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St. John's Derby Party – May 7, 4pm
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For more information, contact Dave Grigsby 282-0681

Jackson County Pet Shelter

Please consider donating the following items to the Jackson County Pet Shelter: Clorox Bleach, Non-Clumping Clay Cat Litter, Dawn Dish Soap, Animal Shampoo, Liquid Laundry Soap, Paper Towels, Newspaper; and Food—Dogs (Purina, Pedigree, Beneful), Puppies (Purina, Pedigree, Beneful), Cats (Purina, 9 Lives, Friskies, Meow Mix), Kittens (Purina). For more information about the Jackson County Pet Shelter contact Jill Roth.

Spanish Lessons

Are you interested in practical Spanish lessons?

The Rev. Margarita Swetman is available to teach Spanish lessons. Schedule to be determined by participants.

Contact Margarita for more information 228-273-2425, or sign-up in the parish hall.

Donations to Spanish-speaking ministry gratefully accepted.

Sunday School

“Living the Good News”

Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary School age children is held each Sunday at 10:10 a.m. All preschool and elementary school age children are invited to attend. For more information regarding Sunday School at St. John's contact Alexis Williams

Sundays
10:10 a.m.



Children's Choir

Children's Choir meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room. For more information contact Cynthia Ramseur. 228-282-5000.

Wednesdays
4:30 p.m.

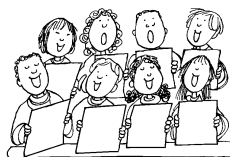
Chancel Choir

The adult choristers of St. John's meet for rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the choir room on the second floor of the education center under the direction of the Choirmaster, Cynthia Ramseur. Some of the choristers sing at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Family Service and some sing at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Principal Service. For more information about the Chancel Choir contact Cynthia Ramseur.

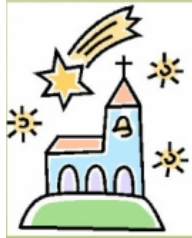


Family Night at Wonderful Wednesdays.

“Family Night” at Wonderful Wednesdays is the first Wednesday of the month. Come to celebrate parish birthdays and share cake. Fun for the whole family. For more information contact Cecil George Smith.



Happening



Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is held during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service each week. Children process to the Children's Chapel during the "Sequence Hymn" (the hymn that follows the second lesson). All preschool and elementary school age children are invited to attend Children's Chapel.



Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer meets on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Sharon Manuel at 872-4041 or 229-9307.



Merry Widows

The Merry Widows meet on the first Friday of the Month at 5:00 p.m. Contact Ame Severson to RSVP at 228-327-0689.

Mission, Ministry...

St. John's

Nursery

Nursery Care is available for young children on Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. worship service, Adult Bible Study (or, Adult Forum), and the 11:15 a.m. worship service.

Nursery Care is also available during the Wednesday evening, 5:30 p.m. worship service.

The "Joy" Room next to the nursery has live video and audio of the service for parents with unhappy babies.

Coffee Hour

Sunday Coffee Hours are the perfect time to meet new and old friends. We host two coffee hours every Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Come to coffee hour and greet newcomers and meet parishioners who attend a different service.

Sundays
Between Worship
Services

Youth Led Bible Study for Youth

Youth Led Bible Study for Youth meets on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the EYC room on the second floor of the education center. For more information contact Amanda Kilduff.



Adult Forum

The Adult Forum meets one Sunday a month during the coffee hour (at 10:10 a.m.). For more information about Adult Forum, contact John Switzer. You can reach John at 251-380-4669.

Bell Choir

St. John's Bell Choir meets on a variable schedule. For more information about St. John's Bell Choir, contact Martha Thompson at 228-875-7331.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner Volunteers. Eight teams of volunteers rotate preparing dinner for "Wonderful Wednesdays" at St. John's. For more information call Melissa Johnson at (228) 231-1235 or Cecil George Smith at (228) 424-6899.

Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, September 29, 2016
St. Michaels and All Angels Day

Choral Evensong to celebrate the completion of the organ restoration.



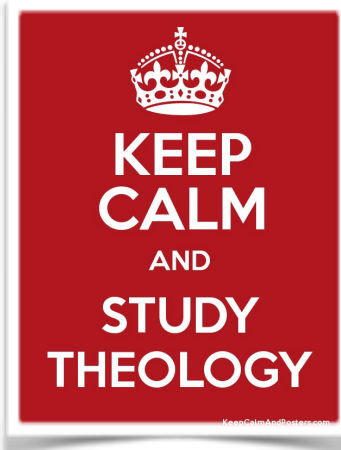
The Lord is My Help

St. John's is responsible for volunteers for *The Lord is My Help* on a rotating schedule. If you can volunteer, contact Peggy Butera (228-875-7049) or Jim Lancaster.



St. Luke's Guild

St. Luke's Guild meets on the third Thursday of the month for their monthly potluck dinner. St. Luke's is composed of ladies from St. John's and the community who meet for fellowship and support our preschool. Everyone is invited - come make a new friend.



Thursday Theology Group

Thursday Theology Group with the Rev. Harold Roberts meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Kindness Room on the second floor of our education center. For more information contact the Rev. Harold Roberts.

Second and Fourth Thursday
2:00 p.m.



Saints & Sinners

Saints & Sinners (the men's group of St. John's) meet on the second Tuesday of the month. All the men of the parish are invited to join in the fun. For more information on Saints & Sinners contact Terry Armstrong at 228 238 3557.

Second Tuesday of the Month
6:00 p.m.

Healing Service

Public Service of Healing with Anointing and the Holy Eucharist is held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Nursery care available during the worship service. Worship service is followed with dinner in the parish hall.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study with the Rev. Bruno Schroeder meets in the Kindness Room on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Bruno Schroeder at 228-697-3376.

Sundays, 10:10 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.



EYC meets at DeMiller Hall, Biloxi; or, at one of the member parishes. EYC-East Gulf Coast is a ministry of Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi; St. Mark's, Gulfport; and St. John's, Ocean Springs. All Middle School and High School age youth are invited. For additional details contact Luke Gautier at 228-617-0905.

Sundays
4:30 p.m.



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will meet on the May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Contact Ginny Dugaw for more information about the Daughters of the King at 360-661-0691.



Education for Ministry meets on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Kindness Room. New students are registered each August for the coming academic year. For more information contact Susan Ray.



St. John's

Ultreya

Ultreya. St. John's has four Ultreya groups. The first meets on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Rawls Room. The evening group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The third meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Rawls Room. The fourth meets at Pat Spear's home on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. For more information about Ultreya at St. John's, contact Lena Melton.

Spanish Language Holy Eucharist

Spanish Language Holy Eucharist. Sunday evening, 4:00 p.m.: Our Spanish-language service with the Rev. Margarita Swetman; bringing together communities and cultures to celebrate God in the Episcopal tradition.

JR. WARDEN NOTES

- A Church neighbor has offered to pay for the removal of three dying water oaks that are adjacent to his property but are on the church property. These are located at the fence line in the northwest corner of our property behind the sheds. I asked our member, Dr. Glenn Hughes, to inspect the trees, and he explained that these trees decay from the core. Water oaks live about 80 years. The Vestry has considered and voted to remove these trees at no cost to the parish.
- We started the process to receive a city permit to prune the old cedar trees behind the church that have snapped branches.
- The handrails located at the steps to the labyrinth and the rail at the back porch were installed.
- The Viking ovens were repaired. We ask that heavy cooking pans not be rested on the oven doors.

Music Notes

Are you hesitant to sing the hymns because you don't know the song really well and are afraid you will sing the wrong notes? Then just listen and read the hymn text. By the last verse, you will be singing along beautifully.

