

THE WEEKLY E-NEWS

February 5, 2024



VESTRY REPORT

If your name is in our directory, you can expect a call to develop a list of members who want to participate in our Meet and Greet Dinner to get to know Fr. Jim and Cathy McDonald. If you don't receive a call within the next couple of weeks, please call the office – we've found that some of the numbers in our directory are incorrect, so these calls will also be an opportunity for the vestry to update our directory.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank you on behalf of Cathy and I for all the cards and gifts you showered us with on Sunday. More importantly, though, we thank you for making us feel so welcomed here at St. John's. We look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you.

Blessings,
Fr. Jim

RECTOR'S SCHEDULE

Fr. Jim will be in the office (and making visits) Monday – Thursdays. His email is FatherJim@stjohnfs.org. For pastoral emergencies call him on his mobile (501-529-3266). The phone is silenced at night, so if you are calling after 9:00 and he doesn't answer, please hang up and immediately call again.

SHRIMP BOIL AT TRINITY

Trinity Episcopal Church in Van Buren invites you to their annual **Shrove Tuesday shrimp boil, February 13, 5:00-7:30 PM.** ALL YOU CAN EAT shrimp, corn on the cob, coleslaw, tea, coffee, water, and a good time for \$15. Tickets available at the door!

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 152nd Annual Diocesan Convention will be **Friday and Saturday, February 16-17** at **Trinity Cathedral and the Episcopal Collegiate School.** Delegates from St. John's will be Margaret McLellan, Mary Ann Arnold, and Candi Hamill (alternate) representing laity and Fr. Jim McDonald representing clergy.

ECW LUCHEON AND MEETING

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) welcomes Cathy McDonald with lunch on **Sunday, February 25 following the 10:30 AM service.** Potluck finger foods will be provided with a meeting to follow lunch. For more information, contact Mariko Clifton at 479-461-9417.

SAINTS ALIVE

Let's make 2024 the year that fellowship with your friends at **Saints Alive** brightens each and every month! A sign-up sheet is available on the parish hall bulletin board and on the bulletin board in the Skinner building if you are interested in hosting at your home or at the church in 2024. Please call Sandy McGowan at 479-719-8047 if you have any questions.

LIVING THE DIVINE PLAN

Tom Elliott, Spiritual Director, formerly with offices in the Skinner building, is offering a retreat at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Barling on **Saturday, March 2 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM**. The retreat is entitled "Living the Divine Pattern: The Evolution of Christ" and offers a pattern of living and loving based on the theology and spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and Teilhard de Chardin that reveals Christ to the world and offers hope. Contact Tom at tom@deepwardly.com The price of the retreat is \$35 and includes presentations, prayer materials, and a catered lunch.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Tuesday – Feb. 13

Shrimp Boil, Trinity-Van Buren, 5:00 to 7:30
Vestry Meeting, 5:30 PM

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14

Lenten Services at Noon and 6:00 PM

Friday & Saturday – Feb. 16-17

Annual Diocesan Convention, Little Rock

Saturday – Feb. 17

Daughter of the King training session,
10:00 AM in the Skinner Building

SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTERS

February 11, 2024 – 8:00 AM

Lessons – Cindy Cole
Prayers of the People – Rick Hayes
Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Cole
Altar Guild – Cindy Cole
Hospitality – Candi Hamill
Announcements – Norma Smith

February 11, 2024 – 10:30 AM

1st Lesson – Thomas Burton
2nd Lesson – Becky Carlson
Prayers of the People – Robert Sutton
Eucharistic Minister – Muriel Parnell
Eucharistic Minister – Cecil Engles
Hospitality – Patti Gray
Announcements – Mariko Clifton
Altar Guild — Dorothy Love, Alex Sloan,
Mariko Clifton, Eric Clifton,
and Joan Kincannon