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St. John's Church The Parish Chronicle

November 23, 2025
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT



Rector's Rambling

One very important aspect of membership in the Church is what is known as Discipleship.

The word *disciple* literally means *one who follows*. We are disciples of Jesus Christ. Although the word *apostle* is sometimes used as a synonym, *apostle* means *one who is sent*. In the Bible the 12 apostles are also considered disciples of Jesus, but not all disciples are *sent* out as leaders. We are all called to be followers of Jesus Christ.

When we talk about discipleship in the Church we refer to our continued learning of The Faith, being equipped and built up for mission and ministry. Baptism and Confirmation are beginning points, not an end point, in our learning. We must continue to learn in order to be able to live the faith, and to share it.

How do we do this? Primarily we do it through worship. The late Bishop Emrich said "In prayer and worship, which are the means of Grace by which God's life comes to us, we become what we could not otherwise become." We are also transformed

from the inside out by the Grace of the Blessed Sacrament and instructed by hearing Scripture read in worship, as well as expounded upon in the sermon.

But we have to take the opportunity to further our discipleship by learning the Scriptures through individual study as well as corporate study. A bible through the year course, such as those offered through podcasts, are a great start! The Daughters of the King have a regular bible study and in the new calendar year we will restart our Sunday Bible Study.

Also, starting December 7 will be offering a class *An Outline of an Anglican Life*, on Sundays after the 10 AM Service (and a bit of coffee hour). This 8 week course is an expansion of the Catechism and the Offices of Instruction found in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Class dates are December 7 and 14, then January 4 through February 8. If you are going to be away for some of the dates we can make a video of that lecture available to those absent that day. PLEASE SIGN UP so we have enough books prepared for the class!



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 NOVEMBER 23—NOVEMBER 30

Sunday 11/23 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	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 11/24 St. John of the Cross	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 11/25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, c. 300 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 11/26 St. Sylvester, Abbot 1267 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 6:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion <i>Office closed today</i>
Thursday 11/27 THANKSGIVING DAY	7:00 A 7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) <i>Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast and Front Door Canteen for the parade</i> AA Meeting <i>Office closed today</i>
Friday 11/28 St. Clement of Rome, Pope and Martyr c. 100 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting <i>Office Closed today</i>
Saturday 11/29	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 11/30 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	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 Sunday next before Advent

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	39	Jer. 4:23 Matt. 25:31
Monday	124, 128	Joel 1:13 2 Pet. 1:1–11
Tuesday	129, 130	Joel 2:1–11 2 Pet. 1:12
Wednesday	136	Joel 2:12–19 2 Pet. 2:1–10a
Thursday	137:1–6 & 138	Joel 2:21 2 Pet. 2:10b
Friday	142, 143	Joel 3:1–8 2 Pet. 3:1–10
Saturday	146, 149	Joel 3:9–17 2 Pet. 3:11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	90	Eccles. 11:9–12:8, 13–14 Heb. 13:1–21
Monday	131, 133, 134	Wisdom 9:1–4, 9–11 Rev. 1:1–8
Tuesday	132	Wisdom 9:13 Rev. 1:9
Wednesday	139	Wisdom 10:1–4, 15–21 Rev. 2:1–11
Thursday	140, 141:1–4	Wisdom 11:21–12:2 Rev. 2:12–17
Friday	144	Wisdom 12:12–19 Rev. 3:1–6
Saturday	148, 150	Wisdom 13:1–9 Rev. 3:7–13

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

5 new Holy Water Stoops for Church and Chapel
\$200 each

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, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thanksgiving Eve - 6 PM—Chapel (use office entrance)

Evening Prayer

Monday through Wednesday @ 4:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day - Join us Thursday morning to watch the parade from our garden and for Pancake Breakfast, and for our Front Door Canteen. Breakfast starts at 6:30, Front Door by 7:30.

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

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.



There may be a tax advantage to **donating stocks, bonds, securities, and property** to St. John's. Speak to your advisor and contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

November 23

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
Chelsea Hutchins

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

Coffee Hour

November 30

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Elizabeth Savage

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Suzanne Nicholson

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 Series Ordination Promises

1928 Book of Common Prayer

November 26th is Fr. Kelly's thirty-first anniversary of his ordination. These are some of the promises made on that day.

Bishop. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined, out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach nothing, as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the Scripture?

Answer. I am so persuaded, and have so determined, by God's grace.

Bishop. Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments, and the Discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Church hath received the same, according to the Commandments of God; so that you may teach the people committed to your Cure and Charge with all diligence to keep and observe the same?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Bishop. Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, within your Cures, as need shall require, and occasion shall be given?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you be diligent in Prayers, and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

Answer. I will endeavour so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own selves, and your families, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer. I will apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you maintain and set forwards, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love, among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other chief Ministers, who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have the charge and government over you; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

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 November 23:

Diocese of Northern Malawi: The Rt Revd Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani; Sisters of Saint Mary; Diocese of Mangochi; Diocese of Mzuzu; St. Peter's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday next before Advent: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of Riverina—The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Rochester (England) - The Church of England; The Diocese of Rochester (USA) - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Rockhampton—The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Rokon—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Rorya—The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Detroit—St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's

Jimani, DR—St. Titus'

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**November 22**

Kimberly Kennedy
Tom Mullin

November 26

Andrew dKelly

November 27

Jennifer Kelly

November 28

Kim DeGiulio
Peggy Valerio

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

**Have you given us your
Anniversary date?**

**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:

Egbert M. Ramsay	November 23, 1965
Nancy Elizabet Boulton	November 23, 2018
Wilfred Ruffey	November 24, 2004
Franklin C. Baker	November 24, 2010
Charles T. Troloppe	November 25, 1947
Clara Fanny Brocklebank	November 25, 1951
Hellen Gillingham	November 26, 1957
Sarah G. Murphy	November 26, 1962
Ann E. McGillicuddy	November 27, 1966
Lisbeth Ann Oates	November 27, 2016
Charles William Kurth	November 28, 1954
Charles Walker Rileigh	November 28, 2019
Harry S. Kelly	November 29, 1962
Bert J. Davis	November 29, 1965