

May 1, 2023

From Fr. John

I'd just like to highlight a couple of announcements that you will find in what follows this.

First, I'd like to join Judge Drell in thanking Lacee and Josh Brown for all of their efforts, which resulted in a wonderful parish picnic. I'd also like to thank all those who contributed food – including the Drells, who made sure that our main course arrived. Everything I had was delicious. And special thanks to everyone who made the Eucharist the lovely service that it was, including: Will Harp, Deacon Michael Parham, Melva Villard, Holly Dixon, Angela Hayes, and our dedicated acolytes.

Speaking of Eucharist services, we have another opportunity to worship with a broader group of Episcopalians this Friday evening. Our Annual Diocesan Convention always begins with a worship service on the evening preceding the opening of convention. Friday night at 5:00pm, you can join with people from across our diocese as we gather together to be fed by Word and sacrament in preparation for conducting the business of the diocese. Please join us in person, or via our livestream if you can.

Peace be with you all,
Fr. John+

A Great Time for All!

On behalf of the Parish Life Committee and the congregation, a thousand thanks to Lacee and Josh for their great efforts in organizing the **wonderful parish picnic** this past Sunday! It was just great - games, hiking, the food, and, of course, the fellowship! (Did I mention the food?!) Give them a pat on the back! Thanks!

~ Dee Drell



Chair of Parish Life

Faith & Fellowship Tonight

5:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing Service - Chapel
6:00 p.m. - Dinner - Spaghetti casserole, salad, bread, and dessert
6:45 p.m. - Class - Movie: *The Case for Heaven*

We all want to know what happens after we die. In *The Case For Heaven*, best-selling author and investigative journalist Lee Strobel searches for answers to the most profound questions we all have, about heaven, hell, and Near-Death Experiences..... if there is a heaven, can we prove it?



45th ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 3-4, 2024
Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

Diocesan Convention is almost here! As we approach our annual gathering, we invite you to pray for those elected to conduct the business of the diocese, especially our own delegates: Dave Curry, Bill Henderson, Roy Rosenthal, and Foster Walker. Please continue to pray for the church as a whole. For those who are available and would like to, you are invited to attend Friday's opening Eucharist, in person. For those at home, we invite you to tune-in to the Friday evening opening Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. via livestream.

[Click on this link to join the service.](#)



Episcopalian Slipknots Saturday - May 4 10:00 a.m. - Noon in Parlor

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, this is the ministry for you! 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.

First Sunday Ministry Fund

This Sunday, May 5th, the loose plate offering goes to the St. James Ministry Fund. In April we assisted 12 families with utilities and rent, for a total of \$2671.59.



Through your generous we have not only provided hope for these families but also safety and a knowledge that someone really does care.



Adult Sunday Class

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 this Sunday as we continue our study of the Book of Acts through Bible readings and discussion, as well as, a short video. 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 and to welcome any new person who comes in.



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.

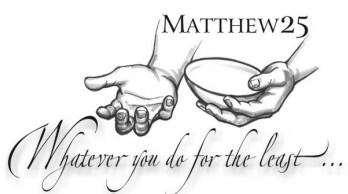


Home Communion in the Summer

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.

If you are interested in hosting a home Communion, please contact the office (318.445.9845 or info@stjamesla.org)

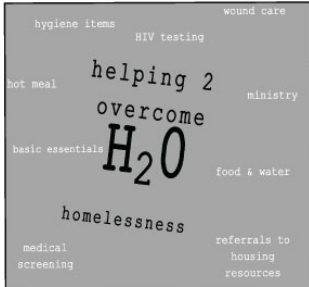
Change in Distribution Date ~ Third Thursday of the Month ~



Following a very successful H2O distribution event in April, we have **very few items remaining**. While in one way this is good news as we are helping our homeless population, it also means we must rely on all three Episcopal Churches in the area to provide additional items for distribution.

On behalf of those who participate in the distribution, we thank you for your support and donations. God bless each and every one of you!

