



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

## **Fab Friday - April 12, 2024**



Dear St. John's,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As most of you know by now, I was recently given a 10-month sabbatical from the school on this, my seventeenth year of service. Pure gift! I have a good and gracious board at The Academy, and have been so appreciative of your prayers during this transition.

I thought some backstory might help: As you know, congenital heart conditions run in my family. My mom and son have both had open-heart surgeries to repair and/or replace valves; additionally, my grandmother lives with a pacemaker, and my mother has had two ablations. Last October, a couple of these same conditions were diagnosed in yours truly--I have a bundle block, a leaky mitral valve, and some secondary symptoms to boot. All of these things are treatable, being carefully monitored by doctors, and are not causing me a lick of final worry. However, I am very grateful for the rest after 15-years of working two jobs.

I'm writing you today to let you know that the Bishop, upon hearing of the sabbatical, and with the blessing of our Bishop's Committee, has graciously invited me to enjoy a corresponding time off at the church this summer--a gift that I never expected. This means that for the first two months of summer, Fr. Willie and Deacon Lisa will take the helm at St. John's while I enjoy a few weeks off from both jobs *at the same time*. What a gift!! I will then be back at the altar on August 11th, with four months of school sabbatical still ahead.

Most of those two months will be spent in our favorite spot -- Colorado!!

I am both humbled and overjoyed at the extended time I will enjoy with my family. St. John's has been a blessed gift to our family, and we are not going anywhere--just a short season of rest. In the meantime, you are in very capable hands.

Thank you for your prayers and support in the meantime. We will not be departing until after Memorial Day, so you still have plenty of time with us between now and then.

God bless you,

Nate+

**PS: While Fr. Nate is on sabbatical from the Academy, his contact email is [nathan@commonplacebooksokc.com](mailto:nathan@commonplacebooksokc.com).**

[Here is the bulletin for this coming Sunday.](#)



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be meeting on Saturday, April 13th in the Parlor at 8:00 am. They need a Donut Volunteer. Please let John Dewar know if you are able to bring the donuts.

The Daughters of the King will meet for the Healing Service and Holy Unction at the Altar Rail, immediately after the church service, to offer healing prayers and intercession for all those who desire. That service is followed by a DOK meeting in the Parlor.



## Registration is open for our Pilgrimage to England and Scotland



**You have been hearing about this and now it is reality!** Our portal is now complete and our group's information and pilgrimage documents have been added. It is ready for individual registration to start. If you have made the decision to go, there are [info packets](#) on the table under the bulletin board in the entry that will give you a lot of information about the itinerary, cost, hotels, etc. [The link for registration](#) is now open at <https://portal.myfaithjourneys.com/>. When you first open the link, you will start from the Home page for Faith Journeys.

You can go two directions from here. To the left of the page, you can preview our tour first. You will need our **Group Code: 25005** here and at other areas as you register. If you're ready to begin the registration, on the right **you will create an account by first [registering here](#)**. On the popup, select to register as an individual, not "host". [All instructions for registration can be found on this PDF](#) as well as a link on the home page. These step-by-step instructions should help you complete the registration process. If you have difficulties with registration or other questions, please contact Nancy and I will try to walk you through the process. The only way to register for the Pilgrimage is through this online process.

This is going to be a great trip and we hope to have a wonderful group from St. John's. At this time, the registration is open to our members only. In 2-3 months, we will open registration to other parishes Diocesan wide. St. John's members will be able to register even after we open up registration. **In the end, we will have a great group with which to share this once in a lifetime experience.**

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As announced last Sunday, we are working to **update our Prayer List**. Please review the list in [this bulletin](#) and **send information to Nancy by email** ([stjohnsokc@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnsokc@yahoo.com)). Please include your name and the name of the person(s) you would like to add or remove. I know you may want to take care of this on a **Sunday**. **Please give the information to Nancy IN WRITING** and again include your name and the name(s) of those you would like to update. If you rely on me to remember, you will find that my memory isn't at all what it was when I was 40.

## Outreach Ministry



The **27th** annual  
Letter Carriers  
Stamp Out Hunger®  
Food Drive is on  
Saturday, May 11



Save the Date

## Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Saturday, May 11th, 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Warr Acres Post Office  
6001 NW 63rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73133

The Regional Food Bank is excited to partner with the United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers for the annual [Stamp Out Hunger](#) drive on Saturday, May 11. This event is the nation's largest single-day food drive in the country, where letter carriers collect non-perishable food donations along their mail routes. The food donated through this drive benefits the Regional Food Bank and its network of partner agencies.

St. John's has been invited to help sort incoming donations as the letter carriers return from their routes.

Children as young as 8 can participate (accompanied by parent or guardian).

**Stay tuned for event sign-up and details**



### **Cookies, Bars, Cakes, Breads, and Scones, Oh My!**

Help us raise money for a new adult-size changing table for St. John's Church. As our congregation grows, we want to be ready to welcome people of all ages and abilities. This is an important addition to our church to make this goal possible.

Bring your favorite sweet treat to sell at our Sunday bake sale to help us with this project.

