

Calendar

Sunday September 21 (15 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL) <i>Fr. Keel's last Sunday</i>
Monday September 22 (St. Matthew)	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care (Zoom)
Tuesday September 23 (Feria)	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	St. Clare's Guild Stewardship Committee
Wednesday September 24 (Our Lady of Walsingham)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II Dinner Choir, Adult Bible Study
Thursday September 25 (St. Matthew, Tr.)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday September 26 (Lancelot Andrewes)		
Saturday September 27 (Vincent de Paul)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday September 28 (16 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL) DOK (Library)

This Week at St. John's

September 21, 2025

Amos 8:4-7

In about 750 BC, Amos heard the Lord calling him to prophesy to the northern tribes. He leaves Tekoa, a village just south of Jerusalem, and travels to the north. Israel has split into two kingdoms. Times are prosperous, but society is corrupt and God is largely ignored. This book is our only source of knowledge about Amos. He speaks as a voice independent of the royal court. He predicts God's punishment upon Israel, Judah and the surrounding nations. He foretells that Israel will fall. Within a few decades, the northern kingdom will be conquered by Assyrian armies. (<https://comments.montrealcathedral.ca/bkoutlms.shtml?>)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Epistle offers teachings about the temptations of wealth and material possessions. We brought nothing into this world, and we will take nothing from it. Thus we should be content with the necessities of life, "for the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10). We are to lead a godly life of "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness" (v. 11) until the coming of Jesus Christ. In this present age, those who are rich are not to be haughty, but are to set their hopes on God (v. 17b). Rather than seeking earthly riches, which are transitory, they are to be "rich in good works, generous, and ready to share" (v. 18), so that "they may take hold of the life that really is life" (v. 19).

Luke 16:1-13

Following the parable of the dishonest manager (16:1-13), Jesus continues with a series of teachings, including the warning that "what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God" (16:15b). But the Pharisees, lovers of money (16:14), ridicule Jesus for his teachings about riches. To their way of thinking, wealth is an indication of God's blessing; whereas poverty is evidence of God's displeasure. Jesus then presents a study of contrasts in a parable about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus that is unique to Luke. Whereas the rich man dressed in fine clothes and "feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19), Lazarus longed to eat even the scraps from the rich man's table. He lay outside the gate of the rich man's home and was covered with sores instead of purple linen. The fact that dogs—unclean animals—came to lick his sores added to his wretchedness and out-cast status.

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Announcements

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son David by Clara Bradley.

Outreach Ministry Group: Isabel's House Crisis Nursery provides safe, trusted care for children whose families face difficult circumstances. Family Advocates work with parents and caregivers on personalized plans. Over 5,000 children and 2,000 families have been served since 2007. Children from birth to twelve years old are cared for by trained staff. Meals, clothing and hygiene items are provided. The children participate in a variety of activities and continue to go to school.

You can support this organization by donating new items from their wish list. Some suggestions are school supplies, stuffed animals, baby clothes, socks, underwear, kids' shampoo, sensitive skin body wash, baby shampoo, and kids' toothpaste. You can also shop online and ship it directly to Isabel's House. See their wish lists on Amazon and Walmart. Monetary donations may be made by writing a check to St. John's with "Isabel's House" on the memo line.

Chili Cook-Off: The Outreach Ministry Group is hosting the Chili Cook-Off on October 19 at 5:00 p.m. to benefit Women's Medical Respite. Don't forget to sign up to bring a pot of chili, so we'll have a variety to sample. Save your dollar bills to vote on your favorites. Hot dogs, cornbread, dessert and drinks will be provided. There will be a speaker from Women's Medical Respite. Be sure to sign up if you can bring something for the silent auction. The Outreach Ministry Group is suggesting a donation of \$5.00 or items from their wish list.

Thank you Fr. Ron for your service to St. John's as our interim rector and your ministry in our parish!

Daughters of the King (DOK): Our first monthly meeting will be this coming Sunday, September 28th after the 10:30 service. We will meet in the library. If you are interested in learning more about the order, please grab your cup of coffee and join us. Please refer to the flyer in your bulletin for information about the Diocese of West Missouri, Daughters of the King, Fall Assembly hosted by the St. Macrina Chapter at Christ Church. It will take place on Saturday, October 4th at Christ Church. This is open to all women, whether you are a Daughter or not. Registration must be received by September 22nd. Please contact Renee' Taylor for more information about both events.

NEW Sunday Broadcast: *Introducing Church Online Platform with Youtube storage.* Join us online from our St. John's website Sunday mornings for Mass. Attendees can create profiles with email, photo avatar, and more. Services will be hosted by our wonderful A/V volunteers in the live chat and also in prayer rooms if requested. There are tools for the Bible readings and the current bulletin. This upgrade from our post-pandemic experience is a powerful (and free) ministry tool to meet people where they are, especially if they can't be here with us. Invite a friend to watch! For more information or set-up help contact the church office or Phil Mothersead.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Lee's Summit; The Rev. Meg Rhodes, The Rev. Jennifer Blevins; and for the Diocesan Chancellor, Canon Mark Galus; Vice Chancellor, Mrs. Jen Snider; and the Chancellors and Attorneys in the Diocese.

Birthdays

Sept. 21 Terry Greer
Rachel Taylor
Sept. 22 Nadine Gentry
Patricia McCall
Sept. 23 Bruce Ratcliff, III
Sept. 26 Jennifer DuVall
Corey Mays

Anniversary

Sept. 21 Douglas & Ashley Patton
Sept. 24 Tom & Alnita Mulvihill
Sept. 26 Pat & Donna Strothkamp

Faithful Departed

Sept. 21 Mary Bondi
Norbert Bondi
Sept. 22 Eleanor Webb
Sept. 24 Andree Leshner
Sept. 25 Dorothy Mason
Gladys Moon
Sept. 26 O. Kenneth White
Sept. 27 Charles Alfred
David Bradley
Virginia Haszelbart

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Donna
Patty	Nick
Nikki	Patrick & LaDonna
Jim	Maks
Jessica	Mary
Katy	
Elaine	
Darrel	
Jerry	
Pat	
Ann	
Sheila	

"You cannot serve God and wealth." (Luke 16:13)

Jesus seems to have had a number of wealthy friends, which is perhaps why he didn't say you cannot serve God and have wealth: he said you can't serve God and serve wealth. "Serve" is the important word. If you live in service to money, it's very hard to live in service to God.

St. Francis Pet Blessing: October 4, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Phelps Grove Park. This year we will celebrate together with St. James and Christ Church. Our new rector will be there along with clergy from the other churches. All are invited. Bring a friend and their pet! There will be snacks for the animals and water available. Mark your calendars!