



**Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

October 19th, 2025

8:00am In Person Worship

10:15am Online/In Person Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak



St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed,

embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs!

PRELUDE - Soloist: Irina Tikhonova

THE WORD OF GOD

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN (at 10:15am)

By all your saints still striving

The Hymnal 1982, 10

1 New ev - ery morn - ing is the love
2 New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day,
*3 If on our dai - ly course our mind
*4 Old friends, old scenes, will love - lier be,
*5 The tri - vial round, the com - mon task,
6 On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love,

1 our wak - ening and up - ris - ing prove;
2 a - round us ho - ver while we pray;
3 be set to hal - low all we find,
4 as more of heaven in each we see;
5 will fur - nish all we ought to ask:
6 fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;



1 through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought,
 2 new per - ils past, new sins for - given,
 3 new trea - sures still, of count - less price,
 4 some soft - ening gleam of love and prayer
 5 room to den - y our - selves; a road
 6 and help us, this and ev - ery day,



1 re - stored to life and power and thought.
 2 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
 3 God will pro - vide for sac - ri - fice.
 4 shall dawn on ev - ery cross and care.
 5 to bring us dai - ly near - er God,
 6 to live more near - ly as we pray,

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

GLORIA *(at the 8:00am)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, Almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory! Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

(at 10:15am)

The Hymnal 1982, S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us:
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Lector A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. "But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.
101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.
102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.
103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Lector A reading from the book of Timothy

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing (at 10:15) as the Gospel book is processed to the center of the nave.

GOSPEL HYMN For the harvests of the spirit

H 1982, 424, v. 3



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Gospeler †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in

helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

A period of silence is kept.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED (*The people stand.*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the †resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clergy In confidence that the Lord hears our prayers, we offer them up saying:
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop;

for Bonnie, our bishop; for Maryjane, our clergy; for priests, deacons and lay leaders in their many ministries.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That the church may always fix its gaze on the life that lasts forever through a faithful witness to you. We pray especially for the people of Spirit of Grace, Grand Blanc, West Bloomfield, Canterbury MSU, East Lansing and Christ the Savior, Santiago, Dominican Republic.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That each of us may open the door to whomever knocks in search of a rewarding life with you.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we may be instrumental in alleviating the pains of oppression, by reaching out to the poor, the homeless, and the neglected.

People: **Lord, have mercy**

Leader: That our own community, and families, may know God's presence and embody God's love.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering, especially, Mike, Bernice, Elizabeth, Maryann, Gloria, Sue, Sandor, Kathy, Madiba, Trudy, Gayle, Bob, Carolyn, Kevin, Debbie, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. May we provide support and comfort them.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for the †departed that we may always remember them, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud _____. Inspire us anew with the assurance of resurrection.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Creator of the world, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The people stand or kneel.

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The people stand to receive the absolution.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, †forgive you all your sins through the
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged in place among the people.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Oblation bearers bring forward the bread and wine on behalf of the congregation. The ushers collect our gifts of pledges and other offerings. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE

Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

Mail: St. John's, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067

OR scan this code to be directed to the giving page.



Oblation bearers bring forward the gifts of bread and wine on behalf of the congregation.

8:00am / 10:15am - The ushers pass collection baskets to gather our gifts of pledges and other offerings. At the Presentation Hymn, all stand. The ushers present our gifts at the altar. The Eucharistic ministers join the clergy to prepare for Eucharist.

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Search Me O God (A Psalm of Humility)” by Heather Sorenson

Soloist: Irina Tikhonova

PRESENTATION (at 8:00)

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

PRESENTATION HYMN (at 10:15)

From all that dwell below the skies

The Hymnal 1982 380, v. 3

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer B -Book of Common Prayer

Please stand as you are able

The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*spoken at 8:00am*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

†Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, holy, holy (*sung at 10:15am*)

The Hymnal 1982, S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command O God,

All **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

†Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

(spoken at 8:00am)

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *(at 10:15am)*

The Hymnal 1982, S154



Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider These are the gifts of God

People **And we are the people of God.**

Presider Behold who you are, and become what you receive.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten free. Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing station in the west transept for prayers during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(at 10:15am)*

Healing river of the Spirit

LEVAS, 178



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make
 2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -
 3. la - tion share. Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - v height I

1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me
 3. view my home— and take my flight; This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn, ——— sweet hour of prayer.
 2. wait for thee, ——— sweet hour of prayer.
 3. well, fare - well, ——— sweet hour of prayer!"

