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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

October 19, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Rector's Rambling

Kudos to everyone who made it to Church this morning with the road closings in effect for the Detroit Free Press Marathon.

When I first arrived at St. John's in 2001 the Marathon was a smaller affair, with the starting line at the Tiger statue in front of Comerica Park, and ending in Ford Field. Eventually as the number of participants grew the start moved out to Woodward in front of the Fox Theatre, and then the start/finish moved down to the Free Press building on Fort Street. Each year there seemed to be a tweak or two to the route but for many of the years road closures were mostly to the south of the church.

The last few years, however, the marathon has surrounded St. John's, running up Woodward and through Brush Park. Thankfully since a portion of it goes along the Dequindre Cut under Gratiot Ave, using the freeway and exiting off the I-375 Madison Exit (on the left side) allows for getting to the Church for Sunday worship by coming up St. Antoine, Witherell and Montcalm Street from the east of the Church.

Good luck to all the runners, and here is hoping some of them will join us the other 51 Sundays a year

Today in your Order of Service is a pledge card for the coming year. THANK YOU for your generous support of the parish this year and in years past,

and I hope that you will continue to be generous in support of St. John's in the coming year, God willing. Your support of the church isn't just a financial decision, but it is also a spiritual discipline, making an offering for the support of the ministry of the church. Tithing, which is the first 10% of one's income, is the biblical expectation in the Old Testament, and our Lord tells us that our righteousness should exceed that of the scribes and pharisees, who we are told tithed.

Giving in support of the Church is a tangible sign of thankfulness for the blessings that God has given us, as well as a discipline to help us not be so attached to money. Giving that portion is a sure way to acknowledge that all things come of the Lord and that we are grateful that He has provided to us the means and ability to earn it.

St. John's has 4 streams of income. Giving by parishioners is the most important of all. We also have a lease agreement for the property next to the church which is now used for parking and later will be developed into a building. An endowment left as a bequest in 2004 funds the Edwards Organ Scholarship for our assistant organist. And there is a small portion of many that comes from renting meeting and event space, and occasionally the bequests from the estates of late parishioners.

Please pray about how God may be leading you to support the parish now and in the coming year, and move forward on that in Faith.



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

Food may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads and Georgia Street Community Co-op**.

Dedicated donations for the support of the **Malawi Education Fund** and **Rector's Discretionary Fund** can be put in the collection plate with a note in the memo line or on the envelope.

Collections of school supplies, cleaning supplies, garden tools, Christmas presents, mittens, sweaters, etc. occur throughout the year to support our community.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S OCTOBER 19—OCTOBER 26

Sunday 10/19 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Sunday School Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 10/20 St. Frideswide, Abbess 735 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 10/21 St. Ursula and Companions, 453 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10/22	7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Thursday 10/23	7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Friday 10/24 St. Raphael the Archangel	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 10/25 Ss. Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs c. 320 A.D.†	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 10/26 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)***Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	48, 112	Prov. 2:1–9 1 Tim. 3:14–4:16
Monday	41	1 Kings 18:1–15 James 1:12–21
Tuesday	42, 43	1 Kings 18:16–24 James 1:22
Wednesday	44	1 Kings 18:25–30, 36–46 James 2:1–13
Thursday	49	1 Kings 19:1–8 James 2:14
Friday	51	1 Kings 19:9 James 3
Saturday	71	1 Kings 21:1–10 James 4:1–12

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	147	Deut. 11:18–21, 26–28, 32 Gal. 1:1–12
Monday	33	Job 12:13–22 Matt. 13:53–14:12
Tuesday	39	Job 14:1–14 Matt. 14:13–21
Wednesday	50	Job 18:5–7, 14–21 Matt. 14:22
Thursday	73	Job 21:7–20, 29–33 Matt. 15:1–20
Friday	85, 86	Job 24:1–4, 12–20 Matt. 15:21
Saturday	93, 98	Job 25:2–6 & 26:6–14 Matt. 16:1–12

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

New items to come soon.

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.

Weekday Services This Week –**Daily Morning Meditation**

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday & Tuesday @ 12:15 PM

Evening Prayer

Monday & Tuesday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School today at 10 AM in the Undercroft.

All Souls Day—November 3 this year

Although All Souls is usually November 2, this year that is a Sunday so it will be kept the day after. 10 AM Requiem Mass at Elmwood Cemetery, 12:15 Mass at St. John’s with reading of names submitted.

Donations Accepted - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you’re shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

AED and Narcan - In case of medical emergency an Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, and also one in the Undercroft.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John’s does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Tigers, Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events

Giving - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John’s, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

October 19

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Brian Campbell

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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October 26

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Huw Lewis

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

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

Tithing

When discussing stewardship the word “tithe” comes up frequently. What is a tithe, and how does it apply to your spiritual life?

The tithe is an offering to God of the **first** 10% of your income. In the Old Testament, God requires this, saying the first 10% of your fields, flocks or vineyards are to be given as an offering to the Lord. (Leviticus 27:30) It is a sign and symbol of gratitude that the Lord has provided for you. One of the offertory sentences for the Holy Communion service sums this up saying, “All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee” (1 Chronicles 29:14). With the offering we show gratitude because it is 100% God’s and He has blessed us with the provision of it. It is also a sign that we trust that God will continue to provide for us in the future as well. (Malachi 3:10)

In the New Testament, Jesus mentions the tithe in reference to those who are doing it for appearances or self-righteousness, not with a joyful heart. Rather than saying the Pharisees are wrong for tithing, he says our righteousness must *exceed* that of the scribes and Pharisees. (Matthew 5:20) We should be giving and doing so with a right heart.

But throughout the New Testament there is reference to the support of the ministry and need to not be so attached to one’s possessions that they become a distraction or even an idol. Giving with a cheerful heart is a great antidote to such a malady.

In the Book of Common Prayer we read in the Offices of Instruction, *My bounden duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom.* (p. 291) The support of your parish church, working toward a tithe of 10%, is an important aspect that duty. And to do so with a cheerful heart is a spiritual treasure.

If you are not tithing now, pray the Lord to help you to move toward that level of giving to His Greater Honor and Glory, and your sanctification.

~ Fr. Kelly

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 October 19:

Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda; Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Perth—The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Peru—The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Peshawar—The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Peterborough—The Church of England; The Diocese of Central Philippines—The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; The Diocese of North Central Philippines—The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Grosse Pointe—Christ Church

Pizarrete, DR—St. Barnabas

Santo Domingo, DR—St. Philip the Apostle

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**October 19**

Cameron Plucinski

October 21

Jenny Chope

October 22

Shannon Alden

October 24

Tracey Mooney

October 25

Ken Roby

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**October 23**

Tom & Cindy Edwards

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., Harriett M., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Deb 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; Orange County, 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, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point, Charles Lewis.

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:

William D. Largess	October 19, 1955
Lorraine Cliff	October 19, 1984
Frank J. Donnelly	October 20, 1947
Frances Susan Butler	October 20, 2015
Ann Lee McForlin	October 21, 1976
Arnold L. Green	October 21, 1987
Jean McDonald	October 22, 1973
Gardner S. Williams, III	October 22, 2008
Ulis H. Walker	October 23, 1983
Dorothy Florence Weedon	October 23, 2002
J. Douglas Chirite	October 24, 1960
Loren T. Robinson, Sr.	October 24, 1963
Charlotte Haberkorn	October 25, 1981
Kathleen Marilyn Livermore	October 25, 2010