

# The Epistle

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### Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ~John 8:12*

#### Happy Epiphany!

The season of light has come; the Magi followed the light of the star to the newborn child, Jesus. During Epiphany we are reminded that the promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Christ which says "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn" (Isaiah 60:3).



In Epiphany we hear stories of Jesus's life in our readings and we learn of his first miracle. The disciples see and learn who Jesus really is. As Christians we do our best to follow the light of Christ. It is

important to remember that we don't just receive that light: we are charged with sharing it.

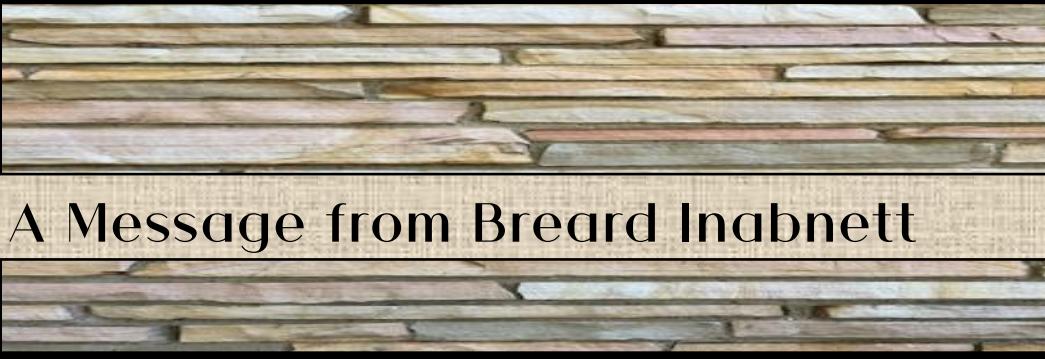
When John 8:12 records "I am the light of the world," this is good news and we can shine that light wherever we go. Sometimes this is difficult as the rhythm of our daily grind sets in. We forget to love unconditionally and sometimes we forget to be kind. We look past that stranger on the corner with his hand out. Maybe we even forget to pray. We forget to trust. We are flawed and imperfect. But the light of Christ is always with us, steadfast and steady.



This Epiphany, remember to shine your light out into the world. Be kind. Trust in all that God has planned for you and that God is in control. In times of darkness His constant companionship will not only be a source of comfort but a guide into the light.

#### Annual Meeting

Please join us  
on January 25  
for our Annual Meeting  
and Vestry Elections  
immediately following  
the 10:30 am service.  
Lunch will be served  
in the Parish Hall.



## A Message from Breard Inabnett

### A New Young Adult Ministry for St. Paul's

I am very excited to have this opportunity to introduce myself and the Young Adult Ministry. If you haven't had the chance to meet me, here is some basic information. I graduated from Louisiana Tech this fall with a bachelor's in accounting. My call to the Lord was stronger than my call to balance sheets and excel documents! I hail from Monroe, LA so I have been slowly scooting down I-20 the past few years. My journey deepening dependence on the Lord started my sophomore year in college, and I have no doubt will continue until we meet. The Love of Jesus is the most important thing that I have learned and have every intent of spreading it.

Just so there is no confusion, I have found that it would be easiest to break the Young Adult Ministry into two ministries under it: College Ministry and Post College Ministry. The College Ministry will be starting at Centenary College and stationed at the Canterbury House where Barry Larson and I will be living. It has been out of commission for over a decade and is poised for a step back into the spotlight. The Post College Ministry will be those in their 20's and 30's who have finished school or are continuing post-education, and this ministry will be stationed here at St. Paul's. After my first couple of weeks identifying and looking at where St. Paul's current state lies, I believe there to be great opportunity for building a sustainable and successful Young Adult Ministry over the next few years. The framework is set, so a foundation and focus on structure is to come.

I would also like to share the Young Adult Ministry's goals, so everyone is in the loop. For the college ministry at Centenary, we will be looking to take a small number of dedicated students into a "discipleship" program learning about and living out the teachings of Jesus. The future of this program would ideally be set up for those students to take on their own "disciples" when they are seniors, thus sustaining a consistent membership through the coming years. For the Post College side, we are looking to build up the existence of a Young Adult group first and expand from there. We will look to rally behind The Way Sunday Service and our own study program after Wonderful Wednesday's dinner.

