



OCT. 3 - 4 MARBLE FESTIVAL JASPER

Saturday, October 3

11:00 Tai Chi - CC
11:00 Funeral - John Spitznagel
4:30 Folk Mass

Sunday, October 4

8:00 Eucharist Rite I
9:15 Adult Christian Education - PH
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
10:30 Service at the Pavilion
10:30 Eucharist Rite II
Coffee Hour: Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.
12:15 Choir Practice

MON-WED, OCT. 5-7 - PARISH RETREAT

Monday, October 5

1:30 EfM - CC
6:00 NAMI - CC
7:30 pm Women's Studies - Zoom

Tuesday, October 6

10:00 Yoga - CC
11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC

Wednesday, October 7

8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook
9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's/Zoom
12:00 Healing Service & Lunch following in PH

Thurs. & Fri, October 8 & 9

Budget Meetings - PH

Thursday, October 8

10:00 Hatha Yoga - CC
11:15 Chair Yoga - CC
1:30 Disciple - CC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct. 5 & 19 NAMI
Oct. 10-11 & 17-18 Ellijay Apple Festival
Oct. 10 HF Bent Tree (**DATE CHANGE**)
Oct. 24 - Serve Pickens
Oct. 12-30 Fr. Mark Bicycle Tour
Oct. 21 Finance
Oct. 27 Vestry

This week at Holy Family



Dr. John K. Spitznagel, Sr. died Wed., Jan. 14. He was well-known and revered for his service before and after retirement with Good Samaritan Clinic in Pickens County and with Holy Family. His funeral will be held at Holy Family on Saturday, **October 3 at 11:00 am.**

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 3-4, is the Marble Festival in Jasper.
Plan for heavier traffic in town!



Join us for our Annual Blessing of the Animals! Bring your furry, feathered, and scaly friends to celebrate Saint Francis Day with us on **Sunday, October 4 at our 10:30 am Sunday service.** Why Do We Bless Pets? We celebrate this joyful day in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis loved all of God's creation, cared for the sick, and saw every creature as a brother and sister under God. We love all of God's creatures, great and small!

Service Schedule & Locations

8:00 am (Traditional Service): Held indoors in the Nave and live-streamed online. (Please note: Pets do not attend this quiet service.)

9:15 AM: Sunday School as usual.

10:30 AM (Outdoor Pet Blessing Service): Held outdoors at the Pavilion next to the Conference Center. This service is relaxed, family-friendly, and features individual blessings for your companion animals. (Please bring a folding chair!)

HEALING



SERVICE

Our next healing service followed by lunch in the Parish Hall is **Wednesday, October 7, at 12:00 noon.** If you have a need for spiritual, physical, or emotional healing, or if having a bit of extra time to get ready to come to church would be helpful, this service would be wonderful for you. Anyone can attend. If you need a ride or any assistance while you're at church, please let Katharine Armentrout know.





**ATTENTION!!
DATE CHANGE FOR
HOLY FAMILY BENT TREE:**

Holy Family Bent Tree is a group of Bent Tree residents who attend or have visited Holy Family and who get together monthly over lunch at *The Tavern* at Bent Tree to get to know each other better. Join us for the fun **Saturday, October 10 at noon** at The Tavern. Please RSVP with Terry Franzen, but if you forget, come anyway!



OUTREACH - HAITIAN HOPE: St. Francis Episcopal Church, Macon, founded Haitian Hope in 2004 out of a study of Matthew 25 in an Adult Sunday School Class. Holy Family has been involved as a partner since almost the beginning. Haitian Hope supports the Episcopal schools in Trouin, Haiti. Holy Family's annual support helps pay for uniforms, school supplies, and the principal's salary. Haitian Hope is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit with 100% of donations going directly to the work in Trouin. An anonymous and generous donor has offered to match any money that is given from August 1 through September 30. For more information, please visit their website at www.haitian-hope.org

**PARISH RETREAT at CAMP MIKELL
Monday - Wednesday, October 5-7**

FOLLOW FR. MARK'S BICYCLE JOURNEY

After retiring from the Navy Chaplain Corps with 38 years of service, Father Mark set out to close that chapter of his life and discern what God might be calling him to next. In October 2024, he embarked on a solo, unsupported, coast-to-coast bicycle journey from San Diego, California, to St. Augustine, Florida.

Father Mark paused his journey in Fredericksburg, Texas, to spend Thanksgiving with his family in Roswell. It was during that break that he first visited Holy Family. Although he intended to resume the trip early in the new year, life took an unexpected turn with job interviews, his call to Holy Family, and health challenges.

