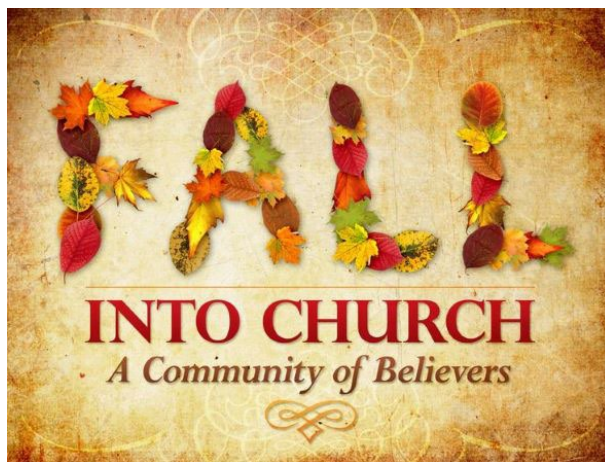




**Fab Friday, July 28, 2023**

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



Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy. I am having the time of my life! We are a growing community of Believers and our school partners share our love of Jesus. We are blessed.

The lease is signed, and we can now welcome [Summit Christian School](#) as our new ministry partner. This hybrid homeschool program will occupy the remaining spaces in the school annex as well as the basement. They are busy getting the rooms ready with new paint and flooring, bringing in classroom furniture and fixtures.

This is a family affair! Julie and her husband Andy Crum started this program during the pandemic and have relied on a lot of moral and physical support from their four children to make this dream a reality. It has since grown into a school for about 115-120 K-12 students. They meet as groups two days a week, Monday and Wednesday, then the students continue their studies at home with guidance. Andy owns Beacon Homes and is the general contractor for the renovations.

I was watching them move furnishings in through the school doors yesterday and it was kind of like an ant parade. Those guys were lugging and hauling stuff in, building a better school at St. John's. You will hear great things about this project as they work quickly to prepare their spaces in time to start classes on August 21. Our prayers are with the Crum family, teachers and all involved in this swift makeover of St. John's school annex.

And that's not all that is happening this fall. Continue reading and you will find a calendar of fall events in the planning stages, along with some important dates to save. We are off and running for a blessed fall here at SJEC.

Here is your [bulletin for this Sunday](#). Hope to see you in the pews this weekend.

Peace be with you!  
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### What's coming up at St. John's

Please note important dates coming up this August:

**Sunday, July 29** - last day to bring donations for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled.

**Wednesday, August 2, 5:30 pm** – First Wednesday Eucharist in Mary Chapel

**Saturday, August 12 8:00 am** - Brotherhood of St. John's

**Monday, August 21** - First day of classes for Summit Christian School

**Sunday, August 27, 9:00-10:00 and following church** - Photos taken for new church directory

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**CARING FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SINCE 1960**

THIS Sunday, August 30, is the final day to bring your gently used, unwanted items to the church for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled thrift store.

If you need assistance bringing your items from home to St. John's, please contact Deacon Lisa. The OKFD will pick up the items from St. John's on Thursday, August 3.

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## National Acolyte Festival

The adventure to the National Acolyte Festival includes visiting some of our nation's historic sites and museums together, hands-on learning about our country. **It's not too late to donate to the acolytes for the National Acolyte Festival.** Smaller expenses still remain to be covered. We are so grateful for all the contributions you have given to date!

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**Who can forget the sight of Sarah Carr eating a pickle stuffed with very spicy gummy worms at last year's Ministry Fair?** You'll have to ask Sarah how good it really was!

You don't want to miss out on any of the fall activities this year because you never know what is going to happen! Not all plans are finalized but **here is a snapshot of planned events for Fall 2023.**

**Sunday, August 27, 4:30-6:30 pm** - Families Back to School Swim Party at the Newberry's home

**Sunday, September 10, following church** - Ministry Kickoff, Food Trucks (no catfish please) and Bouncy House on the lawn (or inside)

**Sunday, September 17, 9:15 am** - Sunday School Begins

**Storymakers for Children** - with Sarah Carr in the Parish Hall  
**Youth in Library** - Taught by Babette Patton  
**New Episcopalians and Confirmation Class** - with Fr. Nate in WD Hall  
**Adult Formation** - Lessons based on Year A Gospel Lectionary,  
readings from the book of Matthew with Fr. Willie in the Parlor

**Friday, October 6** - Diocesan Convention  
**October 7 and 8** - National Acolyte Festival  
**Sunday, October 1** - Evensong and Reception to honor the St. John's Choir

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### **BC Clark Gives and Gives**

Did you know that BC Clark gives back a 3% of sales to women's ministries. We recently received a nice quarterly gift. All you have to do is **ask for, and complete, a Church Coupon next time you make a purchase at BC Clark.** And you don't have to wait for the Anniversary Sale.

### **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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