

# THE EVANGELIST

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As 2024 came to a close, I came across one very interesting data point. As reported across news media outlets, new sales of the Bible were up by 22%. Apparently, this rise in Bible sales is among first-time purchasers. I'm sure each author that has reported on this story has offered some commentary and context on this phenomenon, and as such the reporting very likely creates something of a spiritual Rorschach test as people figure out what to make of so many people buying Bibles. For my part, I'd say an increase of Bible sales runs alongside my own observation of an increase of genuine curiosity with the Bible, especially among people under the age of 50. In the past couple of years I have found myself in many conversations about the Bible in a wide range of settings, to say nothing of my work among you as a Bible teacher at Saint John's. Still, I was surprised (and delighted) by the idea that there are so many new readers of Scripture. I hope some of those owners of fresh Bibles come to be among us soon!

Perhaps in reading this, you have received a new copy of the Bible or perhaps you're experiencing a renewed curiosity about the text. I can definitely relate. My own affection for and interest in the Scriptures has also seen a major increase since 2019 or so. Perhaps you'd like to learn more about the Bible, but you're intimidated by such a huge project as reading it. Again, I can relate! I'm fond of saying that the Bible is a big place, and even after so many years as a reader, pastor, and even scholar, I find that the more I learn, the bigger (and cooler) it seems. However 2025 finds you and your Bible, I thought I'd offer some quick tips as you join that extra 22% diving in to the Book.

Take off some Pressure: No one is asking you to give an explanation for some of the more difficult texts of the Bible. Having lots of questions is totally fine and not having an answer all the time actually leads to spiritual (and intellectual) humility. In fact, maybe don't jump in the deep end without some help! Go ahead and start with a Gospel or two and learn to read the Old Testament with Jesus as your guide.

Read in Community: Reading the Bible at home or on your phone is an amazing gift! You should do it! But the more we learn about ancient Bible-reading, the more we realize that people have always read the Bible along with their brothers and sisters and with some helpful insight from teachers. I am honored to formally have that role as a priest, and teaching the Bible is among my favorite things to do. Come join a Bible Study and read along with us!

Enjoy some helps: There are lots of great resources out there even at a beginner level. My favorite resource is BibleProject, and we've used their resources many times at church. Their podcast and YouTube videos are all world class. Please feel free to ask one of us on your pastoral staff what we enjoy as part of our Bible-reading!

I hope that's helpful! I'm looking forward to reading Scripture with you as we serve together at our amazing parish of Saint John's!

Your brother,



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

# TREASURER'S REPORT

On Thursday, August 22nd, Saint John's recognized contributors to the Endowment with a wonderful dinner celebration at Southern Hills Country Club. We were so excited to announce that Saint John's has received its initial endowment contribution. Along with the initial contributions, we recognized and celebrated several families that have named Saint John's Episcopal Endowment in their estate planning through planned giving.

I have discussed planned giving in previous newsletters.

Planned gifts are contributions made as a result of a process to choose the most appropriate gift for the most important purpose in the most advantageous time frame for the donor, the Church, and the donor's heirs.

The real question is, "What do I want my legacy to be?" What is most important to you? What values have you lived by during your life? What have you learned that you want others to emulate?

Not only does planned giving represent the opportunity to provide long-term support to Saint John's, but it also gives donors a chance to establish a legacy. Planned giving provides an opportunity to leave a major gift that may not have been possible in a donor's lifetime due to financial commitments.

We plan for this celebration to be an annual event to honor past and new contributors to Saint John's Endowment.

*Bill Chevallier*

# MUSIC NEWS

On Friday, January 24th, at 7:30 pm, Saint John's will host a special performance to celebrate the reinstallation of the Grand Organ of Notre Dame. The evening will feature music composed by the organists at Notre Dame de Paris. The centerpiece will be a performance of Louis Vierne's Messe Solennelle featuring Hank Carrillo and Dr. Michael Bedford playing both of our organs simultaneously. The choir will be conducted by our own Kaycee Logsdon, who is the Assistant Artistic Director of the Tulsa Chorale and will lead their Chamber Singers. Local organists Casey Cantwell, Karen Rich, and Ron Pearson will also perform other works composed by organists of Notre Dame.

