

Calendar

Sunday February 9 (5 Epiphany)	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Church School (Library) Adult Bible Study Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL) Outreach Superbowl Party
Monday February 10 (Scholastica)		
Tuesday February 11 (Epiphany Feria)	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Guild
Wednesday February 12 (Absalom Jones)	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Mass Dinner Adult Bible Study, Choir
Thursday February 13 (Absalom Jones)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday February 14 (Cyril & Methodius)		
Saturday February 15 (Thomas Bray)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday February 16 (6 Epiphany)	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Church School (Library) Adult Bible Study Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL)

This Week at St. John's

February 9, 2025

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah experienced his call to be a prophet in the temple at Jerusalem. He saw a vision of the Lord enthroned amidst the divine council in the setting of the temple at Jerusalem. The triple repetition of holy emphasizes the awesome, unapproachable quality of the divine. Isaiah responds to the experience of God's holiness with a sense of profound sinfulness, not only his own but that of all the people. He is granted cleansing and healing grace through the coal from the altar, so that he may proclaim God's word to the people.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

In preparation for discussing the resurrection of the dead (15:12), Paul reminds the Corinthians of their common ground of belief. By quoting a traditional formulation of the essential proclamation about Christ (15:3-5), he recalls the basic creedal statements he taught them. Which particular "scriptures" (that is, of the Old Testament) Paul means in verses 3 and 4 is not explicit. In general the statement "in accordance with the scriptures" expresses the conviction that these events took place according to God's purpose. It was, however, the religious experience of the early Christians, not merely the evidence of the Old Testament, that shaped their belief. Paul's list of resurrection appearances can only tentatively be tallied with those in the gospel accounts. Finally, Paul lists the Lord's appearance to him, "as to one untimely born" (v. 8), perhaps referring to Paul's belated revelation, or perhaps taking up a term of abuse applied to him by others. But whatever Paul's defects or his gifts, he preaches the same gospel as the other apostles, the same gospel that the Corinthians accepted.

Luke 5:1-11

Today's story of the wondrous catch of fish focuses on Peter's response and illustrates what every Christian disciple must undergo to follow Jesus. Aware of God's power at work in Jesus, Peter leaves everything to follow him (v. 11). The enormous catch prefigures his missionary success. Jesus reveals the conditions for following him. First, "Do not be afraid" (v. 10). In the gospels, fear is the opposite of the basic trust that we identify as faith. Faith is the trust in another person that serves as the bond (Latin, *fides*) of a relationship. Because of that bond, we are willing to change our lives. Second, Jesus indicates how Peter's life will change. Instead of luring fish into a net, Peter's new job will be "fishing" for people to bring them into the net of Jesus' kingdom community.

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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 by the general fund.

Outreach Ministry Group: We're collecting new socks in all sizes and colors this month. This is an ongoing need for folks receiving services through Crosslines, Harmony House, Rare Breed and Safe to Sleep. You can see why socks are so important when you consider that vulnerable people may walk miles a day, are affected by weather conditions, and may have health concerns like blisters or infections. We're also collecting HOTHANDS hand warmers for cold weather use. Please help us gather lots of socks for those in need.

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 parish hall at 9:30 a.m. Contact Victor Matthews for more information.

Green Team will organize our third annual Native plant sale beginning the third week of February through April 1. Plant pick up will be available April 5.

The Green team will be meeting for the first time this year on February 23 and every other month on the 4th Sunday after, except December. Please mark your calendars and feel free to join us when you can!

Tree update: Green Team would like to replace the Maple tree that was removed from the rectory front lawn with a Missouri Native, particularly a Green or Washington Hawthorn. Please consider making donations to assist in purchasing a suitable specimen that will provide abundant white flowers in the spring, shade in the summer, fall color, and bright red berries through winter for the birds. Indicate "trees" on the memo line of your contribution.

Women's Medical Respite: St. John's Outreach has been providing the facility with one meal a month on the third Sunday since 2017. We are the only group that has faithfully delivered on their obligation for the past seven years. The last few months, the recovery house has stayed full, with new referrals being received frequently. We are always looking for willing volunteers to help prepare a dish or donate funds to feed up to six patients per month on our Sunday. If interested, please see Mary Newman or call 417-496-4645.

Retirement Gift for Bishop Bruce

A PhotoBook is being created of all the churches in the Diocese of West Missouri to be assembled as a retirement gift. The St. John's photo will be taken on Sunday, February 16 following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please try to be present. We will gather either in the nave or the parish hall. Bishop Bruce is so fond of St. John's and would treasure a memory of us all. *Shhhhhh ... it's a secret !!*

Superbowl Party: Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for the game, food and fun! Please bring your favorite drinks and maybe a cushion or comfy lawn chair.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Episcopal Church, Warrensburg; The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe, Priest-in-Charge; and for the Liturgy & Worship Commission.

Birthdays

Feb. 9 Virginia Woolery
Feb. 10 Kenneth Herren
Cline Herren
Stephen Olson

Faithful Departed

Feb. 8 Helen Keller
Feb. 11 Dorothy Busse
Feb. 12 Fern Young
Feb. 13 John A. Simons
Feb. 14 Jack Drussa
Billie Ann Swenson

Prayer Requests

Clara	Sarah
Bill	Kristen
Jim	Casey
Sandy	Pat
Patty	Jenn
Nikki	Diana
Jim	Tiffany
Jessica	Lee
Katy	Julia
Elaine	Jennie
Darrel	Sheila
Jerry	Cara
Pat	Dave
Ann	Catherine
	Matt

Luke 5:5,6 – Simon answered Jesus, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

Jesus's instructions make no sense to Simon, but following them leads him to make an enormous catch of fish. Stewards/disciples often find that God's guidance leads to greater abundance. When have you seen this in your life?