Do you think you're tone deaf and have been told that you can't sing? (Research indicates that most tone deafness is correctable with training). Be brave and sing out of tune. Or just read the hymn text and look forward to the day when you are brave enough to sing out-of-tune.

The hymn text comes first and then the musical setting is created to amplify the text. The text matters! Our hymnal is rich beyond measure. Each week, we carefully choose hymns that will amplify the liturgy (pattern of prayers, scripture). Be attentive to the text of hymns during worship and your worship will be deepened.

*Research shows that singing, especially singing in a group, produces chemical changes in the brain that result in elevated mood: Music is awash with neurochemical rewards for working up the courage to sing. That rush, or "singer's high," comes in part through a surge of endorphins, which at the same time alleviate pain. When the voices of the singers surrounding me hit my ear, I'm bathed in dopamine, a neurotransmitter in the brain that is associated with feelings of pleasure and alertness. Music lowers cortisol, a chemical that signals levels of stress. Studies have found that people who listened to music before surgery were more relaxed and needed less anesthesia, and afterward they got by with smaller amounts of pain medication. Music also releases serotonin, a neurotransmitter associated with feelings of euphoria and contentment. "Every week when I go to rehearsal," a choral friend told me, "I'm dead tired and don't think I'll make it until 9:30. But then something magic happens and I revive ... it happens almost every time." From: Join a choir. Science shows it'll make you feel better. Adapted from **Imperfect Harmony: Finding Happiness While Singing With Others** by Stacy Horn, Algonquin Books*

Both St. John's Chancel Choir and Children's Choir welcome new members at all times. If singing in the choir isn't from you, then singing from the bench is encouraged. *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing!* From Psalm 100



Good news! Organ Restoration was completed on Friday, April 15.

After the May 7th Derby Party, we will give a full accounting of funds raised, funds spent and restoration activities completed. Thank you to the parish for your support. It is a new instrument and it sounds great!

SR. WARDEN NOTES

March Vestry Notes:

-Rev. Margarita Swetman gave an overview of St. John's Spanish ministry.

Treasurers Report: Approved

Sr. Warden Report:

- Thank you to the Vestry members who contributed to the March 3 Lenten Supper and to Kay Cox for decorating the Vestry table at Hats and High Tea.
- The Suggestion Box in the Parish Hall to be monitored by the Sr. Warden.
- Canon 14 chosen for the Vestry horse name.
- Vestry on Duty guidelines discussed. Sign up sheet circulated.
- Red Cross Blood Drive: May 25.

Jr. Warden Report:

- Kitchen ovens have been repaired.
- Security options discussed.
- Bid for replacing clear safety glass over stained glass windows in church reviewed.
- Tree work

Worship Committee

- Meets quarterly

Parish Life

- Hats and High Tea raised \$4,500.
- Recommended a Parish Life Committee be formed. Anyone interest in serving on this committee – please contact Cindy Johnson.
- Agape Dinner will be coordinated by Linda Schroeder, Gail Bishop, Darlene Stuart, and Cecil George.
- Easter Vigil reception will be coordinated by Harriet Perry.

Rectors Report

- Ms. Laura Faulkner is the new Administrative Assistant, currently working on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Approved Linda Healey into the Diaconate and John Switzer for Ordination as Postulant to Priesthood.
- Following prayerful reflection, Angela Bishop submitted a letter of resignation from the Vestry. (She is currently working in Hattiesburg.)
- Marty Capalbo was elected to fill the remaining 9 months of the term (pending his agreement).

Stewardship

- 135 pledges, 20 of those new pledges, totaling \$312,028

Old Business

- Alcohol policy continues to be reviewed. Final document will be presented at April Meeting.

New Business

- Lena Melton volunteered to put up the \$500 deposit for the bus to Jackson on June 4 for Linda Healey's ordination. –
- Suggested that a "wish list" for honorary and or memorial donations be developed. Gail Bishop and Darlene Stuart will put the list together.



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ST. JOHN'S DERBY – MAY 7, 4PM

All parishioners and friends of St. John's are encouraged to support the Derby and the final payment on organ restoration!