*Dr. Zach Malavolti*

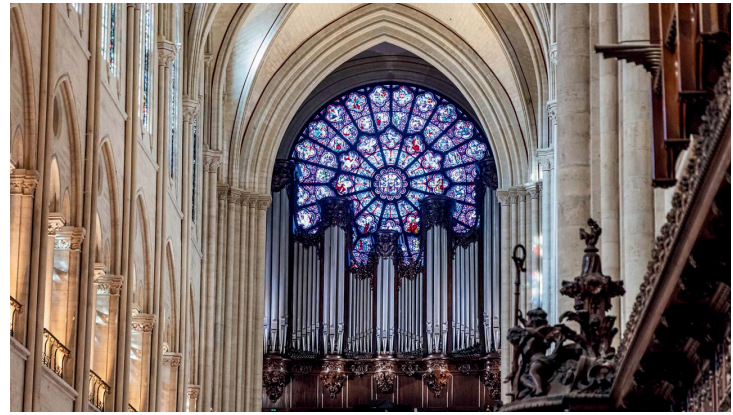


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**Christmas Pageant** - Being a part of our Christmas Pageant was so fun, and I really wish to thank all those who volunteered to put on this event, especially Christy Thames, Meray Boustani, Amanda Floyd, Nick Bradford, Whitney Bergquist, and Grace Randolph. Their contribution and dedication really helped this become a wonderful event for youth and families at Saint John's Church. Please give them a huge thank you if you see them around!

*Josh Corsaro*



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

**Parents Night Out!** - Hello, wonderful parents and families! We're excited to let you know that on February 14, our church will be open for childcare from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and we'd love to welcome kids of all ages!

We'll have a fun evening planned with dinner, engaging activities, and some great board games. If you wish to sign up your child, please reach out to Joshua Corsaro and let us know if your child has any dietary restrictions. We wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day!

**Sunday Morning Formation** - Sunday Morning Formation will resume on January 12th following the 10 am service. This group will meet downstairs in the classrooms, and we will go over a new Storymakers Adventure! Feel free to let your children grab a snack from the Common Room as they make their way to the basement!

**Acolyte Recruiting** - Acolyte Training - On February 2 we will have an acolyte training following the 10 am service in the church nave. This training will be for both new and old acolytes, so if you or your child are considering being an acolyte, please feel free to join! Children can become acolytes as early as 8 years old. If you have any questions please reach out to David Stibbs at [dstibbs@sjtulsa.org](mailto:dstibbs@sjtulsa.org).



### CHORISTERS Wednesdays at 5:30 pm



**For kids  
2nd grade and up!**



### SAINT JOHN'S KIDS' NIGHT JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6 - 7:30 PM



**DINNER, GAMES, & BIBLE STUDY!**

**Dear Families at Saint John's Episcopal Church,** With the construction finished in the church basement, we are soft-opening our basement for all Children's Ministry activities. For all activities, please ask staff or volunteers to direct you to the new location, and feel free to look around and enjoy our new, transformed space. We are so excited to begin utilizing this space, and we look forward to seeing you downstairs!

**Nursery Care is every Sunday!** Our nursery team is ready to welcome your children ages 0 - 4 starting at 9 am.

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

**Kids' Night and Youth Group** - Youth Group and Kids' Night will resume meeting on January 8 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We will have dinner, Bible study, and games/activities. Our Youth Group will be going through the letter from James and our Kids' Night will explore the significance of Epiphany. We look forward to meeting again! *Josh Corsaro*

**Choristers** - Choristers will resume rehearsals on January 8 at 5:30 pm in the choir room. This group is open to children in 2nd through 12th grade, and they will be preparing songs for Easter. If you were not part of the Choristers last semester, we would love for you to join! For more information, please contact Zach or Hank. *Dr. Zach Malavolti*

**THE DAILY OFFICE**  
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US EVERY WEEKDAY  
AT 8:30 AM AND 5:30 PM AS WE PRAY.

# HOSPITALITY NEWS

**Our Hospitality Team Vision** - To provide a space of fellowship and delicious food that nourishes the body and spirit through Christian love and generosity.

**Become A Member of A Fun Team** - The Hospitality Team welcomes anyone who is 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*



## LEM

We are seeking volunteers to serve as LEM-Lay Eucharistic Ministers at our church. This vital role includes reading lessons, sharing the cup during Communion, and assisting at the altar. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated!

If you're interested, please contact Diana Carter in the office or Lynn Kimmel at 862-202-9874 or Lynnkimmel71@gmail.com. Thank you for being part of the Saint John's family - we look forward to hearing from you!

*Lynn Kimmel*

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters hosted a special Christmas lunch for the Saint John's Staff on December 4th in appreciation of everything they do.



*Sharon Bell*

## 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.

Want to learn more about St. Barbara's Guild? Call, text, or email Kathleen Moss: Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881. **Join us!**

*Kathleen Moss*

*The Lord is on my side, therefore I will not fear; what can anyone do to me? ~Psalm 118:6*

We will meet on January 16th at 11:00 am in the Common Room. We will continue our Bible Study of the book of Esther with Father David. Bring your lunch and after our meeting we will continue our Pew Partners Service Project.

## OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone for a successful year. Through your gifts and generosity, we spread God's love throughout our community. In November and December, we filled Thanksgiving baskets and provided Christmas gifts to elementary children, and children from Emergency Infant Services received new toys. What a joyous season we had!

