




St. John's Chimes

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 30, 2023

MAY OFFERINGS

"The Great 50 Days" at St. John's!

We are in the midst of Eastertide, the season of new life and new possibility. For us, Easter is more than just a day. It's 50 days of unrestrained joy, all the way to the Day of Pentecost – the day when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and started spreading the gospel. You'll notice some changes this season. Every service begins with the words, "Alleluia. Christ is risen." And, you'll see the Paschal candle present, and lit, on the altar each time we gather for worship. At the end of Eastertide services, the congregation proclaims "Alleluia, Alleluia!" At St. John's, you will witness unrestrained joy and many new possibilities through this season's programming.


 See our website for list of new beginnings, special services, musical events, and introductory classes that will introduce, engage, and enrich. Alleluia, Alleluia!

READ THE FULL ARTICLE ONLINE:
saint-john.org/great50days/

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

GPL 22-23 Registration Now Underway!

St. John's Global Philanthropy Leaders (GPL) program will celebrate its fourth anniversary in fall 2023. This initiative gathers high school students in a small group setting for discussion about global philanthropy, micro-loans, personal finance, global poverty, and hunger (year 1); the economic impact of racism in America (year 2); and creation care and investing in a sustainable future (year 3). Due to the continued positive response from our young people, and the support of many lay leaders, we will be able to continue offering three

 GPL classes in the fall (monthly; September to April). Applications for next year's GPL program will be accepted through 6/30. Learn more online.

PROGRAM DETAILS AND APPLICATION:
saint-john.org/gpl-2023-24/

SAVE THE DATE

- TUES 5/2** "Tower Bell Tuesdays" Begin
12 PM | GARDEN | TUESDAYS IN MAY
Bell tower and church tours to follow concerts.
- SUN 5/7** Service of Choral Evensong
5 PM ORGAN RECITAL | 5:30 PM SERVICE
- SUN 5/7** Tour St. John's Historic Cemetery
3 TO 4:30 PM | SELF-GUIDED TOURS
SJ Historical Society docents will be present.
- TUES 5/9** Education for Ministry Open House
5:30 PM | KILLEEN HALL

TODAY

Sunday Forum: GPL 2023-24 Wrap

After today's 10 AM service, join us in Alfriend Hall to hear students from our Global Philanthropy Leaders (GPL) program relay how they have shared in God's abundance through investment in others. A light breakfast will be served (fruit, donuts, juice/coffee).

Spring Compline Ends

This evening, at 7:30 PM, is our final Compline of the program year. A beautiful contemplative service, Sung Compline features chanting, Scripture, meditative prayer, and sublime music.



REGISTER NOW

Vacation Bible School

After a three-year hiatus, VBS is back at St. John's, and registration is now open!

Our Summer 2023 camp is open to rising PreK-4 through 5th graders and will be held nightly on June 26-30, from 5:30-7:30 PM. Dinner is included. Join us to play, pray, create, serve, and learn: a week of "FruitFULL Faith!"
saint-john.org/event/vbs2023/

"The Good Funeral"

The best time to learn about planning a funeral is before you are called to do so.

With Fr. Lonnie's help, the St. John's Foundation will discuss the theology of a funeral – what choices, decisions, and support does one encounter as they make plans? Please contact the office at 850.222.2636 or RSVP online and let us know if you can attend on Thursday, May 11, at 5:30 PM, in Killeen Hall.
saint-john.org/event/goodfuneral2023/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Quarter Parish Finance Update

St. John's is off to the races in 2023 with full pews, smiling faces, and joyful hearts! Our budget is on track after the first quarter with both pledge payments and total expenses only slightly behind budget projections. Everything we do together here to glorify God is thanks to YOUR generosity and support! Below are parish financials from January through March 2023:

<i>Pledge income received</i>	\$294,043
<i>Pledge income budgeted</i>	\$300,000
<i>Percentage over/(under) budget</i>	(2%)
<i>Total expenses to date</i>	\$468,779
<i>Total expenses budgeted</i>	\$505,768
<i>Percentage over/(under) budget</i>	(7%)

NEW Contemplative Lunch – May 4

Mark your calendar! This coming Thursday, May 4, is our first Contemplative Lunch gathering. Every month, on the first and third Thursdays, the Front Porch at St. John's invites you to come deepen your spirituality through contemplative practice. At 12:30 PM, in the Rutledge Room, we'll begin with a centering prayer practice, and then enjoy poetry, readings, and prayer together. Participants will be invited to stay for casual conversation and discussion over lunch (brown bag or pre-order from the Lively Cafe). All are welcome. See you Thursday!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
11:15 AM Sunday Forum: GPL Update <i>details on front</i> <i>Last Compline of the Spring Semester</i>	8:30 AM Cemetery Workday 5:30 PM Weekly Yoga 7 PM Centering Prayer	11 AM The Knitters 12 PM Tower Bell Tuesdays 1:30 PM Meditation	6 PM Bible Stories for Grownups 7 PM Flute Recital	7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Good Book 12:30 PM Contemplative Lunch (NEW!)	12 PM Friday Book Study	

