



February 15, 2023

From Fr. John

Monday and Wednesday of this week, I have traveled to other congregations for the installations of their new rectors. It is always good to see clergy friends and lay folks with whom I've worked over the years. But the best thing about attending Celebrations of New Ministry is the joy that is palpable in the congregations surrounding the official placement of their "new" Rector.

In my work for the Bishop, I have worked with congregations that were damaged, or at least wounded, by circumstances they could not control, for whatever reason. And sadly, I have had to do the work of closing some congregations when their lifecycle came to an end. So I have witnessed firsthand the good, the bad, and sometimes the ugly, of congregational life.

It is that breadth of experience that makes me want to tell you all again, thank you for making St. James the wonderful community that it is. I am still happy to come to work and love both my vocation and the ministry done here. You are a lovely group of people and I give thanks to God for you every day.

God's blessings be with you all.
Fr. John+



We're Back Tonight!

Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
[Layered chicken enchiladas, salad, bread, dessert]
[\$5 for adults; FREE ages 18 & under]

JEYC/EYC: 6:30 p.m. in Youth Building
Adult Class: 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
Viewing & Discussion of Season 2 of The Chosen.

Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we continue our 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 is discussion of what we see and hear each week. No preparation needed.





REMINDER

The Church Office will be closed Monday, February 20, for President's Day.

Looking Ahead in February



- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - February 21 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Ash Wednesday Services** - Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
 - 7:00 a.m. - Chapel
 - 12:15 p.m. - Church with Bishop Jake
 - 5:15 p.m. - Church
- **Diocesan Convention** - Saturday, February 25 - Pineville Convention Center
Pre-Convention Holy Eucharist at St. James - 5:00 p.m.
 Reception following in Parish Hall

Please Notice This



Pre-Convention Holy Eucharist

If you are planning on attending the Eucharist and the reception, please indicate your planned attendance as a guest by [clicking here](#). This will help them to have an more accurate number for the caterer.

Two Ministries Need Volunteers

If you are seeking a way to serve at St. James, here are two opportunities:

- Usher - one Sunday a month - involves greeting people, taking up collection, assisting at communion
- Visitation Coordinator - sign up for one month during the year, with another person if you wish - whenever a funeral is held at St. James, we offer refreshments during the visitation - the coordinator(s) for that month are in charge of organizing the refreshments



Please let the office know if you are interested in either of these ministries or want to know more of what the ministry may entail [318-445-9845].

Lent Resources Available Online



Lent will begin this year on February 22, and the Episcopal Church's website offers plenty of good resources for this period in our Church year. These include Lent curriculums, sermons, bulletin inserts, and more.

[Click here](#) to view the Lent Resources.

February 19th
Last Sunday after Epiphany

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)



February 19, 2023
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 & reading.](#)

Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

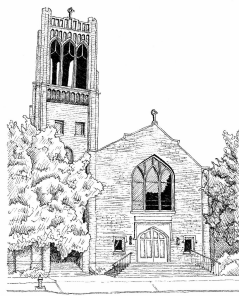
Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Gary Maxwell, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Charles, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Bill Owens, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Betty Gaiennie, Jack Dewitt, Sr., Beth Hebert, Rita & Bill Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Laura Murchison, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, 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, Taylor Thompson, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajjighassem.

For those in the military:

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

For those celebrating birthdays in February (day):

Carl Close (1), Sara Fuhrer (1), Morgan Brewer (4), Emerson Milliner(5), Bruce Jordan (6), Chad Norton (6), Pat Carter (10), Lawrence Searcy (12), Emma McCartney (15), Rita Clancey (19), Tommy Brasher (22), Justin Manuel (23), Brady Brown (24), Bernard Parker (25), Melanie Jurgensen (26).



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