



Birthdays This Week

September 3 - Monica Johnson September 8 - Gabe Betson
 September 4 - Marina Rogers September 8 - Jonas Gillquist
 September 7 - Joe Dunham September 8 - Janet Northey

M A N Y Y E A R S !

Anniversaries This Month

Joe & Tisha Dunham - September 1, 1990
 Dn. Kevin & Doreen Dougherty - September 3, 1978
 Dan & Melinda Kendall - September 5, 1976
 Dn. Pat & Jane Lamb - September 9, 1973
 Jan & MaryAnn Northey - September 10, 1967
 Fr. Tom & Kh. Laura - September 14, 1997
 Stephen & Kali Macalino - September 20, 1992
 George & Stina Dozier - September 30, 1976

St. John's Reading Group

The Wednesday Reading Group will resume meeting this Wed., September 4, at JoAnn Webster's house at 10am. Brunch will be served, followed by a movie. Everyone is welcome. Come see what we will be reading in the next few weeks.



1st Sunday (9/1) - 'A' through 'F'
 Hosting - Rachel Arnold & Khafani Abel

2nd Sunday (9/8) - 'G' through 'K'
 Hosting - Michael & Meghan Jones & Dan & Melinda Kendall



Clare House Meal Fourth Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of September our scheduled meal is 9/28. - Sign up on the Downstairs Bulletin Board.

St. John's Sunday Bulletin

September 1, 2019 * Church New Year

I Timothy 2:1-7 * Luke 4:16-22 * Tone 2

Reader: Al Zink

Homily by: Fr. Michael Oleksa

First Day of the Liturgical Year

This day is also set aside as a

Day of Prayer for the Environment

"We invite the entire Christian world to offer together...every year on this day (September 1) prayers and supplications to the Maker of all, both as thanksgiving for the gift of creation and as petitions for its protection and salvation."

—Patriarch Dimitrios, An Encyclical on the Day of Protection of the Environment, 1989

New Staff Position - Working for the Cathedral

Job description will be available in the Narthex today. See Fr. Thomas Frizelle for an application and for further details.

Wednesday Family Nights Begin Soon

Our Wednesday Family Nights will begin for the Fall Season on September 18. More information will be coming soon.

Atrium Catechist Assistants Wanted

St. John's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program needs Catechist Assistants in all three levels, Level 1 ages 3-6, Level 2 ages 6-9 and Level 3 ages 9-12. This is a great opportunity to be part of this incredible method of Christian Education without making the full commitment of being a Catechist. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm and we are hoping to do a Saturday morning class for the little ones as well. But we need help! If you'd like to be an assistant, please contact Shelley Finkler at 907-854-2485.

ATRIUM BEGINS SEPT 18 AT 6:30 PM. This first session will not have a dinner provided before atrium begins.

1. Atrium REGISTRATION

Next weekend we will begin registering children for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium after Divine Liturgy and during coffee hour. All Level 1 children, new and returning, need an orientation before they can come to the first day of atrium on Sept. 18. The appointment chart will be available at the registration table. Be sure to make an appointment to orient your child.

2. Do you have SKILLS? Can you work with wood, do calligraphy, sketch and draw, make crafts? Would you be willing to do a small project for the children of the parish? Our Atriums are not complete! We need help making some of the materials. Please see the atrium display downstairs for details!

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Saint James House Second Chimney Repair

A recent inspection of the secondary chimney on the Saint James House revealed it was damaged and needed repair. This is not the large, main chimney, but the one in the center of the House that is used by the stone fireplace in the downstairs guest room. Blake and Dylan Dilullo will begin work soon to dismantle a portion of this chimney and rebuild it better and stronger than the original construction. Blake has experience with these repairs and expects the work to take about two weeks. The dismantling stage will take place when our School is not in session and some portions of the Saint James House will be closed off during that brief time.

Good Works Basket



Love INC is a network of local churches united in their desire to help people in need. Their mission is to transform lives and community in the name of Christ. There are over 130 affiliates across the country serving more than 1 million people every year.

Love INC of Eagle River, through its member churches, will be providing school supplies this fall to more than 200 local low income students. During the weeks of St. John's will help with the collection of these needed supplies for Elementary-age children.

