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St. John's Church

The Eagle

FALL 2025

Rector's Rambling



August and early September are usually "down time" at churches. Hot weather, people away on vacation, and the last of summer activities usually means less activity and attendance at the church. This has not been so at St. John's! From mid-August to the third Sunday in September was full of activity for us!



During this time we had three baptisms at St. John's! Leo (4 years old) and Charlie (infant) were born again of water and the Holy Spirit on August 24th. On September 21st Victor (infant) also joined the church as a child of God and heir of the kingdom.

Not only were two sets of the parents of the children married at St. John's, but two of the parents involved were baptized at St. John's when they were infants!

On August 30th and September 6th we had two weddings. Jeff and Sunshine Glover, and Rob and Addison Burton, were united in Holy Matrimony. Although his can be an insufferably hot time



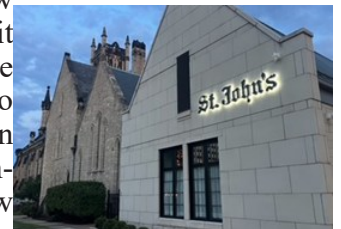
of the year, these weddings were blessed with cooler weather for the occasions.

Speaking of marriage, we celebrated with a special blessing at the 10 AM Service the 55th Anniversary of Andy and Alice Baetz on August 17th and the 50th Anniversary of Ralph and Sarah Babcock on August 24th.



And we also had three funerals in this time period. Phyllis Lewis passed away last year in Western Canada and we had a Requiem Mass for her on August 26th. On September 13th we had the Burial Office for the Repose of the Soul of Ruth Roby Glancy and on September 23rd we had the Requiem Mass and burial of Gail Weedon. May they rest in peace.

Additionally the Vestry has been busy improving the signage around the parish. New halo backlit signs have been added to the Burton Ministry Center, and new signage for the front tower door, the chapel door, and freeway side walkway have been ordered. Additionally the large electronic signboard will be restored and upgraded.



Inside this newsletter is information on all the upcoming events, God willing, happening at St. John's. Be sure to be here for worship and the activities!



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.

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.

The Outreach Committee begins meeting in January to solicit applications for grants from St. John's. Local community 501c3 organizations are encouraged to apply for funding to help with their good work in the community. Past grant recipients have included work in addressing food insecurity, jail ministry, human trafficking, homelessness, illiteracy, beds for foster children, horse-related therapy, and community gardening.

Committee members visit the applicants and their ministries, and make a recommendation to the Vestry to award the grants, which occurs in late spring.

Additionally, we invite the grant recipients to include us when they need help with projects, or need a building or commercial kitchen, for their activities.

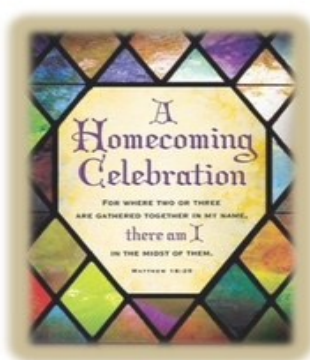
Other community groups, such as local homeowners associations and 12 step recovery addiction recovery groups use our buildings for meetings and gatherings. We are grateful to be able to help.

Let the parish office know if you would like to be involved in this Committee work, or have a group that may need space for meetings in our facility.

GENERAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
		Sunday School
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
Monday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Thursday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	9:00 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
		<i>Service moves to 10:30 on October 3rd until April</i>
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Friday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
Saturday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)

For latest updates whether a regularly scheduled service will occur, check the website or call the parish office before coming down to St. John's.



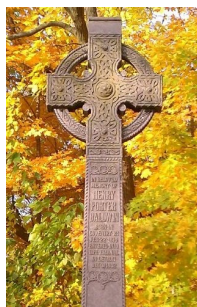
HOMECOMING Sunday, October 12, 2025

Bring your family and friends
and join us for our annual
CATERED
Homecoming Celebration
Luncheon in the Undercroft
after the 10 am service

All Souls Day Monday, November 3

*Usually November 2, but it cannot be celebrated on a
Sunday, so it is moved to Monday.*

10:00 AM
Requiem Mass
Historic Elmwood Cemetery



12:15 PM
Requiem Mass
St. John's Chapel

*Be sure to submit the names of departed loved ones, with
your offering, in the All Souls Envelopes
or email to officemanager@stjohnsdetroit.org and send an
offering.*

The list will be prayed at the 12:15 PM Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS October – December 2025

OCTOBER

- 1-31** Annual Canned Good Drive for Georgia Street
- 11** DOK Meeting
- 12** Homecoming luncheon
- 24** St. Catherine's Guild Kitchen Day

