

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, November 7, 2021 — Sunday, November 14, 2021

11/07	Sunday	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
		8 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive	MPR
		10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		10 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room
11/08	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	Learning Commons
11/09	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Festival Singers	Church
		8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
11/10	Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	ZOOM
11/11	Thursday	8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
11/13	Saturday	1 p.m.	TG Food Drive Bag Prep	Narthex and Courtyard
		5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chrysostom Chapel
		8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
11/14	Sunday	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		10 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room
		1 p.m.	TG Food Drive Bag Prep	Narthex and Courtyard

ALL THE ST. JOHN'S NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS TODAY

St. John's is hosting a blood drive in the Multipurpose Room today **Sunday, November 7**, from **8:15 a.m.—2 p.m.** Logon to <https://www.redcrossblood.org>, and use sponsor code St. John to sign up.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT RSM CARES FOOD PANTRY

The Thanksgiving Food Drive is here! Again this year, donations will support our local RSM Cares Food Pantry. A newly revised shopping list can be found on the counter in the Narthex. Bring your donations to Church by Sunday, **November 14**. If you can help out with preparing and loading bags **November 13-14**, or help out with food distribution at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, **Wednesday, November 17**, contact Roger Bradshaw, parisbradshaws@me.com or 949.505.4663.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our Youth Groups are shaking things up. High School & Beyond group will meet twice a month on ZOOM. Next meetings will be **Tuesday, November 16**, November 30, and December 7. College members of this group are graduates of St. John's YG who continue to enjoy the fellowship. Awesome!

Shopping for our church's Thanksgiving Food Drive for the RSM Cares Food Pantry is set for **Wednesday, November 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m.** at Target in RSM.

Youth Group will take a break November 24 for Thanksgiving. **Wednesday, December 1** the groups will shop for a Families Forward family, and **Wednesday, December 15** is the YG Christmas party.

To join either group, or ask questions, get hold of Mrs. Patti: sjecyouthgroup@stjohns-es.org. Youth Group members are reminded that adult leaders are just a text away, 24/7, if members need to talk.

BOOK IT ON MONDAYS! FOR NOVEMBER

We will meet again by ZOOM for our final 2021 book club meeting on **Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m.** We will look at 100 years of Agatha Christie's work and we will discuss Christie's book *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* Each book gathering finds us discussing the particulars of the book and our reactions to it. But it also *"supports, and creates, the sanctity and celebrations of our relationships"*. Friendships require connecting and conversation, both of which we find through our Book It on Mondays' sisterhood! If you are interested in receiving monthly notifications about Book It on Mondays, please contact Loreen Guilford at loreenquilford@gmail.com.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY — NEW ISSUE AVAILABLE

The November-December-January issue of the daily devotional, *Forward Day by Day*, is available today. *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings. Stop by the display rack in the Narthex to pick up your copy. A \$1 donation is suggested.

INTERESTED IN GODLY PLAY?

If anyone is interested in attending and becoming a Godly Play teacher, please reach out to Chrissy Hennings, children@stjohns-es.org or 949.291.6141 ASAP. We are also looking for door greeters to be available on Sundays to welcome the children into Godly Play and to be a helping hand to the teacher. Please let us know if you can help out and would like more information!

ST. JOHN'S MEALS MINISTRY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The meals ministry at St. John's exists to serve those who may need assistance with meals during a difficult period such as post-surgery recovery, bereavement, or even a brand new baby! For those who have participated in the past and those who have not, but would like to participate, please contact Melinda Freese, our new coordinator, melindafreese@cox.net, with your email address and she will add you to the list of participants.

FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS — NEWCOMER BREAKFAST COMING DECEMBER 5

Are you new or "new-ish" to St. John's Church? Please join us for a Welcome Breakfast **Sunday, December 5 at 9 a.m.** on the Learning Commons Courtyard. Members of the lay leadership attend as well as the priests. It's a great chance to get to know each other in a smaller group setting and to ask questions about the church. Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to erinschwarz@yahoo.com. All those new to St. John's are welcome!

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021

Commemorate or celebrate a loved one or friend by sponsoring altar flowers. More than one donation can be submitted per week. Just send the commemoration along with your name and mail it to the Church Office or drop off on Sundays while at Church. The suggested flower donation is **\$60**.

WOMEN — SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Group Hike: Sunday, November 14 after the 8 a.m. service. Led by Erin Schwarz and Andrea Patton.

Lectio Divina: Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM. Led by Linda Allport.

Saturday Church Service with Dinner Afterwards: Saturday, November 20. Attend the 5 p.m. service together and then have dinner outside at a local restaurant.

OUR GREEN TIP MINISTRY IS BACK!

Interested in helping our members learn to be good stewards of God's creation? We need volunteers to submit green tips for publication in the bulletin. Also, over the years we have collected corks for recycling. At this time we are suspending cork collection until 2022. Send your green tips to Cindy in the Church Office, cdrennan@stjohns-es.org.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTE FAMILIES!

Acolyte families? What is that? An "acolyte family" is an opportunity to serve at church on Sundays with members of your family. Parent and child, grandparent and child, spouses, siblings, you get the idea. We'd love to see YOU up there with a member or two of your family. An easy training session and you're on your way to serving as part of the Altar ministry. No age limit, although our younger members should be old enough to carry something (cross, gospel book, or candle). If you're interested in serving, contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR MEETS AFTER CHURCH!

On most Sundays, join us after the service on the lower courtyard (Learning Commons Courtyard) which is the perfect spot to hold coffee hour where tables, comfortable seating, and shade abound. We even have an elevator you can use to get there! If you have a desire to be part of this ministry, please chat with one of our clergy when you come to grab your coffee and greet your friends! We will need a couple of people each week who are willing to prepare the coffee, etc., set up, and clean up at the end. Contact Gary and Dena Graves, capgary@cox.net.