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GREETINGS, BELOVED!

It has been an extremely busy Spring at Saint John's! So many of you came to the great pilgrimage of Holy Week which gave way to the Great Day of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This year, Easter Sunday was cloudy and rainy which made our beautiful grounds a little too muddy for an Easter egg hunt. Thankfully, our recently transfigured lower level made for the perfect venue for this year's egg finding mission. Watching kids emerge from the stairs with baskets full of little eggs was just the sort of joyous energy I needed to finish out the last services of Easter!



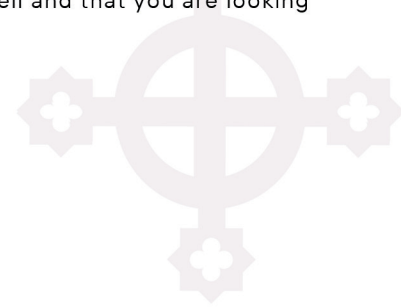
The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

In reflecting back on this year's Holy Week and Eastertide, I realized how many exciting moments of the past few weeks of ministry have included the parish children. For example, during the palm cross lesson on Palm Sunday, one of our youth started asking me very specific questions about what we know about the Church in the first and second centuries. Where did they worship? What were the early Christians like? How do we know? These are excellent questions and many books have been written across the ages to get after the answers! Sadly I did not have time to teach a seminar on the early Church (I had palm crosses to make) but I did assign the Acts of the Apostles as a great way to understand the earliest church's history as well as a google search for early Christian architecture. I'm not sure my answers on the spot fully addressed our young mind's curiosity but I was still pretty pumped that a teenager asked such superb questions about the Church's heritage.

Here's another great example. Just recently, one of our elementary schoolers was looking for something to do one morning before the 10am offering of the Holy Eucharist. Without missing a beat, Dn. Thom and David Stibbs put the young one to work as an acolyte. Wild eyed but ready to serve, it was such an absolute delight to watch this youngster learn "on the job" as we went through the course of the Sunday liturgy. It's always an honor to serve alongside the young acolytes and servers of the parish. I especially love seeing them grow in leadership skills as they progress from torch bearer to crucifer to server to thurifer. It's especially gratifying when an acolyte corrects a celebrant during a training! I've no doubt our newest liturgical servant will be helping us stay on task before too long.

It is an honor to lead a parish that takes so seriously Jesus' command to "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:14)." As I often encourage the adults in our community here, the parish is a training ground for Christian work and holiness in the world. For our kids, this is especially true and my prayer is that we would continue to take particular joy in their formation as young saints, while as older saints we open our hearts to Christ and his Kingdom with the innocence of children. I hope your spring has gone well and that you are looking forward to some rest and relaxation this coming summer!

Your brother,



TREASURER'S REPORT

Since all of our money and resources come from God in the first place, giving it back can be an act of worship. Giving back can be a real source of joy and with a proper budget plan anyone can give.

I had mentioned in my Treasurers Report that we will initiate a "Fill the Gap" campaign this spring to bridge the gap between our income and expenses of \$300,000. I am excited to report that we already have seed pledges toward fulfilling this gap. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

Our family has been members of Saint John's for over twenty years, and I have never experienced the type of positive energy and spirit that exist today. I remember some of the objectives from our Profile when we were seeking a new rector a few years ago:

- Our parish aims to reach new people, especially families with children and youth, to incorporate them into the life of the church.
- We want to provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life and thereby create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships.
- We want to improve our communication and commit to being totally transparent with all parishioners.

Amazingly, we have made huge headways toward these objectives. Recently, I was in church and noticed how many new young families were in attendance and read in the bulletin the list of opportunities for Christian education and formation. Following service, I was fortunate to experience the warm hospitality that is on display each and every Sunday. It should be everyone's personal mission to help us continue to fulfill these objectives with your financial support.

Bill Chevallier

MUSIC NEWS

Eastertide in our music department has been full and exciting. It is a joy to have our Music at Midday series back, and I hope to see you at our final recital this coming Wednesday, May 21st at noon. We also host two visiting choral ensembles this month with two evening concerts. On Friday, May 2nd at 7:30pm, The University of Tulsa's choirs performed their spring concert, under the direction of Dr. Kim Childs, with Hank as a featured guest artist. Then this coming Friday, May 23rd at 7pm, the Tulsa Chorale Chamber Singers perform under the direction of Kaycee Logsdon. Turning to our choirs, this month we featured not just our choristers on May 11th but also the music of our children's chapel on May 4th. It is a delight to collaborate with our youth and families and see so many kids singing! I have a new composition for Eastertide that will be premiered on May 25th, and we are excited to offer a special Choral Eucharist for the feast of the Ascension on May 29th, at 6pm. Finally, we are showcasing Hank's newest choral responses at every evensong throughout Eastertide and on May 18, our 5:30pm Evensong service features music entirely by all three of our staff composers (Dr. Michael Bedford, Hank, and myself). We hope to see you there!

