# COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

# THE CALENDAR

# Sunday, March 23

8:00 am | The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:00 am | Beans and Rice Packing
9:15 am | Nursery available until 11:45 am
9:15 am | Choir Rehearsal, Church
9:30 am | Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am | The Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
11:30 am | VBS Interest Meeting, Parish Hall
12:00 pm | Education for Ministry (EfM), Library
5:30 pm | Rite 13 for 6th-8th graders

Monday, March 24

5:00 pm | Cursillo Reunion Group, Library

# Tuesday, March 25

9:30 am | ESL Class, Parish Hall 10:00 am | Staff Meeting 12:00 pm | Young Adults Lunch, Nature's Table

# Wednesday, March 26

10:00 am | Rector's Bible Study, Library
11:00 am | Balance Class, contact Carol Hancock
12:10 pm | The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel
5:00 pm | Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm | Lent Dinner & Program, Parish Hall

# Thursday, March 27

March 27-30 Kairos Prison Ministry, Parish Hall 9:00 am | Beans and Rice Distribution 9:30 am | ESL Class, Parish Hall

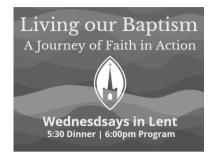
# Friday, March 28

March 28-30 LGBTQ+ Retreat, Camp McDowell 7:00 am | Men's Cursillo Reunion Group, Library 9:00 am | Yoga, Contact Carol Hancock

# Saturday, March 29



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LENT 2025 Wednesdays, 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm Dinner, 6:00 pm Program

Lent has long been a season of preparation for baptism, a time when individuals would ready themselves to enter the life of faith. As we prepare to baptize at the Easter Vigil and renew our own baptismal vows, we will dedicate our Wednesday evenings in Lent to exploring the core commitments of the Baptismal Covenant. Through scripture, discussion, real-life examples, guest speakers from the diocese, state, and community, as well as hands-on activities, we will deepen our understanding of what it means to live out our baptism in daily life.

# March 26 | Seeking Christ in Others with

representatives from 10 local organizations. As followers of Jesus, we treat others with love and respect, cultiviate empathy for them and serve their needs. This week, we'll explore how we can engage in the community to seek Christ in our neighbors.

# COMING UP:

**April 2 | Living our Faith** with the Rev. Canon Geoff Evans

April 9 | Perseverance in Faith with Father Chase

April 16 | Resistance & Repentance with Mother Sarah

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. LOVE YOURSELF.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!



#### TODAY! VBS Interest Meeting After 10:30 Service in the Parish Hall

Get ready to be part of the most exciting and impactful ministry of the year at St. John's— Vacation Bible School, June 23-27! Join us right after worship for a special VBS sneak peek. Whether you're an adult or a 6th-12th grader, if you're looking to volunteer for the best week of the summer, this is the perfect opportunity!

At the meeting you'll learn about the different ways you can serve, discover the exciting plans we have for VBS, and commit to helping us share the love of Christ with children and their families in a fun, meaningful way.

We can't wait to see you there!



#### **Body and Balance Class**

The first six-week series is full! Look for information to come for the next series.



Beans and Rice Distribution Thursday, March 27 at 9:00 am Gordon Street Entrance

If you would like to lend a hand, come on down and join us.



Olive Garden Italian Restaurant 1102 Beltline Rd. SE, Decatur Thursday, March 27 at 5:30 pm

Let's gather together for friends, food, and fun! To reserve your place, call or text Bunny Edwards (256) 227-3760. Last day to reserve is Tuesday, March 25.



### **Our Prayers and Thanksgivings**

We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Marella Adams, Jenny Berry, Ellis Chenault, Cindy Gordon, Alice Haughaboo, Michael Higdon, John R. Johnson Jr., Marcie Ann Kennedy, Kim McCain, Katie Mitchell, Lana Pitts, Glynn Tubb, Carolyn Tweedy, Marilyn Volonino, Brett Weaver, and Jack Williamson.

We pray for those who serve in and with the Armed Forces, especially Michael Blair, Steven Blair, Jonathan Easter, Garrett McElroy, Gray Stephens, and Austin Wallace.

We pray for the departed.

We pray for persecuted Christians and refugees around the world; for an end to poverty, addiction, and violence of all kinds; for the students, families, teachers, and administrators of Banks-Caddell Elementary School; for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; Cursillo # 236, Pilgrims and Staff, and for Calvary, Oneonta

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of John Howell by Pam Howell