Jesus describes a forceful woman

Voices Found, 25

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are divided into four lines of music.

1 Je - sus de - scribes a force - ful wo - man, a wid - ow who re -
2 And day by day she spoke for jus - tice, and word by word in -
3 Now we, ob - serv - ing, are in - vit - ed to re - col - lect what
fused to bend be - fore a judge, a man of pow - er,
jus - tice waned un - til im - pas - sive will re - lent - ed,
faith can gain when faith - ful peo - ple are un - daunt - ed
whose judg - ments worked to no good end: she knew that she had
and her im - pas - sioned faith re - mained: be - liev - ing God would
and hope, in con - flict, is sus - tained: as we, like she, wield
pow - er, too, and trust - ed in the strength she knew.
make a way, she found the grace that faith con - veys.
stub - born trust, God comes to move the world through us.

After Communion - The children and youth are invited forward at the end of communion to consume all the bread that has been blessed or consecrated for communion. This is a tradition at St. John's.

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Clergy In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand and pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength

and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The people stand.

Presider Let us pray.
Life is short, and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day,
and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN (at 10:15am)

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

The Hymnal 1982, 535

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



DISMISSAL

Clergy Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In Loving Memory of **Wesley Scherer**
Our memories together bring me comfort and peace.
By Elaine Kapelanski

In Thanksgiving for the dedication of the **St. John's search and discernment committee.**

Ministers of Today's Service: The People of St. John's

8:00am Lectors	Joey Spano— First Lesson and Psalm; John Trace – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People
8:00am Acolyte	Joey Spano
8:00am Greeter/Usher	Jim Whipple
8:00am Greeter during service	Maria Walter
8:00am Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Lazich, Kayleigh Long
8:00am Healing Minister	Ann Marie Piwonski
8:00am Altar Guild	Therese Nottingham
10:15am Lectors	Amelia Scott – First Lesson and Psalm; Dustin Walker—Second Lesson; Mozhgon Rajace – Prayers of the People
10:15am Acolytes	Annalise Galat, Julian Griffin, Ryley Griffin
10:15am Greeters	Bernadette Ethridge
10:15am Greeter during service	Gregory Taub
10:15am Ushers	Carl Jones, Cole Gluklick, David Landis, Eric Babcock, Joan McFeaters
10:15am Eucharistic Minister	Bruce Donigan, Nicole Stewart, Cindy Fellner, Sandy Curtis
10:15am Healing Minister	Joyce Morey
10:15am Sunday School Teachers	Elizabeth Isakon-Dado, Veronica Griffith
10:15am Altar Guild	Betsey Morton, Bob Davis, Joyce Morey, Katie Morton

Bread Baker
Tech Team
Vergers
Opener/Closer
Parking Lot Greeters
Musicians

Jennifer Bartleman, Julia Bartleman
 Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Tales Lima
 Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews
 Eric Babcock, Tim Morgan
 Richard Le Jeune, Veronica Griffith
 Dr. Steve McGhee, *Music Director*, St. John's Chancel Choir
 Brooklyn Pfeiffer, Laila Robleh, Cailin Weber *Choral Scholars*,
 Irina Tikhonova, *Cellist*,
 The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

Interim Rector

We continue to pray for ...