Dr. Zach Malavetti



**Praise the LORD. Praise him with the flute:
praise him with the lyre. Praise him with
tambourine and dance: praise him with
strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding
cymbals: praise him with clanging cymbals!**
~Psalm 150:1-5

THE DAUGHTS OF THE KING

April Highlights: At our monthly meeting on April 3, we brought our Anglican Prayer beads (from our March outing at the Bead Merchant.) Fr. Carson lead us in a directed prayer session using Anglican Prayer Beads. He showed us how versatile and moving praying with beads can be.

On April 6, we hosted a cozy and delicious Baked Potato Bar. With the weather turning unexpectedly chilly, the warm baked potatoes and sweet potatoes, along with all the tasty toppings, were a big hit.

We met again on April 15th to prepare the May Birthday cards. Looking ahead, we're excited for two more upcoming prayer sessions with Fr. Carson as we journey toward the end of the program year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bell



OUTREACH

Parishioners, a job well done with offerings to Emergency Infant Services (EIS)! We have many baby wipes, diapers, receiving blankets, and formula for EIS; we are excited to take these to EIS in the name of Saint John's.

In May, New Hope prepares for Summer Camp at St. Crispins for children of imprisoned parent(s). The week-long summer camp offers these children sporting events, swimming, hiking, and other summer activities. Most children are raised by their grandparents or other relatives, and they need assistance providing camping supplies.

Help Make Summer Camp a Success!

Clothing

(Children's M & L | Adult M & L)

Swim trunks

Shorts

T-shirts

Underwear

Socks

Toiletries

Deodorant

Toothbrushes & toothpaste

Bug spray

Extras

Towels

Pool slider shoes (S, M, L)

On another note, do you have recommendations for agencies, community needs, or activities that Outreach should look into? We are open to suggestions! Email: janiceingle@me.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

The Outreach Committee will be taking a much-deserved break during June and July. We will return in August!

Janice Ingle

ADULT FORMATION & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Evening Potluck: One of the things we love to provide for our Wednesday evening programs is dinner. We wish to continue this throughout the year, and we are asking for your help. Click on the Potluck Sign-Up link in the Thursday e-news and let us know if you wish to provide and/or donate. Plan for about 10-15 people. Thank you for helping us provide the best experience for our families at Saint John's Episcopal Church, and we look forward to continuing in excellence for these programs and more. If you have questions, please reach out to Josh.

Wednesday Night: Wednesdays at Saint John's start with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm. This brief yet uplifting service might be just what you need to get through the middle of the week! In Lent, we reflected on the psalter. But as we finished Lent and headed into Eastertide, we restarted our study of the book of Exodus. We've had excellent and in-depth discussions as we read the text together. Many times, we've enjoyed the insights of our friend, Professor Matthew Delaney as he's shown us the sophistication and beauty of ancient Hebrew. Come read this important Biblical text with us!

Iron Gate – Our volunteer team gathers at Iron Gate at 8:00 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 June. If you're interested in being a part of our team, please send an email to jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Dead Theologians Society: The Dead Theologians Society (DTS) is taking a break during the summer.

The Rector's Forum – Join Dr. Lyons on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am as we explore the Old Testament together.

Bishop's Blessing of Our Transfigured Space: Wednesday, May 28th at 5:30 pm Celebrate with Us! We are delighted to invite you to a joyful evening as we give thanks and celebrate the transformation of our church basement.

We will begin with the Holy Eucharist, followed by a special blessing from the Bishop in our newly remodeled basement. This is more than a transfigured space; it's a renewal of the space where we gather, grow, and serve. Come see the beautiful changes, share in the joy, and give thanks with us.

Ascension Day: Ascension Day Celebration is Thursday, May 29th. Worship with us at 6 pm and stick around for a delicious taco feast!

Josh Corsaro



SUMMER CAMPS

NEW HOPE SUMMER CAMPS PROVIDE YOUTH WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SOCIALIZE AND ESCAPE THE STRESSORS OF DAY TO DAY LIFE. WE OFFER SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING, LITERACY, AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOUTH GAIN LIFELONG FRIENDS AND VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCK


HELP US PROVIDE MEALS FOR OUR WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS!

SIGN-UP FOR A SIDE OR MAIN DISH!

