

St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK



I have always found January to be a bit of a bummer. The holidays and all the activities with family and friends are over, and everyone has gone home. The weather is too cold to enjoy being outside. It's often a quiet month in the life of "the church." The month this year is topped off with a Friday the 13th!

But at St. John's Church, things are popping! The park has been busy on the sunny days and even on those drearier days. We had over 100 at the Sunday service on January 8 - that's amazing for a January Sunday. This Sunday, we welcome our friend Rev. David Thomas who will be our celebrant and preacher in Fr. Nate's absence. We have welcomed a new Deacon this month as we celebrate Jaron's departure to his new assignment on January 22. We have a Confirmation coming up on January 25 and Bishop Poulson will be confirming 12, yes that's twelve, confirmands - youth and adults! And we will end the month with a bang as we look back at 2022, the growth and renewed energy within our congregation, at the Annual Meeting.

We hope that you will join us in all these great activities. The full calendar, through Epiphany, is just below. And, of course, if you have questions, just give me a call.

Your [Sunday bulletin](#) is available at this link.

Happy New Year!
Nancy



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet on Saturday morning, January 14, at 8:00 in the parlor. The lesson for Sunday is **John 1:29-42**. We need a donut volunteer. Please let John Dewar know if you can bring donuts.

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? **Please, Please, Please RSVP to Nancy by phone** 405-943-8548 or email at stjohnsokc@yahoo.com by Wednesday, January 18.



Confirmation and Reception Wednesday, January 25 6:30 PM

We are excited to announce our first class of confirmands since the COVID pandemic.

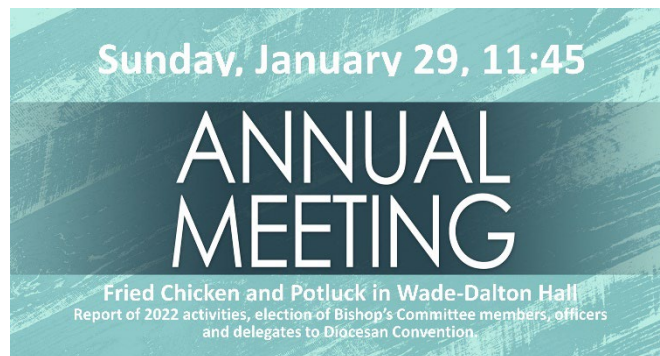
Twelve adults and teens that will be confirmed by Bishop Poulson Reed at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25.

Confirmands include: Charles Baxendale, Candice Baxendale and Charl Bornman, David, Whitney, Birch and Truitt Kolb, Latoya Burris, Olive Kate Carr, Daphne Greenley, Eli Mooney, and Sir Patton.

Following the service, there will be a lovely 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 celebrated on their special day.



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. Please sign up on the signup sheets on the buffet during the coffee time on Sunday.

As well as reports of church activities and financial matters for year 2022, **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).