NEEDED ITEMS: 15 backpacks, 15 boxes of tissue, 25 crayon boxes, 25 glue sticks, 20 stacks of notebook paper (wide ruled), 10 notebook dividers; 10 composition books, 10 rulers, 100 boxes of colored markers Pick up your shopping card today as a reminder.

Who's Who Boards

The Who's Who Boards are being updated. If you would like your family photo updated please email it to the church office stjohnalaska@aol.com or contact Debbie Stallman at 696-1441.

Local Community News and Personal Notes

Rental Available

The Kies have a 2bedrm/ bonus rm. (could be a 3rd bedrm), 2 full bathrooms, one-car garage rental available on Darby. Please call or text 726-7674 for more information.

How You Can Help Fr. John Downing

At our Church Family Meeting last Sunday the Care Team from our parish, who coordinates help for Fr. John Downing, identified two priorities where Fr. John needs help. Their goal is to provide Fr. John with some kind of care 24 hours a day. The current priorities are the following:

- 1) Volunteers to be with Fr. John on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4pm; and from 4-6pm on Monday and Friday. If you would like to volunteer to sit with Fr. John, please contact Valorie Sparks at vslife@matnet.com, or Charley Peyton at peyton@mtaonline.net.
- 2) For those who would like to help but do not have time to offer, there is a gift fund for Fr. John now set up by the Church where people can make a donation to help hire professional care. This care is still very much needed on Fridays where there is currently

no care provided. 8 hours of care on Friday would cost about \$1000. Another 4 hours of care on Fridays would cost an additional \$430. The Care Team suggested people could donate \$1 per day, or \$30 per month, but of course more is good too. They are looking to find 50 such donors from Fr. John's family and friends. If you would like to contribute, please make a check payable to "St. John's" (SJOC) and put in the memo "Fr. John Downing." You can also donate online at stjohnalaska.org on the home page where it says "Make a Donation."

Annual Apple Harvest Festival

Monday, September 2, 2-6pm

at Dan & Melinda Kendall's - Potluck Style

Bring a Dish to Share and if you can please park in the church parking lot and walk up.

Be Aware

The Dougherty's and the Dunham's had their cars rifled through and had cash stolen last Sunday night, August 25.

Summary of Parish Council Meeting of 8-27-19

This meeting was mostly a follow-up to many of the items that were part of our Church Family Meeting on Sunday 8-25.

We are following through to finalize the **agreement regarding the Alvarez/Truelson.**

We also helping **All Saints Mission in Homer by taking over mortgage** (80K) on their property at 0% interest. Deacon Andrew Bardwell also requested recently an additional \$10,000 to help with some repairs that are much needed on the main house. The Parish Council agreed to help with this additional money since it was available in our Mission Fund.

The **New Staff Position** will be advertised during the month of September. More information regarding this will be available September 2, including job description and application process.

Michael and Jennifer Saur, missionaries from Project Mexico, are working on painting and doing **minor repairs on the apartment in the Saint James House** in which they will be staying with their daughter Esther. They should be able to move in there the first week of September.

New items on the agenda included a report that the stone/block **chimney in the center of the Saint James House is damaged**, perhaps by the winter earthquake. Blake Dilullo examined this chimney and submitted a bid of \$11,000 for repairs. This is under further consideration for now.

Charley Peyton also presented his recommendation to replace the **Security Cameras at the Cathedral**. Most of these cameras have been out of operation for a year.

5th Annual Wine Tasting
To Support Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center



Hello!

We are excited to announce that **Saturday, September 14th** marks the 5th annual "Fruit of the Vine" charity fundraiser event to support Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center. The event will be held from 7-10 pm at Jitters and will include wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, wine pull, silent auction and live music. Tickets for the event are available at Cozy Interiors 9am -6pm M-F, Sat 10am - 4pm and at Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center.

About our Center: Heart to Heart is a Christian non-profit organization located in Eagle

River, Alaska that provides free & confidential services to support women and families in need. Whether it is material aid (maternity & baby clothing, diapers, etc.), pregnancy tests, peer counseling and/or resource referrals, we are here to help. Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so donations are tax deductible (**Tax ID #92-0174635**). (You can also see Dn. Kevin Dougherty to purchase tickets to this pro-life event.)