Now, this is where you all come in. No church has an amazing and sustained Young Adult Ministry without the passionate support of the congregation. It is every member's duty to invite, welcome, and connect young adults you know to this new ministry. I have left my contact information for easy connection, and a QR code that links you to the Young Adult Ministries information. I see a great future for this ministry and am thrilled to do my part in building it along with every one of you.

Breard Inabnett | 318-557-5612



### Parishioner Spotlight: Michael Wells



Michael Wells wears many hats in his service to St. Paul's: he has just completed a term as oblations coordinator, he is one of our Grill Masters when we do cookouts, he attended Cursillo 156, is a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and is involved in Scouting. In January, Michael will introduce us to the God and Me curriculum for our Wednesday night program for Kings Club and EYC. The curriculum is from the P.R.A.Y. program, Programs of Religious Activities with Youth, which is a non-profit organization aimed at fostering the Christian growth of children, youth, and families through churches and youth serving agencies. The goal of the program is to draw young people closer to Christ and help them grow stronger in faith and in service to God, a goal which is very close to Michael's heart.

# Vestry Candidates



VESTRY

## Annual Meeting



At the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026 we will elect four new members to our Vestry for a three-year term. As members of the Family of St. Paul's, please mindfully and prayerfully consider who you will choose for your Vestry. It is with a true servant's heart that one serves in this capacity.

Candidate biographies will appear in your order of service the two weeks preceding the annual meeting. Our meeting will begin in the Parish Hall this year, rather than in the church, and you'll be given a ballot for vestry elections. To be an eligible voter you must be a member in good standing, active in the life of the church, and a giver of record to the church.

Title I, Canon 17, Sec. 3. Of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church helps us understand what it means to be good stewards by defining "good standing."

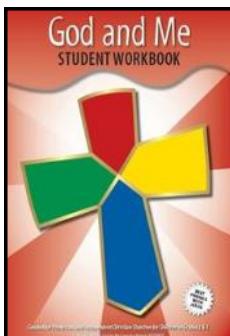
The Canon reads: "All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing." In plain terms, to be in good standing means to be a good steward of our time, talent, and treasure. Regular attendance at worship, faithful participation in the work of the church to spread the Gospel, and responsible financial support of the church are all required to be considered in "good standing." We will be filling four vacant vestry positions and so on your ballot you must **select four** of the candidates for your ballot to be valid.

As we wait for the election results we will enjoy lunch while hearing brief reports on our ministry areas and an overview of the narrative budget. Please make plans to attend!

## Facility Stewardship

The new year brings new property projects and will begin with installation of a new handicap ramp in the church, renovation of the restrooms between the Parlor and the church, and some renovation of the office to replace the storefront windows facing the Memorial Courtyard, replacing the flooring and lighting. Matt Abrams will be the project manager and the hope is that all these projects are complete before Easter. Work is expected to begin in January.

## Ministry Spotlight: God and Me—P.R.A.Y. Program



Beginning January 14, King's Club and EYC will begin a new program titled [God and Me](#) which is designed to help kids become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of God and Me together. The curriculum provides opportunities for young people and families to explore their faith together and to help kids realize that God is active in every part of their lives. Filled with scripture, games, and crafts, the curriculum is targeted for young people of all ages. Parishioner Michael Wells brings the program to us through his work in Scouting, but it is perfect for youth groups and Sunday School classes as well. At the completion of the program there are recognition awards presented to participants.

# Worship

## Altar Guild Word of the Month for January: Epiphany



The coming of the Magi to honor Jesus is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. The Magi, or wise men, were distinguished foreigners from the East who visited the Baby Jesus bearing

gifts. Their visit marked the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile world.

The Altar Guild is privileged to help our church celebrate this joyous feast by placing the beautiful Magi statues in the narthex in anticipation of their “journey” to see the newborn King, as well as setting up the service.

An Epiphany procession, in which members of the church carry the three Magi to the crèche, takes place at the beginning of the Eucharistic service on the Feast of the Epiphany.

If you feel you are called to serve St. Paul's as a member of the Altar Guild ministry, please contact Carol Moloney at 225-362-2783 or Terry LeGrand at 318-573-2233.

## Altar Flowers

**January 4:** To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the staff of St. Paul's by Michael Cannon.

**January 11:** To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my grandson Geoff Och by Johnnie Och.

**January 18:** To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for and love for my husband, Bill, my sons Reagan and Bennett; my grandchildren Jackson, Ryleigh, Emery, Maya, and Amy, and in thanksgiving for my St. Paul's family Susan Sherwin.