God's Peace!
Deacon Brian



Men's Clothing:

Underwear (M, L, XL) -
boxers, not white
T-Shirts - (L, XL)

Women's Clothing:

Underwear (sizes 5-10)

Both Genders:

Gently Used Summer
Clothing - T-shirts with
logos for day wear)
Belts
Socks - white
Hats or Caps
[Really helps with
summer sun!]

Hygiene:

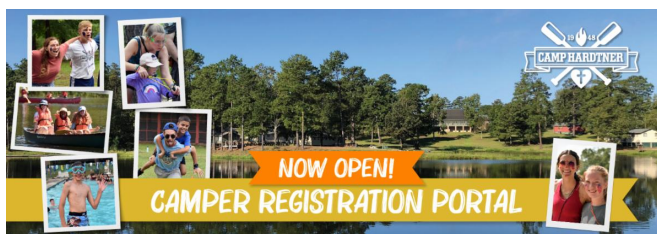
Toothpaste
Small Soap/Body Wash
Deodorant - roll on
Shampoo/Conditioner
Wash cloths
Hand Towels
Body-wipes
Band-aids

Snacks:

Gatorade (small bottles)
Water
Peanut butter crackers
Chips (small bags)
Granola bars

Special Request:

Batteries - AA and AAA
Dry or canned dog and/or
cat food - no can opener
needed
[Many take in strays in
their neighborhood]



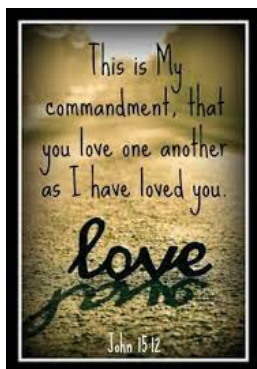
Summer is right around the corner, and it's not too late to sign your child up for an experience like no other at Louisiana's premier Episcopal summer camp!

Selected as one of "America's Best Summer Camps 2023" by Newsweek, Camp Hardtner isn't just about games; it's about making memories, finding joy, and discovering new things about yourself.

Campers will find an experience that will stick with them all year long and possibly for life. An experience of relationship, community, belonging, and self-worth—all built upon the foundation that God's love surrounds us and transforms our lives.

You can sign up by [clicking here](#).

WORSHIP



May 5th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

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

May 5, 2023
Evening Prayer
Online@ 5:00 PM

[Click here for](#)
[Order of Service AND](#)
[to join Evening Prayer via Zoom.](#)



Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

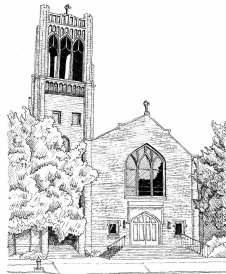
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Priscilla Babin, Ben Nugent-Peterson, Fr. John, Sarah Trimble Moritz, Marjorie McBride, Cristin Hardin Foreman, Phillip Craig, Ashlynn, John & Carol Kinder, John & Judy McLure, Adair Faust, Tommy Watts, Tim Strohschein, Nona Yeager, Michael S., Rebbie Jones, Sara Marshall, Charles Robinson, Jr., Lynne Distefano, Ogden Middleton, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Linda Ittner, Sophia Frey Bradford, Debbie Barnes, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Eleanor, Sam Bejach, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Beth Hebert, Jimmy Hurt, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Michael Sterne, Cackie, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Wilma Filipi, Fran Barbato, Gail, Murel Trimble, Charlotte Sterling, Andrew, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, Beth Virden, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Mark Goldich, Kevin Hooter, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajjhassem.

For those in the military:

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

May (day):

Billy Hicks (6), Fr. Jim Theus (7), Lynton Hester (9), Anna Maynard (10), Gin McLure (13), Dake Texada (13), Betsy Trammell (13), Sharon Kramers (15), Will Shepherd (19), Leslie Mikell (21), Will Harp (22), Sam Adams (23), Drew Texada (24), Brannon Andrus (25), Daniel Chapman (25), Butch Knoepp (27), Karen Cabrera (29), Catherine Drell (31).



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