



October 18, 2023

From Fr. John

As most of you are aware, Donna, Taylor, and I traveled to upstate New York recently. We had a good trip and got to be there for a nephew's wedding. It was a good vacation and we were glad that we got to do it.

When we got back, I had an appointment with my back surgeon in Lafayette. Given all of the testing I've had recently and the non-surgical treatments that had failed, I was expecting her to say that I needed surgery. I was surprised though, when she said that the best procedure she could offer would be a multi-level fusion of my lumbar spine. That was not what I had anticipated at all. But after discussing everything with the surgeon, I believe that she is right. So I am scheduled for surgery on November 15th.

I am working with the Worship Committee, the Vestry, and the staff, to make sure that everything is covered appropriately. I know that I will be out for at least a couple of weeks. After that, I'll ease back into things as I am able.

Please keep Donna, Taylor, and me in your prayers as we all endure yet another spine surgery. Your prayers for my doctors and me are greatly appreciated. But your prayers for Donna and Taylor are really needed – I am not always the best of patients.

Know that even as all of this unfolds, I am here for you if you need me. You have my cell phone number. Never hesitate to call me if you need pastoral care or anything else that I might be able to provide.

God's blessings upon you all.

Peace,
Fr. John+

Faith & Fellowship Tonight!

An Evening Prayer Service at 5:15 in the chapel

Dinner at 6:00 in Parish Hall

\$5.00 each and free for kids 13 and under

Dinner - meat pies, spinach-artichoke casserole, roasted vegetables, fruit, apple crisp with ice cream

Adult Offerings:

- The Chosen - starting with the first episode and going through all three seasons until the fourth season premieres early next year. Led by Fr. John in the Parlor.
- Yoga is upstairs and taught by our own licensed instructor, Roy Rosenthal. If you don't have a mat, we have one for you.

Funeral Services

St. James will be celebrating the lives of former parishioners this week.

The funeral service for Sally Foster Barker and her son, John Charles McSween, is Friday, October 20, in the church at noon with a reception following in the Parish Hall.

The funeral service for Kathleen Brown Hundley is Saturday, October 21, in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. Visitation is in the Parish Hall from noon to time of service.



Adult Christian Formation

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 on Sunday mornings as we continue our study of the story of Moses from the Book of Exodus. Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed to join in the discussion.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour provides a great opportunity for fellowship on Sunday mornings following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. A wonderful time to visit and catch up on what is happening within our church family.



If you would like to help either with refreshments or as a server for this ministry, sign up in Parish Hall or call Susan Frey at 318-449-8501.



HALLOWEEN at ST. JAMES

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Church Steps

We will gather on October 31st for Trick or Treating on the church steps. Please join us from 5 - 8 pm and wear a costume if you like. We will greet children and pass out candy and have a really great time. If you are unable to

join us, please consider **donating bags of individually wrapped candies** to be distributed to the ghosts and goblins that visit us that night.

On the 4th Thursday of every month, our three Episcopal churches work together to serve over 100 homeless people. If you feel called to help with this ministry, please bring any items that you would like to donate to the church office labeled H2O or put in blue crate. Deacon Brian will pick those things up near the end of the month.

Clothing for Men & Women:

Gently used clothing & shoes

Belts,

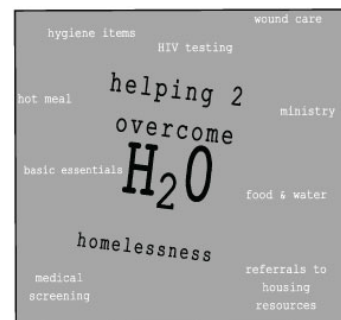
Socks (white only)

Logo type t-shirts

Men's boxers (NOT white) - size large & x-large

Women's underwear size 5,6,7,10

White T-shirts - large & x-large



Hygiene: Food Stuff:

Toothpaste Gatorade/drinks (small bottles)

Soap Peanut butter crackers

Deodorant Chips (small bags)

Shampoo Conditioner Granola bars

Razors Water

Wash cloths

Hand Towels Special Requests:

Bathing wipes Batteries size AA & AAA

Band-aids Dry or canned dog food



All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5. This feast provides an opportunity to remember in a special way loved ones who have died. Please email a list the names of those whom you wish to remember or call the office with the names (rita@stjamesla.org; 445-9845). Please have the name(s) to the office by Monday, October 30.

WORSHIP

October 22nd The Twenty-first 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.](#)



October 22, 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:

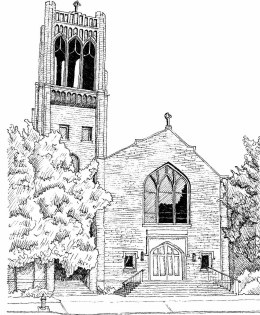
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Minnie Mikell, Edward Butler, Marietta, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Beth Hebert, Jimmy Hurt, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, 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, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, 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, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in October (day):

Teddy Malone (3), Ann Hall (4), Jim Chancey (7), Maci McCone (8), Ruth Weinzettle (8), Abbie Dubois (12), Alex McCartney (15), Melanie Torbett (15), Jim Weinzettle (15), Daniel Manuel (16), Rebecca McBride (16), Frances Yeager (16), Dustin Longmire (17), J. T. Norton (17), Mike Mikell (18), Martha Bolton (19), Dick Crowell (19), Elliot Milliner (20), Robert Ratcliff (20), Amy Andrus (24), Roy Rosenthal (26).



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