debbie Chandler.

**Altar Guild:** Muggy Murray.

**Hospitality:** Becky Ibison.

**Announcements:** Bill Chandler.

**10:30 service: “Creatures at Christmas” Youth Pageant**

**Ushers:** Ron & Karen Lawson.

**Lay Ministers:** *Christmas Pageant: Prayers (Special)* Rex Terry; *Chalice*, Mary Ann Arnold & Trista Falleur.

**Acolytes:** *Server*, Cole Meyers; *Asst. Server*, Olivia Poirier; *Crucifer*, Grayson Fielder; *Clergy Crucifer*, Kenzie Williams; *Torches*, Mya Schnauffer & Sophia Poirier; *Parent helper*, Kandi Poirier.

**Children’s Chapel:** Christmas Pageant.

**Altar Guild:** Everyone works for Advent & Christmas.

**Hospitality:** Teresa Williamson.

**Announcements:** Becky Ibison.