

THE EVANGELIST

Summer 2024



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SUMMER GREETINGS!


I'm excited to say that I have gotten to the halfway mark of my Masters in Sacred Theology! This July, I attended a class where we learned how the Old Testament uses the book of Genesis in obvious and subtle ways. I usually lead Bible studies here at Saint John's, so it was an absolute pleasure to sit and be a student. I'm grateful that our robust ministry here allows me such an enriching opportunity. As memorable as class time with Fr. Bott was, one moment in chapel stood out to me more than any other from that week in study. Every day, twice a day, students and faculty are meant to be in chapel for the morning Eucharist and Evensong. On Thursday evenings, the Chapel of St. Mary at Nashotah House offers a Solemn High Eucharist with all the smells and bells the community can muster. That Thursday, as the Gospel lesson was read, I just happened to be in the right part of the room to catch the summer evening sun playing with the rising smoke of the incense. The light poured in from the north windows of the chapel, especially through the St. Michael window I used to look at every day in seminary. As the smoke caught the airflow of the room, it curled and wound its way upward as it gathered in the vault of the chapel ceiling, dissipating mysteriously as the thurible lightly swung.



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

I've seen this sort of thing dozens of times, even when we've used incense here at our beloved parish. But that evening in the heat of a Wisconsin summer, my heart and mind were particularly open to the symbolism emanating in real-time from the brass censor. After all, the billowing smoke of incense represents the prayers and worship of the gathered people of God, a theme we find throughout the entire Bible. But incense smoke also evokes the Bible's descriptions of the weighty presence of God; in Hebrew, the *kavod*, in Greek *doxa*. So that evening I was particularly aware of the great honor of my sitting in God's presence, grateful to Christ that in and through him I can "with boldness approach the throne of grace" to "receive mercy and find grace in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

My friends, I pray as summer winds down, when vacations end, and rhythms return to a normal cadence, that you might also be caught in a moment of wonder before God's holy presence, folded into his loving care, and inspired towards the greater love Christ bears in us. As you yourself approach the throne of grace, please keep our beloved parish in your prayers, especially all the great things God is doing in and among us. And, of course, pray for me, a sinner.

Your brother, 

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am very excited to announce that Saint John's will honor the initial contributors to our new Endowment. We are planning a special dinner celebration in August. If you have already made your planned giving or anticipate doing so, please mark your calendar and contact Debbie at Saint John's. We can then communicate the details with you further. I can tell you that this will be a wonderful and exciting night.

William Chevallier



GARDENS & GROUNDS NEWS

The summer heat has arrived. I am very grateful to the volunteers who have stepped up in my absence to help on the church grounds. Dian Peacock, Nick Bradford, Charles Sublett, Amanda Storms, Barbara Burke, and Doug Crews have been especially helpful. The new Kwansan cherry trees are healthy and must be watered twice a week during the heat of the summer.

I am excited about plans for the fall season. Bulbs will arrive in mid-September. Completion of my plans for the Narthex area will be accomplished. Evergreen trees will be planted on the south lawn, which will help obscure air handler equipment. Our church building is a uniquely beautiful example of old English architecture, and the grounds must complement it and, most importantly, our worship within and service to our members and community.

Sincerely, *Mike Reif*

*Grateful
and
Thankful*



BISHOP VISIT: RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR

The Bishop is moseying into town for our next big event! So, put on your Boots and get down to your Roots at our next Annual Rally Day & Ministry Fair, partners! Folks from the parish, the neighborhood, and new visitors are all invited to this hootenanny following the 10 am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 15.

There'll be something for everyone to reckon, chow down on, and have a grand ol' time! Yeehaw!

RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR PREP

If your ministry or group would like a table, RSVP to Amanda at astorms@sjtulsa.org or call the office at 918-742-7381 to secure your spot. Please note that we require someone to be present at every group table.

I am also seeking volunteers to help plan and set up! If you are interested in helping with this event, please reach out!

Thank you! *Amanda Storms*

YOU ARE INVITED
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TO THE ANNUAL
RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR
BRING A GUEST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM
★ ★ ★
GAMES & SNOWBALL
FIGHTS FOR THE KIDS.
BBQ, SNOW CONES,
RAFFLES, PRIZES,
FELLOWSHIP, & MORE!

