



We all know the Three Wise Men as the three men who faced a long journey chasing a star with the sole purpose of paying homage to the Baby Jesus. But, who were these three men? Where did they come from? What is the true meaning of their presence in the Nativity?

The Wise Men are traditional characters of the Creche, well known and loved by everyone. They stay in the box till the last moment, that is until January 6th, the day they are placed in front of the hut where Jesus was born. They look exotic, which makes them different from any other Nativity character, and are dressed like kings; often, one of them has a camel, and they offer rich gifts to the Baby: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Their arrival marks the beginning of the Epiphany season.

If you want to hear a precious story about the Magi in the creche at Carr house, ask any of the Carrs to tell you of their tradition with the Magi. It will be worth your while!

Your Sunday bulletin is available at this link.

Happy New Year! Nancy

The Season of Epiphany

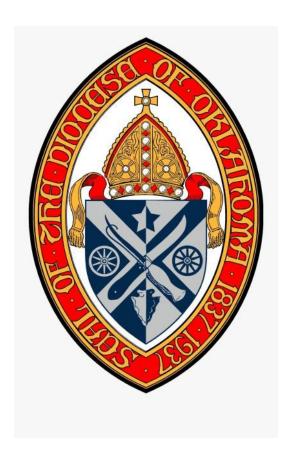
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Do you want to go to the reception for Deacon Jaron Hill on Sunday afternoon, January 22, from 4-6 pm at the home of Cynthia Cortright, 314 NW 40th St? You need to RSVP to Nancy by phone 405-943-8548 or email at stjohnsokc@yahoo.com.





Confirmation and Reception Wednesday, January 25 6:30 PM

We are excited to announce our first class of confirmands since the COVID pandemic. With our growth this past year, we have welcomed many new members to our family. We have several adults and teens that will be confirmed by Bishop Poulson Reed at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25.

Following the service, there will be a nice reception in the Wade-Dalton Hall. We hope you will join us in this joyous celebration!

Acolyte Sunday, January 29, 2023

Acolyte Sunday is a wonderful day as we recognize the Acolytes of St. John's Church. This is last year's class of Acolytes. Come and see this year's class in this joyous celebration.





Annual Meeting 2023

The Annual Meeting will be in person on Sunday, January 29, 2023, following the worship service. In keeping with pre-pandemic tradition, the Bishop's Committee will provide fried chicken for a potluck lunch. Parishioners are asked to provide side dishes and desserts.

As well as reports of church activities and financial matters for year 2022, **elections for BC** members and officers, delegates to convention are also elected at this meeting. If you have interest in representing St. John's as a delegate at the Annual Convention, please contact Fr. Nate to be added to the ballot.



St. John's Outreach News and Needs

Teacher's Toolbox is in need of Kleenex, Clorox wipes, and Lysol spray. Kleenex is the biggest need at this time. With COVID and flu season in full force, schools need to keep their kids safe.

Our birthday list for Sunbeam Birthday Boxes for February and March has three children:

- For February, Jacobi loves Paw Patrol and also wants a child sized broom, vacuum, etc. for "cleaning" house.
- The children for March include twins KaNaya and Kei who both would love any sensory or colorful toys plus Ava who likes CoComelon and shapes.

CAIR-OK's urgent needs for the next two weeks are winter clothing for kids and youth (especially boys) ages 4 through 18, shampoo, body wash and bar soap, floor rugs in all sizes. They also have need for volunteers. We will be open on Monday, January 16, and would love to have a group of volunteers from St. Johns to help sort donations and assist guests that day 11:00-4:00. For more information, please email Jen Hund (jhund@cair.com).

Caring Adults - Help Us!

Once again, we are reaching out to you because we still need attendants for our youngsters in the nursery on Sundays. To find out more, please <u>click here</u> to go the Signup Genius and volunteer for a Sunday that works for you. We hope to have two people each Sunday, ideally one adult and one teen, to entertain and watch over our little ones.