PROVIDING A MEAL FOR 10-15 PEOPLE

CONTACT JOSH TO GET INVOLVED!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Youth & Kids' Wednesday Nights: Our Kids' Night and Youth Group will move to summer hours. See visual 

VBS: This year, VBS will be July 21-25 for kids 4 years old and up! If you want to register your children, don't hesitate to get in touch with Josh or the main office. We look forward to another great summer session!

Sunday Formation follows the 10 am service and goes through noon. This month we are looking at The Ten Commandments. Feel free to let your children grab a snack from the Common Room on their way to the basement!

Calling all Acolytes! If you or your child would like to serve as an acolyte, please feel free to join! Children can start acolytes at 8 years old. If you have any questions please reach out to David Stibbs at dstibbs@sjtulsa.org.

Join us for Nursery Care every Sunday! Our wonderful nursery team can't wait to welcome your little ones, ages 0 to 4, starting at 9 am.

Children's Chapel is for PreK through 5th graders and meets on Sundays at 10 am. Join the fun - we can't wait to see you there!

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.

We will be meeting over the summer months! Join us on June 19th at 11:00 am. We will have fellowship followed by our Pew Partners Service Project, where we will clean up and replenish the information in the pews.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 am in the Common Room. Bring a sack lunch and your Bible. Water and coffee are provided.

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







Milestones

Deaths

April 10, 2025
Elizabeth Jane Ogle

April 18, 2025
Mickey Don Wilson

April 24, 2025
Nancy Teale Daniel

May Birthdays

- 1 Beka Bumsted
Charles Edwards
Russell Ramzel
- 2 Paige Christian
Riley Shores
- 3 Clara Sabo
- 4 Candace Graham
- 5 Luke Baum
Marilyn Palik
Drake Pavlik
- 6 Tennyson Brown
Delphine Thames
- 7 Lex Lee-Moeller
Peggy Woods
- 8 Doug Farquharson
Kelly Jezek
Briana Rizley
- 9 Craig Jenkins
- 13 Michael Bedford
- 14 Ryan Draper
- 17 Chase Boston
Sydney Soulsby
Nanci Williams
- 18 Jim Palik
Tanner Randall
Joe Wilkinson
- 19 Mark Husband
Moira Pavlik
- 20 Phil Allen
- 21 Juliana Earle
Andrew Farquharson
Alexandra Kappers
Kyla Kappers
- 23 John Godwin
Kay Miller
Sue Young
- 24 Ellie Ed
Tom Edwards
- 25 Mike Cavert
Olivia Cline
- 27 Emily Ferguson
Fran Little-Collins
Emily Tidwell
- 29 Kathleen Moss
- 30 Jerry Hoopert



HAPPY
Mother's Day



Milestones

June Birthdays

- 2 Blake Randall
- 3 Michael Murphy
- 4 Stephanie Coon
Connolly Rizley
- 6 Betsy Hocker
- 7 Ann Byrd
Ann Wilson
- 8 Bill Ford
Gene Schmidt
- 9 Reagan Osburn
- 10 Mary Ann Jarrett,
- 11 Olivia Haines
- 12 Brenda Frisch,
- 14 Erin Dean
- 16 Pat Carroll
- 17 Ryan Heaterlee
Clint Johnson
- 18 Cathy Carreiro
Jaxon Harmon
Quin Lawrence
- 19 Dale Billam
Jay Cline
Kit Ferguson
Devan Lawrence
- 20 Daniel Husband
- 21 Bill Walker
- 23 Allie Cox
- 24 Michael Farrimond
Charlie Russell
- 25 Vicki Baker
Deborah Kurin
Nellie Gillingham
Michael Morrison
- 26 Katherine Trantum
- 27 Ellen Frihart
- 28 Jay Bergquist

Baptisms

Easter Day – April 20

Addison Jane Alexander
Margaret Beth Christian
Theodore Homer Christian
Theodore Christopher Eldridge
Eloise Katherine Musto



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

This is a reminder that we need to complete Safeguarding Gods People and submit the paperwork to Diana Carter to send to the Diocese. The blessing of our new banner is on May 18th!

Respectfully submitted, *Sharon Bell*

JR. WARDEN REPORT

Greetings to all! To say the first few weeks of my new position have been like drinking water from a fire hose would be a bit of an understatement! The extent of equipment, systems, committees, and moving parts at Saint John's is truly amazing. So, here's a couple of items we have crossed off the list:

1. The Grounds Committee had a workday on April 5th, cleaning out last year's growth around the grounds, renewing plants and mulch in preparation for Easter.
2. The issue of the stove in the kitchen "flaming out" during use has been repaired.
3. Start-up of the new ice machine in the kitchen is imminent with the installation of a pump to make the drain functional.
4. A new rolling rack for the rolls of batting in the Prayers & Squares room has been acquired and assembled and is in use.

