

Sassy Saturday, July 22, 2023

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



Blink your eyes and the summer is almost gone. And, it hasn't been a bad summer. As we look at all that is happening in our world - extreme heat, flooding, tornadoes everywhere, fires and smoke in our major cities - we have to admit that our central Oklahoma summer hasn't been so bad. I mean, comparatively speaking. So why am I so excited for the fall ahead of us?

Well, in case you haven't heard, we are fixin' to have another growth spurt! If all goes according to plan, we will begin hosting a hybrid homeschool program in our school annex. Plans have and are coming together quickly to see the school open in late August. Once this happens, this place just might explode with learning, wondering, fun, laughter, and probably some shenanigans. I can't wait. And, of course, the Hickman Music School is preparing for their third year at St. John's.

This week, we also started planning for Fall activities for our members and surrounding community. Sunday School will be starting with some exciting programming, ministries will go into full gear after our Fall Ministry Kick-Off Party, we will launch a new online membership directory, the choir will be back, and we will have a special evensong and reception this fall to recognize and thank the choir for sharing their beautiful voices with us throughout the year. And, of course, some of our acolytes will be heading to DC for the National Acolyte Festival, for the first time since before the pandemic.

And we are still waiting with bated breath to hear about our next phase of development of the St. John's Park along the north side of the property. So, roll up your sleeves and get ready to

be an active part of the life of our loving community of hope and faith. You won't want to miss out on a thing.

Here is your bulletin for this Sunday. Hope to see you in the pews this weekend.

Peace be with you! Nancy

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

Remaining Wednesdays in July at 5:30 pm – Evening Prayer in Mary Chapel
Choir is on hiatus until September.

Sunday, July 23, following service - Bishop's Committee Meeting
Saturday, July 29th, all day - OKC Obedience Training Club Novice Competition



It's time to get rid of all that stuff you've been tripping over. Throughout the month of July, St. John's will be collecting items for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled. The OKFD is a not-for-profit social services organization established in 1960 that provides high-quality and activity-oriented adult day health services for adults with specialized developmental needs in central Oklahoma. They collect used items for resale at their thrift store. Items include clothing, appliances, furniture, household items, etc. Please bring your items on Sunday to be stored in Room 2 of the school building, just inside the double blue doors on the left. Listen for instructions during Lisa's remarks on Sunday morning.

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 during the first week of August.





JULY 28TH @ 6PM | GRACE CHURCH YUKON











OKC Improv performing at Grace Church (600 N. Mustang Rd. - Yukon)

Friday, July 28th

to raise money for **Magdalene House** a nonprofit organization that creates a home for women survivors, helping them heal and rebuild their lives. Grace Church will be catering a taco bar for dinner beginning at 6:00pm. Beverages provided by Coop Ale Works. Improv show starts at 7:00pm.

The show is family friendly and accessible for any age. Childcare is available for children 5 and under.

Purchase Tickets Here









National Acolyte Festival - a look back to four years ago.

As we prepare for our 7th trip to the National Acolyte Festival in October, we thought it might be fun to re-visit the one four years ago, the last one before Covid shut everything down! 2019 was special, because we were asked to provide one of the readers for the service; our name was one of the 20 drawn to build a column for the Lego replica of the National Cathedral, and the Cathedral showcased us in procession on its webpage that evening! So, with no further ado, enjoy the pictures!

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.

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.

