



**Fab Friday, June 9, 2023**

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



**Well, you know what they say about bragging - Don't Do It!** Will I ever learn?

So, I totally jinxed myself by going on and on about it being quiet at St. John's last week. It's back to business as usual. I still think, going all the way back to kindergarten, that summers are playtime. I still look forward to slowing down, smelling the roses and spending days at the pool. I always think that the workload will slow down in seasons when we see people traveling and laying back on hot days. **But, the work of the church never ends. And boy, am I grateful for that!**

Some of you have been on the receiving end of **invitations from Active Screening Faith and from Presidium training**. Pat R is the official Safe Church Administrator and, as such, is monitoring the training that many volunteers have been asked to complete. In the meantime, I am responsible for making sure we have a background check on the same members. Let us be clear - this program is required by the Diocese of Oklahoma (and is a [program of the Episcopal Church](#)) to ensure that our community is safe. **Please bear with Pat and me as we work to complete this complicated task. We are relying on those concerned to step up and complete the assignments given.** If you have any question about this process, please connect with Pat.

**A note from Ron Pierce:** I recently completed the Safe Church training requirements for a member of the Bishop's Committee. My training involved 10 courses and I was able to

complete them in one evening. The Safe Church program establishes policy and protocol to safeguard the physical, emotional and spiritual health of all people. Special emphasis and focus is placed on protecting children, youth and vulnerable seniors. The courses are informative and easy to navigate. Most of the courses I completed contained presentations and testimonial videos from a variety of spiritual leaders. The Safe Church program not only identifies situations that require attention to safeguard our children, youth and vulnerable adults, but how to address the situations as well. This is a well built program. I'm grateful for the opportunity!

**So, lets follow the example of our illustrious leader and get this done!** In the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless you every one."

The [bulletin for the Second Sunday after Pentecost](#), is here for your reading pleasure. Just click on the link to follow the order of service.

Peace be with you!  
Nancy

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**What's coming up at St. John's**  
**Please note important dates coming up this June:**

**Saturday, June 10 at 8:00 am** – Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Parlor

**Sunday, June 11 following service** – Healing Service with Holy Unction, DOC meeting to follow in the Parlor

**Monday, June 12 at 5:30 pm** – Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle in Mary Chapel

**Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00-8:00 pm** – Father Nate's Book Release at Commonplace Books

**Wednesday, June 14 at 5:30 pm** – Evening Prayer in the Mary Chapel

**Saturday, June 17 from 9:30-Noon** – Volunteering at Regional Food Bank

**Remaining Wednesdays in June at 10:30 am** – Daughters of the King Discernment Class in the Parlor

**Remaining Wednesdays in June at 5:30 pm** – Evening Prayer in Mary Chapel

**Remaining Wednesdays in June at 7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

**Monday-Friday, June 19-23** – Hickman Summer Camp

**Wednesday, June 28** – Lewis Honor Carr's surgery

**Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral** – Ordinands Dana Orwig and William Font Sanchez celebrated!

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## OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Time to roll up your sleeves and help others facing food insecurity.

**June 17 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Volunteer Center, 3355 S. Purdue, Oklahoma City, 73179

Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex or text/e-mail Deacon Lisa at [lchronister29@gmail.com](mailto:lchronister29@gmail.com) (405) 971-4199



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*take them a*  
**meal**

### Lewis Carrs' surgery has been rescheduled for June 28!

Sarah and Fr Nate are going to need our help keeping their sweet family nourished. A family friend has set up a webpage that allows us to sign up for a night's meal (and maybe breakfast for the next morning). It is easy and fun to complete - there are even recipes to help you plan. [Click here](#) or on the image, to go directly to the page set aside for the Carrs, complete with some dietary needs in the family. The dates run from June 28 (surgery date) through July 14. So far, we have had several ladies of the church sign up for dinners. But the need continues. **Please sign up soon.**

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## Pitch in at the Ordination

St. John's, along with other hosting churches, has been asked to **assist with the Ordination for Rev. Dana Orwig and Rev. William Font at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 29**. We have been asked to **1) provide some desserts** and **2) provide 2-3 volunteers** for specific and easy assignments before, during or after the Ordination. **To learn more about how you can help with desserts or manpower, please text Pat Riden at 405-613-7151**. This is a great way to show our love and appreciation for our newest Ordinands.

