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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

August 24, 2025
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE



Rector's Rambling

Today we celebrate 50 years of marriage for Ralph and Sarah Babcock, and new life in

Jesus Christ for Charlie and Leo! What a great day at St. John's!

In 1975 Ralph and Sarah stood before God and in front of Sarah's dad, Fr. Thomas Frisby (11th Rector of St. John's) and promised to love, comfort, honor, and keep each other in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others keep only to each other as long as they both shall live. 50 years of this promise kept with prayer for many more years! And yes, Dr. Huw Lewis was the recently appointed organist of St. John's playing that day!

Leo and Charlie are making their official beginning. Baptism is most generally appreciated as the gateway to membership in the Church. It is the outward public statement that you belong in this group of believers that claims Jesus Christ as Lord. It is public in the sense that in the last generation or two the Church has reclaimed the ancient practice of having baptism done either during, or immediately proceeding, the primary worship gathering of the community. The baptism service is a public statement that this child (through their sponsors) or adult is making promises in a community. The community witnesses the promises and itself promises support to the newly baptized. In the case of infants and young children the parents and godparents promise to be sure the children "learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health". And not only the parents and sponsors, but all in attendance at the baptism do their part in prayer, fellowship, and support of the Sunday School ministry of the parish.

But something deeper than a public affirmation of belief occurs in the waters of baptism. We are all born into the Body of Adam and therefore are inheritors of sin and death (known as birth sin or original sin).

But by the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism we are BORN AGAIN of water and the Holy Spirit; we are taken out of the body of Adam and grafted into the Body of Christ. This is called Baptismal Regeneration. More than just a public promise or membership ritual, it is God changing people! And changed we are!

By the end of this day, 7402 people will have been baptised at St. John's. Ralph and Sarah were marriage number 3199 at St. John's, and we have marriages 3451 and 3452 scheduled in the coming weeks. Thanks be to God!

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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, com-

fort, 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

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The loose offerings collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The loose offerings collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

This Week at St. John's August 24—August 31

Sunday 8/24 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 8/25 St. Louis IX, King of France, 1270 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 8/26	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 8/27	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 8/28 St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 8/29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 8/30 St. Rose of Lima d. 1617 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 8/31 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) 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

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

ET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer		
SUNDAY	145	Ecclus. 1:1–10
		John 8:25-36
Monday	40:1-16	1 Sam. 18:1–9
•		Luke 19:29–40
Tuesday	41	1 Sam. 20:1–7, 12–23
•		Luke 19:47—20:8
Wednesday	44	1 Sam. 20:24–39
·		Luke 20:9–26
Thursday	49	1 Sam. 22:6
·		Luke 20:27–40
Friday	51	1 Sam. 23:7–18
•		Luke 20:41—21:4
Saturday	66	1 Sam. 28:3–19
•		Luke 21:5–19
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Evening Prayer		
SUNDAY	15, 46	Isa. 44:1–8, 21–23
		Rom. 12:1–9
Monday	37:1-14	Micah 4:1–8
•		Rom. 4:13
Tuesday	37:26	Micah 4:9—5:1
•		Rom. 5
Wednesday	39	Micah 6:1–8
•		Rom. 6
Thursday	50	Micah 6:9
•		Rom. 7:1–13
Friday	54, 57	Micah 7:1–9
•		Rom. 7:14
Saturday	65, 67	Micah 7:14
•		Rom 8:1–17

^{*} 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, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education - Sunday School resumes in September.

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 OR code through the GiveButter giving platform.



Published Banns— "I publish the Banns of Marriage between Jeffrey Dale Glover and Lori Sunshine Wilhite. If you know cause or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the final time of asking."

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

August 24

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 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 2026

Elizabeth Butler Bryan Monaco David Gawrych

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 Saint Bartholomew the Apostle

One of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned sixth in the three Gospel lists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14), and seventh in the list of Acts (1:13).

The name (*Bartholomaios*) means "son of Talmai" (or Tholmai) which was an ancient Hebrew name, borne, e.g. by the King of Gessur whose daughter was a wife of David (2 Samuel 3:3). It shows, at least, that Bartholomew was of Hebrew descent; it may have been his genuine proper name or simply added to distinguish him as the son of Talmai. Outside the instances referred to, no other mention of the name occurs in the New Testament.

Nothing further is known of him for certain. Many scholars, however, identify him with Nathaniel (John 1:45 -51; 21:2). The reasons for this are that Bartholomew is not the proper name of the Apostle; that the name never occurs in the Fourth Gospel, while Nathaniel is not mentioned in the synoptics; that Bartholomew's name is coupled with Philip's in the lists of Matthew and Luke, and found next to it in Mark, which agrees well with the fact shown by St. John that Philip was an old friend of Nathaniel's and brought him to Jesus; that the call of Nathaniel, mentioned with the call of several Apostles, seems to mark him for the apostolate, especially since the rather full and beautiful narrative leads one to expect some important development; that Nathaniel was of Galilee where Jesus found most, if not all, of the Twelve; finally, that on the occasion of the appearance of the risen Savior on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias, Nathaniel is found present, together with several Apostles who are named and two named Disciples who were, almost certainly, likewise Apostles (the word "apostle" not occurring in the Fourth Gospel and "disciple" of Jesus ordinarily meaning Apostle) and so, presumably, was one of the Twelve. This chain of circumstantial evidence is ingenious and pretty strong; the weak link is that, after all, Nathaniel may have been another personage in whom, for some reason, the author of the Fourth Gospel may have been particularly interested, as he was in Nicodemus, who is likewise not named in the synoptics.

No mention of St. Bartholomew occurs in ecclesiastical literature before Eusebius, who mentions that Pantaenus, the master of Origen, while evangelizing India, was told that the Apostle had preached there before him and had given to his converts the Gospel of St. Matthew written in Hebrew, which was still treasured by the Church.

~ Sourced by Fr. Kelly from www.NewAdvent.org/cathen/02313c.htm

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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 selfconceit, 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 August 24:

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

Tenth Sunday after Trinity: Church of the Province of South East Asia; Church of the Province of Ogbomoso—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ogoni—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ogorimagongo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ohio—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Southern Ohio—The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Plymouth—St. John's

Southfield—Church of the Resurrection

La Romana, DR-All Saints'

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



August 24

Tom Edwards

August 25

Glenn Burton

August 27

Joe Alff

August 29

Eleanore Simon

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

August 23

Ralph & Sarah Babcock

August 26

Mark & Lynne Smith



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

<u>Police Officers and Firefighters:</u> 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.

<u>Diocese and the National Episcopal Church:</u> That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Lindsay W. McTernan	August 24, 1969
Elmer T. Tuttle	August 24, 1970
Jean Neville	August 25, 1940
William Carl Hull	August 25, 1979
Williams L. Lawton	August 26, 1961
Herbert G. Riemer	August 26, 1982
Cora Heavenrich	August 27, 1967
Paul Decker	August 27, 2017
Dorothy A. Deisemoth	August 28, 1977
Jana Valuskova Kebiedzik	August 28, 2019
John E. Brogdon	August 29, 1964
Leona Lotten	August 29, 1979
Florence E. Carbary	August 30, 1967
Harry B. Weston	August 30, 1972