



St. John's Church

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December 18, 2022

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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Rector's Rambling

So close, so very close. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Nativity, with our grand celebration on the Eve as well as the Day of Christmas. Be sure to check the schedule of services so you know when you will be here. Thankfully the Detroit Lions are away for their game on Saturday evening, and we will have plenty of room for parking in our lot!

As you begin your last week of Advent, a discipline I would encourage is for you to invite five families to the Christmas Eve service at St. John's. Think about who you know you would like to see come to Church at St. John's; family, friends, neighbors, co-workers. Those five (or more) are the ones you need to actively invite to Church this Christmas Eve.

What do I mean by actively invite? Approach them, or call them, and say, "Hey, _____, I was just thinking of you and was wondering where are you going to attend a Christmas Eve service this year?" If there is any hesitation of an answer, begin again, "We go to a great church downtown called St. John's. We

love it there and go there because _____ (fill in your reasons) and there is no place that has a more beautiful Christmas Eve service. I would love to have you (and your family) come down to the 8:30/9:00 service" (or to see the Pageant at 4:00 PM if you are going then). Offer them a ride if you have room, or to follow you down in their own car.

There are many un-churched or nominally-church people who look to attend a Christmas Eve service. Take advantage of that desire and invite them to St. John's. There are a few "regulars" around here whose first experience of St. John's was a Christmas Eve Service. You may be the person God is using to bring them into a deeper relationship with himself through St. John's Church.

Some will say no, others will hesitate. But pray for them and keep cheerfully offering and asking them to join us, even after Christmas. God may be working on them through you.

Be sure to submit your offerings and list of names for Christmas Flowers today.



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S DECEMBER 18—DECEMBER 25

Sunday 12/18	7:00 A 7:30 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel)
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Sunday School Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

Monday 12/19	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 PM 5:00 P 6:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Alpha Course
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Tuesday 12/20	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
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Wednesday 12/21 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Thursday 12/22	7:00 A 10:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Friday 12/23	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
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OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

Saturday 12/24 VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	7:00 A 4:00 P 8:30 P 9:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Family Pageant Service Carol Prelude Candlelight High Mass
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Sunday 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) Low Mass with Carols
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*Want to stay in touch during the week?
To join the newsgroup, e-mail a request to
Webmaster@stjohnsdetroit.org*

Social Media

*Wedwww.Facebook.com/StJohnsDetroit
www.Twitter.com/StJohnsDetroit
www.YouTube.com/StJohnsPriest*

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	80	Isa. 40:1-11 Luke 3:1-17
Monday	116	Isa. 33:13 Luke 1:5-25
Tuesday	130, 131	Isa. 25:1-9 Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	132	Zech. 8:1-8, 20-23 Luke 1:39-45
Thursday	144	2 Sam 7:18 Luke 1:46-56
Friday	147	1 Sam. 2:1b-10 Luke 1:57-66
Christmas Eve	50	Baruch 4:36-5:9 Luke 1:67

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	33	Isa. 40:12-18, 21-31 1 Thess. 3:7
Monday	104	Isa. 35 Rev. 20:7
Tuesday	114, 122	Gen. 49:1-2, 8-10 Rev. 21:1-8
Wednesday	139	Haggai 2:1-9 Rev. 21:9
Thursday	145	Zeph 3:14 Rev. 22:1-9
Friday	148, 150	Jer. 23:5-8 Rev. 22:10
Christmas Eve	85	Zech. 2:10 Matt. 1:18

** If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read * If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.*

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

- Repainting of the black iron fencing\$3,000
- Cement curb on freeway side of building supporting historic fencing along building\$8,200
- Sanding, repairing, and repainting of the surface of the fences.*

Announcements

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John's at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving. (no Service on Sunday night, December 25th)

Weekday Services This Week –

Morning Meditation

- ◆ Streamed daily at 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

- ◆ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 12:15 PM
- ◆ Thursday 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

- ◆ Monday - Thursday at 4 PM (Ministry Center)

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Christian Education – Sunday School meets at 10 AM in the Undercroft. All children welcome.

Warm Fuzzy Tree - Collecting hats, mittens, scarves, etc. until January 15th.

Advent Soup Luncheon - TODAY after the 10 AM Service. Join us for a bowl of homemade soup. Your donation supports the outreach ministry of the St. Catherine's Guild.