**BTW - This Sunday, June 11, is the last day to donate money for gifts for Dana and Willie. Please note on your contribution "Ordination Gifts" or similar and place it in the offering plate.**

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# Instant Church Directory™

**Yes, it's TRUE. We have found a great online directory service that will meet all our needs.** The directory is password protected - each member will set their own password to access the directory. With the password, each member will be able to access and edit their personal information at any time. AND, the icing on the cake, the directory is downloadable as a PDF and can be printed. So, homebound and members who are not computer savvy will have a directory they can refer to. [Click here](#) to see some of the many features of the directory.

**WE NEED HELP to from you!**

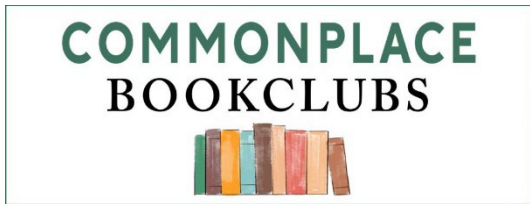
1. **First, we must gather all personal information from each individual or family to upload to the directory.** Such things as contact info, names of each family member, and birthday and anniversary dates. We have an old spreadsheet of contact information that is in serious need of updating before it can be uploaded. You will find an information form in your bulletin on Sunday that needs to be completed for this

- purpose. **PLEASE complete the form and drop it in the offering plate**; or take it home and complete it. You can even scan and send it to Nancy if that is easiest.
2. [Click here](#) to access the form to complete at any time. If you really want to have some fun, **try this FILLABLE form** that you can complete, save and email to Nancy.
  3. **We will be taking photos of each individual or family for the directory.** We are currently putting together a plan of action so be prepared as we figure out the details so that we can get beautiful professional portraits taken for the directory.

Our goal is to have the directory completed and in your hands (so to speak) by the end of the summer. **Much of this depends on YOU!** If you have questions or concerns about this directory, please contact Nancy. **Participation is optional, and you are free to contribute only information you wish to be available to others, but encouraged** so that we have a full profile of the congregation on which we can build.

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**Dreams of Summer Fun** - images below are links to summer activities for children and adults of all ages. If you're curious, just click on one of the logos for information on that program. NOTE: There are a number of summer book club offerings at Commonplace - click the logo to check them out.





## St. John's Outreach News and Needs

**CAIR is in need of our help!** Even though they have closed the resource center here, their work continues. They recently received a \$5000 grant from Mayflower Congregational UCC to **purchase diapers and distribute them to Afghan neighbors along with educational materials on where to obtain free/low-cost diapers in the OKC metro area.** How can you help in this effort?

1. **Make a financial donation** to supplement the Mayflower grant. The Mayflower grant will help in their initial goal to provide each child with 100 diapers. Additional funding would allow them to 1) buy newborn and size 1 diapers that The Spero Project can send home with parents for the next 40 new babies born and/or 2) provide each household with 2 packs of wipes to accompany the diapers.
  2. **Volunteer** to support Mayflower Congregational UCC in repackaging the diapers purchased in bulk and to help deliver diapers in late-June. Jen will send out a SignUp Genius the last week of May which will be passed on to you in this missive.
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A BOOK RELEASE WITH  
*Father Nathan Carr*



1325 N. WALKER AVENUE  
OKC, OK 73103

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO A

**BOOK  
RELEASE**

*The Festive School*

AUTHOR  
**FR. NATHAN CARR**

JUNE 13TH  
COME AND GO 6-8PM

WITH WORDS FROM THE AUTHOR  
AT 7:15PM

COMMONPLACE BOOKS MIDTOWN  
1325 N WALKER AVE. OKC, OK 73103

Tuesday, June 13th



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By the Grace of God  
The Right Reverend Poulson Reed  
VI Bishop of Oklahoma

Will ordain

*William Font Sánchez*

To the Sacred Order of Priests  
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

The Feast Day of The Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul  
Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of June  
In the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-  
three Six-thirty in the evening

Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral  
127 NW Seventh Street Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Reception to follow in Dean Willey Hall  
Cassock, Surplice, and Red Stole

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 pm, St. Paul's Cathedral - Ordination of Dana Orwig and William Font to the Priesthood.**

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### **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.

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### **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.

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