On **October 13**, Father Mark will return to Fredericksburg and resume his journey—this time with the support of his wife, KC. He hopes to reach New Orleans, or as close as possible, over the course of two weeks. Next October, he plans to complete the final leg of his coast-to-coast journey, riding from New Orleans to St. Augustine. You can follow Father Mark's daily journal on [Facebook](#).





CARES OPEN HOUSE FOR THE COMMUNITY: On **Friday, October 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, CARES will hold an Open House for the Pickers County Community to celebrate 20 years of being in the current location. Holy Family parishioners interested in attending are welcome to “drop in” during the relaxed celebration at CARES, 89 Cares Drive, Jasper, GA 30143. The county’s food bank started at Holy Family at Pete’s P porch nearly 30 years ago, therefore **CARES’** continued community outreach has been important to our parish. Thanks to all of our parishioners who have stepped up consistently to provide food and necessities for our neighbors in need. Tours of the facility will be given by staff and volunteers. Brian Engle, Executive Director, and Board members will be there to share information and let people know how they can get involved. See you for cake and fun on October 9 at CARES!



Were you unable to make it to the Cyber Security Presentation at Holy Family last Saturday or wish you had some notes? If so you can find **UNG’s Powerpoint Presentation** link here, and **bullet list of tips** from the book by Bryson Payne (UNG), *Go H*ck Yourself*(2022, No Starch Press).



IMPORTANT REGARDING USE OF HF FACILITIES: When using the Conference Center or Parish Hall for ministry, group, and team meetings, please remember it is your responsibility to return the space to normal table/chair configurations and to remove the trash and take it to the Dumpster if you had food/drink at the meeting. It has been brought to our attention that the latter is an issue. Please be considerate of the others that also use these facilities.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION - SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM - *Evangelical Is Not Enough* SERIES: In *Evangelical Is Not Enough*, Thomas Howard, a student of C.S. Lewis, affectionally affirms his roots in the evangelical faith while exploring the richness of liturgical worship, sacramental life, the Church calendar, tradition, and the Eucharist. Howard invites readers to consider how this broader Christianity engages both heart and mind, spirit and body, through the worship and practices of the historic Church.

Whether you have an evangelical background, are new t’t liturgical worship, or simply want to deepen your understanding of our Angloan tradition, join us for a thoughtful, respectful discussion of a modern spiritual classic that continues to challenge and inspire Christians across traditions.

WOMEN’S STUDIES - MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM ON ZOOM: Current Study: The book *The Desert Mothers: Spiritual Women of the Wilderness* by Mary C. Earle, available on Amazon. At the dawn of Christianity, holy women went into the wilderness of the desert of Northern Egypt to give themselves totally to lives of prayer. Explore the unique spirituality of Desert Mothers and learn ways to apply their wisdom today. Mary Earle has taken nine concise sayings from Desert Mothers and explores them in original ways. Contact Elaine DeNiro at edeniro@bellsouth.net.

SATURDAYS: Tai Chi at **11:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Jeff Cook

TUESDAYS: Hatha Yoga at **10:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Becky Hollaway

Gentle Yoga at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Dennis Kast

THURSDAYS: Hatha Yoga at **10:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Cathy Harmon

Chair Yoga at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Cathy Harmon

Service Leaflet
10:30 am

Unrestricted Giving Through August 2026

Anticipated Contributions for August \$48,000

Actual Contributions for August \$50,664

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (August) \$384,000

Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (August) \$397,205

All loose plate offerings on the last Sunday of the month go to the Rectors Discretionary Fund.

Chair Report on August 2026 Finances

Give Online



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JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

SATURDAYS 4:30 pm - Folk Mass, Rite II

SUNDAYS 8:00 am - Quiet Service with Communion, Rite I
9:15 am - Christian Education in the Parish Hall
10:30 am - Service with Music and Communion, Rite II
Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook
noon - Healing Service with Communion, Rite II
(1st Wednesday of month the service is followed by lunch)

The Rev. Mark S. Winward, *Rector*

The Rev. Byron Tindall, *Priest Associate*

John King Carter, *Organist/Choirmaster* • Jacques LeBlanc, *Sexton*

Jim Braley, *Head Verger* • Christie Beiring, *Parish Administrator*

Vision: Revealing Jesus through our actions by extending his love for us through our service to others

Mission: Creating Christian community: serving and engaging people in vibrant ministries

Your Vestry

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Click here for Vestry Meeting Minutes or contact the church office.