



Fab Friday, May 5, 2023

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



Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

There is never a dull moment at St. John's Church. And that includes the month of May. You will want to keep an eye on this weekly missive for information on all activities this month.

This Sunday we will begin our weekly pet blessings in the dog park, kicking off the first of these with a special blessing of the new St. Francis Pet Ashes Garden. Please join us as we gather together and stroll down the new path for to the chapel for this special event following the Sunday service.

Speaking of the new ashes garden, which has completed the beautiful area around the Peace Chapel and dog park, we received an email this week that we all agreed should be shared with you. This came from a neighbor from the Mayfair Hills neighborhood, a gentleman who appreciates our mission and vision for St. John's Church and surrounding area. He gave us permission to share this note with you - I know you will appreciate his message.

"Thank you! I am not a member of the parish, nor am I Episcopalian, I met Father Nathan at a neighborhood event. He spoke about the dog park and that all are welcome on the grounds. Since then, I have seen so much community created between folks from the parish, folks from the surrounding neighborhoods from houses, the apartments, and the hospital. A couple even said they drove in from Mustang. From there, we were told we could use the basketball court too. My teenage son and I started playing there. Since then other teens and young adults have joined us to play a game. My son sometimes plays with other folks who go up there, including a guy who is housing insecure who comes up from the waterway. I just wanted to say thank you. You all are making community, creating empathy, and making the world better. If you ever wanted to add a hoop to the other end or fix the court up in any way, my son said that he is willing to put money toward the project. I would too. Also I am also a local artist who sometimes sells work to benefit the Homeless Alliance and donate works to locale fundraisers for the arts and Catholic Charities. I'd be happy to help in a way like that as well. If you ever need help with

grounds clean up or ground work we'd be available for that too. With Gratitude, Clint Stone."

That says it all! So, if you've been wondering, we are accomplishing our goal to bring people together for the greater good. Our actions have spoken louder than words could have expressed. Thanks be to God!!

The [bulletin for this Fifth Sunday of Easter](#) is here for your pleasure.

Peace be with you!
Nancy

What's happening at St. John's in May 2023

Please note this week:

Saturday, May 6 and the Daughters of the King Discernment Class at 10:00 am

Sunday, May 7 and the Blessing of the Pet Ashes Garden & Pet Blessing following Church

Wednesday, May 10 and Evening Prayer in the Mary Chapel at 5:30

Saturday, May 13 and "All the World's a Stage," a production of the OKC Handbell Ensemble at 5:00 pm in the Nave.



Sunday School

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ADULT FORMATION CLASS:

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .

(Each week, we will have some questions to guide our discussion. If you have a chance to consider these before the class, great! If you DON'T have a chance to look at these, please come anyway and participate in the discussion, or just listen.)

WEEK NINE (May 7) Elizabeth I and Richard Hooker—

1. What do Anglicans mean by the “*via media*”?
2. What do Anglicans mean by the “three-legged stool”?



Daughters of the King Discernment Classes are scheduled to begin Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 am in the John Ryan Parlor. All women interested in becoming Daughters of the King are encouraged to participate. **Eight sessions are planned**, led by Nancy Steward and Kathleen Ferguson. Interested? Reach out to Nancy or Kathleen for more information.



Just a little reminder - Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14. We will be celebrating the day with the baptism of two boys from one of our new families, the Newberrys. Such a sweet idea! Please join us for this special day.





Are you a cyclist? May is Bike Month and you are invited to ride your bike to church on Sunday, May 21. No reservations needed, no insurance waivers required, no food to bring, no kitchen to clean up. Just hop on and ride your bike to church. Better you than me!



St. John's Outreach News and Needs

Teacher's Toolbox is in need of a variety of color copy paper at this time. Our teachers so appreciate your donations.

New St. John's Security Measures:

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.

Employment Opportunity:

St. John's is looking to hire a nursery worker who can commit to two / two-and-a-half hours per week for consistent service in our nursery. Background check and Safe Church training will be required. Please contact Nancy if interested.