Wednesday Evening Formation - Our Wednesday evening classes will continue as they begin their deep dive into the story of Joseph. Join us in the Common Room at 6:30 pm.

Sunday Morning Formation - Our Sunday morning formation is at 9 am in the Common Room. Join us to hear about various subjects, including the Old Testament, Church History, and why we do things the way we do them.

Dead Theologians' Society – Our Dead Theologians' Society group meets in two sections, alternating Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am, and Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm the following week. We will continue reading St. Augustine's Enchiridion on *Faith, Hope, and Love*. Keep an eye on our Church E-News to see where we are meeting. If you wish to join, please reach out to Zach Malavolti.

Iron Gate – Our church has a volunteer crew that serves at Iron Gate on the first Saturday of every month. Iron Gate is a feeding ministry located in downtown Tulsa, and it aims to provide food and housing assistance to our neighbors who are experiencing insecurity in those areas. Our team gathers at Iron Gate at 8 am and serves until 10:30 am. We would love to have you join us on the first Saturday of August. If you're interested in being a part of our team, please send an email to jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Young Adult Pool Party – Our Young Adults will have their annual pool party on August 23. Please let Zach and Joshua know if you want to attend!

Josh Corsaro



VBS Water Day – On Friday, July 26, from 9 am to 12:00 pm, all children are welcome to join us for a water day! We will have water slides, an obstacle course, splash pads, water balloons, and a cookout! If you want to join in this fun event, show up, and don't forget to bring clothes, you can get wet in!

VBS Sunday – On Sunday, July 28, we will have our VBS Sunday! Kids who participated in VBS will sing an anthem at the 10 am service, and we will have activities on the lawn, including a snowball fight! You won't want to miss this.

Sunday Morning Formation meets in Powell Hall on Sundays following the 10 am service. If you would like more information, please visit our website: sjtulsa.org.

Nursery Care is every Sunday! Our nursery team is ready to welcome your children ages 0 – 4 starting at 9 am. The nursery is in Fox Library.

Children's Chapel is for PreK through 5th grade and meets on Sundays at 10 am, in Powell Hall. We'd love to see you there!

Youth Group and Kids' Night – Summer is here, and we have a lot of fun nights planned for all who meet with us on Wednesdays. Here are the remaining days we will meet throughout the summer:

- July 31
- August 7 & 21

Acolytes – Are you or your children interested in helping during the Sunday services? Then join the Acolytes! Our Acolytes are a group of children, teens, and adults who help in multiple roles throughout the service. Acolytes are allowed to start as early as eight years old! If you are interested, speak to Josh for more information.

Back to School Blessing – Save the date! August 18 marks our Back to School Blessing! During the announcements Father David will bless the backpacks of any student. Following the service, we will have some fun games and food for the kids. You won't want to miss this.

Josh Corsaro

Choristers - Our Choristers program is on summer break. They will resume their practices on September 18.

Dr. Zach Malavolti

MY SOUL IS ATHIRST FOR GOD. - PSALM 42:2

MUSIC NEWS

MATRICULATION SERVICE & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Please join us at 5:30 on Sunday, September 22, for the commission during the Evensong Service. Reception to follow. *Dr. Zach Malivalti*

OUTREACH

Because of your generosity, Outreach is taking a break this summer and will not be asking for donations at this time. We will be back in full force in September when school starts, and the children will need assistance with school supplies and snacks.

Until September... *Janice Ingle*

THE PRAYERS & SQUARES

If you know someone going through medical challenges who could use a comforting quilt and heartfelt prayers, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our only requirement is that the recipient agree to receive their quilt along with the prayers that come with it.

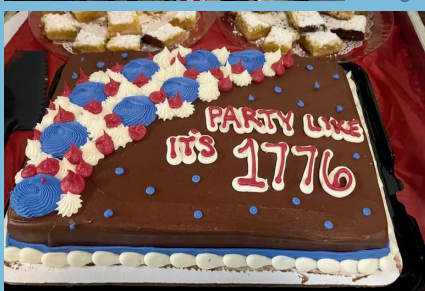
To request a quilt, please email Landrum.peggy@yahoo.com and provide enough detail to help us choose an appropriate quilt for the recipient and enough information to be included in the Sunday bulletin. *Peggy Landrum*

MATRICULATION SERVICE
& VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION NIGHT

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Sunday, September 22, for the
commission during the Evensong Service.
Reception to follow.

