



**Fab Friday, June 2, 2023**

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



Do you see what I see?

This has been a quiet week. Hickman is closed, activities have slowed down and, just perhaps, I am getting a good start on the new online Membership Directory. Speaking of which, if you haven't turned in your [form](#), please complete it and mail it in, leave it in the offertory plate, or slide under my door as soon as you are able. I am building some momentum and we should be ready to go ahead with photographs soon.

So, since it has been so relaxed, I actually left my office at 3:00 one day this week and wandered down to the dog park. Gracie was so happy because I sat on the bench, under the tree, and listened to my Taizé chants as I read my book for a Commonplace Book Club group - "Death Comes for the Archbishop." (Instead of rushing her so we could get back to work) It was just warm enough, with a light breeze, birds chirping, so we enjoyed a nice long visit. Gracie kept checking on me but, when she saw I wasn't ready to leave, she would wander back to the fence line. Why do dogs like fence lines so much? Anyway, it was delightful!

And look what I discovered! A little-tiny tree is growing out of the old stump. If you haven't spent a little time in the shade of the park, with or without a pet, you really should. Sacred

ground. We are so blessed. Spread the Word (take a flyer to a local business!)

Next week, Hickman will be holding one of their three camps. If you come around, you will see little ones running back and forth between Wade-Dalton and their classrooms. All day, all week.

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

Peace be with you!  
Nancy

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

**Sunday, June 4, following Sunday Eucharist** – Bishop Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, June 7, 5:30 pm** – First Wednesday Eucharist in Mary Chapel

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

**Sunday, June 4 and 11** Welcome Danny Jack back to the organ for these two Sundays as Cynthia takes some well-deserved time off to be with her family.

## 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

We will be sorting/packing food for distribution to area food pantries. The Volunteer Center is comfortable, air-conditioned, and activities are very well organized.

Children as young as 8 are welcome to participate.

**Sign up by June 4.** 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





**With Lewis Carrs' surgery scheduled in June, 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 20 (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.

## 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, home bound 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.

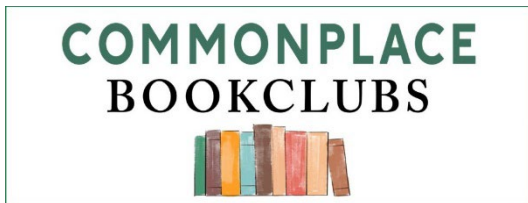
### **WE NEED HELP from you!**

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. [Click here](#) to access the form to complete at any time.
2. **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.



**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.

A BOOK RELEASE WITH  
*Father Nathan Carr*

COMMONPLACE  
MIDTOWN OKC

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

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1325 N. WALKER AVE. OKC, OK 73103

Tuesday, June 13th

6-8pm  
Come and Go  
*with words  
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A portrait of Fr. Nathan Carr, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a blue blazer over a light-colored shirt, sitting in a chair with a floral arrangement in the background.



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.**

### **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.

