COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

Please note: On Veterans' Day this Wednesday the office is closed and Bible Study will not be held; the 12:10 Healing Eucharist will be held as usual.

THE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Church
9:15 am Nursery Available Until 11:45 am
9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Cookies and lemonade on the patio folllowing the service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:00 pm Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
6:30 pm Scout Meeting, Parish Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
10:00 am Staff Meeting

Scan here for more information
bit.ly/infostjohns

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day, Church Office Closed
12:10 pm The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
5:30 pm Theology on Tap, Brick Deli

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 am Men's Cursillo Reunion Group, Library

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:00 am-Noon Trade-Fair Pop Up Shop, Parish Hall
9:00 am Beans & Rice pre-pack, Parish Hall
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Church
9:15 am Nursery Available Until 11:45 am
9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Cookies and lemonade on the patio folllowing the service
1-2:30 pm Lessons and Carols Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Plenty Good Room

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Plenty Good Room is our stewardship theme this year, inviting us to look at our lives—and at the life of St. John's—through the lens of God's abundance.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027. St. John's goal is 100% participation. We are asking every household to participate by making a pledge of any size. Each pledge matters from all who call St. John's their church home.

Pledges can be made by hand delivery, mail, and online. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure supporting St. John's now and in the future!

NEXT SUNDAY!

TRADE-FAIR MARKETPLACE

Pop-Up Shop

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 9:00 AM TO NOON
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

Learn more at **tradefairmarketplace.org**

We are excited to welcome the Trade-Fair Marketplace pop-up shop next Sunday when they will bring a selection of their lovely, handmade items. Stop by the parish hall anytime between 9:00 am and noon.

Trade-Fair is the first and only nonprofit fair trade enterprise in Alabama. Their mission is to promote the economic progress of people in developing countries. Trade-fair is a volunteer run and gives all profits back to organizations that share their vision.

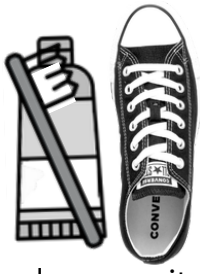
FESTIVAL OF

Lessons & Carols for Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 5:00 PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL

Every voice is invited to join the Lessons and Carols Choir. Everyone can sing; all it takes is a little instruction and some enthusiasm. Let your heavenly voice be heard! No prior experience is necessary.

Rehearsals are 1-2:30 pm on 15, 22, and 6-7:30 pm, and on Nov 25 if needed.
Dec 6, rehearsal, 2:30 pm; service, 5:00 pm.
Contact **laurencantrell@gmail.com** for details



St. Nicholas Hygiene and Shoe Drive

In celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas, St. John's is continuing our tradition of sharing kindness and generosity with youth at the Boys and Girls club through two outreach opportunities: the St. Nicholas Shoe Drive and Hygiene Kit Donation Drive.

For more information go to:
bit.ly/26shoedrive or **bit.ly/26hygiene**

Please bring all shoe and toiletry donations to the church by Wednesday, December 2. Join us that evening to help assemble the hygiene kits and present the shoes to the staff of BGC 3rd Street! Thank you for helping us honor the spirit of St. Nicholas through generosity and care for children in our community!

Simply Divine

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | 8-11:00 AM
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, it's St. John's big annual fundraiser benefitting area feeding ministries! So many ways to help, from sharing the event to running the freezers at the sale.

Yard signs and updated sign toppers are in! Our divine yard signs, seen all over town, are great publicity. Pick up a yard sign to help spread the word. Signs are in the office hallway and parish hall.

Are you a cooker or baker? Sign up to cook or bake for the sale at **bit.ly/26bakesale.**

Don't love to cook but love to help? Email Alex, **a.adams87@me.com,** to sign up.

Check out our very informative **Bake Sale page at stjohnsdecatur.org/bake-sale** for more details.

Advent Wreath Workshop

and Breakfast Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
9:00 AM TO 10:15 AM | PARISH HALL

For wreath building, plan to bring your clippers, greenery, berries, pinecones, and/or your other favorite wreath flora with you. The reusable wreath form and candles are $13.00. Candle sets are $4.50. No reservations are needed and breakfast is gratis.

OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Russell Barr, Jenny Berry, Billy Biles, John Bolton, Joe Burns, Walt Chenault, Susan Easter, Donna Hambrick Huffman, Jessica Kelly, Bobbie Patton, Earl Pettey, David Rahm, Richard Ray, Heidi Ross, Nick Roth, Robert Schafer, Melissa Schafer, Rebecca Self, Richard Shelburne, Steve Smith, Dot Straub, Anne Sykes, Glynn Tubb, Julie Warren, Rachel Wiley, and Gretchen Willis.

We pray for those who serve in and with the Armed Forces, especially Michael Blair, Steven Blair, Jonathan Easter, Garrett McElroy, Eston Rogers, 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; for the Commission on Aging and those who work to serve those communities; for Habitat for Humanity and all programs for the promotion of safe and affordable housing for low income persons.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of their 20th anniversary by Joel and Beth Weinbaum