

June 14, 2023

From Fr. John

Heavenly Father, on this Father's Day, it's a joy to acknowledge that **you** are the Father we've always longed for and needed. The loving fathers in our lives have been wonderful hints of what it means to be your beloved children; but as much as we love our fathers, as much they do all that they can to be fathers like You, they could **never** be to us what you alone can be.

Thank you for adopting us, through the redemptive work of Jesus. Thank you for freeing us from our slavery to sin and our orphan-like ways; and for giving us the Spirit of Sonship, a secure place in your family, and an inheritance that can never spoil or fade.

Father, we thank you for the spiritual fathers you've given us—the “dads of grace” who help us discover more and more of the multi-dimensional love of Christ. And we thank you for all of the people, both men and women, who have been substitute fathers when we needed them most.

Father, thank you for grace to forgive our earthly fathers who failed us, including those who broke our trust, hurt us, and misrepresented you to us. Continue to heal us and free us from their lingering effects.

And thank you for the grace to acknowledge **our** failings as parents, and for promising us the strength we need to humble ourselves before our own children, and to trust you to write stories of redemption in our families.

You have blessed us with fathers, now bless our fathers in all things. Through Jesus, the only perfect Son of the only perfect Father. Amen

Peace be with you,
Fr. John+

Wednesday Evening Service

During the summer, Fr. John continues to offer the 5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist Service with the healing component.



Funeral Service for Rev. Ella Breckenridge

This Saturday, June 17, a celebration of Rev. Ella's life will occur at St. James. Visitation with family is at 10:00 a.m. in the church followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. A reception will be held afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Organist Retiring

Some of you may have heard that our beloved organist, Eileen DeBoer is retiring. Her last Sunday will be Sunday the 25th. The choir will miss her even more than the rest of us will — and that is a lot.

Please watch this space for information about a retirement soirée.

Eileen, we will miss you very much.

Peace,
Fr. John+





Adult Christian Formation Continues Through Summer

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.

Office Closed
Monday, June 19
Will Open
Tuesday, June 20, at 9:00 a.m.



Home Communion Is Back!

During the course of the summer months, we at St. James gather as a faith community in the homes of parishioners for “table fellowship” – by breaking Bread during Holy Communion and then by breaking bread together for our dinner meal. Host families provide the entrée while guests provide salads, sides, desserts, and drinks. Plan to join us for our June 21st (Wednesday) gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Foster and Martha Walker [100 Iris Lane in Boyce]. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!
[Map provided upon request.]

If anyone is interested in hosting the Home Communion in July, please contact the church office.

Security Shredding

St. James is offering the opportunity to get rid of that stack (or box) of papers that has been hanging around. A mobile shredding company will be here Tuesday, June 20, to shred old church papers. As a courtesy to our parishioners, we will accept your personal papers through **tomorrow, Thursday, June 15, at 300 p.m.** Your confidentiality will be guarded. No one will read what you have to be shredded. Bring your papers/box of papers to the church office during the hours of 9:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.



Baby Diapers Needed

St. James is collecting baby diapers of all sizes that are needed by a local non-profit that helps mothers in need. Even opened packages will be accepted. The blue crate will be in the Narthex for Sunday (those attending 8:00 a.m. service can leave in back of chapel). During the week, you may drop off at the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

WORSHIP

June 18th
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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.](#)



June 18, 2023
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

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

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077

Passcode: 1620



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

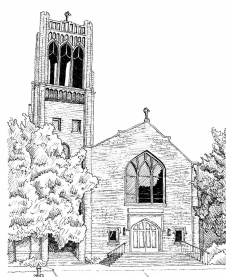
Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Anna Stapleton, Shannon Norman, Janelle Prindle, Jimmy Perkins, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Belle Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Charles, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Beth Hebert, Rita Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, 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, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Kyle Jordan, Samuel Hayes, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in June (day):

Angela Hayes (7), Donna Bedingfield (9), Susan Provosty Crowell (10), Rob Ratcliff (10), Gay Hester (11), Charlene Gates (15), Alice Gill (15), Elizabeth Milliner (16), Sara Marshall (20), Sallie Monk (21), Tom Yeager (21), Babs Leggett (22), Travis McCartney (22), David Shepherd (22), Graves Theus (22), Henry Clancey (26), Lindsey Torbett (28), Amy Norton (29), Lincoln Holton (30).



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