



**St. John's**  
**Episcopal Church**  
Oklahoma City, OK

## **Fab Friday - February 10, 2023**



I'm a heart person - I collect hearts, I give hearts, and I have a tendency to lead with my heart rather than my head (not always a good idea). So, Valentines Day has always been a favorite holiday. But there have been many lonely Valentines Days in recent years - being alone can be wonderful, except when you're reminded you're alone.

BUT - in so many ways, I have been reminded that I am loved, unconditionally, every day in every way by the God who loves us all. And since coming to St. John's, I have come to appreciate just what love really is.

I see it in action every day. Gifts of time and talent are abundant. Gratitude is abundant. Intentional ministries that support so many of the underserved are central to the life of this church. So, on this Valentines Day - I am seeing hearts everywhere I look.

Embrace the people around you, tell them that they are loved, remember that life on this planet is just a moment in time and don't let that moment pass. Keep giving your love away - there is no budget when it comes to love. God will replenish your love supply instantaneously so you will never run out.

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

Happy Valentine's Day!  
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The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 8:00 in the parlor. The lesson for Sunday is **Matthew 5:21-37**. John Dewar will bring the donuts.

Please come - there will be a **surprise!** See you there.



### Ladies of St. John's . . .

You are cordially invited to lunch on **Sunday, February 12**. Hosted by the **Daughters of the King**, the luncheon will be in the parlor after church. DOC has traditionally hosted this luncheon for several years, inviting ladies to learn about DOK and get to know each other. All ladies are welcome!



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### The Season of Epiphany

The Season of Epiphany is almost past. Preparations are being made for Lent and Easter at St. John's. A schedule of services and events will be ready and included here next week. Stay tuned!

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## Highlights from January events



Thank you to our photographer, Ron Pierce, for capturing so many happy faces as we celebrated Jaron's transition to Deacon. There are even more wonderful photos. If you'd like copies, let me know. The magic of email!

# CONGRATULATIONS



Back Row: L-R Whitney Kolb, David Kolb, Deacon Lisa, Bishop Poulson Reed, Deacon Willie, Nancy Steward, CJ Baxendale, Charl Bornman, Charles E. Baxendale. Front Row: L-R Eli Mooney, Latoya Burris, Sir Patton, Truitt Kolb, Birch Kolb, Olive Kate Carr, Daphne Greenley, Father Nate Carr





They're Back!! Seventeen acolytes, including four new acolytes this year, were recognized on Sunday, Jan. 29, by the congregation of St. John's. So many joyful kiddos who delight in serving in many capacities every Sunday, feast days and special services throughout the year. Thank you, Patricia Riden, for teaching and leading these young people, our future!



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*The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma*



*You're invited to -*

**VOCATION GATHERING**

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*Do you feel a pull to ordained ministry as a priest or deacon? Gather with us to listen, discern and explore. Spouses / partners & sponsoring priests are required to join.*

***Feb. 23 / 6:30 pm Via Zoom***

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First step: Speak with Fr. Nate about ordained ministry, and then Step Two: **register for the Vocational Gathering by Feb 22**. This will be a ZOOM meeting. Spouses/partners and sponsoring priests are required to join. [Click here to register](#).  
If you are considering ordination, and want a better understanding of the commitment, you will find more information about priesthood and the diaconate at [epiok.org/ordinations](http://epiok.org/ordinations).



Starting Sunday February 5, through Feb 19, the **new confirmands will be “Dwelling on the Word”** with their respective leaders in their class spaces.

**Coming soon!  
Combined Youth & Adult Sunday School  
Church History—The Reformation**

Are Episcopalians Protestant? Are we Catholic? Both? Neither?

The Reformations of the 16<sup>th</sup> century created both new understandings and deep divisions within Christianity related to theology, liturgy, authority, and religious experience. These changes are still influential today, including within The Episcopal Church.

Please join us on **February 26 (the First Sunday of Lent) at 9:15 in the Parlor** for the beginning of a joint **Sunday School** class (both Youth and Adults) on **The Reformation**.

This 12-week course will be led by Steve Orwig and Rosemary Orwig-Rodgers, with help from Deacon Lisa and others.

The **Children's class will continue to meet and follow the Storybooks** curriculum through May 28. The following Sunday, June 4, will begin the summer hiatus for all Sunday School classes.

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## St. John's Outreach News and Needs

**Teacher's Toolbox is in need of** wide-ruled notebook paper, glue sticks, dry erase markers, Sharpies, and washable Crayola markers at this time. Our teachers so appreciate your donations.

Our birthday list for **Sunbeam Birthday Boxes for February and March** has three children: **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 shampoo for adults and children, and full-size toothpaste. They also have **need for volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:00-1:30 and 1:30-4:00**. For more information, please email Jen Hund ([jhund@cair.com](mailto:jhund@cair.com)). Volunteers will be needed to assist with the **Ramadan Clothing Bazaar on March 10 and 11 in the Wade-Dalton Hall**. Volunteers will be needed for set up on March 10 and the Bazaar on March 11 (Friday and Saturday). Shifts are 9:00-11:30 and 11:30-2:00 on Friday and 9:30-12:45 and 12:30-4:00 (or while supplies last) on Saturday. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. To sign up online, [click here](#) to be sent to the Sign Up Genius. OR you can also contact Jen Hurd at [jhund@cair.com](mailto:jhund@cair.com) to become involved.

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## **Caring Teens and Adults We Need YOU!**

We continue to need attendants for our youngsters in the nursery on Sundays. To find out more, please talk with Daisy Leyva, Director of Children, Youth and Families, to 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.