**January 25:** To the Glory of God and in celebration of the blessings of church and family by Josh and Emily Maier.

## Bishop Jake Owensby Visits



Bishop Owensby's annual visit to St. Paul's was December 14 and we had eight confirmations and two reaffirmations. He also presided over the burial of our time capsule in the Memorial Courtyard in anticipation of our 100-year anniversary twenty-five years from now.

The confirmands are Jill Pickett, Logan Rich, Barry Larson, Joshua

Jackson, Sarah Jackson, Lottie Abrams, Jessica Vanschuyver, and Christian Vinet. Jennifer Jackson and Amanda Rich were reaffirmed.



## Sunday Lectionary

**January 4: The Second Sunday after Christmas**  
1st Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84; 2nd Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

**January 11: The Baptism of Our Lord**  
1st Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; 2nd Lesson: Acts 10:34-43; Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

**January 18: The Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
1st Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Gospel: John 1:29-42

**January 25: The Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
1st Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

# Families, Children, Youth

## The Cutest Christmas Pageant Ever



The birth of Jesus was attended by angels, mice, sheep, donkeys, a spider, and a spotted cow, among others in this year's Children's Christmas Pageant, directed by Claire Brooks.

A serene Mary and a patient Joseph stood in the creche while the congregation sang carols and the animals chimed in, along with the angel Gabriel.

Narrator Aaron Rusling kept us on track and once again the miracle of Christmas occurred: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The pageant was followed by a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall featuring Kip Boyd's delicious smoked brisket with sides and plenty of desserts.

## Camp Hardtner: Summer 2026

**CAMP HARDTNER**  
REGISTRATION OPENS DEC 2ND!  
\*Grades based on the 2026-2027 school year

SESSION	GRADES*	DATES
First Camp	2, 3, & 4 with parent/guardian	May 29 - 31
Sr. High Camp	11, 12, & 2026 Grads	June 2 - 9
Primary Camp 1	4, 5, & 6	June 12 - 17
Jr. High Camp 1	6, 7, & 8	June 20 - 26
Mid. High Camp	9, 10, & 11	June 28 - July 4
Primary Camp 2	4, 5, & 6	July 7 - 12
Jr. High Camp 2	6, 7, & 8	July 15 - 21
Able Camp	Adults 18+ with Special Needs	July 24 - 28

**LEARN MORE!**  
[www.camphardtner.org](http://www.camphardtner.org)

The Camp Hardtner summer camps dates are out; save the date so you can make memories at summer camp.

Contact Fr. Michael if you need scholarship information.

## Third Annual Live Nativity



*Joshua Jackson and Rose Baker as Joseph and Mary.*

Shepherds, live animals, gumbo, Christmas tunes, and the Holy Family were all in place for our third annual live nativity event on Friday, December 19.

Kent Gill was with us once again to provide live music and the Guild of Queen Esther manned the sweets and cocoa tent; children were able to create crafts in the craft tent and pet the live animals.

Mary and Joseph stood with



*Anne Garner and Bob Maynard wrangle the sheep.*

the baby Jesus in the creche while the star of Bethlehem, shone brightly in the sky (well, on the Carillon). Children could pet sheep, a cow, and a donkey who stood in pens near the creche and were tended by shepherds. If animals were too much, some chose to simply run and play chase on the lawn in front of the church with plenty of room to spread out.



*Lois Fraser and Carol Moloney enjoy a cup of gumbo.*

It was a cool, clear evening, perfect for mingling among the crowd with a cup of your choice of seafood or chicken and sausage gumbo served by Matt Abrams and Susan Adams. Gumbo cooks included Jerry Bagwell and Stephen Baker along with Matt and Susan.

The evening is always special for the fellowship and family gatherings it provides. Friends throughout the Broadmoor neighborhood are always welcome and come enjoy the event and hospitality.

It was the most magical way to open the Christmas season as we await the birth of Jesus.

