



## St. John's Church

# The Eagle

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2024

### Directory

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### Rector

Fr. Steven J. Kelly, SSC

### Assisting Priest Emeritus

Fr. Michael J. Bedford

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Dr. Huw R. Lewis, FRCO

### Edwards Organ Scholar

Grace Jackson

### Ministry & Staff

#### Office Manager

Elizabeth Savage

#### Senior Warden

Charles Roby

#### Junior Warden

Pat Walter

#### Treasurer

Jared Moody

#### Acolyte Master

Morley Stevenson

#### Altar Guild Directress

Sarah Babcock

#### Armitage Men's Club

Pat Walter

#### Daughters of the King

Lena Nealley

#### Episcopal Church Women

Debbie Swain

#### Lectors Guild

Brian Campbell

#### Outreach Committee Chair

Debbie Swain and Chris Golembiewski

#### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



### Rector's Rambling

Happy New Church Year! Although the secular calendar New Year begins January 1, we begin our church year with the First Sunday of Advent, which this year falls on December 1st. We begin once again the rotation of Church seasons; Advent, Christmaside, Epiphany, Pre-Lent (gesima Sundays), Lent, Easter, Ascensiontide, Pentecost and then back to the long Trinity Season once again. This year Easter is on April 20th so we will have a longer Epiphany season than last year, and a shorter Trinitytide.

December is busy at St. John's. Right now the Holiday Bazaar is underway with homemade gifts for sale in support of the ministries of the St. Catherine's Guild. In the ministry center the Gift Giving Tree awaits your unwrapped gifts for the children of the Georgia Street Community Collective. Tags are hanging on the tree as suggested gifts.

On Saturday, December 7th Women's Advent Tea will be offered by the Daughters of the King. All women of the parish are encouraged to invite friends to join us this day. On Sunday, December 8 we have our Garden Tree Lighting where we pray Evening Prayer, sing Carols, and enjoy hot chocolate and treats together.

On Sunday, December 15 we have our triennial Official Diocesan Visit with the Rt. Rev'd Bonnie Perry at the 10 AM Service. On that day

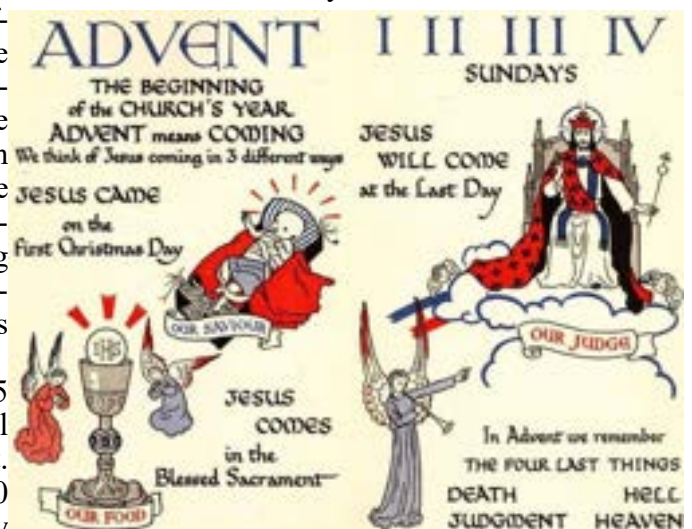
will also be having our annual Cookie Walk, as well as the final day of the Gift Giving Tree. That Tree then morphs into the Warm Fuzzy Tree collecting hats, mittens, scarves and sweaters.

The 4th Sunday of Advent on December 22 will see our Advent Soup Sunday and the completion of the Church Greening for Christmas that was begun the day before on Saturday the 21st.

Almost all of those things listed above are on Sunday when you are already here in church for worship (hint hint) so you can participate in all of them!

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 we will have our Family Pageant Service at 4 PM, Carol Prelude Service at 8:30 and Festive Candlelit Holy Communion at 9 PM. Christmas Day Low Mass with Carols is at 11 AM.

Now is the time to start inviting friends, neighbors, and family to join us on Sunday and for Christmas worship as well! See you in Church.



## VESTRY CORNER

The Vestry is now in that time of year when we see the financial year drawing toward a close we are busy at work with the setting of a budget for the coming year.

By God's grace, and your generosity, the parish continues to meet its financial obligations and fund the ministry of the parish. With 83% of the financial year done at the end of October we have received 88% of our anticipated pledge and collection plate income, and our expenses are at 86% of budget with a few of the larger bills, like the property insurance, now paid for 2024 in full.

The Vestry has undertaken a few capital improvement projects this fall, including some tuck-pointing of the masonry, sealing of sidewalk seams, and upgrades to the security camera system. An unanticipated expense was the replacement of the rooftop heater for the ministry center, which was a holdover device from the former building that gave us 5 additional years in the new building before having a major part failure. The replacement of the fading Michigan Historical marker hit a snag in Lansing that was recently corrected and we anticipate the new sign by spring. This was paid for by a gift from a parishioner.

