



## St. John's Church

# The Eagle

## LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

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### Assisting Priest Emeritus

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Ms. Chanmi Kim

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#### Office Manager

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Pat Walter

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Debbie Swain

#### Lectors Guild

Brian Campbell

#### Outreach Committee Chair

Debbie Swain and Chris  
Golembiewski

#### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim

### Rector's Rambling



We are in the midst of the most intense, and most important part of the Church Year. Back in February we got Lent off to a good start with our Ash Wednesday Services. This year's attendance at the three services was 50% higher than it has been since we returned from Covid, and highest since 2006. Not only were parishioners in attendance but also some folks who work in the neighborhood and joined us to worship and receive ashes. Two of them mentioned to me that they had never been inside St. John's before, but saw the door open and realized the Mass was happening.

Now we have settled into the regular rhythm of Lent, with our weekday Masses and Evening Prayer Monday through Thursday, and the additional Mass at 11:15 on Friday, and Stations of the Cross on Friday as well. Lent is a good time add one of these to our routine, especially the Friday Stations of the Cross!

Additionally people are reporting that they are benefiting from adding the daily podcast of Through the Bible with Nicky Gumble as well as Fr. Mike Schmitz The Bible in a Year. Our Anglican Theology Class continues to be well attended, and the Daughters of the King monthly bible study also continues to bring forth fruit. These reports make my heart glad!

In early February we had an outing to The Players to see a show produced for the 100th anniversary of their theatre building, the 115th year of the club existence. It was a nice chance for members

to gather outside of Sunday worship for fellowship and to support a local non-profit organization.



Our Young Adults group has also organized an outing on March 13 to the MadTrack Arena (previously known as the Lexus Velodrome) to watch the cycling championship races. Another opportunity for fellowship among the fastest growing part of our membership, and to support a great non-profit organization here in the city of Detroit.

Thank you to everyone who organized and attended my 25th Anniversary celebration. I am so grateful that Our Lord



has allowed me to minister here for a quarter of a century! It was great to have Bishop Gibbs with us again, and the luncheon was a wonderful chance to celebrate together with

a good meal and and so many members and friends.

Looking forward, we have the rest of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter ahead. Lots of opportunities for worship and devotion, and for fellowship as well. Be sure to plan on attending as many Holy Week Services as possible! And invite friends and neighbors for Easter.

## *St. John's Office Hours*

*Monday through Friday*

*9 AM to 5 PM*

### *Supporting St. John's*

Thank you for your financial support of St. John's Church. Your contributions are the financial lifeblood of the parish, and are also an outward and visible sign of a spiritual discipline of gratitude and generosity.

You can **mail** your offering envelope to St. John's, or **contribute online** with the our QR code through the GiveButter platform.



There may be a tax advantage to **donating stocks, bonds, securities, and property** directly to St. John's. Speak to your advisor and contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate

### 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.

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE @ ST. JOHN'S

<b>Sunday</b>	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) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour  Evening Prayer
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 A 10:30 A  4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 A 11:00 A *11:15 A *Noon 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting <i>Holy Communion *</i> <i>Stations of the Cross*</i> AA Meeting
		<b>* Lent Only*</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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*NOTE: CHECK ONLINE  
FOR WEEKLY UPDATES  
AND CHANGES*

## St. John's Young Adults Group



### MadTrack Arena Velodrome Cycling Championship

**Saturday, March 13, 2026  
7:30 PM**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026**

**ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL**

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

**CORNERED BEEF WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE**

**SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO PASS!**

**SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED ON THE**

**COMMUNICATION BOARD**



## 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 –

#### **Daily Morning Meditation**

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

#### **Holy Communion**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

*Friday @ 11:15 in Lent only*

#### **Evening Prayer**

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

*Stations of the Cross - Friday at Noon in Lent.*

**Christian Education** – Sunday School at 10 AM and Anglican Christianity after the 10 AM Service.

**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 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.

**Sunday School**  
**During the 10 AM Service**  
*September through May*

**Adult Education**  
**After the 10 AM Service**  
*Current class—Anglican Theology*  
*Future classes to be announced*

**The Vestry and Officers of St. John's**

Peter Grim, Senior Warden  
 Pat Walter, Junior Warden  
 Cynthia Edwards, Secretary  
 Jared Moody, Treasurer

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*Terms expire January 2027*

Jared Moody                      Pat Walter  
 Helene Waters

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*Terms expire January 2028*

Cynthia Edwards              Peter Grim  
 Morley Stevenson

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*Terms expire January 2028*

Durene Brown                      Charles Roby  
 Renee Peck

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Making Time for Eternity**

Our lives are busy. The world around us is busy. Everything is rush, rush, rush.

On that first Good Friday, it was probably the same story. The world around Jesus was busy, busy, busy. For most of the residents of Jerusalem that way of sorrows that Jesus trod, from the place of Judgment to his Crucifixion, was just another procession of people being led away by the Romans to be punished by example of outside the city walls. Few would have looked twice to see what the commotion was about.

Yet passing by was the Second person of the Holy Trinity Himself, going to pay the price for their sins. Their very disregard is one reason for his treading past them!

Make time in your life for eternity. For it is only through Jesus Christ's death on the cross that we have eternal life.

Make time for Holy Week. Come to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Day. Make time with a grateful heart!

**Looking toward May and June**

*May 3 - Ingathering for the Bishop Biggers Education Fund, Diocese of Malawi*

*May 10 - Mothers Day at St. John's*

*May 14 - Feast of the Ascension 10:30 Mass celebrating the 40th Day after The Resurrection*

*May 17 - Baby Shower in support of Pregnancy Aid, sponsored by the Daughters of the King*

*May 24 - Whitsunday (Pentecost) Sunday. Come Holy Ghost!*

*May 31 - Trinity Sunday,*

*June 7 - Outreach Sunday acknowledging and celebrating our community partners.*

*June 21 - Tiger Baseball Outing (Fathers Day)*

**Holy Week**                      **March 29 to April 5**

**Palm Sunday**                      **March 29**  
 Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem



**Spy Wednesday**                      **April 1**  
 12:15 Holy Communion

7:00 PM Tenebrae, an Office of Psalms and Readings in preparation for the Three Sacred Days

**Maundy Thursday**                      **April 2**  
 7:00 PM Holy Communion commemorating the institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion at The Last Supper. This service includes the washing of feet, and is followed by the Garden Watch in the Chapel.

**Good Friday**                      **April 3**  
 Noon to 3 PM, come for all or whatever portion of the Service you can. Music offering includes Stainer's *The Crucifixion*. **NOTE** - it is also Tigers Opening Day so be aware traffic will be heavy that day.

**Holy Saturday**                      **April 4**  
 6:00 PM *The Great Vigil of Easter* in the chapel

**Easter Day**                      **April 5**

7:30 Morning Prayer  
 8:00 Low Mass  
 10:00 Choral High Mass with Brass  
 Easter Egg Hunt following the Service

*There is no 5:30 Evening Prayer Service on Easter Day*



**Tiger Baseball Outing**  
**Sunday, June 21**

1:40 game vs. White Sox

After the 10:00 AM service we will have a hot dog lunch, and then head next door to Comerica Park for the game



Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us!

Tickets - \$25