

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

THE CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 am Beans and Rice and Jesus Christ, Parish Hall
- 9:15 am Nursery open through 10:30 service
- 9:15 am Choir Practice, Church
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Cookies and Lemonade on the patio following service

Monday, April 20

- 9:30 am ShowerUp, Hands Across Decatur
- 11:00 am Katie Harris Funeral
- 5:00 pm Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
- 6:00 pm Women's Book Club, Library

Tuesday, April 21

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:15 pm Vestry Meeting, Library

Wednesday, April 22

- 10:00 am Rector's Bible Study, Library
- 11:00 am Beans & Rice Bag Packing, Parish Hall
- 12:10 pm The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel

Thursday, April 23

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
- 9:30 am Beans and Rice Distribution

Friday, April 24

- April 24-25, Men's Retreat, Camp McDowell*
- 7:00 am Men's Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
- 9:00 am Yoga, Contact Carol Hancock

Saturday, April 25

Sunday, April 26 *Nametag Sunday*

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45-9:15 am Parish Breakfast, Parish Hall
- 9:15 am Nursery open through 10:30 service
- 9:15 am Choir Practice, Church
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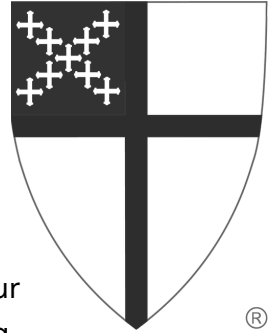


ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION & INQUIRER'S CLASS

9:30 am | Parish Hall
Sunday Mornings
Through May 17

No matter where you are on your faith journey, consider attending this series, where we will explore together the basics of the Christian faith through the Episcopal lens. Confirmation by our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry is on May 24th at 10:00 am.



Sunday School This Week

Clergy-Led Class: Confirmation class continues, see above for details. Meets in the Parish Hall

Lay-Led Class: Mary McKinnon will lead a discussion on an excerpt from *The Way of the Wolf*.

Godly Play: The Synagogue & The Upper Room

Youth: Me, Myself, and i(Phone) Series begins

The nursery is open during Sunday School

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. LOVE YOURSELF.

Beans and Rice Ministry

Today: Bagging beans and rice, after 8:30 am service in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday: Pack 120 brown bags with beans, rice, potatoes, apples, carrots, onions, and laundry detergent pods; 11:00 am (after Bible Study), Parish Hall.

Thursday: Distribution Day! 9:30-11:00 am, Gordon Street entrance.

Come on down and lend a hand if you can!

OUTREACH FOR APRIL

CRISIS SERVICES
OF NORTH ALABAMA



Crisis Service of North Alabama provides free, 24/7 crisis assistance for a broad spectrum of needs in the Decatur area. A long-time partner of St. John's, they are in need of items for their programs.

Go to bit.ly/april26csna or scan code for the list of needs.

St. John's Parish Work Day

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:00 A.M. TO NOON

THERE'S A JOB FOR EVERYONE!

We're getting together for a FUN Work Day for *all skill levels!* Join us as we pitch in to repair, clean, and refresh both the inside and outside of our beloved church. Every helping hand makes a difference! A list and supplies provided, as well as coffee and donuts! Let's work together to care for God's church and make it a welcoming place for everyone.

Save the Date!

St. John's Episcopal
Church Women's Brunch
Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 am
More details arriving soon!



REGISTRATION TODAY!

HERO ACADEMY VBS:
SERVING LIKE THE SAINTS

Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Registration



Inspired by the lives of saints like Francis and Martin of Tours and Therese and Catherine, St. John's Hero Academy VBS invites children to consider how following Jesus' call to love and serve others is the most heroic thing of all.

Go to bit.ly/infovbshero for more information.

OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Marella Adams, Laura Lott Anglea, Russell Barr, Jenny Berry, Mary Blair, John Bolton, Kase Bradford, Walt Chenault, Mike Davenport, Jessica Kelley, Anne Ledbetter, Lisa Littrell, Tommy Loyd, Rip Nance, Nick Roth, Robert Schafer, Melissa Schafer, Bob Smith, Steve Smith, Glynn Tubb, Carolyn Tweedy, Kathy VanStry, Marilyn Volonino, and Gretchen Willis.

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

We pray for the departed, especially Katie Harris.

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; for All victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression, and the agencies that advocate for their safety, dignity, and respect. Calvary, Oneonta, seminarians completing second year of study, Renascence Halfway House, Montgomery, and all prison reformation and re-entry ministries.

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