NOVEMBER

- 1-31** Annual Winter Coat Drive for Georgia Street
- 1** DOK Diocesan Meeting, 9-2
- 2** Malawi In-gathering
- 3** All Soul's Requiem Masses
- 3** St. Catherine's Guild Kitchen Day
- 8** DOK Meeting
- NOVEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 14**
DOK GIFT GIVING TREE for Georgia Street
- NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 14**
ST. CATHERINE'S PANTRY SALE
- 23** Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale
- 27** Thanksgiving Parade Pancake Breakfast (6:30-9)
Thanksgiving Parade Canteen (7-10:30)

DECEMBER

- 6** DOK Advent Tea
- 3** DOK Meeting
- 14** Tree Lighting with Cocoa and Carols
- DECEMBER 14 – JANUARY 17**
WARM FUZZY TREE
- 20** Pre-greening of church and chapel
- 21** Annual Advent Soup luncheon
- 21** Finish Greening of the church and chapel
- 24** Christmas Eve services 4 & 8:30 pm
- 25** Christmas Day service 11 am

Thanksgiving at St. John's

Wednesday, November 26th

6:00 PM Service

Sleep-over follows for those who wish to stay



Thursday, November 27th
All Morning

Pancake Breakfast, Donut and Cocoa Sales, and watching America's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

Livestreams of Worship, Daily Morning Meditations, and Social Media Interaction

www.YouTube.com/StJohnsPriest
Www.Facebook.com/stjohnsdetroit
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www.X.com/stjohnsdetroit

*Follow the accounts,
Like' the posts, hare them on social media
with your friends and family!*

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.

Capital Improvements

Our 165 year old buildings are constantly in need of maintenance and upkeep, so that we can continue to use them to glorify God.

As mentioned on the front page of this Eagle, our major signage upgrade is underway, including the new historic marker, and several **St. John's** signs on the Burton Ministry Center and the tower door. The large electronic signboard will be restored with new a new electronic panel upgrade as well.

Another project underway is some repairs to the slate roof. The last major roofing job was in 2001 with several spot-repairs over the years. This one will address some spots where leaking is occurring and where slates are missing.

The next major project on the horizon, most likely early 2026, will be a major upgrade to the electrical system, followed by lighting upgrades. Some of the wiring in the church dates to 1937 when the church was moved 60 feet to widen Woodward. Some of this wiring is cloth covered! And some of the fuse boxes date to that year as well.

Once the electrical system is upgraded we can tackle the interior lighting, upgrading its brightness and coverage. Also, the exterior lighting installed in the 1990s is in need of upgrade, particularly on the freeway side of the building. Exterior lighting helps us to continue to be a light set on a hill that cannot be hid! More details to come soon.

The Minister is ordered, from time to time, to advise the People, whilst they are in health, to make Wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and, when of ability, to leave Bequests for religious and charitable uses.

1928 Book of Common Prayer (p. 320)

Giving Electronically

The QR Code connects you to our page on GiveButter, which processes electronic payments (credit cards, etc).



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.

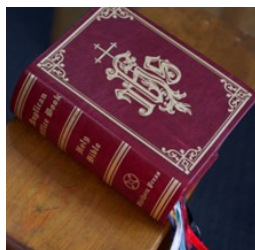
THE DAILY OFFICE MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

One of the glories of Anglicanism is the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. When the first English Prayer Book was published (1549) it included the form for Morning and Evening Prayer so that not only the clergy could pray it, but so were those who are members of the congregation. The previous expectation was that the Daily Office was to be prayed by the clergy and monks/nuns, in latin with instructions that could be intimidating.

The 1928 Book of Common Prayer continues the Prayer Book formulary of the Daily Offices. But even in this form finding the proper reading assigned for the day depends on knowing what week of the liturgical year we are currently doing. This is one of the reasons we republish the lectionary for each week in this publication (page 3). Morning and Evening Prayer requires a prayer book and bible, and takes about 15 to 20 minutes prayed alone.

There are also what is known as the minor office, 5 minute moments of prayer which can be prayed throughout the day in addition to Morning and Evening Prayer. They are not in the regular Book of Common Prayer, but available in supplemental texts.

One of those supplemental books is called The Anglican Office Book. The printed version, available



At <https://store.standrewsalmanor.org/collections/books>

This includes the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible, and the minor Offices, also known as The Hours, of Prime, Terce, Sext, None, and Compline.

Additionally, they now have a free website www.anglicanoffice.com where it automatically knows what day it is, loading up Morning and Evening Prayer for that day with all the appointed psalms and readings for that day. Just start at the top and pray - no need to go flip back and forth between the office, psalm, and bible readings. And at the top right corner you can click on the Hours tab and get the minor office for that time. It is a very convenient way to pray using your laptop or phone.