January brings cold weather to Tulsa, and children need winter coats to brave the frigid temperatures and winds. Please help us collect winter coats, sizes 5-14, for our children to wear. Sam's on Sheridan at 46th St. has children's puffer coats for \$19.99. Great prices! A rack is in the Common Room for your gifts.

As always, your kindness continues to better a child's life every day. And Saint John's mission of spreading God's love prevails in our community.

Thank you! *Janice Ingle*

## THE GIFT & BOOK SHOP

Happy New Year from The Gift & Bookstore!

Start the year with great deals! We're offering discounts on our remaining Thanksgiving and Christmas items, while supplies last.

Be sure to check out our fresh arrivals, including unique jewelry, Michel soaps, and fun gifts for the kids—perfect for any occasion! And don't forget that Valentine's Day is right around the corner! ❤️

We'd love to see you soon! We're open on Sundays from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. *Whitney Moss*

*Happy New Year!*

# OUTREACH COAT DRIVE

Help a child in need  
with new a coat!

SIZES NEEDED FOR  
BOYS AND GIRLS:  
5 - 14



## CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC



*Save The Date!*

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW**

**CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC  
JUNE 7TH, 2025**

*Battle Creek Golf Club*



Join Us on  
February 2nd for the  
Feast of the Presentation  
of the Lord.

Holy Eucharist at  
8:00 am  
& 10:00 am  
Tamale Feast after the  
10 am service.

Solemn  
Eucharist  
at 5:30 pm



# ADULT FORMATION & ACTIVITIES

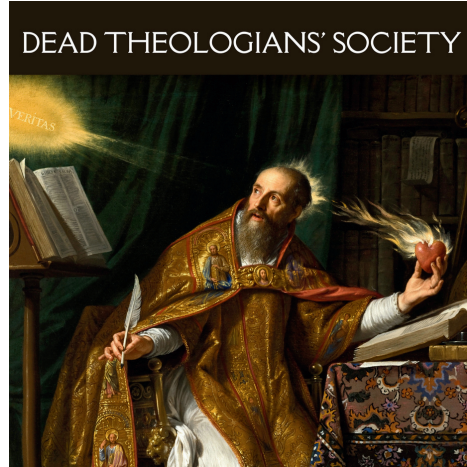
**Wednesday Night Bible Study** - Fr. David leads a Bible Study following our Wednesday Eucharist. This month, the Wednesday class will continue working through the Book of Exodus. It's a great time to jump in with us!

**Iron Gate** - Our volunteer team gathers at Iron Gate at 8 am and serves until 10:30 am. Iron Gate is a feeding ministry located in downtown Tulsa. Iron Gate aims to provide assistance to our neighbors who are experiencing food and housing insecurity. We would love you to join us on the first Saturday of February. If you're interested in being a part of our team, please send an email to [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org).

**Dead Theologians' Society** - The Dead Theologians' Society (DTS) meets on either Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am or Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm. As we prepare for new meeting spaces at the parish, we'll meet at church after the Daily Office. If you wish to learn more about the early church fathers, please feel free to join us!

**The Rector's Forum** - At 9:00 am on Sundays Dr. William Lyons will lead us in a study of the Prophetic books of the Old Testament.

**Young Adult Events** - On February 22 we would like to invite all our young adults to go to A&R Axe Throwing. We will meet at 5:00 pm, and we will have dinner and a reserved lane. If you are interested in joining please reach out to Hank Carrillo or Joshua Corsaro.



# PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY



## Milestones

### Passings

- 10/19 Marvin Hockenson
- 11/24 Barbara Reidy

### December Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Daniel
- 2 Judy Moore
- 3 Meredith Anquoe  
Meray Boustani  
Julio Diaz
- 4 Kristine Taylor
- 5 David Shorten  
Cheryl Waldeck  
Mickey Wilson
- 6 Julia Phillips
- 7 Robert Gambill  
Judy Harris  
Dianne Schooley
- 8 Hillary Cinocca  
Penny Johnston
- 9 Judy Carroll
- 10 Edith Coen  
Bud Maguire  
Brad Williams
- 11 Gentry Ballard  
Robert Coon  
Ellen Prather  
Rowan Shores
- 12 Betsy Blue  
Christine Ford  
Natalie Gillett  
Dorian Kurin
- 13 Marilyn Morris
- 14 Kellen Kappers  
Jennifer Parker
- 15 Jimmy Cox  
Lane Duel  
Ellie Floyd
- 16 Martha Brown  
Tommi Cox-Phipps  
Terri Dunbar  
Pat Elsberry  
Toni Rizley  
Michael Vestal
- 17 Jason Smith
- 18 Bob Burlingame
- 19 Adrienne Ed  
Jeff Slatterly  
Fred Stowell
- 20 Ann Maske
- 21 Dwayne Edwards  
Gene Melton
- 22 Leah Eckenwiler
- 24 Jennifer Smith
- 25 George Dotson  
Daphne Wise
- 26 Charlene Fabian  
Mark Gulick
- 27 Bill Chevallier  
Steve Lake
- 29 Linda Farquharson  
Justin Hart
- 31 Linda Barnum  
Wythe Dodson  
Carolyn Shorten  
Eva Sabo