On a larger scale, we are starting a process to deal with stormwater drainage on our entire site (curb to curb) to ensure we never have the flooding problem in the basement again (especially since it's all brand new!). This will complete the Transfigure Campaign.

And finally, we are interviewing mechanical companies to improve the preventive maintenance of our heating and air conditioning equipment. Our intent is to control our environment better and avoid any gaps in comfort as Spring moves into Summer and beyond.

All the best! *Joe Wilkenson*



Saint John's Gift & Bookstore

Come by and check out our newest inventory! We have new self-care gifts, cards, and beautiful decorative home items.



SAINT JOHN'S GIFT & BOOKSTORE

June / July

June Deal-free GWP!

July Deal - 40% Store!

June Deal!
FREE St John's window cling or magnet with every purchase!

July Deal!
Christmas in July Sale!
Friday, July 11, 5:00-7:00 & Sunday, July 13, 11-12:30
40% off ENTIRE store!

PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers & Squares quilt ministry offers a "Prayer Square," a small (8-12 inch) quilted square, and full-sized prayer quilts! A smaller "Prayer Square" is available for urgent needs or when a larger quilt isn't suitable. Like our full-size quilts, knots, and prayers are included. If you or someone you know needs a prayer quilt, do not hesitate to contact one of our members.

Prayer Quilt Guidelines:

1. It's not about the quilts - it's all about the prayers.
2. The recipient must agree to receive their quilt and the prayers accompanying it.
3. We do not accept any payment for quilts. Quilts cannot be purchased; however, our ministry is always grateful for donations of cotton fabric, worsted-weight yarn, or financial contributions.

To request a quilt, email Landrum.peggy@yahoo.com or contact a P&S team member. Please include details to help us select a fitting quilt and share the request in the Sunday bulletin.

Peggy Landrum

Whitney Moss

NEED A PRAYER QUILT?

CONTACT THE PRAYERS & SQUARES GROUP

We Love Our Wonderful Hospitality Teams!

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.

Hospitality is comprised of and supported by volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time, talent, recipes, and donations of basic ingredients for meals. There is room for everyone interested in participating. The number of parishioners and guests being served is growing, and we are excited to see that! Text 918-812-3169 to get started.

Gail Dodson

Save the Date

4th of July

FELLOWSHIP

10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

**FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH
DESSERTS ARE WELCOME!**

HOSTED BY THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

Troop 153 had a great extended campout over spring break. Camping in stunning Palo Duro Canyon State Park, near Amarillo Texas, is one of our favorites! The drive is long but the views and trails are spectacular! Our group of 25 scouts and adults camped, cooked, played, slept in hammocks, hiked, biked, and explored many miles. It was warm, it was cold, first aid was applied, bikes were broken, bikes were fixed, canopies were lost and memories were made.

Our spring Cast Iron Chef competition was challenging and delicious! The theme was "Tex-Mex" and the food was "muy bueno". Our cooking competitions are a fun way to creatively practice cooking skills and teamwork. Each patrol has to create a main dish and a side dish or dessert from the provided groceries and whatever they may have in their patrol box within the allotted time. Entries are judged on taste, presentation, and creativity. This time the Cobra Patrol won from the scouts but Mr. Richmond held onto his title as The Cast Iron Chef.

In closing, congratulations to Troop 153's newest Eagle Scout, Reed Zink!



Carolyn Davis



Join us in celebrating our wonderful
Class of 2025 graduates on
May 25th at 10 am Holy Eucharist!



*Congratulation
to the class of 2025!*



PENTECOST
PICNIC & POTLUCK

**SUNDAY
JUNE 8, 2025**

AFTER THE 10 AM HOLY ECHURIST

**HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS &
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SIDE TO SHARE!**



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BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Golf Classic

The sponsorship forms and team registration forms for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Charity Golf Classic are available in the hallway near the flower room. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to download the forms.

The golf classic will take place at Battle Creek Golf Club in Broken Arrow on June 7th, 2025.

Scan for
Sponsorship Form



Scan for
Teams Form



LIVE ART EXPERIENCE AT THE GOLF CLASSIC!

Featuring Artist Chris Mantle



Live Painting During the Tournament!

Artwork will be up for bid at the silent auction.

Benefiting:
New Hope Oklahoma
South Tulsa Community House
Emergency Infant Services
Boy Scouts Troop & Venture Crews 153

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Golf Classic 2025
June 7th, 2025 | 1:00 PM
Battle Creek Golf Club
Broken Arrow, OK