Thank You!

4TH OF JULY!



Need a
Prayer Quilt?

Contact Peggy Landrum at
landrum.peggy@yahoo.com

Prayers & Squares
The Prayer Quilt Ministry

**Saint John's Gift Shop
Christmas In July Sale**

JOIN US JULY 26-28 FOR 40% OFF THE
ENTIRE ST. JOHN GIFT SHOP!
CHRISTMAS ITEMS WILL BE UP TO 75%
OFF.

WE WILL BE OPEN JULY 26 FROM
9:00-11:00 AND JULY 28 FROM
9:00-12:30 WITH LIGHT SNACKS!

The Daily Office

You are invited to join us every weekday
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. as we pray.

HOSPITALITY NEWS

A huge thank you to the Hospitality Teams for kicking off Vacation Bible School with their special Sunday Snacks on July 21st!

The Hospitality Team welcomes anyone interested in helping with Sunday Snacks. Our enthusiastic and creative teams bring delicious food to share and create an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and hospitality. We enjoy one another and bond with our shared vision of providing warm hospitality at Saint John's. Want to learn more? Call, text or email Kathleen Moss: Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881.

Kathleen Moss

ST. BARBARA'S GUILD

St. Barbara's Guild is a group of women dedicated to the study of the Bible, service projects, fellowship, and support of each other, and Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM in the Common Room. Bring a sack lunch and your Bible. Beverages of water and coffee are provided. **St. Barbara's Guild will NOT be meeting over the summer months of June, July, and August.**

Join us on September 19th at 11:00 am in the Common Room. We will continue our Bible Study of the book of Esther with Father David.

Want to learn more about St Barbara's Guild? Contact: Kathleen Moss – 918-633-8881 by phone or text. Join us! *Kathleen Moss*

LEM

We are looking for volunteers to be LEM-Lay Eucharist Ministers at our church. This role involves reading the lessons, sharing the cup during Communion, and helping at the altar to prepare Communion. It's a special way of sharing God's words and Jesus's life.

Please let the office or me know if you're interested in exploring this opportunity. We always welcome new volunteers, and your help would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Diana Carter in the office or Lynn Kimmel at 862-202-9874 or Lynnkimmel71@gmail.com.

Thank you for being a part of the Saint John's family. We hope to hear from you soon! *Lynn Kimmel*

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING are taking a much-needed break for the summer.

However, we still meet monthly for our birthday card project.

We will begin in July to do the required training for membership in the order. Please call Sharon Bell at 918-625-4940 if you would like to learn more about these classes.

We continue to pray daily for the clergy and congregation of Saint John's. **Our next meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 10:00,** where we will plan Sunday meals for hospitality and for Rally Day.

The Daughters are open to all who might be interested in our mission and organization. If you have questions, please ask a Daughter!

Sharon Bell



Milestones

July Birthdays

- 1 Joanne Dove
Leanne Barlow
Tom McCartney
Steve Spavital
Josh Westbrook
- 3 Lori Frazee
Russ Lawson
- 4 Christine Sharp-Crowe
- 5 Connor Phipps
Barrett Prather
- 6 Joci Lake
Cheryl Melton
Margaret Parker
- 7 Wes Kaefer
- 8 Beverly Edwards
Karen Garren
Debbie Hensley
Karen Jones
- 9 Bonnie Arnold
David Graves
- 10 Tina Spavital
- 12 Timothy Clark
Susan Veltman
- 13 Madelyn Dalton
- 15 Kent Campbell
Doug Crews
Eric Estes
- 16 Joel Burkhardt
Julia Gold
Pete Wallace
- 17 Donald Sackett
- 18 Alicia Baum
Clinton Gillingham
Tyler Moore
- 19 Debbie Luthey
- 20 Anne Burlingame
Priscilla Tate
- 21 Cynthia Marlow
Janice Steil
- 23 Peggy Landrum
- 24 Bob DeLay
Susan Johnson
- 25 Marsha Gulick
- 29 Greg Griffin
Nancy Phillips
- 30 Claudia Gorbet
Todd Hensley
Terri Tacker
- 31 George Jones

Passings

- June 5
Jim Maske
- June 21
Steve Collinson

BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

Troop 153 has a strong focus on training young men to be the leaders of tomorrow. Recently we have had multiple scouts take advantage of some excellent leadership training opportunities. We are also proud to have older scouts serving as leadership for these courses.

