

St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Fab Friday - December 8, 2023

EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK (AND MORE)



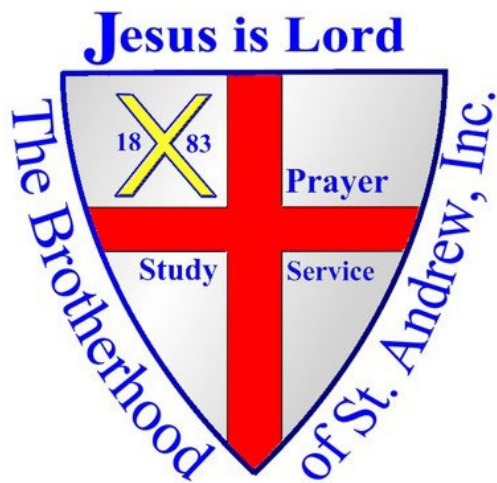
Last night I met my new grandnephew. Only 7 days old, the tiny baby (Tag is his name) is basically sleeping and eating and sleeping and eating.....oh and pooping. I was there while he was sleeping, I held him nestled in my arms for over an hour. What a gift in this Advent season.

I felt ever so blessed to be given time alone in a quiet space to just meet him, savor his scent, little movements of his face, little sounds so sweet, and to whisper a prayer for him. This is very special to me, having no grandchildren. I missed out on this time with my nephews 30+ years ago because I was in Arizona. So, this was very special to me.

As I looked down and watched him sleep, securely swaddled in a tiny blanket, I couldn't help but think of the baby Jesus. I tried to imagine this tiny baby being born in a stable after a long donkey-ride. Knowing how difficult childbirth is under the best of circumstances, and the importance of those early hours and days, I was reminded of the true miracle of His birth and survival in a hostile, unforgiving world. And I gave thanks with an enriched heart, a new prayer during this Advent. "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord." Thank you, God, for sharing your Son with us.

Here is your [Sunday bulletin](#). We hope to see you on Sunday as we gather to give thanks to the God that watches over us, no matter what!

Peace be with you,
Nancy



ALL men of St. John's are cordially invited to visit and become acquainted with **The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. John's**. This month, the Brotherhood meets on the Saturday, December 9, at 8:00 a.m. to pray for St. John's and the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

Sunday is the second Sunday of the month which is the day set aside for the **Daughters of the King's Healing Service with Holy Unction at the Altar Rail**. During this brief service, which follows the worship service, the Daughters offer healing prayers and intercession for all those who desire. The Healing Service is followed by the monthly meeting and lunch for the DOK in the parlor.



Sunday, December 10 - Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 10, is the day set aside for the greening of the church for the Advent and Christmas season. All those wishing to help should stay following the service. **All assistance is appreciated.** This is a **fun family Advent activity**. We will need some volunteers willing to climb ladders to accomplish this.



Gift Wrapping by Cherie will take place following the service on **Sunday, December 17**. This is a great opportunity for you to **get your gifts wrapped and ready to put under the tree**, just in time! Cherie has lots of experience wrapping packages and loves to serve others. Don't miss this! You will be so grateful you remembered to bring those gifts.



Sunday School News Update

Sunday School News: The adult forum has completed their study of Matthew for the year. The confirmation/new member class, the youth and the children's classes will continue to meet through December 10. **Sunday School will break from December 17 through January 7** and reconvene on January 14.

All are invited to celebrate the upcoming opening of the Magdalene House
"Creating a home for women survivors, transforming trauma into healing, wholeness & love"



For our Christmas outreach project this year, we are again collecting items for distribution at the Food Pantry at St. James Episcopal Church. To help complete 50 holiday meals for their customers, they are in need of:

50 boxed stuffing
50 instant mashed potatoes
50 instant gravy packets

That's a lot, but we can do this! Please look for the collection basket in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The last day to bring donations to St. John's is December 10 for distribution at St. Jame's on December 16.



Cookies, Bars, Cakes, Breads, and Scones, Oh My!

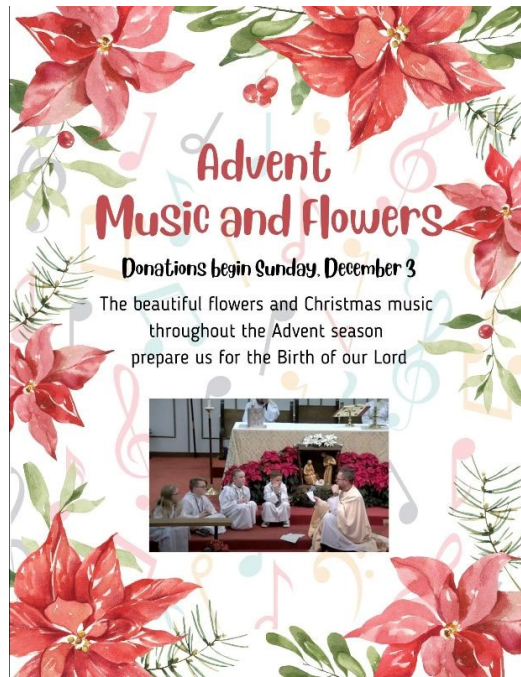
Help us raise money for a new adult-size changing table for St. John's Church. As our congregation grows, we want to be ready to welcome people of all ages and abilities. This is an important addition to our church to make this goal possible.

Bring your favorite sweet treat to sell at our Sunday bake sale and help us with this project.

St. John's Needs a New Treasurer!

The Bishop's Committee has opened **nominations for a new treasurer (or two)** to serve as the overseer for the finances of the church. It requires a **4-6 hour per week commitment (2-3 if working as partners)**, with some additional hours at the beginning and end of each year. A person with knowledge and experience working with accounts payable and receivables, easy payroll management, and preparation of monthly and annual financial reports is the ideal candidate. There will be training offered with advisors at the ready during the year. **Please talk with Fr. Nate or Ron Pierce if interested in taking on this position, vital in the life of the church.**





A first look at Advent and Epiphany services. Sunday, December 3 is the First Sunday of Advent with the Great Litany in Procession.

*Weekday Services
December and January*

Wednesday, Dec 6	5:30 pm	First Wednesday Eucharist
Wednesday, Dec 13	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Dec 20	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, Dec 21	5:30 pm	Feast of St Thomas the Apostle
Tuesday, Dec 26	Noon	Feast of St. Stephen
Wednesday, Dec 27	Noon	Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday, Dec 28	Noon	Feast of Holy Innocents
Monday, Jan 1	5:30 pm	Feast of the Holy Name
Wednesday, Jan 2	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday, Jan 6	Noon	Epiphany Eucharist
Wednesday, Jan 10	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Jan 17	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Jan 24	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Jan 31	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday, Feb 2	5:30 pm	Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Savor the most wonderful time of the year through our intimate evening services this Holy Season.

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Advent and Epiphany Services

Sunday, December 24 – 10:15 am
Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 24 – 10:30 pm
Choral Prelude and Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 – 10:15 am
Christmas Eucharist

Tuesday, December 26 – 5:30 pm
Feast of St. Stephen

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