

Calendar

Sunday October 12 (18 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL)
Monday October 13 (Feria)		
Tuesday October 14 (Samuel Isaac Joesph Schereschewsky)	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Guild
Wednesday October 15 (Teresa of Avila)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II Dinner Choir, Adult Bible Study
Thursday October 16 (St. Luke the Evangelist, Tr.)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday October 17 (Ignatius)		
Saturday October 18 (St. Luke the Evangelist)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday October 19 (19 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL) St. John's Annual Chili Cook-off

This Week at St. John's

October 11 & 12, 2025

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a commander of the Syrian army, developed leprosy. When told about the Israelite prophet Elisha who could heal him, Naaman finds the prophet and hears his prescription. Naaman feels humiliated. He had hoped for a word of power, but got a call to obedience that required him to wade into the grimy Jordan River.

Naaman's submission brings him into new life, both physical and spiritual. He becomes a visual testimony, both to wayward Israel and to the Gentile nations, that only submission and an attitude of trust can lead to wholeness and righteousness (a right relationship with God).

2 Timothy 2:8-15

The Epistle reading offers aspects of faithful living. Despite the risks to be faced and the suffering to be endured, the second letter to Timothy encourages the disciples to be faithful just as God remains faithful. As an example, the writer himself is willing to be imprisoned: "chained like a criminal" (2:9) for the sake of the Gospel. There can be no divided loyalty in which one would hesitate to follow the Messiah's example. As the heir of David, Jesus offered himself up for others and was vindicated by being raised from the dead. Verses 11-13 comprise an early hymn that promises: "with Christ we have died to the world," and with him we shall receive the crown of victory. But if we fail to persevere and so deny Christ by our lives, we will likewise be denied by him. However, Christ will be faithful whether we are steadfast or not, for faithfulness defines Christ's nature. This then is the witness that as disciples of Christ we are to manifest in our lives, "rightly explaining the word of truth" (v. 15).

Luke 17:11-19

In the verses preceding today's Gospel passage, the Apostles had implored Jesus to "Increase our faith!" (Lk. 17:5). In the healing of ten lepers, the actions of an outsider provide a concrete example of what it means to live by faith. This story of God's power to bring wholeness and salvation is unique to Luke, but is similar to the healing of another leper earlier in Luke's Gospel (5:12-14) and the healing of Naaman in the Old Testament (2 Kings 5:1-15).

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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 memory of Lilburn Smith and Bradley Gilchrist and in thanksgiving for Ryker Gates & Nick Love's recovery by Debby Williams.

Chili Cook-Off: Join us next Sunday at 5:00 for the Chili Cook-Off. If you are entering a pot of chili, please bring it at 4:30. There will be a variety to sample and vote on with your dollar bills. Hot dogs, cornbread, dessert and drinks will be provided. There will also be a speaker from Women's Medical Respite. The Outreach Ministry Group is suggesting a donation of \$5.00 or items from their wish list. Some ideas are disinfectant wipes, nail polish, detergent pods, lotion, dishwasher pods and nail clippers. Be sure and check out the silent auction items available to bid on. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Help Needed: Each Sunday we have the opportunity to share fellowship with coffee and refreshments. Your help is needed to sign up for coffee hour and provide goodies. Two people may host a Sunday together. Please see Kim if you have any questions.

NEW Sunday Broadcasting: *Introducing Church Online Platform with Youtube storage.* Join us online from our St. John's website on Sunday mornings for Mass by pushing the "**Watch Live**" button. Attenders 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 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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Grace Episcopal Church, Chillicothe; The Rev. Michael Johns, Deacon-in-Charge; and for St. Luke's Health System, Hospitals and Nursing Center.

Birthdays

Oct. 11 Keith Chaffin
Champ Herren
Alex Newman
Thomas P. Richardson
Oct. 12 James Hancock
Oct. 13 Dennis Blevins
Oct. 14 Loeta Bradley
Oct. 15 James Mauk II
Sherri Olson
Michael Richerson
Oct. 17 Mary Marshall

Prayer Requests

Clara Kristen
Bill Casey
Jim Donna
Patty Mary
Nikki
Jim
Jessica
Katy
Elaine
Darrel
Jerry
Pat
Ann
Sheila

Faithful Departed

Oct. 11 Henry Guthrie
Oct. 12 Mary B. Robertson
Jack Vanderhoof
Oct. 14 Thomas Doran
Felix Grant Kinnaird
Kermit Clark Kynion
Oct. 15 Catherine L. Birkenbaugh
Oct. 17 Jerry Lee Birkenbaugh
Herman Busse

Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" (Luke 17:17)

Only one showed gratitude. Before we look askance at the nine who didn't, perhaps we should review all the elements of our own lives. Do we thank God for the entirety of what we have, or only for the obvious 10%?