What can you do?

- Purchase a Derby raffle ticket, \$5
- Purchase a ticket and attend the Derby Party, \$25
- Purchase a ticket and turn in to the office as a donation
- "Place a bet" (make a donation) on the horse of your choice
 - ✓ All Keyed Up – Organist
 - ✓ Canon 14 - Vestry
 - ✓ Golden Pipes – Choir
 - ✓ Makes Good Choices – Young families
 - ✓ The Graduate – OSHS graduates
 - ✓ Third Molar – Debbie and Steve Minor
 - ✓ Thunder Stick – Vergers

Thursday, June 2nd @ 7:10 pm

Episcopal Night

with the

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\$13 per ticket



Part of proceeds goes towards Coast-Wide EYC Fundraiser.
Each ticket comes with a chance to win a Shuckers jersey
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For more information, contact Luke Gautier!

228.617.0905

Joseph.Gautier@gmail.com

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St John's Episcopal Church Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
1:00PM-6:00PM

705 Rayburn Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Location: Parish Hall/Classrooms

To schedule an appointment,
contact Denise Smith at 228-209-0966/ denise.smith2@redcross.org
or
call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: StJohnEP

You can also go through the Blood Donor App to set your appointment
Text BLOODAPP to 90999 or search Red Cross Blood in your app store.

Also, to make your donation experience go much faster, please go to
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morning of your drive from your home or office laptop or desktop
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VESTRY NEWS

Please join the Vestry in welcoming Mary Capalbo, who has agreed to fill the remaining 9 months of Angela Bishop's Vestry term.

HONORING GRADUATES

Graduating high school and college seniors will be honored at St. John's at the 9:00 a.m. Family Service on Sunday, May 22. We are still gathering names of graduating high school and college seniors. Please call the office and give us your name, school, and any special honors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help set up and breakdown tables and chairs for the Mass on the Grass on May 15. This would be a great opportunity to involve some of our youth. If you are willing and able, please contact Beau Cox – beaucox@outlook.com. Thank you.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

All are invited! On Tuesday May 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., the Daughters of the King will be starting a new project, "Little Dresses for Africa". The Dresses will be made from pillow cases and yard goods of 1 to 1 ½ yards. Some dresses may have trims placed on them. You may come whenever you have a moment to help cut out, sew, attach, or just see what is happening. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for the whole day. We appreciate any and all help. We have been advised to not use cartoon characters or animals on the clothing. Contributions of material, pillow cases, or trims may be placed in the African basket in the hall. Monetary contributions are always welcomed and may be placed in the collection plate. If you have questions check out the DOK bulletin board or contact Ginny Dugaw at (360-661-0691) or vdugaw@gmail.com.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ROTA

Wonderful Wednesday Rota May-June 2016

May 4 Nathan LeBlanc nathanleblanc137@gmail.com 435-2053 (h) 327-5758 (c), Emily Lancaster, ewlanca@att.net 341-0775, Martha Thompson gtaincl@bellsouth.net 330-647-4831

May 11 Bobby Rumfelt tlefmur@gmail.com 601 291-7159, Tiffany Asher, Mark Seepe seepemesr@gmail.com 382-7549, Kay Cox kaycox711@gmail.com 239-9275, Anne Williams annfwilliams@cableone.net 324-2203

May 18 Stuart Smith stuartabcsmith@yahoo.com 508-371-6812, Cynthia Ramseur cynthram@bellsouth.net 282-5000, Lisa Greenberg 215-0055, Becky Stanley 282-0155, Wilse Manning wilsedm@bellsouth.net 228-243-6255, Darlene Stuart 365-6246, Millie Page millie.page@gmail.com 324-8317