# January

**Sun**

**Mon**

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**4**

8 am Holy Eucharist 1  
9:30 Sunday School, all ages  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2  
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)  
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)  
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)  
  
Birthday: Julie Broadwell, Jerry Fertitta, Beth Rothell

**5**

6 pm Outreach Committee

**6 The Epiphany of our Lord**

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)  
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)  
5:30 pm Epiphany Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
6 pm Epiphany Cake Contest and Potluck Dinner (Parish Hall)  
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)  
Birthday: Jan Graff, Martee Reeg

10 am Healing Service (O)  
10:30 am Bible Study (V)  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist  
5:30 pm Young Voices (O)  
6 pm WW Dinner (Parish H)  
6:30 pm Programs, all a

**11 The Baptism of Our Lord**

8 am Holy Eucharist 1  
9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by Vestry (Parish Hall)  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, with Baptism  
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)  
3 pm Holy Eucharist at The Glen  
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)  
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)  
Birthday: Mary Alice Hood

**12**

12 pm Finance Committee  
Birthday: Nancy Bynum, Lacie Kennedy

**13**

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)  
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)  
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)  
Birthday: Elizabeth Ollendike

10 am Healing Service (O)  
10:30 am Bible Study (V)  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist  
5:30 pm Young Voices (O)  
6 pm WW Dinner (Parish H)  
6:30 pm Programs, all a

**18**

8 am Holy Eucharist 1  
9:30 Sunday School, all ages  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, New Member Welcome  
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)  
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel) and Agape meal  
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)  
  
Birthday: Carol Moloney, Susan Sherwin

**19 The Confession of St. Peter**

10:30 am St. Catherine's Guild (Wardens Room)  
6 pm Vestry Meeting  
Birthday: Heidi Brendle

**20**

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)  
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)  
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)

10 am Healing Service (O)  
10:30 am Bible Study (V)  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist  
5:30 pm Young Voices (O)  
6 pm WW Cookout (Parish H)  
6:30 pm Programs, all a  
Birthday: Zoey Lowe, G  
Vazquez

**25 The Conversion of St. Paul**

8 am Holy Eucharist 1  
9:30 Sunday School, all ages  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2  
12 pm Annual Meeting and Vestry Election  
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)  
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)  
  
Birthday: Marie Lavelle  
Anniversary: Bernie and Beverly Casso

**26**

Birthday: Shá Ryan

**27**

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)  
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)  
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)

10 am Healing Service (O)  
10:30 am Bible Study (V)  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist  
5:30 pm Young Voices (O)  
6 pm Dinner (Parish H)  
6:30 pm Programs, all a  
Birthday: Craig Wilemon

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**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

	<p><b>1</b> <b>The Holy Name of Our Lord</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Wardens Room)</p>	<p><b>3</b> Birthday: Madeleine Maier</p>
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Chapel) Wardens Room) (Chapel) Choir Room) h Hall) ges	<p><b>15</b> 12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Rm) 7 pm Choir Practice Birthday: Amy Prather</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Wardens Room)</p>	<p><b>17</b> Birthday: Rick Baudoin</p>
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Chapel) Wardens Room) (Chapel) Choir Room) ll) ges n	<p><b>29</b> 12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Rm) 7 pm Choir Practice Birthday: Chris and JoAnn Rose</p>	<p><b>30</b> 7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Wardens Room) Birthday: Joe Legrand, Ed Owen</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9 am Vestry Retreat (Parlor) 7 pm St. Paul's Players Broadway Revue (Parish Hall)</p>

# Discipleship & Christian Education

## Dann Wigner: On Forgiveness



Dann Wigner will be with us once again in January to talk about the subject of forgiveness.

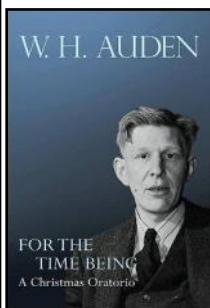
Dr. Wigner has been an Assistant Professor in English at Wayland Baptist University since 2024, and he has been teaching at WBU in various departments since 2007. Wigner

teaches classes in composition, rhetoric, literature, and research writing for Wayland. He holds BA and MA degrees from WBU, an MS degree from the University of North Texas, and a PhD from the University of Durham (UK) in Theology and Sociology.

An engaging and personable speaker, he previously conducted an Enneagram workshop with us at St. Paul's. On January 28 he will speak in the Parlor after our Wonderful Wednesday dinner, and again on February 1, between the two Sunday morning services.

## What is Fr. Michael Reading?

Fr. Michael always has a book in his hand, but what is he reading now?!



