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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

September 21, 2025

SAINT MATTHEW

APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST



Rector's Rambling

Once again we find ourselves in the red vestments with red pulpit and lectern hangings as we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle. Like last week's Feast of the Holy Cross, this is an important enough feast day to 'bump' the observance of the 14th Sunday after Trinity. A bio of St. Matthew can be found on page 4 of this Chronicle.



This past week and today we have the last regular season homestand for the Detroit Tigers. How wonderful it is that the team is once again on the way to the playoffs. This is exciting not only for the team and fans, but a good thing for our neighborhood surrounding the church. Local businesses such as restaurants, sports apparel, lodging and parking depend on the revenue brought in by those coming to the game. When they are having a winning season like last year and this then more people continue to attend the games into September, and of course the playoff games will be a bonus addition! And this also means more people walking by St. John's, seeing our new signage on our gloriously beautiful building. We have the doors open when the office is staffed, and on some days upwards of 100 people stop in to pray and look around, many taking tracts from the rack in the narthex on their way out

to learn more about St. John's and Our Lord.

Some of the longer time members will remember what the neighborhood was like before the building of the stadiums and arena. With the exception of the Fox and Fillmore (then known as the State) Theatre shows, the neighborhood was quite derelict. And when Comerica Park opened (2001) and then Ford Field (2003) the teams weren't that good and late in the season one would hardly notice an event was happening!

Thank you for your patience in coming down to St. John's when the neighborhood is busy with sports events and shows. We work with the Olympia Development and Parking to make sure we have access and egress to the lot to park for worship. We can't do anything about the increase in the number of cars on event days, but we are grateful that not only are the teams doing well, but more people are seeing St. John's and maybe someday will join us for worship!

Today we welcome into the Church Victor Morley Stevenson, who will be baptized at the 10 AM Service, being made a child of God and heir of the Kingdom through regeneration; born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God for Victor, his mom and dad Cole and Suzie, and for all the family and friends joining us today for worship.



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 SEPTEMBER 21—SEPTEMBER 28

Sunday 9/21 SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
Monday 9/22	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Tuesday 9/23	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:00 A	Requiem Mass for Gail Weedon
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 9/24	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Thursday 9/25 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester d. 1625 A. D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Friday 9/26 Ss. Cyprian and Justina, Martyrs, d. 268 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
Saturday 9/27 S. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs, d. 287 A.D>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 9/28 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	19, 24	Micah 6:1–8 Phil. 4:4–13
Monday	39	2 Sam. 16:23—17:14 2 Cor. 6:1–10
Tuesday	40:1–16	2 Sam. 17:15–23 2 Cor. 6:11—7:1
Wednesday	45	2 Sam. 18:1–17 2 Cor. 7:2
Thursday	56	2 Sam. 18:19 2 Cor. 8:1–15
Friday	69:1–22, 30–37	2 Sam. 19:1–10 2 Cor. 8:16
Saturday	68:1–19	2 Sam. 19:11–23 2 Cor. 9

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	50	Jer. 7:1–11 Luke 13:18–30
Monday	33	Ecclus. 19:20 Matt. 5:1–16
Tuesday	36:5 & 47	Ecclus. 20:9–20 Matt. 5:17–26
Wednesday	62, 63	Ecclus. 24:1–9, 18–22 Matt. 5:27–37
Thursday	66	Ecclus. 28:13 Matt. 5:38
Friday	51	Ecclus. 31:12–18, 25—32:2 Matt. 6:1–18
Saturday	67, 93	Ecclus. 34:1–8 Matt. 6:19

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

ST. JOHN’S backlit signs -

need 1 more at \$7500 each

(will be on the sides of the ministry center, visible from the freeway and by those walking to/from Comerica Park.)

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 and Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Tuesday @ 10:00 AM (Gail Weedon Funeral)

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School resumes 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.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

September 21

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
Cindy Edwards

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

September 28

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
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

The Feast of St. Matthew

St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. This has been the constant tradition of the Church and is confirmed by the Gospel itself. He was the son of Alpheus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a publican, i.e., a tax collector by profession. He is to be identified with the "Levi" of Mark and Luke.

His apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine. Nothing definite is known about his later life. There is a tradition that points to Ethiopia as his field of labor; other traditions mention of Parthia and Persia. It is uncertain whether he died a natural death or received the crown of martyrdom.

St. Matthew's Gospel was written to fill a sorely-felt want for his fellow countrymen, both believers and unbelievers. For the former, it served as a token of his regard and as an encouragement in the trial to come, especially the danger of falling back to Judaism; for the latter, it was designed to convince them that the Messiah had come in the person of Jesus, our Lord, in Whom all the promises of the Messianic Kingdom embracing all people had been fulfilled in a spiritual rather than in a carnal way: "My Kingdom is not of this world." His Gospel, then, answered the question put by the disciples of St. John the Baptist, "Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

Writing for his countrymen of Palestine, St. Matthew composed his Gospel in his native Aramaic, the "Hebrew tongue" mentioned in the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Soon afterward, about the time of the persecution of Herod Agrippa I in 42 AD, he took his departure for other lands. Another tradition



places the composition of his Gospel either between the time of this departure and the Council of Jerusalem, i.e., between 42 AD and 50 AD or even later. Definitely, however, the Gospel, depicting the Holy City with its altar and temple as still existing, and without any reference to the fulfillment of our Lord's prophecy, shows that it was written before the destruction of the city by the Romans in 70 AD, and this internal evidence confirms the early traditions.

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from www.Catholic.org

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 September 21:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

14th Sunday after Trinity: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Oru—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Osaka—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Osun—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Osun North—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Osun North East—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ottawa—The Anglican Church of Canada

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Royal Oak—St. John's

Saline—Holy Faith Church

El Siebo, DR—Ascension

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**September 24**

Gordon Didier

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**September 23**

Darren & Elizabeth Savage

**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., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Carl P., 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:

Iney May Marlin	September 21, 1982
Jonathon Rickman	September 21, 1989
Lyle George Justice, Jr.	September 22, 1933
Ida Forester	September 22, 1933
Irene A. Karas	September 23, 2001
Nancy Elizabeth Boulton	September 23, 2018
Barbara Simpson Smiley	September 24, 1986
Barbara Jean Frisby	September 24, 2014
Edith Penberthy	September 25, 1956
Barbara Bolch	September 25, 1974
Crystal Clark	September 26, 1954
Jessie W. Carpenter	September 26, 1979
Louisa Mary Beck	September 27, 1940
David J. Griffith	September 27, 1957