



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

November 2023

Dear St. John's,

Deciding to write this letter - I began thinking about November, and what November means to me. For me, November automatically makes me think of two main things: my sister, whose birthday is November 23 and Thanksgiving. And, the two are mentally and emotionally intertwined.

I am the older sister. And, like many older siblings, I spent a fair bit of my childhood with emotions of jealousy and anger. The anger was typically because my sister didn't do things 'my way' ... and, as many older siblings can attest, "My way is always the right way."

Years later, around my college years, I developed a great respect for my sister. I learned the lesson that 'my way' is not always the right, nor the best nor the only way. Additionally, I learned that, occasionally (wink, wink), I may actually be completely wrong.

However, the biggest and most profound lesson that I learned from this relationship growth is about Grace. My sister has shown me much grace - grace and forgiveness - though I didn't deserve this.

In a personal way, this relationship demonstrated to me the Grace and Forgiveness God bestows on all of us. Not deserved, but given to us nonetheless, through Jesus.

For this November, and at all times, I pray that each of you knows the grace and forgiveness of God.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

– Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Peace,

The Feast of St. Francis & Mass on the Grass



Photos by Kelly Smith and Gabby Kyzar

The Feast of St. Francis & Mass on the Grass



Blessing of the Animals



Mark your calendar . . .
Annual Meeting 12/10

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday December 10 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Please make plans to attend, as we will need at least 50 eligible parishioners in attendance to vote. There will not be an 8:00 a.m. service on this day.

Pledge Boxes are in

The 2024 Offering Envelopes have arrived and will be available at the Annual



Meeting on December 10. Each box is labeled and arranged in alphabetical order by last name.

Be sure to pick yours up after the service.

Children's Activities

December 4
Christmas Caroling

December 6 (5:30 p.m.)
Feast of St. Nicholas Service

Flower Guild Update

Greetings from the Flower Guild! We wanted to keep St. John's members informed on a few things:

First, the Flower Guild would like at least two weeks' notice if you plan to dedicate flowers to someone. This will allow the person responsible for flowers that week the necessary time to plan. We recognize there may be instances where two weeks' notice is not possible. Also, if you would like to dedicate flowers to someone, a minimum of \$75 should be donated. These donations should be given to the church office.

The greening of the church will take place on December 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. Be on the lookout for an opportunity to make a donation for Christmas. More to come on that.

Finally, if you are interested in serving on the Flower Guild, we would love to have you join us. No experience is necessary.

Please reach out to Stacey Baumhauer or any Flower Guild member and we will help you get involved.

St. John's Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, *Bishop*
Vacant, *Rector*

Hope Shotts Steiner, *Organist-Choir Director*

Terry Willis, *Sexton*

Jenn Johnson, *Church Secretary*

Amy Baker, *Children's Ministry*

Pam Eaves, *Nursery Attendant*

St. John's Vestry

Kelly Smith - *Senior Warden*

Bob McDonald - *Junior Warden*

Bobby Baker - *Treasurer*

Donna Stewart - *Vestry Clerk*

Amanda Johns - *Personnel*

Liz Evans - *Outreach/Communications*

Johnny Banahan - *Activities*

Kristin Pugh - *Children's Ministry*

Matt Jones - *Member*

Kathy Khayat - *Member*

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NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

If we missed your Birthday
or Anniversary please email
or call Jenn with the date.
Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01 Gary Bardwell Jesse Diaz	02	03	04 Emily Higdon Mitchell Latady
05 Michael Donahue Katelyn Miller *Harty & Charles Couey	06 Micheal Tolleson	07	08 *Okee & Chiazo Ekenna	09 Mary Margaret Bailey	10	11 Dawne Dungan Trey Sublett
12 Doug Green Houston Parrish *Terral & Seth Baker	13 Emma Wilson	14 JoAnne Fortenberry Kathy Roberts	15	16	17 John Goshorn	18 Lee Vance *Monica & Bob Donald
19 Corbin Switzer	20 Pashala Battley *Dylan & Dustin Demouey	21	22 Lauren Burnsed Anna Stewart	23 Tyler Branch Kristin Pugh *Beth & Aaron Masters	24 Beth Black Paul Jacob Tristani *Gina & Gary Bardwell	25 Shirley Hunter
26 Susan Harris Lynda Howell *Loretta & Ed Ranck	27 Bryan Bosio	28	29 Charlie McVea	30 Fred Pettersen	01	02

*Anniversary

Lay Ministry Schedule November 2023

	November 5th	November 12th	November 19th	November 26th
	All Saints	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Last Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	Dustin Taylor		Dale Harkey	Dustin Taylor
Lectors/ Chalice Bearer	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
	Priscilla Battley	Mary Maner	Bob McDonald	Gina Bardwell
	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
	Terry Guynn Bruner Bosio	Mary Mgt Bailey Anna Stewart	Stan Flint	Kathy Khayat Monica Donald
Acolytes	Gabby Kyzar, Paker Demouey, & Anderson Wills	Fin Battley, Bennett Switzer, & Ann Banahan	Landon Beasley, Izabella Beasley, Emily Pugh, & Nelson Pugh	Gabby Kyzar, Paker Demouey, & Anderson Wills
Ushers	Calen Wills	John Banahan	Terry Harris	David Minkler
Altar Guild	JoAnne Fontaine Len Murray	Mary Bet Evans Catherine Miller	Connie Belk Amanda Johns	Priscilla Battley Alice Baker
Flower Guild	Jill Bosio	Pat Russell-Shira	Amy Baker	Sherry Boman
Sunday School Teachers	Kelci Miller Taylor Banahan Amy Baker	Alyssa Purdy Sarah Busby Amy Baker Deborah Banahan	Amy Baker, Therese Jones Deborah Banahan Alyssa Purdy	Kristin Pugh Kelci Miller Amy Baker