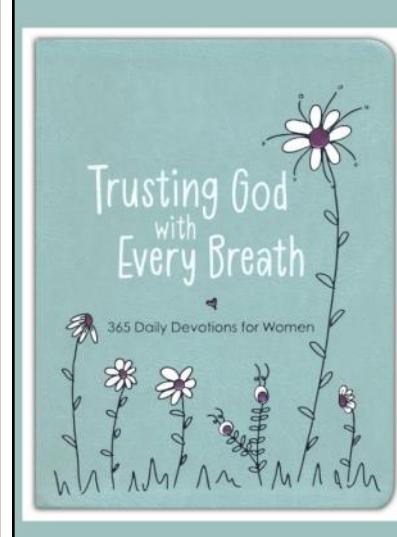
*For the Time Being* by W. H. Auden is a pivotal book in the career of one of the greatest poets of the twentieth century. W. H. Auden had recently moved to America, rethought his entire poetic and intellectual equipment, and reclaimed the Christian faith of his childhood. Then, in short order, a relationship ended and his mother, to whom he was very close, died.

In the midst of this period of personal crisis and intellectual remaking, he decided to write a poem about Christmas and to have it set to music by his friend Benjamin Britten. Auden understood the difficulty of writing something vivid and distinctive about that most clichéd of subjects, but welcomed the challenge. In the end, the poem proved too long and complex to be set by Britten, but in it we have a remarkably ambitious and poetically rich attempt to see Christmas in double focus: as a moment in the history of the Roman Empire and of Judaism, and as an ever-new and always contemporary event for the believer.

*For the Time Being* is Auden's only explicitly religious long poem, a technical tour de force, and a revelatory window into the poet's personal and intellectual development.

(Source: [Amazon](#))

## It Takes a Village Women's Sunday School



Join us this winter in the Village as we practice trusting God and supporting one another.

Sundays  
9:30 am  
Brides Room



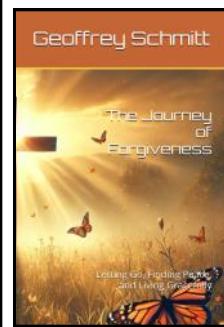
Beginning in January the women's Sunday School group will begin working their way through a new devotional: [Trusting God with Every Breath](#).

When life throws us curveballs, it can be difficult to trust God. We may feel like we're stumbling in the dark, unsure of where to turn. But with each new day, we have the opportunity to start fresh.

Trusting God with Every Breath is a 365-day devotional that offers strength and encouragement to move through the ups and downs of life. Each day includes Scripture, a devotion, and personal reflection to help you draw on God's love, power, and redemption to breathe new life into your faith journey.

We may not read every single entry together but take a more casual approach and highlight whatever spoke to us through the week. Join us at 9:30 am in the Bride's Room.

## February Adult Lenten Program



Rev. Geoffrey Schmitt will lead our adult Lenten program beginning February 25 with his book, [The Journey of Forgiveness](#).

The book is a heartfelt Christian guide to one of life's most difficult and most transformative acts: forgiveness.

Make plans to join us in the Parlor in Lent to explore this fascinating book and unburden ourselves from the past.

# Mission and Outreach

## St. Paul's Players in 2026

The St. Paul's Players has an exciting lineup for the remainder of their 2025-26 season.

One of the missions for the group is to help fund the annual South Dakota mission trip each summer but as their mission statement explains, the ministry uses theatrical performances to present the religious messages of our faith, to inspire spiritual growth, and to bring biblical truths to life.



Show dates:  
April 30 at 7 pm  
May 1 at 7 pm  
May 2 at 2 pm  
May 3 at 2 pm  
May 8 at 7 pm

In May you won't want to miss the fabulous production of Godspell! Directed by Erika Cannon and starring Barry Larson, the play promises to be unforgettable. Godspell has a memorable musical score, led by the hit "Day by Day" and features other beloved songs such as "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord."

In the play, a small group of people help Jesus tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life. You don't want to miss this production!

In Summer 2026 the life and times of showman

George M. Cohen, who singlehandedly invented the Broadway musical, comes to life.

Directed by Trey Jackson this large-cast production is filled with memorable tunes such as "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "You're a Grand Old Flag".



Show Times:  
July 9 and 10 at 7 pm  
July 11 and 12 at 2 pm  
July 16 and 17 at 7 pm  
July 18 and 19 at 2 pm

Yankee Doodle Dandy will be a free theatre camp for children; the camp runs from June 8—July 8 and the show opens July 9 and runs through July 19.

## Camp Hardtner Souper Bowl and Chili Cookoff

The second annual Camp Hardtner Souper Bowl and Chili Cookoff is set for February 8 at 5 pm in the McRae Lodge.