The Altar Guild recently had the pews measured by the company that will be producing new pew cushions by spring, and refurbished or new kneelers are also being considered and priced.

A reminder that the **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 26th, 2025** where the financial report for 2024 will be reviewed and three new members of the Vestry added for a three year term and officers elected. A soup luncheon will be served.

### Arriving soon

**new St. John's Coffee Mugs  
for use at Coffee Hour  
and for purchase**



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S

	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion Sunday School
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 12/6	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 12/7	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<p><i>NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer on Tuesday. Calendar <b>updates or changes</b> can be found at <a href="http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org">www.StJohnsDetroit.org</a></i></p>		



**Sundays: November 17- December 15  
(9AM-1PM)**

**Tuesdays /Wednesdays:  
November 19, 20, 26, 27, &  
December 3, 4, 10, 11  
(11 AM 2 PM)**

**STOCKING STUFFERS BAKED GOODS & JELLIES  
HAND MADE KNITS & CROCHETED ITEMS  
HOSTESS GIFTS HOLIDAY DECOR - CENTERPIECES,  
WREATHS, ORNAMENTS**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!  
And  
BUDGET FRIENDLY PRICES!**



**Christmas Gift Giving Tree  
November 17- December 15, 2024**

**Supporting Georgia Street Community Collective**

**Think like a child and donate something  
that makes you smile!**

Dolls, trucks, cars, tractors, balls of every kind,  
games, puzzles, blocks, and bears, please give  
generously, and don't forget things for older  
children and teenagers!

This year, toys may be placed in the Ministry Center  
or in the Undercroft, whichever is easier for you.

Thank you for your continued support!



For more information about Georgia Street Community  
Collective, go to <http://www.georgiastreetcc.com/>

*You are cordially invited to  
an Advent Tea*

*Hosted by St. Margaret's Chapter,  
Daughters of the King  
at  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
2326 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201  
(313) 962-7358*

**Saturday, December 7, 2024  
1:00-3:00PM**

*As we prepare for the holidays, our hearts can get so focused  
on planning and gift buying we forget the most important gift  
of all - the gift of Emmanuel - God with us.*

*Please join us at our annual Advent Tea, be blessed with  
fellowship and listen to thoughts on Advent themes - Hope,  
Peace, Love and Joy, and be refreshed with some beautiful  
music.*

*RSVP or questions - contact Elizabeth Savage in the church office  
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*Carols, Cocoa, &  
Christmas Tree  
Lighting*

*Join us at 5:30 p.m. outside in  
the garden, Sunday, December  
8 for an open-air Evening  
Prayer service with carols and  
cocoa and the lighting of the  
Christmas tree in the garden!*



## Christmas Cookie Walk Sunday, December 15

It's almost time for St. Catherine's Guild Cookie Walk! We need many cookie bakers and buyers to make the walk a success! The more cookies donated – the greater the selection along the Cookie Walk. Purchase a cookie tin, or two, (\$10/tin) and fill them with yummy holiday cookies as you stroll along the Cookie Walk.

*Proceeds will benefit our outreach programs.*



*Thank you for your support!!*



## WARM FUZZY SHOPPING

In case you see a good deal while you're shopping, the WARM FUZZY Tree will start December 15!

We will be gathering hats, mittens, gloves, ear muffs, and scarves in all sizes. Also, men's underwear (any size).

### The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Charles Roby, Senior Warden  
Pat Walter, Junior Warden  
Durene Brown, Secretary  
Jared Moody, Treasurer

*Terms expire January 2025*

Durene Brown Charles Roby

*Terms expire January 2026*

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych  
Bryan Monaco

*Terms expire January 2027*

Jared Moody Patrick Walters  
Helene Waters

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



### ADVENT SOUP SUNDAY December 22

Plan to join us after the 10:00 service for some delicious soup and fellowship!

A free will donation will be appreciated! Donations support the community outreach programs of St. Catherine's Guild.

Please join us afterward in the main church to finish decorating for Christmas!



**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.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH****December 21, 10:00AM – 1:00PM****December 22, following the 10:00 service  
and the Advent Soup**

There is so much to do to get St John's ready for Christmas. We need volunteers to help decorate on both days - stringing lights in the trees, hanging garland, and much more. On Sunday, enjoy a bowl of soup, then come back upstairs to help with the finishing touches to make our Church festive for Christmas. See Debbie Swain for more information.

Your help is appreciated!!



# Christmas at St. John's

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM – Children's Pageant Service**



**8:30 PM – Carol Prelude Service**

**9:00 PM – Festive Candlelight  
Choral High Mass**



**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

**11:00 AM – A cappella service in the chapel**

*Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled*