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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

February 8, 2026

SEXAGESIMA



Rector's Rambling

We are now in the middle of our gesima season, these three pre-lent Sundays before we get into the fullness of our Lenten Discipline. Ash Wednesday is February 18th, with our Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, Paczki and Trivia night the night before.

We received the good news that our own Fr. Cam Walker will be heading to Appleton, Wisconsin to serve as their priest at All Saints Church. We are so grateful that the Diocese of Long Island adopted him and ordained him to the deaconate and priesthood, but are also glad to have him back in the Midwest. St. John's and the Diocese of Wisconsin have a long history together. Their first bishop, Jackson Kemper, preached here several times, as did two other notables from the Episcopal Calendar from Wisconsin—James Lloyd Breck (first Dean of Nashotah House Seminary) and James DeKoven (rector of the old Recine College). Our first rector here at St. John's, William Armitage, became the second bishop of the

Diocese of Wisconsin!

Next week we are giving thanks for my 25th anniversary as Rector of St. John's Church. My first Sunday here was Quinquagesima Sunday in 2001. We have a guest celebrant and preacher with us next week, the retired bishop of our diocese, The Rt. Rev'd Wendell Gibbs. It was he who allowed and confirmed my election by the vestry, and who then formally installed me as rector a few weeks later. A luncheon is being planned and we hope that everyone will be here next week, and will stay after for the meal as well.

The Anglican Theology class meets today but will not meet next week because of the luncheon. If you have not joined this class yet, meeting after 10 AM coffee hour, you can join in at any time. We have a good group of people and at times a lively discussion. Fr. Louis Tarsitano's book is our basis for the class but we go off on tangents as necessary (or as Fr. Kelly's A.D.D. mind takes us).

Thanks be to God for the opportunity to worship together!



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

FEBRUARY 8—FEBRUARY 15

Sunday 2/8 SEXAGESIMA	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Sunday School
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
Monday 2/9 St. Cyril, Pope of Alexandria, C.D. 444 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Tuesday 2/10 St. Scholastica, Virgin 543 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Wednesday 2/11 St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch and Martyr c. 107 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Thursday 2/12	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
Friday 2/13 St. Kentigern, Bishop d. 603 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Saturday 2/14 St. Valentine, c. 270 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
Sunday 2/15 QUINQUAGESIMA	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Sunday School
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
<i>NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org</i>		

Collect for the Sunday called Sexagesima

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	71	Isa. 50:4–10 2 Cor. 12:1–12
Monday	2, 3	Gen. 7:1, 7–10, 17–23 Mark 7:24
Tuesday	5	Gen. 8:6 Mark 8:11–26
Wednesday	7	Gen. 9:8–17 Mark 8:27–9:1
Thursday	9	Gen. 11:1–9 Mark 9:2–13
Friday	22	Gen. 11:27–12:8 Mark 9:14–29
Saturday	16	Gen. 13:2, 5–18 Mark 9:30–37

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	147	Eccles. 11:1–6 John 4:31–38
Monday	4, 8	Amos 5:14–24 Gal. 3:19
Tuesday	11, 12	Amos 6:1–8 Gal. 4:1–11
Wednesday	13, 14	Amos 8:4–12 Gal. 4:12–20
Thursday	17	Amos 9:1–10 Gal. 4:21
Friday	6, 26	Amos 7:10 Gal. 5:1–12
Saturday	93, 98	Hosea 4:1–2, 6–10 Gal. 5:13

* 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 coming 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, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM
Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM and Anglican Christianity class after the 10 AM Service. There will be no class next week (Feb 15) but resumes the following week.

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 - The lot next to St. John's is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events. We do not have the ability to give permission to park there for events at Comerica Park, Little Caesars Arena, Ford Field, or the local theatres.

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

February 8

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Elizabeth Savage
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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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 2027
dy Pat Walter

Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028
Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

Terms expire January 2028

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 Ministry Notes

Nashotah House Seminary

One of the ministries supported by the parish is the important work of training men to be priests. There are 9 seminaries of the Episcopal Church, and two of them are dedicated to the promotion of the Faith as it has been received from our Lord through His Apostles, without theological novelty or deviation.

One of those seminaries is Nashotah House Theological Seminary, located in Wisconsin about half-way between Milwaukee and Madison.

Founded in 1842 under the direction of Missionary Bishop Jackson Kemper, Nashotah House started out as an attempt to form a religious order to serve the various preaching stations throughout the Wisconsin territory. Soon after its mission became primarily educational, training priests for ministry in the Church. The Nashotah web site (www.Nashotah.edu) states:

Founded in 1842 as a mission to the frontier, Nashotah House is a seminary of the Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion of Churches, providing theological education for prophetic, priestly, pastoral and servant ministries, concerned for the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the mission of the Church in the world, the salvation of all people, and the worship of Almighty God.





The last of the Episcopal seminaries to expect daily chapel attendance (Morning Prayer, Communion and Evening Prayer) and studies in both of the biblical languages (Greek and Hebrew), Nashotah is concerned not only with the academic ability of those studying to ordination, but the formation of their vocation through liturgical and pietistic foundations. It has been said by many a "son of the House" that as much was "learned" on their knees in prayer, and over discussions at meals in the refectory with other students and staff, as was learned in class!

Fr. Kelly and Father Cam Walker are “son sof the House” and encourages your prayer and financial support of Nashotah.

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 irresistible 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 February 8:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sexagesima: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; The Diocese of South West Tanganyika—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Western Tanganyika—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Tarime—The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Taungoo—The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Temotu—The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Livonia—St. Andrew's

Boca Chica, DR—Grace Church

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

	February 8 Richelle Hobbs
February 11 Chris Golembiewski	
February 12 Terry Valerio	
February 14 Bryan Monaco	

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

	February 11 Terry & Peggy Valerio
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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:

Delbert Giddis	February 8, 1963
Mary Agnes C. Clickner	February 8, 2017
Allie Roop	February 9, 1980
Jeannette Williams	February 9, 1986
Raymond B. Eggen	February 10, 1973
George Blair, III	February 10, 2009
Alice Charles Carey	February 11, 1961
Grace Helen Hudson	February 11, 1973
Fannie Jirovec	February 12, 1979
Floyd Buehler+	February 12, 1998
Kenneth Harold Growth	February 13 1995
Ralph M. Burton	February 13, 2015
Rose Emily Jackson	February 14, 1991
Gary Keith Daughtry	February 14, 2023