2025 Chili Champion Erin Harold

We will have the Super Bowl on the televisions and Breard Inabnett will have a presentation on Camp Hardtner to let us know all the camp needs, happenings, and summer camp dates.

Camp Hardtner is the only Episcopal camp in Louisiana and holds a special place in the hearts of many of our own

parishioners who have attended. The camp offers an unforgettable experience for our youth, many of whom return year after year. More information is available on their website, and if tuition is a prohibiting factor, scholarships are available; just contact Fr. Michael.

The annual chili cookoff will be a highlight of the evening as well! Will anyone dethrone last year's Chili Champion Erin Harold?

Come try all the chili complete with sides and toppings, support Camp Hardtner, and cheer for your Super Bowl team!

## South Dakota 2026



We are headed back to South Dakota in 2026! The dates for our summer mission trip have been set for **June 13 - 21, 2026**. We will travel to the Black Horse Ranch on the Cheyenne River Reservation once again this summer to assist with Horse and Pony Camp. Fr. Kurt and Mtr. Ellen Huber stage this camp each summer for the Lakota children to share the love of Jesus with them and each year the camp grows exponentially! It has proven to be a transformative and meaningful experience for all who make the journey.

There will be an informational meeting **February 22** at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. If you want to learn more or if you have any interest in going on the trip, please plan to attend.

# Parish Life

## King's Club

What happens at King's Club  
goes home with parents



## Third Annual Epiphany Cake Contest



TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

### Epiphany Cake Contest

Holy Eucharist and presentation of the Magi, 5:30 pm  
Potluck Dinner and cake, 6:15 pm  
Awards, 7 pm

Judging categories:

- Best Overall
- Best Overall Adult
- Best Overall Youth
- Best Decorated
- Best Chocolate cake
- Best Pound Cake

The Magi have arrived and it's time for another cake contest! Join us at 5:30 pm on January 6 for Holy Eucharist and presentation of the Magi followed by a potluck dinner and cake contest in the Parish Hall.

A panel of judges will award prizes for various categories including Best Overall cake, Best Overall Adult, Best Overall Youth, Best Decorated, Best Chocolate Cake, and Best Pound Cake.

Paul Moore is smoking chickens for dinner so bring your favorite side dish and we will all have cake for dessert!

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Save the date for **February 17** as Epiphany comes to an end and we enter into Lent with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall, and we will bury the Alleluias in the courtyard that evening.



Shrove Tuesday is the final day before the 40-day period of Lent begins and has become a day for pre-fasting indulgence.

The name comes from the Germanic-Old English word "shrive" which means absolve. Because it comes directly before Lent, a season of fasting and penitence, this was the day that Christians would go to be "shriven" by their confessor.

The tradition of eating pancakes on this day likely comes from a need to use up rich ingredients such as butter, milk, and eggs before Lent.

Join us at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall!

## Vestry Highlights

Highlights from the November vestry meeting:

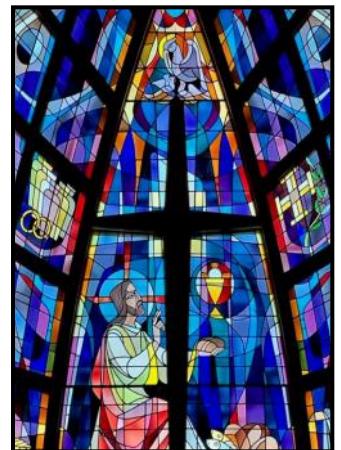
- St. Paul's participated in the John Wheless Memorial Golf Classic in November, a benefit for St. Luke's Episcopal mobile medical ministry. Our team was comprised of Kip Boyd, John Ferguson, Collins Hubbard, and Charles Thompson.
- The Outreach committee is expanding the opportunity for Camp Hardtner scholarships this year.
- The Finance Committee has had several meetings working on the annual budget.
- Joann Rose and Linda Brooks are working together on the new licensure requirements for the school.
- The Christian Ed committee reports that Godly Play is searching for new teachers.