Sarah (requested by Rachel Andrews) Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie (requested by Gloria Brown) Sandi (requested by Jen Bruns) Willa (requested by Janet Craft) Edward, Ariana, Glenn (requested by Sandy Curtis) Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim (requested by Carolyn Darling) Larry, Lois (requested by Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton) Gary, Patrick (requested by Ann Davis) Jeanette, Evelyn (requested by Cheryl Donigan) Angelina, Jamie (requested by Allyson Frank) Donna, MaryPat, Linda, Debbie (requested by Diana Graor) Kae, Lois, Peggy, Linda (requested by Elaine Kapelanski) JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia (requested by Kathy Kustowski) Lorie, Patty, Betty, Jennifer, Richard, Mark (requested by Richard LeJeune) Mike (requested by Leah Lynady) Gabrielle (requested by Pam Lupinski) Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria (Mapley Extended Family) Bill, Dorothy (requested by Barbara & Chris Moran) Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe, Dennis, Norma, Ashley, Jake, Carson (requested by Mary Ann Morrow) Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul (requested by Bob & Trudy Nagaj) Karol, Kathy (requested by Scout Osborn & Kristine Sprague) Arthur, Dan, Winnie (requested by Janice Pedersen) Randy, Kelly, Charlotte (requested by Marilyn Robinson) Adam, Don (requested by Jeff & Nancy Sever) Bob, Jennifer, Scott (requested by Joey Spano) Barbara, Bob, Cathy (requested by Bob Stevens) David, David (requested by Elizabeth Swanchara) Dominic, Pam, Nancy, Miles, Tom, Clyde (requested by The Sykes Family) June (requested by Barbara Thornton) Gabriel (requested by Kim Unrau & Maryann Maiuri) Kurt (requested by Bob Walsh)

HELP US KEEP THIS LIST UP TO DATE! Please take a moment to update your prayer request to the church office at office@stjohnro.org or 248-546-1255. If we don't hear from you, names will be removed on **November 1** as we refresh the list for the new season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for Sunday School & Youth Group
at St. John's! – Located on the 3rd floor, starts at 10AM!

Youth Group - Located on 3rd floor - Starts immediately after communion. The youth will be the first to take communion and then proceed upstairs. ***Ushers - please remember to: include the kids and volunteers on the Sunday Count. As The Prayers of the People begin, proceed upstairs and remind everyone to come down for communion and return to their families.*** Interested in teaching Sunday School? Contact the office at office@stjohnro.org



No-Coffee Coffee Hour

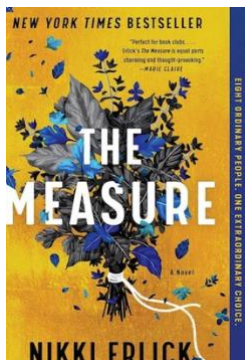
Beginning in October, join us every third Sunday after the 10:15 service for our No-Coffee Coffee Hour in the Library & Community Rooms. We'll gather for fellowship, treats, and conversation—without the work of brewing coffee.



Detroit Concert Choir
 Michael A. Mitchell, Artistic Director
 2025-2026 Season

A Universal Thread
Featuring Franz Joseph Haydn's
Missa in Tempore Belli

Sunday, October 19 – 3 PM
 St. John's Episcopal Church
 26998 Woodward Ave.
 Royal Oak



ST. JOHN'S READS

Join us for a meeting on Tuesday October 28, 2025 at 1:00pm in the Community Room. How do you measure a life? Would you choose to find out the length of your time on Earth? This is an uplifting story of hope, joy and destiny that encourages us to live life fully. Come join us for a thoughtful and lively discussion! All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Adams: mja814@aol.com

Join us for Coffee With a Cause **TUESDAY OCT 21st**! Join us for *Coffee with a Cause*—a relaxed, seated gathering where everyone can lend a hand! Enjoy good company, light refreshments, and easy projects suitable for all skill levels.



Holiday Jam!

Featuring live music by

The April Tini Quintet

Experience a jazzy evening of music and community while bidding on amazing items and experiences in our Silent Auction!

December 5, 2025
Doors open at 6:00 PM
St. John's Episcopal Church



Tickets are on sale!
\$30 General Admission | \$75 VIP (VIP Lounge, VIP seating, and Specialty Cocktail)
Includes snacks, non-alcoholic drinks and two alcoholic drinks (21+ only)
Proceeds support our parish; this is a major fundraiser!



Trunk or Treat! Sunday, October 26th 11:30AM in the Church parking lot. All church members are invited to decorate a car trunk in a fun Halloween theme and bring candy/treats to pass out. Children and youth will then "trick or treat" car to car, collecting candy. Feel free to wear your costumes to church Oct. 26th!



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