

# The Grapevine

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## 100th Birthday

*Celebration for Mrs. Irma Hoffman*  
*Sunday, July 4, 12:30 - 2:30 PM*  
*St. John's Parish Hall*  
*Everyone is invited to come help*  
*Ms. Irma celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

Vacation Bible School was a huge success! This was the first one held in the daytime in several years and we had 29 children attending. It was a great week and the children learned about caring for God's creation. A



huge thank you to all of our volunteers, without whom VBS would not have been possible. Adult leaders and helpers were: Sharon Manuel, Sissy Davidson, Ann McGraw, Stacey Butera, Gayden Purcell, Emily Roberts, Lyn Harper-Cheney, Jean Leonard, Joyce Jurik, Nita Owen and Martha Thompson. Youth helpers included Marshal Hamlett, Sam Snyder, Jacob Gollott, Gaelyn Angus-Barker, Jessica Leonard, Isabel Cheney and Kaitlyn Patrick.

Also, thank you to all parishioners who donated supplies and food for our VBS program. It takes many hands to make for a successful program and we appreciate them all! We have received a thank you note from the Jackson County Animal Shelter for the supplies donated by our VBS.

### St. Cecilia's Ensemble Music Recording Available

Beautiful voices and music-making from our very own St. John's middle school girls! Having a talented ensemble of middle-school girls has been such a blessing to St. John's this past year. Parishioner Jason Melton offered his expertise to record and edit a CD of some of the girls' favorite anthems. Thanks to Jason's skill and recording equipment and thanks to talented girls and directors, Meredith Meersman and Carolyn Ramseur, we have a very professional recording titled DOMINUS ILLUMINATIO MEA – THE LORD IS MY LIGHT!



The results are quite stunning! The girls will take orders for the CD through July 18 and the CDs will be distributed in early August. One copy is \$9 and two copies for \$15. Please complete the enclosed order form and return with your check or come by the church to get a form. Proceeds from the recording project will benefit St. John's outreach ministries. For more information, call Cynthia Ramseur – 282-5000.



We have a lively program planned for this Fall. We will kick off with a pool party at Rev. Anne's house on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend, August 14, we will attend *Dreamfest*, a musical event held in memory of Chris Dribergen. For more information on *Dreamfest* see [www.thelittleblackbird.com](http://www.thelittleblackbird.com).

**Confirmation Classes**—Did you mean to sign up your daughter or son for Confirmation Classes last year? Are you interested in classes for yourself? Classes start July 11, 10:15 AM, in the Adult Education Room. We have several people who are taking classes in order to be confirmed or received in August when the Bishop will be at St. Pierre's in Gautier. Please call the church office if you plan to attend the classes.

preschool registration



for the Fall Session at St. John's School is going on now, if you have not registered your child (ages 2-4) you should do so soon. Forms are available in the school office or in the church office during the summer months. Contact School Director Jean Matteson at 424-8365 for more information.

## Church Maintenance

Our church is a precious space. The wood of the church interior is in need of care and maintenance. We are gathering names of those who can donate some time in late July and early August to help treat the wood on the walls...the ceiling will be treated professionally using scaffolding. Junior Warden, Leah Snyder, is working with a contractor on pricing this work and training of our volunteers to do the lower portion of the interior of the church. This will require that we worship in the parish hall for a few weeks to avoid noxious fumes. If you can help, give the church office a call!

**The Chris Dribergen Foundation** is selling tickets to the Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport at a reduced rate! The tickets are good for any day during the 2010 summer season, including *Dreamfest* which is August 14<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase tickets online at our website <http://www.thelittleblackbird.com/purchase>. Ticket prices are \$20.95; that's \$7.00 less than the gate price. All proceeds from our ticket sales will be placed in the Foundation's Scholarship Fund. This fund is available to Gulf Coast children in need of assistance with music, arts, athletic and academic scholarships so that they may participate in activities that otherwise might not be available to them. Please help our Gulf Coast children by spreading the word about the Chris Dribergen Foundation and website - [www.thelittleblackbird.com](http://www.thelittleblackbird.com).

**The Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk** in Tampa, Florida, is October 29-31. Barbara Mabry and her sister, Ellen Wilkerson, a two-time breast cancer survivor will be participating in this walk and are asking for donations to support breast cancer research. Checks may be made payable to St. John's with a notation that it is for Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk or donation forms may be obtained from the church office or you can make your donation directly to the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk.

## Outreach Opportunities

**July 19-24 -Samaritan Ministry Food Pantry** - Contact the Reverend Jim Lancaster (380-0775) to volunteer your time at the Food Pantry at 1058 Thorn Avenue.

**July 26-31 - The Lord is My Help** - Contact Peggy Butera (875-7049) to volunteer at the Food Pantry & Kitchen at 1205 Desoto Street to help serve meals or deliver meals to those who are homebound.



**Both organizations** can always use non-perishable food items, canned fruit, vegetables and meat and baby food and infant care items. You may take items to the pantries or bring by the church.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .**Dave & Mary Jensen have extended an invitation to St. John's congregation to come view the Fourth of July Fireworks from their front lawn. Please park in the back or along the driveway. Bring your blanket or lawn chair—Ocean Springs fireworks start at 8:40 PM followed by the Biloxi fireworks....**Daughters of the King** meet on July 6 at 1:30 PM (Note new time) with a meditation by the Reverend Anne Harris. **Saints & Sinners Men's Group** meet on July 8 at 6:30 PM for their monthly meeting which includes a superb meal cooked by one of their many chefs. If you have never attended, please do so. Call Chuck Aldrich (875-2673) or Dane Turner (872-0082) so they will have a count for the meal.

**Parish Notes: Congratulations** to Katrina Dukes and Justin Godsey who were recently married at St. John's. **Congratulations** to Lindy & Roselyn Ross on their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary and to Bob & Pat Spear on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



**The Church Offices will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.**

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday - 7:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite One; 9 AM and 11:15 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite Two

*Child care available at 9 AM and 11:15 AM services*

Wednesday - 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing

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