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Rector's Rambling

As August comes to a close, we look back at a month full of fun and wonderful 'extras', including two wedding anniversary celebrations, two baptisms, and a guest celebrant and preacher who grew up at St. John's but until this past month hadn't had the opportunity to say Mass at our altar where his vocation to the priesthood was awakened under the tutelage of Fr. Thomas Frisby. Each of these occasions brought many guests to worship with us at a time when many of us were away on vacation and attendance is usually at its lowest for the year.

St. John's is in a prominent location. We are easily recognized in reference - "the corner of Woodward and I-75 next to Comerica Park and across from Hockeyshtown Café". We are very recognizable to those who come downtown or drive by on the freeway. They know the building, but are less likely to know the name of the Church since they glance at us in passing as they head to the ballpark, stadium, arena, or theatres.

One of the projects the vestry has been working on this spring and summer has been to improve the signage, to put a name in people's heads when we are referenced in conversation.



St. John's installed on the Burton Ministry

We now have our two halo-backlit St.

Center. This is a remarkable addition! People walking or driving on Montcalm Avenue to the south cannot miss the name of the church. The north side sign is visible from the freeway and the housing on the other side.

The updated historic sign in the front of the Church has been installed and a replacement "St. John's Chapel" entrance sign has arrived and will be installed shortly.



There are three more signage upgrades to come soon. On the Fisher Freeway Service Drive side, a sign will be installed with the name and our service times for those walking toward the stadium or from the arena toward parking. Over the tower door will be another St. John's sign prominently visible for those on the Service Drive or walking on Woodward. The large electronic pedestal sign will be removed for 2 weeks, repainted, and re-installed with an upgraded electronic screen.

Of course, the most important part of a visibility project is getting the parishioners to share their love for St. John's with friends, family, and strangers. Folks will know the building and will know the name - your invitation may be how our Lord is bringing them into His fold.



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

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 31—SEPTEMBER 7

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
Monday 9/1 St. Giles, Abbot c. 724 A.D.	7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) <i>Office Closed For Labor Day</i> AA Meeting
Tuesday 9/2 St. Stephen of Hungary, King and Confessor d. 1038 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
Wednesday 9/3 St. Aiden, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651 A.D.	7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) <i>No Mass Today</i> AA Meeting
Thursday 9/4	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 9/5	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 9/6	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 9/7 TWELFTH 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

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	124, 125	Isa. 26:12–16, 19 Rom. 8:26
<i>Monday</i>	71	1 Sam. 31 Luke 21:20
<i>Tuesday</i>	73	2 Sam. 1:1–16 Luke 22:1–13
<i>Wednesday</i>	87, 101	2 Sam. 1:17 Luke 22:14–30
<i>Thursday</i>	92	2 Sam. 4:1, 5, 7–12 Luke 22:31–46
<i>Friday</i>	94	2 Sam. 5:1–10 Luke 22:47–62
<i>Saturday</i>	96	2 Sam. 6:1–11 Luke 22:63–23:12

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	68	Ecclus. 35:10–19 Mark 12:38
<i>Monday</i>	77	Nahum 1:3–8, 15 Rom. 8:18–27
<i>Tuesday</i>	78	Nahum 2 Rom. 8:28
<i>Wednesday</i>	85, 98	Nahum 3 Rom. 9:1–5, 14–24, 30–33
<i>Thursday</i>	90	Hab. 1:2–4, 12–2:4 Rom. 10
<i>Friday</i>	103	Hab. 2:9–14, 19–20 Rom. 11:1–21
<i>Saturday</i>	112, 113	Hab. 3:2–6, 10–13, 18–19 Rom. 11:22

* 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

Tuesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

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 QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

August 31

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
Brian Campbell
Pam Beeghly
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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September 7

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Jane Burton
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Ricca

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Lewis

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 Notes Labor Day

Come Labor on! Who dare stand idle, on the harvest plain; while all around us wave the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today." ~ Hymn 576

This weekend Summer makes its last "hurrah" as we celebrate the Labor Day weekend. There are plenty of things to do this weekend as we bring summer to an unofficial close. On Tuesday school begins and society gets back into its fall/winter/spring routine.

Of course, all of the above activities, as fun as they may be, have nothing to do with the holiday itself. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, "Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country." (www.DoL.gov) And, in fact, many labor unions will hold rallies this weekend to celebrate the American worker, the unions themselves, and their various causes. This grand old stone edifice on the corner of Woodward and Fisher Freeway has seen many a labor parade and rally pass by its doors.

Labor unions have evolved over the years, and our economy has certainly changed in the last 125 years! Membership in unions has declined as employment in manufacturing and other "labor intensive" industries has automated or moved away.

As we celebrate Labor Day this year, let us remember in our prayers that our common good is dependent upon each other. The creation and sustaining of gainful employment is a recognition of each other's basic humanity and dignity. As the Department of Labor says, "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker."

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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 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 August 31:

Retired Bishops of Malawi: Bishop Biggers, Bishop Tengatenga, Bishop Arden, Bishop Boyle; Diocese of Zomba

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Oji River—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Okene—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Oke-Ogun—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Oke-Osun—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Okigwe—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Okigwe South—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Grosse Ile—St. James'

Hillsdale—St. Peter's

Mosovi, DR—Divine Grace

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

September 5

Jane Burton

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., 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:

Lorena S. Irwin	August 31, 1973
Hazel Abbott	August 31, 1976
Johnnie Sue Wilson	September 1, 1976
Herbert Lueders	September 1, 2012
Marie Dorothy Rosenfeld	September 2, 1926
Fred A. Boddy	September 2, 1954
Harry N. Leonard	September 3, 1960
Kathryn Casaroll	September 3, 1983
Anthony Lupo	September 4, 1970
Emma Keils	September 4, 1972
Samuel S. Greene	September 5, 1963
Jesse Ketchum, VII	September 5, 1986
Edna L. Wright	September 6, 1957
Florence White	September 6, 1970