



St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Saturday News Special - January 27, 2024



I don't even know where to begin. I feel like I've been gone for months yet, it has even been a month, This knee replacement and recovery has been a most humbling experience. I have been honored to receive, and so grateful for, so much love, so many prayers, food deliveries, medication pick ups and visits from so many of you - with encouraging words, hugs, and patience as my emotions poured out. I have felt all the love and prayers deep in my heart. Literally. The St John's family is unique and I am grateful for all my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you all. I miss you and I love you.

According to my physical therapist, I was in very good shape having worked out for some months before. I was so grateful that it worked out as I thought it would. I had planned to be back in the office starting next Tuesday, Jan 30, rearing to go - but so much for that idea! I will not be in the office this week but hope to ease my way back to work the week of Feb 4, starting with Acolyte Sunday and the Johnnies gathering.

In the meantime, thanks to Cherie Tompkins, Areta Carr and Pat Riden for filling in as needed. I think that Cherie and Pat will continue to open the office on Wednesday (Cherie) and Friday (Pat) mornings for a while. At first, I may just be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays and continue working from home as well.

Enough about me. Since I have been gone there has been a lot of activity at St John's. As you will notice on Sunday, Jan 28, the carpet wasn't installed as planned due to the weather at the beginning of the week. But we should see it in place next Sunday as it appears that it will be a good weather week.

The **Annual Meeting tomorrow** will be an informative community event that we hope all will attend. This meeting offers an opportunity to recap the past year and learn of plans for the upcoming year. Fried chicken and waffles will be provided by the Bishop's Committee - **Please**

bring a favorite salad, side or dessert to share. [Here is the Annual Report for FY 2023](#) for your quick review before we meet. We will be electing new BC members, a new clerk of the BC (secretary), and delegates to the convention.

The **Lenten season will begin on Ash Wednesday, with an evening Eucharist at 7:00 in the Nave.** I have provided a calendar for Lenten activities below - always subject to change(s). But this will give you the basic dates and events to put on your calendar. Easter is early this year - March 31.

Here is your [service bulletin](#) for the week. Hope to see you in church very soon!

God Bless You,
Nancy



ACOLYTE SUNDAY

We are "kicking it up a notch" for Acolyte Sunday 2024. Following the service, which includes the Commissioning and Recognition of the Acolytes, we will reconvene at Johnnies Grill on Britton Road for our 2nd quarterly St John's Lunch Gathering.

 FEBRUARY 4, 2024

 10:15 SERVICE; 11:30 LUNCH

 JOHNNIES, 2652 W BRITTON RD

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!





Last year's distribution of handmade Valentines to homebound and widowed members of St John's brought joy and meant a great deal to those in receipt. So, Young Families, you will get out the colored paper, glitter, markers and all other art supplies and **make Valentines cards once again on Saturday, Feb 11 at 4:30 pm. RSVP to Candace Baxendale.**



It's time to start donating to **Teachers' Toolbox** again. As they begin their new year, they are in need of **Crayons, Crayola Markers, Expo Markers (dry erase) and glue sticks**. There is a bin in the Narthex ready for your donations. Thank you for all you do for our local students!



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 and help us with this project.