May 25 Lena Melton drlena2@gmail.com 219-9711 or 875-8480 Gloria Richmond gloriarichmond1940@yahoo.com 238-0108, Lisa Baker lbaker@osdms.org 282-3733, Jean Hanlin robertkhanlin@bellsouth.net 282-3386, Lynda Knight 875-4896, Jo Anne Calhoun drjocalhoun@yahoo.com 875-8928, Meribeth Hopper 875-7157, Kate Penrose irmadukate@hotmail.com 282-9332,, Merrill Markham merrill73@yahoo.com 257-0391, Bill Schaum 872-4024

June 1 Melissa Johnson melissadjl@gmail.com 239-1235, Linda Schroeder lbsms@aol.com 875-8173, Darlene Stuart kdstuart152@cableone.net 347-8325 or 365-6246, Sonja Cowart soniacowart@gmail.com 209-5923, C.G. Smith, cgsmith1945@yahoo.com 424-6899, Alta Mereo themereos@gmail.com 282-0196, Sherri Ransom 990-4203, Jeanne Grigsby 875-8513, Rhonda Yegerlehner 238-8132

June 8 Ame Severson aaseverson@aol.com 327-0689 or 872-9673, Elena Alm 324-2223, Leah Snyder eastbeach@cableone.net 806-9481, Betty Moak bnamiemoak@hotmail.com 228-497-9017 (h) 218-6097 (c)

June 15 Lee Armstrong lee_armstrong@co.jackson.ms.us 238-3556, Charlie Clark cmackeyclark@gmail.com 875-1343, Gail Bishop lgbishopos@gmail.com 601-454-4251, Toni Norman 239-5452

June 22 Harriet Perry harrietperry@bellsouth.net 875-2713, Barbara Mabry barbaramabry23@bellsouth.net 374-1942, Ellen Wilkerson klady323@gmail.com 243-2676, Barbara Campbell 872-2835, Bonnie Luft 875-8553 (h) 547-7424 (c)

June 29 Nathan LeBlanc nathanleblanc137@gmail.com 435-2053 (h) 327-5758 (c), Emily Lancaster, ewlanca@att.net 341-0775, Martha Thompson gtaincl@bellsouth.net 330-647-4831

**Following the Wednesday night service, the parish enjoys a meal prepared by one of eight teams. Everyone is invited. The first Sunday of the month is a birthday celebration; the third Sunday of the month features a children's activity. We welcome all children each week but try to have something special for our little ones at the third Wednesday meal.*

PRAYING IT FORWARD



A Capital Campaign for St. John's

\$725,000 - goal
\$737,506 – pledged (146 pledges)
\$343,736.28– paid on pledges (through February 29, 2016)
\$393,769.72 to go

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-to-Date Report: February 2016

	Actuals	vs.	Budget
Tithes, Offerings, etc.:	\$75,845.65		\$61,633.34
Expenses:	\$51,197.95		\$71,734.20

** At the end of February, the parish was ahead of budget on tithes and offerings. And, the parish was under budget on expenses. Some members give their pledge in one lump sum at the beginning of the year, therefore, the parish typically exceeds budget for "Tithes, Offerings, etc." early in the year.*

**You will note that budgeted expenses are higher than budgeted income. Expenses are higher than income because we were budgeted to run a deficit in 2016. The difference comes from our cash reserves (our savings).*

ART OF GIVING

Annual Giving Campaign for 2016

Thank you to those who have turned in their 2016 pledge cards.

138 pledges received totaling \$318,848

In 2015, 136 pledges were received totaling \$330,266



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

There are two prayer lists kept at St. John's.

- (1) the prayer list that is regularly published for the entire congregation kept by the parish office
- (2) the confidential prayer list kept by the Daughters of the King.

Requests for the published prayer list can be made or renewed by use of the notebook in the vestibule, by note, by phone, by text, or by email.

Phone or text: 228-238-7010.

Email: charles.hawkins@me.com

For a month's time your requested prayer will be published by the parish for the prayer of the entire congregation. Prayers requested for the sick, will also be offered verbally each week at the Public Service of Healing with the Holy Eucharist and Anointing with Oil.