# Prayers

**We pray for the Family of St. Paul's.** For the sick: Sandy Fowler, The Vinet Family, Larry Broadwell, Renee, Tom and Sheryl Ostendorff; Ed and Marlyn Monette, Carla Bu, The Hundley family, Virginia, Amy Prather, Sudie and David Cannon, Avery Bagwell, Steve Becker, Susan, Clara Dickey, Andy Chastain, Jim Griffith, Kaye Chrichlow, Jennifer, Patsy Michael, Robin Smith, Heather Garraway, Mark and Mary Whitener, Susan Adams, Courtney Orr, Edie Waghalter, Julie Rose, Kenny Vasquez, Barbie Cannon, Corey Gabler, Alan Prater, Ivy, John Pat Frost, Laura Kirspel, Fr. David Greer, John Greer, Paul Tatom, Gary Whitener, Maggie McElroy, Mike Herriage, Emilie Anne Ostendorff, Bob Kopp, Stephen Roberts, Peggy Byerly, Mary Helen Byrum.

**We pray for our military:** Aaron, Amanda, Chris, Clark, Cody, Cole, Jason, Levi, Michael, Shaun, Steven

**We pray for our missionaries:** Tom and Robin Wilson

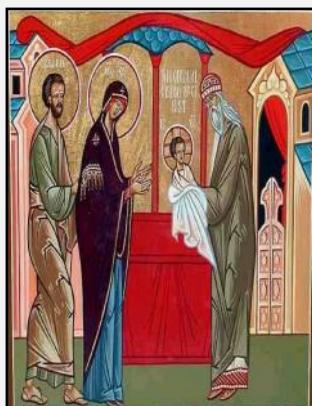


**We pray for the faithfully departed:** GrandJan, Nan Colgin, Gil Lawton, Blair Simpson, Richard Wadsock, Bobby Williams

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** Kim Duncan

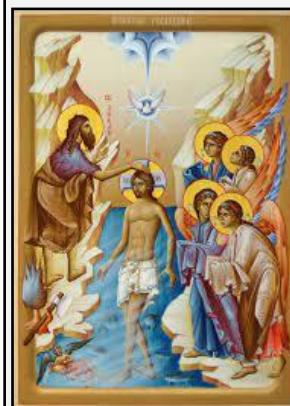
**We pray for** the Anglican Communion, Archbishop designate Sarah, and Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Pere Jacob; the President of the United States, Donald, and we pray for Fr. Michael, our Rector, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.

## Collect for January 1: The Holy Name of Our Lord



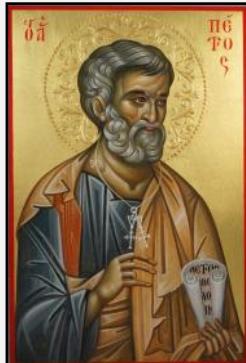
Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## Collect for January 6: The Epiphany



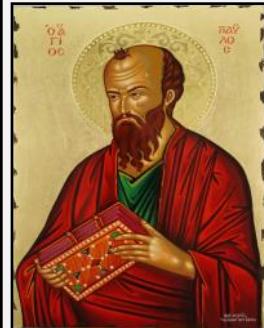
O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Collect for January 19: St. Peter the Apostle

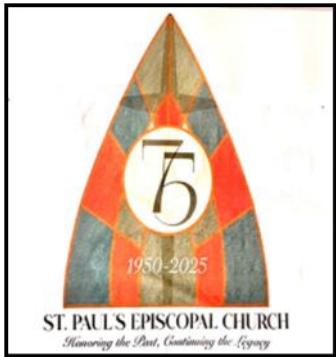


Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Collect for January 26: The Conversion of St. Paul



O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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**JESUS CHRIST IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

*The Right Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD ~ Bishop of the Diocese of Western Louisiana*

The Rev. Michael Cannon, Rector

The Rev. David J. Greer, Rector Emeritus      The Rev. Guido Verbeck, Rector Emeritus

Ron Smith, Senior Warden      Ashley Baker, Junior Warden

### **The Vestry**

**2023-2025** - Ashley Baker, Louise Broadwell, Lois Fraser, Bruce Shear

**2024-2026** - Stith Bynum, Rebecca Evans, David Langley, Levi Brendle

**2025-2027** - Barbie Cannon, Beverly Casso, Will Duncan, Paul Moore

Pat Becker.....	Parish Secretary
Michelle Boyd.....	Ministry Coordinator
Erika Cannon.....	Parish Administrator
Kimberly Duncan.....	Youth Minister
Breard Inabnett.....	Young Adult Ministry Coordinator
Barry Larson.....	Facilities Coordinator
Bob Maynard.....	Music Minister
JoAnn Rose.....	Day School Principal
Elizabeth West.....	Organist