




St. John's Chimes

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION | AUGUST 6, 2023

YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Be Prepared: Get Your Books & Bibles


The Year of the Bible at St. John's will be here before we know it! We are looking forward to kicking it off with our marathon Bible reading event, Miqra, on August 24-27. Then, the Bible will be our parish theme across all age groups for the rest of the year. This week, you should receive by mail some more information and a reading schedule that you

 can hang on the fridge! We've even included a helpful list to get you started. The first step is finding your book or Bible to follow along with this year. If you want to get a head start, see the page of links we've compiled to purchase books online for the Year of the Bible!

PURCHASE BOOKS ONLINE:
saint-john.org/yotb-bookchoice/

ST. JOHN'S CONNECTS

St. John's Small Groups Forming Now

Small Groups are back for the 2023-24 program year! In times of need and times of fun, small groups are a source of friendship and support, and they're a great place for spiritual growth. Small Groups are made up of eight to 12 individuals or a few couples that gather monthly (through May 2024) for conversation around a topic, fellowship, and prayer. We encourage those who have participated before to sign up, as well as anyone looking to meet new people. If you're looking for a small group focused on a specific kind of support (parents with young children, coping with aging parents, divorce, etc.), please note that we  will be starting our Phoenix Caring Groups in October, so be on the lookout for information around those groups, too! All participants need to fill out a new form for the 2023-24 program year.

REGISTER FOR A GROUP ONLINE:
saint-john.org/smallgroups2023/

SAVE THE DATE

MON 8/7 **School Supply Drive Deadline**
DROP OFF BY CHURCH OFFICE
saint-john.org/2023rileysupplies/

SUN 8/27 **Acolyte Training**
11:30 AM | CHURCH
5th graders & up; new and veterans invited!

SUN 9/17 **Fall Parish Dinner**
5 PM | EVE'S GARDEN

SUN 10/1 **Blessing of the Animals**
3 PM | CASCADES PARK

TODAY

Today is "BACH to School" Sunday, a parish tradition that combines beautiful music and the "Blessing of the Backpacks!" Some of today's music will be played by the Bach Parley String Academy, an organization that is housed at St. John's. Part of their mission is bringing together students from different backgrounds to cultivate an appreciation for and achievement in music. The String Academy's acclaimed faculty of professional string musicians provides lessons in violin, viola and cello. And to ensure all young people in our area can learn a musical instrument, need-based music scholarships are offered.

LEARN MORE ONLINE:
bachparley.org/string-academy/



THIS MONTH

Jazz Music Sunday & Parish Potluck

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Next week, join us at the 10 AM service for "Jazz Music Sunday," the liturgy you love with a jazz music twist! Arrive early; our jazz prelude begins at 9:50 AM. After worship is our Parish Potluck. We'll provide chicken; please bring sides or desserts that do NOT need to be heated or refrigerated. Questions? Email mahaska1@comcast.net

Choir School Kickoff & Open House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Mark your calendar for two weeks from today, when we'll hold a special celebration after 10 AM worship! Learn about the behind-the-scenes activities of the St. John's Choir School, which is now enrolling. Also, climb to the bell tower, see the organ up close, visit the choral library, and enjoy refreshments!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling All EfM Grads: A New Year Awaits!

As graduates of the EfM program at Sewanee, you may not know that you are eligible to retake any of the four years of EfM curriculum! With the upcoming Year of the Bible at St. John's, this is the perfect time to dig deeper, gathering weekly in community with an EfM group for a "bonus year!" St. John's currently has two classes with open spots. Contact Fr. Jim Clendinen (jclendinen@gmail.com) to learn more about our Tuesday lunch bunch (12 to 2 PM on campus) or our online group that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:30 to 11 AM via zoom). And, of course, if you've always wanted to give EfM a try, we encourage you to jump in with us!

Youth Group Kickoff: Slip-n-Slide Kickball

Mark your calendar for two Sundays from now, August 20, when youth in grades 6-12 will slide into the new school year with a fun game of "Slip-n-Slide Kickball!" Middle schoolers gather first at 5 PM, and then high schoolers will join the party at 6 PM for dinner (a nacho bar!) before their own kickball game. We're meeting at the Schnittker house (4549 Timberloch Drive). Bring a friend!



LEARN MORE ONLINE:

saint-john.org/event/kickball2023/

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	8:30 AM St. John's Cemetery Work Day	1:30 PM Meditation		12 PM Good Book	12 PM Friday Book Study	
	7 PM Centering Prayer			5:30 PM St. Francis Ministry Mtg.		



This grid highlights a few of the ways to get involved at St. John's. For event details and weekly worship times, scan the QR code or visit saint-john.org/events