

Calendar

Sunday November 10 (25 Pentecost)	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL) Rector's Search Town Hall follows coffee hour
Monday November 11 (Martin of Tours)	4:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
Tuesday November 12 (Charles Simeon)	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Guild
Wednesday November 13 (Feria)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II Dinner Adult Bible Study & Choir
Thursday November 14 (Consecration of Samuel Seabury)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday November 15 (Albert the Great)		
Saturday November 16 (Margaret of Scotland)	9:30-12 noon 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Grief Workshop Rector's Search Town Hall Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday November 17 (26 Pentecost)	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL) Outreach Ministry Group

This Week at St. John's

November 10, 2024

About the Readings

1 Kings 17:8-16

The prophet Elijah addressed the northern kingdom, Israel, in the middle of the ninth century BCE. He opposed King Ahab and Queen Jezebel who supported the worship of Baal and the other Canaanite divinities. Baal was reputed to be the god of rain and fertility. In judgment of Israel's spiritual faithlessness and in a divine display of authority over creation, Yahweh caused a drought. Today's story continues this theme and demonstrates God's special care for the prophet. Through divine guidance, Elijah finds a woman of faith, as evidenced by her obedience to the prophet. Though she is not an Israelite, and therefore not a member of the covenant people, she receives the benefits of the covenant through her faith. She becomes a living rebuke to the faithless Israelites, and she receives the commendation of Jesus.

Hebrews 9:24-28

This reading stresses the superiority of Jesus' sacrificial work to that of the Jewish high priest's. Jesus' work excels the other work by where, when and how it takes place. It is presented in the presence of God, not in an earthly temple. It is not made repeatedly but "once for all at the end of the age" (v. 26). His offering is definitive and unique, as final as death. And his offering is himself, not the "blood of goats and calves" (9:12). His continuing work is not a continual self-offering but the continual representation of and intercession for humanity.

Mark 12:38-44

This reading ends the series of Jerusalem controversy stories that conclude Jesus' public teaching. Although Jesus related positively to some scribes or scripture scholars, today's sayings indicate his inevitable breach with their general approach. This reaction was especially significant in the light of the clash of the early Church with a Judaism grown defensive after the fall of the temple. Hypocrisy and oppression among the scribes will "receive the greater condemnation" (v. 40) since they should know better. The sayings are linked to the story following—that of the widow and her gift—by the word *widow* (vv. 40, 42). Her self-giving is also a comment on the self-serving of the scribes. The widow gives out of her need rather than out of her surplus, offering her emptiness to God—an emptiness that indicates her capacity to be filled.

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(Commentaries from: *Preparing for Sunday*)

Announcements

Welcome! We are glad to have you here to worship with us at St. John's today or with us online.

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Sue ad Edgar Fendlason from the Perpetual Flower Fund.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Please consider purchasing food or paper products for our three families for Thanksgiving. We've had a great response, but there are still some things needed on the sign-up sheet. The items need to be brought to church by November 24 so the baskets can be delivered in time for the holiday. You may also make a monetary donation by writing a check to St. John's with "Thanksgiving baskets" on the memo line to help pay for perishables.

A Sign-up Sheet is Posted for Wednesday Night Dinner. Mass or Evening Prayer will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and Adult Bible Study. The price is \$10.00 per person. We need you to sign up or call the church office **no later** than noon on Monday. We have to turn in a count to the caterer as to how much food we need.

Sunday Adult Bible Study meets in the library at 9:30 a.m. Contact Victor Matthews for more information.

Green Team's theme for 2024 has been nurturing native pollinators. We intend to offer a workshop on Mason Bees and, for those who would like, an opportunity to construct wooden houses to attract them to your yards. Depending on interest, this will be scheduled in January. A sign-up sheet to determine interest in this event is posted. Thank you!

Good Grief! Finding Healing in the Midst of Loss: Please mark your calendars for a half-day session on Saturday, November 16th, as we explore healing and peace in the midst of loss. At every stage of life, there are losses that occur: the death of a loved one, empty nesting, the end of a career, the onset of life-changing health issues. Two outside speakers will help us consider the benefits and effects of healthy grieving. See November's *Messenger* for more detail. We will start at 9:30 and end at noon. Donuts, coffee, tea and juice will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin near the glass door so we are sure to have enough supplies and donuts. Brought to you by the Parish Health Ministry Team.

All liturgical servers, sub-deacons, servers, ushers, and choristers, are encouraged to attend a practice and meeting on Sunday, December 1, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will also hold a brief meeting of the St. John's Chapter of the Order of St. Vincent. The OSV is an international order of lay ministers and leaders, who are called, trained, and authorized according to church canons to perform a lay ministry. If you are interested in serving at the altar, or would like more information on the Order of St. Vincent, please contact Todd Wilkinson at 417-860-7862, or email at toddwilkinson@jamesriverbasin.com.

The Rector Search Committee will hold two town hall meetings for parishioners to share their ideas. The sessions will be after a brief coffee hour following the 10:30 service on November 10 and at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 16. Please mark your calendar and watch for further details.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of South India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's, Neosho; Mr. Karl Hartront, Bishop's Warden; and for Diocesan and Parish Staff Members.

	Birthdays	Prayer Requests	
Nov. 13	Victor Matthews Nancy Ratcliff	Clara	Sarah
Nov. 14	John Busch	Bill	Deidre
		Jim	Kristen
		Sandy	Casey
Nov. 12	James & Jillian Merrill	Patty	Pat
		Nikki	Jenn
		Jim	Diana
Nov. 9	Warren Gamel	Jessica	Tiffany
Nov. 10	Willis Edward Baker J.J. David Bond James A. Nickelson	Katy	Lee
Nov. 11	Adalyn Cravens Emma Haszelbart Bette Lee James Ione Wilson	Elaine	
Nov. 12	Mary Sand	Darrel	
Nov. 13	Ruthe L. Forrester Bernice Holden	Jerry	
Nov. 13	Honor K. Moorman Elna M. Jensen	Pat	
Nov. 14	Harold L. Kerr Lewis Leshner	Ann	
Nov. 15	Twana Lee Jones		

Mark 12:43 –Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury."

One measure of a gift's true value is the degree to which one sacrifices to give it. What do the gifts you now offer God in time, talent and treasure really cost you? How might you prayerfully improve?