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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

January 11, 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Rector's Rambling

Thank you for your prayers this week as my son Sam had to be hospitalized for Influenza A and Pneumonia!

Today we enter a new Church season, that of The Epiphany. Last week's column had information about this.

You may notice that there are now Holy Water Stoups installed at the entrances to the chapel and the church. This is an ancient custom of the Church to have a receptacle at the entry of the place of worship containing water that has been blessed. As you see pictured here, the new stoup has a celtic cross on it, a reoccurring theme here at St. John's. The cross outside the ministry center, the beautiful cross on the wall inside the ministry center were both obtained based on the processional cross we use every Sunday. The new stoups continue that theme.



So what is it for? Holy Water is what is known as a sacramental. These are objects that help point us toward the sacraments themselves, which are an assurance of God's grace/blessings. Things like icons, crucifixes, and holy water are reminders of the abundance of God's blessings toward us and draw us to holiness.

Holy Water at the entrance of a church beckons back to the ancient Jewish tradition of ritual purity, where one washed the feet and hands before entering

worship. Remember that Jesus did a similar thing to his apostles at the last supper when he washed their feet. (John 13: 1-17)

We have been cleansed in the waters of baptism (a sacrament) and holy water at the entrance of the church is a tangible reminder of that being born again in water and the Holy Spirit (a sacramental).

Of course this is optional, but if you would like you dip your finger in the water and make the sign of the cross, asking that God cleanse your heart and prepare you for worship.

Also, in the sacristy will be a container pictured below. This contains Holy Water, water that has been blessed by a priest or a bishop. It is there in order to fill the stoups around the church. But it is also available for you if you would like some Holy Water for your home. Some people like to have a stoup in their house. Small ones for home are available online or at a religious supply store.

Having sacramentals such as these can be an aid to us in our spiritual life, reminding us of the blessings available by God's Grace.





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

JANUARY 11—JANUARY 18

Sunday 1/11 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	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 1/12 Of the Octave	7:00 A Morning Meditation (online) 12:15 P Holy Communion 4:00 P Evening Prayer 5:00 P AA Meeting
Tuesday 1/13 Octave of the Epiphany	7:00 A Morning Meditation (online) 12:15 P Holy Communion 4:00 P Evening Prayer 5:00 P AA Meeting
Wednesday 1/14 St. Hilary of Poitiers d. 367 A.D.	7:00 A Morning Meditation (online) 12:15 P Holy Communion 4:00 P Evening Prayer 5:00 P AA Meeting
Thursday 1/15 St. Paul, the First Hermit, 342 A.D.	7:00 A Morning Meditation (online) 10:30 A Holy Communion and Benediction 4:00 P Evening Prayer
Friday 1/16 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645 A.D.	7:00 A Morning Meditation (online) 11:00 A AA Meeting 5:00 P AA Meeting
Saturday 1/17 St. Anthony, Abbot d. 356 A.D.	7:00 A Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 1/18 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	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

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

Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

OLORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

SUNDAY	72, 97	Isa. 60:1-9 Matt. 2:1-12
Monday	1, 3	Prov. 1:7-19 Eph. 1
Tuesday	5	Prov. 2:1-9 Eph. 2:1-10
Wednesday	7	Prov. 3:1-7, 11-12 Eph. 2:11
Thursday	9	Prov. 3:13-20 Eph. 3:1-13
Friday	10	Prov. 3:27 Eph. 3:14
Saturday	16	Prov. 4:7-18 Eph. 4:1-16

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	84, 122	1 Sam. 1:21 Matt. 18:1-14
Monday	4, 8	Ezek. 1:2-6, 24-28 John 1:1-18
Tuesday	11, 12	Ezek. 2 John 1:19-34
Wednesday	13, 14	Ezek. 3:4-14 John 1:35
Thursday	15, 21	Ezek. 3:16-21 John 2:1-12
Friday	6, 26	Ezek. 7:10-15, 23-27 John 2:13
Saturday	27	Ezek. 11:14-20 John 3:1-13

* 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

Holy Water storage tank with stand **\$630**

Thank you to those who donated the items listed

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 and Tuesday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education — Sunday School and Anglican Christianity class resume Today.

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



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 January 11:

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

First Sunday after Epiphany: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Diocese of Sodor and Man—The Church of England; The Diocese of Sokoto—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Central Solomons—The Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Diocese of Soroti—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Southwark—The Church of England; The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham—The Church of England

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Mt. Clemens' - Grace Church
Bonao, DR—Church of the Pentecost

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



January 14

Annessa Scott

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES



Have you given us your Anniversary?

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:

Edna L. Simmons	January 11, 1945
Edward O. Patterson	January 11, 1959
Leo Hery Johnson	January 12, 1969
Walter Clyde Judd	January 12, 1984
Clara Rosso	January 13, 1970
Marge Goodall	January 13, 2006
Evelyn Grennan Haas	January 14, 1961
Sheldon Westerman	January 14, 1968
Walter Anderson	January 15, 1986
William Wells	January 15, 2015
Ernest O. Knight	January 16, 1961
Randy Michael Smith	January 16, 1970
Emil Capayas	January 17, 1965
William H. Read	January 17, 1965