

September 7, 2022

From Fr. John

As it's time to get this message written so that Rita can get the announcements out, I am hip-deep in final preparations for tonight's first session of Wednesday evening food, fellowship, and (hopefully) fun. For the next few weeks we will be discussing *Faith in Film*, a class of my own making, based in part on an excellent book by Greg Garrett, entitled "The Gospel According to Hollywood."

Tonight's class will be introductory material, with a couple of (what I consider to be) interesting film clips. Please join us if you can. Dinner is at 6:00 pm. Bring a salad or a dessert to share, if you can. If you can't manage that today, don't worry. Come anyway.

The class will begin about 6:30 and will end by 7:30. If you cannot attend tonight, please do not let that stop you from coming next week. Each week can be a stand-alone lesson. No prior preparation is necessary.

As I am typing this, with class materials and two computers spread around me, it dawns on me that this week is exceptionally busy. Your Rector is supposed to be your spiritual guide. So I am going to give you some advice that is really good for you. It is also advice that I have to consciously remind myself about (especially on days like this). That is: Slow Down. Give thanks to God for the day that is coming to an end.

Crazy, hectic days like this should remind us of what the psalmist says, we are wonderfully made creatures. Give thanks to God for the skills and abilities that allow you to do what you do Thank God as well, for those times when you fall short and are thereby reminded of God's grace, which we should extend to one another.

I hope to see you tonight.

God's blessings on you all,
Fr. John+



Faith & Fellowship Resumes Tonight!

Join us **TONIGHT**, Wednesday September 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the kickoff of our Faith & Fellowship Program!

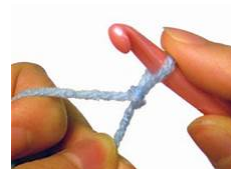
Potluck Dinner from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. (church supplying chicken & bread)

JEYC/EYC meet in Youth Building at 6:30p.m.

Adult class, *Faith in Film*, meets in Parlor at 6:30 p.m.

Slip-Knots

The Slip-Knots will meet Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. - noon in the Youth building. The participants take up their knitting needles and crochet hooks to create scarves, hats, and other warm fuzzies to donate to the Homeless Coalition around the corner to distribute to our neighbors in need in the wintertime. Come enjoy fellowship with coffee and homemade goodies to snack while you work. Contact Sara Fuhrer at 985-237-9848 for further information.



SundayAdult Christian Formation

Join us this Sunday, September 11th, at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor for a study of the Gospel of Matthew, using a video that is the word-for-word Gospel, but with actors bringing the action to life. There will be discussion of what we see and hear each week. No preparation needed. Nursery provided.

NEW - St. James Community Engagement Committee



The initial meeting of the St. James Community Engagement Committee will be this Sunday, September 11, immediately after the 10:30 service in the Parlor. This meeting **is open to all** who are already participating in community ministries or who would like to become involved in some way. All are welcome—please join us!



Good Food Project Workday Saturday, October 1st 7:30am – 9:30am More Volunteers Are Needed!

The Good Food Project of the Food Bank of Central Louisiana needs volunteers. As part of our Community Outreach, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve. Duties needing assistance are weeding, pulling tomato plants, and general upkeep. This will be a good opportunity for St. James to experience what it will take to facilitate our own future vegetable and flower garden. You'll need a good set of gardening or work gloves, water, and a hat is recommended. Please email your availability to Josh Brown by emailing Joshua.d.brown2@gmail.com. If you are unable to physically assist in working that day and are interested in helping, please donate by clicking [here](#).

Outreach for September

The Foster Care Closet improves the lives of children impacted by foster care through advocacy, resources, and support. Children are allowed to pick out the items they need themselves. Due to their Back to School Bash, the Closet is currently low on some supplies. During the month of September, the following items can be placed in the blue crate in the narthex (back of church):

- Diapers/Pull-ups
- Wipes
- New socks
- New Pajamas



Diocesan Ultreya & Cursillo Register Now



Make plans now for a day of fun, fellowship, music, contests, prizes, and reconnecting with fellow Cursillistas! On Saturday, October 29, the Secretariat of Western Louisiana is hosting all this and more at the Wesley Center in Woodworth from 10 am to 3-ish pm. Registration fee of \$30 covers continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and all activities. More information at a later date.

Worship

September 11th
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)





September 11th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)

Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

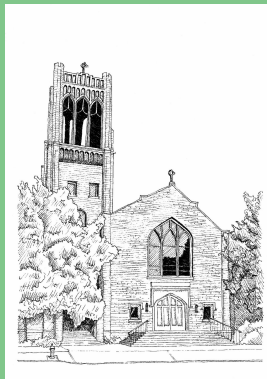
Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Grace Gennuso, Ralph Gill, Robbie G. Jonathan Rhea, Peggy Humbles, Laura Murchison, Amber Damico, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Eileen DeBoer, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy and Richard, Chase Barnfield, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Taylor Thompson, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in September (day):

Suzie Butler (1), Jim Marshall (8), Virginia White (8), Stella Craig Ellsworth (10), Deacon Michael Parham (12), Brad Drell (16), Parker Texada (16), Eliza Theus (18), Eric Jones (19), Taylor Thompson (19), Julia Welch (19), Anna Theus (21), James Theus III (21), Spencer Brown (23), Pietry Cabrera (23), Mike Mikell (23), Michael Sterne (25), Bond Walker (25), Joan Brunsonr (28), Elaine Hicks (28), Meredith Owensby (28), Jonalyn Reynolds (28), Jim Leggett (30).



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