



**No Rector's Class:** *Wednesday, November 22.*

**Thanksgiving Service:** Each year our nation sets aside one day for a day of "Thanksgiving." The Episcopal Church recognizes this civic holiday as a Feast-day for the church. At St. John's we commemorate all we have to be thankful for as a nation with a service of Holy Eucharist. This year's celebration will be held at **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.** This sacred service will allow worshipers to focus on the spiritual side of the holiday and then families can spend time together on Thanksgiving Day.

**Church Offices will be closed on** *Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24* for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on November 27 at 8:30am. Hope you have a great holiday.

**Bicentennial Book Update:** We are still hoping for delivery at the end of the first week in December. The books have left the plant and are scheduled to be in Los Angeles December 2. Thank you, Angela

**"Blessing Bell" Tree:** Christmas outreach to Howard Elementary & Boy's Shelter. Pick up bell, wrap gifts, and return by Dec. 10. Youth will wrap if needed.

**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.

**Girls Night Out:** Full of turkey and all the trimmings? Come join this group of ladies for a change of menu on **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>,** at **Sam's Southern Eatery – Seafood Restaurant,** 9709 Rogers Avenue, starting at 6:00 pm. Very good catfish and jumbo shrimp are just two entrees that can be found on their menu. You will be contacted for reservations. Fun and fellowship are always part of this ecumenical group.

**Altar Guild Clean-Up:** Our annual Altar Guild Cleanup will be **Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 9:00am** in the Parish Hall Kitchen. Please make every effort to attend. For more information contact Lee Vlademar at 782-2820 or any other AG member.

**Advent Lessons & Carols:** It's coming – **December 3.** See our poster on our website at [www.stjohn](http://www.stjohn)

**Laymen's League:** The Laymen's Steak Fry will be held on **Friday, December 8 at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. The menu is steak, potatoes, a vegetable and a dessert. See you then.

**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.

**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!

**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**.

**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.

- **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. **NO Rectors class on Nov. 22**
- **"First and Third Thursdays" Bible Study:** *Thursday, Dec. 7 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.
- **Casserole of Life:** *8:30am, Dec. 8*, Parish Hall Kitchen – prepares hot meal for Next Step Homeless Services clients. Serve meal at 11:30. Contacts are Mariko Clifton (479) 461-9417, Betsy or Jeff Champlin (479) 353-1316.
- **Enneagram:** Meet *5:30pm-6:45pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, next meeting Nov. 27* in the Youth Room/Skinner Building. Group meets 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

## **YOUTH:**

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

- **Nov. 26**—STARFISH, Dolphins & Families—Hanging of the Greens: Decorate Chrismon Tree & Hang greens in Parish Hall

- **Dec. 1** (Friday) 6:00 pm. STARFISH Dinner and attending Shabbat of Jewish Community. RSVP to Jeannie. Must give number, as we are invited to their meal. Friends welcome to join us. *Optional: Return to church for Lock In.... youth will decide.*

**Dolphins** – (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades) – **Nov. 26**—STARFISH, Dolphins & Families—Hanging of the Greens: Decorate Chrismon Tree & Hang greens in Parish Hall

**Girls Scouts:** Next meeting, **Dec. 4.** 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 – Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017**

#### **8:00 service:**

**Usher:** Chris Glasco.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Chris Glasco; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Helen Harper; *Prayers*, Rebecca James; *Chalice*, Debbie Chandler & Helen Harper.

**Altar Guild:** Connie Smith.

**Hospitality:** Sandy McGowan.

**Announcements:** Becky Ibison.

#### **10:30 service:**

**Ushers:** Doug Thrift & Cissy Goff.

**Lay Ministers:** *1<sup>st</sup> Lesson*, Trista Falleur; *2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson*, Kody Goad; *Prayers (Form III)* Angela Covey; *Chalice*, Sherri Tickler & Pettus Kincannon.

**Acolytes:** *Server*, Will Robinson; *Asst. Server*, Wyatt Robinson; *Crucifer*, Olivia Poirier; *Clergy Crucifer*, Kenzie Williams; *Torches*, Mya Schnauffer & Sophia Poirier; *Parent helper*, Jessica Williams.

**Children's Chapel:** Jeannie McCabe.

**Altar Guild:** Joan Kincannon, Lee Vlademar.

**Hospitality:** Karen Orite.

**Announcements:** Pettus Kincannon.