



ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PICAYUNE, MS

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Blessings to you all in this 4th week after Epiphany! With a new year comes fresh news, so read on for more.

Scout Sunday



We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Gary Meade, Canon to the Ordinary, who will be our guest preacher at our annual Scout Sunday on the 8th. This special service highlights the involvement of our Scouting community in worship and service. The service will feature the presentation of the flags, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, readings by members of the Scout troop, and our usual birthday

blessings. All are welcome as we celebrate Scouting and its commitment to service, leadership, and community.

This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, February 8th -	9:15am - Enquirers/Confirmation Class
	9:30am - Choir Practice
	10:30am - Holy Eucharist
	11:30am - Coffee Hour

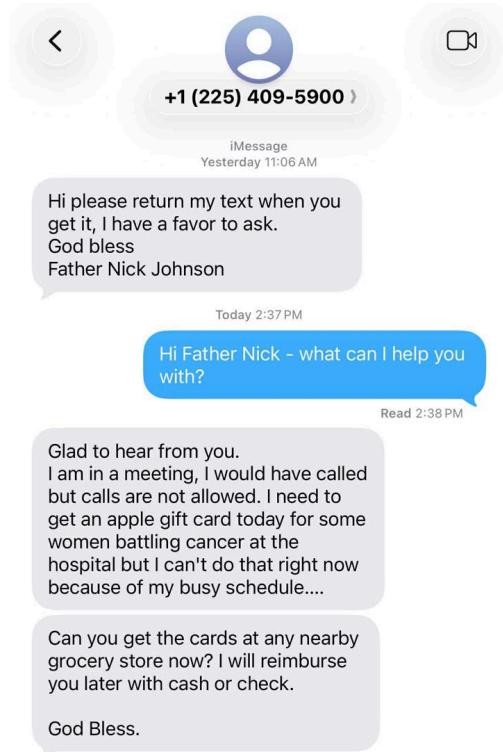


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Phishing Messages

Unfortunately, we have continued to receive reports of scam emails and texts. These messages impersonate Father Nick and may seem legitimate, but do not respond. To the right is a message that a member of the congregation received last week. Note the odd phrasing, unknown number, request for a gift card, and the urgency. If you are unsure if the message is real, please use a different form of contact to check that the sender is who they say they are.

New Easel

We extend our sincere thanks to Richard for the generous donation of a handmade easel. The care and skill evident in its craftsmanship are truly appreciated, and it will be put to excellent use.





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Committees

Dear People of God,

You are invited to join one of these committees of prayer & work. The purpose is to pray for ten or so minutes with others who share your area of interest. This needs to be done monthly and the purpose is to put our interests into prayer and listen. The Spirit will show you things from time to time, and your task then is one of reflecting together and putting into action what is shown. If you pray together, the work will emerge. This can be an easy addition to prayer discipline and will enable you to further serve your community and faith.



Signed,

Father Nick+

Vestry Committees

1. Building/Grounds - Chris Petersen

Plans and carries out maintenance of the church property.

2. Christian Education - Rachael Rutherford/ Wendy Bracey

Explores and provides ways to nurture both children and adults in the Lord.

3. Lonnie Smith Memorial - Rachael Rutherford

Establishes repetitive remembrance.



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4. Outreach - Emma Cufr

Reaches beyond the parish/parishioners to render aid.

5. Worship - Father Nick+

Plans & organizes worship under the guidance of the Priest.

6. Parish Life - Craig Hopkins

Plans & organizes parish-wide events that build community and celebrate our life together.

7. Creation Care - Kristin Kingsley

Directs our attention towards activities & literature that will nurture our planet & environment.

Additional Groups

1. Altar Guild - Caleb Petersen, Dolly Kingsley, Kristin Kingsley

Cares for and prepares the altar and sanctuary.

2. Pastoral Care Team - Jason Dean

Includes Eucharistic ministers, Institutional visitors (hospitals, etc.), Pastoral visitors (parishioners, etc.).

3. Office - Rose Schmidt (clerk of vestry), Elizabeth Petersen (e-news and bulletin).

4. Choir - Susan Burns



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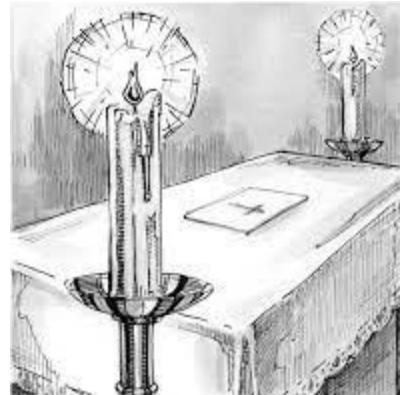
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Lay Ministry

At St. Paul's, our Lay Ministry is a vital part of our worship life. Lay Ministry includes readers, ushers, acolytes, singers, and altar guild in service to God and our congregation. If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, please speak with Jason, who will gladly guide you toward the ministry that best suits your gifts. Your participation is a meaningful way to share your talents and deepen your connection to our parish community.



Confirmation/Enquirers Class

This class is open for anyone seeking to learn more about the Church, and for those seeking confirmation. Confirmation is the laying of hands by our Bishop and prayer for the Spirit of God to enter that person. It is also the way

to join this branch of the Church if one was baptized elsewhere. Further, confirmation serves as a right of passage into adult Church membership for those baptized as infants.

The class is free-wheeling with rich discussion of life and religion. It is designed for those who are new to the church or seeking to learn more about being a Christian.



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Holy Communion

Holy Communion, the sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood, is offered to all baptized Christians. While denominations may shape how we govern ourselves, they do not define who we are in Christ. In addition, gluten-free hosts are available for those who prefer them—simply inform Fr. Nick or an usher if you require one.



For inspiration. For information.



Scan here to sign up!

More News!

If you would like to receive news on the diocesan level, scan the QR code to the right! There, you can sign up for both The Mississippi Episcopalian, which focuses on stories of churches and the bishop throughout the diocese, and TME-News, which focuses on events occurring throughout the diocese.



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Picayune on Stage



Picayune on Stage will present a delightful romantic comedy called "Almost, Maine," by John Cariani, in our Parish Hall Theater, February 20-22, Friday at 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm. General admission is \$20. This quirky and funny show is directed by Debbie Craig and features one of our new parishioners, Merrie (Kathleen) Christmas.

Text for your reservations today at 601-347-6883! Leave your name, date you'll attend, and how many seats. You pay at the door the day of performance. Open seating with reserved section for anyone with vision/hearing/ mobility needs.



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Scouts BSA Troop 5/Venture Crew 5



Troop 5 would like to extend a huge thank you to those who have donated to the blessing box in the past week!

Currently, we especially need **canned pork** and **toiletries**. For more ideas, check the printed sheets in the back of the church or visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to donate! Thanks to your support, we have been able to fill the blessing box multiple times a week, and include fresh produce! If you are interested in assisting further with the blessing box program, talk to Elizabeth.

Look forward to Scout Sunday, happening on February 8th!



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Picayune
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Enrollment in our free afterschool tutoring is officially open! The program is available for children in 1st grade all the way to 12th. The program occurs Mon-Thurs, 4-6 pm.

For more information or to apply, call us at 601-590-8983.

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE

Located at the Ed. Building on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10-11 am. Open to all, no prior signup required. We look forward to seeing you!