Our local council offers a 4 day course called Pine Tree at Mabee Scout Reservation near Locust Grove. We had 8 scouts attend this course and 2 serve on staff.

National Youth Leadership Training is a 6 day course offered in many councils all over the country. We had 7 scouts attend NYLT at Camp McClintock, near Bartlesville, and 4 serve on staff, including the course leader. This was an exciting opportunity for all who participated as this was the very first year this course was offered in the Cherokee Area Council. We also had 3 scouts attend NYLT at Mabee Scout Reservation near Locust Grove.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience is a 6 day course offered at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico or Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. We have 3 scouts attending a course this summer and 4 scouts on staff, including 2 course leaders.

Summer means summer camp and we had 20 scouts and 5 adults attend Camp Arrowhead near Marshfield Missouri. Our younger scouts worked on some serious advancement and knocked out tough merit badges. It was also a great week of fun memory making with swimming, biking, boating, hammocks, fishing, ice cream treats, and friends. They came home with stinky socks, bug bites and stories to share. *Carolyn Davis*



Milestones

Aug. Birthdays

- 1 Karen McCartney
Mary Spangler
- 2 Janice Bidgood
Jace Pavlik
- 3 Tyler Breaux
Teresa Burkett
Mary Elsa Hocker
Ryan Redinger
Tim Wilson
- 4 Donna Allison
Mary Deisenroth
Donald Wyrick
- 6 Paula Bryant
Barbara McFall
Dona Morris
Etta Walker
- 7 Kathy O'Kelley
- 8 James Blanton
Phyllis Dotson
Janice Ingle
- 9 Leigh Chevallier
Cathleen Griffin
- 10 Dan Prathe
Christopher Short
- 12 Leah Burkhardt
Keith Clark
Natalie Fischer
Babs Harrill
Tony Jezek
David Smith
- 13 Gerene Adwon
- 14 Dave Collins
- 15 Julie Allen
Corbin Boston
Abby Kurin
Parker Souter
Lori Van Allen
Amy Young
- 16 Deane Oven
- 17 Anson Pohl
- 18 Justin Gassaway
Kay Owens
- 20 Candace Merifield,
- 21 Joe Gold
Kimberly Souter
- 22 Rick Ballard
Ashton Pohl
Whitney Westbrook
- 23 John Byers
- 24 Tyler Farquharson
- 25 Diana Carter
Carolyn Hart
- 26 Linda Wilson
- 27 Barbara Van Hanken
- 28 Peggy Schroedter
- 30 Anne Eidson
Glen Gravender
- 31 George Marchetti
Jesse Pavlik

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC 2024



Save the date!
Next Charity Golf Classic - June 7th, 2025



Grab your boots and pearl snaps! Following the heel steps of the most important, most successful Western Days ever, we are gearing up for another ride! Join us for Western Days 2024 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, as we GO WEST! The Discovery

For 64 years, Saint Simeon's has pushed senior care with big and bold ideas. Thank you for continuing to support this big, beautiful organization. Due to your generosity and support, we can continue providing compassionate care, the best in senior care practices, technology-enhanced therapies, innovative training, and exceptional hospitality.

As in years past, gifts to Western Days support Saint Simeon's Foundation's mission to enhance through philanthropy and stewardship the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of the Residents of Saint Simeon's and their families.

You can register online by visiting <https://saintsimeons.org/foundation/western-days/>

Should you have any questions, please get in touch with Tyler Davis, Executive Director of Saint Simeon's Foundation, at (918) 794-1977 or tylerdavis@saintsimeons.org

We have a special offer for local Episcopal congregations. If you purchase a Western Days table sponsorship (\$3,000), you will receive a second table for FREE. Each table seats 8 individuals.



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