Greening of the Sanctuary— TODAY after the 10 AM Service we will go upstairs after a bowl of soup to finish the decorating the church by decorating the altar and choir area.

Pledge Cards - be sure to submit your 2023 Pledge Card as soon as possible.

Alpha Course - Meeting on Monday Nights. Next session will take place in January.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Pistons/Red Wings games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it for our church related events, but not at other times when they are using it.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

December 18

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – Langmuir

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Lena Nealley
Nancy Donnelly
Suzie Porter

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Brian Campbell

Ushers 10:00 AM:

Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Thomas Nash
William Porter

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

December 25

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – Langmuir

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Pam Beeghly

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Libby Schudel
Christopher Smith
George Waters

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

Ushers in reserve: David Boulton, Morley Stevenson

The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Morley Stevenson, Junior Warden
Durene Brown, Secretary
Glenn Burton, Interim Treasurer
Cathy Morgan, Assistant Treasurer

Terms expire January 2023

Sarah Babcock	John Barge
Jimmie Baber	Rod Gillespie
Peter Grim	Tracy McAllister

Terms expire January 2024

Glenn Burton	Morley Stevenson
Cathy Morgan	Tristan Williams

Terms expire January 2024

Durene Brown	Charles Roby
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The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Notes

“Renewal of the Church” – Part 18
Five Meditations by Bishop Richard S. Emrich
Written in 1952, true for all today!

THE DEMANDS OF DOCTRINE

Whenever we understand a Christian doctrine, that doctrine makes a demand upon us. The doctrine, when truly understood, has eyes in it, and comes to us with ethical content. Take, for example, the doctrine of Creation, which looks at us and says, “You are creatures, formed by God, belonging to God, and thus responsible to Him. Since you are creatures, you should be thankful, humble, and responsible to God.” We do not admire the doctrine of Creation and gaze at it as though it were a painting in a museum: rather when we understand the doctrine, we find that God is looking at us through it. Creation means that we are creatures, not gods; and that, therefore, around our little lives are the brackets of birth and death. Creation means that the laws of Another are to be found in my being. Creation means that my life has been given to me, and that for it I am accountable to Another. To understand a Christian doctrine is to see life from a new point of view, because God moves into the picture with a demand.

So, of course, does the doctrine of the Church have eyes in it; so that through it God makes a demand upon our lives. Since this is the Catholic Church, intended for all men, we must be the Catholic Church reaching out to all men. We must, if we believe this doctrine, teach about God's family that gathers all the children of men out of many kindreds, nations and tongues; and builds them together in Christ. This is the universal Church with a universal purpose and destiny. And what saves us from narrowness and a little view of the Church which denies its catholic nature and destiny is the preaching of missions.

As the Diocese of Michigan is writing a vision statement for renewing the ministry of the diocese, we look here at some of the ways The Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, Seventh Bishop of Michigan, from 1948 to 1973, as he mused upon Renewing the Church (written in 1952). In his tenure as bishop, the diocese opened 49 Missions and Parishes.

**A DAILY PRAYER FOR
St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, week of December 18:

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mothers of Malawi

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

4th Sunday of Advent: The Anglican Church of Korea; The Diocese of Oke-Ogun—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Oke-Osun—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Okigwe—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Okigwe North—The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Okigwe South—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Okinawa—The Nippon Si Ko Kai

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Pleasant Lake—Christ Church
Livonia—St. Michael & All Angels

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

December 20
Brian Campbell

December 22
John Barge



This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

December 24
Alan & Lena Nealley

December 27
Brian & Natalie Campbell



OUR PRAYER LIST

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Cathy M., Christopher B., Daria R., Doug R., Durene B., Elaine D., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Virginia B.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Holly Springs, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, and Zachary Livingston

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Gilbert Demont	December 18, 1972
George Rees Barnhart	December 18, 1976
Celia J. Hanson	December 19, 1966
Louise Kelly	December 19, 1973
Winifred R. Gregory	December 20, 1954
Charles Clayton Corey	December 20, 1961
Violet S. Eurich	December 21, 1959
Lulu P. Sanford	December 21, 1976
Jeanette Weldon	December 22, 1952
Suzanna Karpinski	December 22, 1954
Irene Drake	December 23, 1965
Martha Langley	December 23, 1968
Harold E. Joubert	December 24, 1963
Ervin H. Buehler	December 24, 1997