## Milestones

### Births

Robert W Baker, V  
Grandson of Robert Baker, III  
and Grace Randolph

### January Birthdays

- 1 Jenna Byers,  
Tammie Kolker  
Glenda McHenry  
Michael Morrison  
Michael O'Shea
- 2 Dutch Prather
- 3 Bradford Cummings  
George Lyons  
Zach Malavolti
- 4 Jon Cinocca
- 6 Jack Coon
- 7 Linda McAninch
- 8 Jim Mulcahy
- 9 Clark Phipps  
Nancy Westfall
- 10 Anne Gillingham  
Jan Schweiger
- 11 Conor Cummings
- 12 Nick Bradford  
June Marie Campbell  
Meghan Joiner  
Jim Landrum
- 13 Susan Lyons
- 14 Christine Payne
- 15 Melinda Billam  
Nancy Ellis
- 17 Suzanne Pierson
- 18 Debra Carder  
Emma Cinocca  
Nancy Paul  
Judy Randle
- 19 Jude Bergquist  
Bard Moss
- 20 Betty Briney  
Timothy Hager
- 22 Jerry Lee  
Harper McIntyre  
Morgan McIntyre  
Don Perry
- 23 Jo Anna Dossett  
Nathan Cinocca
- 24 Chris Osburn
- 25 Jo Farrimond
- 26 Jeanette Hughes-Willey  
Will Phipps  
Susan Slattery
- 27 Nina Lipe
- 28 Calvin Moniz
- 29 Jane Cowdery  
Gerry Reif  
Dianne Schroedter
- 30 Doug Burgess  
Susan Walker
- 31 Ellen Atkins  
Kelsey Burgess  
Owen Cowdery  
Robert Johnston  
Courtenay Tetrick

## BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

After a busy fall, Troop 153 has quieted down a bit moving into the holiday season. We just enjoyed a fun and relaxing troop campout to Sequoyah State Park near Hulbert. It is a great park to hike and bike and the Nature Center there is always a big hit!

Troop 153 was well represented at the fall Pine Tree, a local council leadership course. We had 2 scouts on staff, including the Senior Patrol Leader, and 4 scouts attending. Congratulations to our newest Pine Tree graduates! A big round of applause to those who continue to give back and serve in leadership roles.

Our troop was pleased to participate in the Trunk or Treat at St. John's. We had fun with slingshot chickens, deep fried s'mores, and of course lots of candy!

Troop meetings are often a blend of skill building and fun. Recently scouts practiced their first aid skills with a rotation of older scouts presenting with particular issues. The younger scouts had to listen to the symptoms, observe the signs, and decide on a diagnosis and treatment plan. It was fun for everyone and a good refresher on some common first aid scenarios. Another meeting this past month was an orienteering course. Because it was after time change this course was in the dark, so everyone got to practice reading a compass with a headlamp.

We currently have numerous eagle projects in progress as our scouts strive for the highest rank in Scouting. Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout, Michael Stewart!

*Carolyn Davis*



**Chili COOK-OFF**  
Friday, February 7th  
5:30 to 7:30 pm  
The Annual Troop 153/Venture Crew Scout Chili Cook-Off will be in the Common Room!

**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
Troop 153 celebrates  
Scout Sunday on Sunday, February 2nd.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE  
IN ADVANCE FROM THE SCOUTS

## PRAYERS & SQUARES

As we begin the new year, we recognize that many people are in need of prayers, and we're here to help. To request a quilt for yourself or someone else, please email your request to [landrum.peggy@yahoo.com](mailto:landrum.peggy@yahoo.com), including the recipient's name, their specific prayer need, and your contact phone number for follow-up.

The recipient must be aware they will receive a prayer quilt and the prayers that accompany it. Please submit your request by Wednesday night to ensure it is included in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you for spreading warmth and support in this new year!

*Peggy Landrum*

**NEED A PRAYER QUILT?**  
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The Prayer Quilt Ministry



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The Church Office Will Be  
Closed On  
Monday, January 20th

**BIBLE CLASS**

ON MONDAY FROM 11 TO 12  
OR  
ON WEDNESDAY FROM 11 TO 12

UPSTAIRS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM  
WITH BETH DUNKIN



Saint John's Episcopal Church

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Date To Be Announced!**

**Topic of Discussion**  
Overview of Parish Events and Financial Affairs

**Everyone is invited to attend the meeting!**

