

Calendar

Sunday November 16 (23 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ Live-COP) Hospitality Meeting
Monday November 17 (Hugh of Lincoln)	6:00 p.m.	Vestry
Tuesday November 18 (Hilda of Whitby)	10:30 a.m.	Stewardship Committee
Wednesday November 19 (Elizabeth of Hungary)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II Dinner Choir, Adult Bible Study
Thursday November 20 (Edmund of East Anglia)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday November 21 (Presentation of the BVM)		
Saturday November 22 (Cecilia of Rome)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday November 23 (Last Pentecost Christ the King)	10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ Live-COP) Daughters of the King

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This Week at St. John's

November 15 & 16, 2025

Malachi 4:1-2a

The name Malachi (1:1, "my messenger") may be a title rather than a personal name (2:7; 3:1). Concerned for the holiness of worship, worshipers and priests at the temple, Malachi condemns moral and religious abuses.

He frames his teaching in question-and-answer form. The problem is posed: since the wicked prosper, God must not care about evil (2:17). The truth lies in the future. On the day when the Lord acts, those whose names are written in the "book of remembrance" (3:16) will be spared, accomplishing justice for all.

God, "the sun of righteousness" (4:2), will bring not only destructive heat but healing warmth. The book ends with a commentary on 3:1, identifying the messenger to come with Elijah. Much later, John the Baptist was identified with this figure.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The faith community at Thessalonica was concerned with the coming day of the Lord. But some used the conviction that the Second Coming was imminent to forsake their work and wait complacently for the new life. Thus the writer of the Epistle warns against joining those who engage in idle or disorderly conduct. Instead, they are to follow the example of those like Paul, who could have claimed support from others, but instead practiced a trade. The end is indeed promised by God, but no one can predict when it will be. Therefore, Christians are called to be steadfast and carry out their responsibilities in this world as preparation for God's new order. Christian community requires mutual responsibility for the good of all. "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right" (2 Thess. 3:13).

Luke 21:5-19

As the reading begins, Jesus is teaching outside the temple when someone in the crowd remarks on the beauty of the building. Jesus responds by saying that in the days to come the temple will be destroyed: "Not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down" (21:6). After the return from exile in Babylon, the second temple was completed around 515 B.C. to replace Solomon's temple that had been destroyed in 586 B.C. In the time of Jesus, Herod the Great was enlarging and refurbishing the second temple that represented the very heart of Jewish religious and national identity. Since Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Lk. 19:29-38), the temple had been at the center of his activities as he challenged the corruption of the religious authorities. By foretelling the destruction of the temple, Jesus was also proclaiming that the religious institutions of Israel had lost their life-giving properties, and pointing to a new kind of temple in the Kingdom of God.

(Commentaries from www.episdionc.org by Fred L. Horton)

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 loved ones by Karen Horny.

Thanksgiving Day: St. John's will celebrate Thanksgiving Day at 11 a.m., with a traditional family meal. The turkey will be provided, and a sign-up sheet for sides to share is posted on the bulletin board. Thanksgiving Day we will gather together and give thanks with our church family and enjoy a great meal.

Thanksgiving Baskets: There are still some things needed for our three Thanksgiving baskets. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for food and paper products you can donate. Be sure to bring your items by November 23, so they can be delivered in time for the holiday. You can also write a check to St. John's with "Thanksgiving baskets" on the memo line to help pay for perishables.

Outreach Ministry Group: You can help support Connecting Grounds Outreach Center by donating Hot Hands hand warmers, thermal blankets, sleeping bags, mylar blankets and winter hats. These essential supplies will be distributed to our unsheltered neighbors in Springfield. You can also provide funds for their vital mission by writing a check to St. John's with "Connecting Grounds" on the memo line.

Choral Scholars: Please consider giving to the scholarship fund that supports students in our choir. You may write a check to St. John's with "choral scholars" on the memo line.

Hospitality Committee: The Hospitality Committee will meet on November 16 after the service to discuss plans for Father Ben's installation on December 6. Please see Kim Westervelt if you're interested in joining our committee.

Sunday Live Broadcasting: Join us on our [Church Online Platform](https://live.stjohnsspringfield.diowestmo.org/) from our St. John's website on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Mass by pushing the **"Watch Live"** button. Or go to <https://live.stjohnsspringfield.diowestmo.org/>. Attendees can create profiles with email, photo avatar, and more if they wish. Mass may be viewed without logging in. Services will be hosted by our A/V volunteers in the live chat and also in prayer rooms if requested, but only if you sign in. This ministry tool meets people where they are, especially if they can't be here with us. For set-up help, please contact the church office or Phil Mothersead.

The St. Genevieve chapter of the Daughters of the King On Sunday, November 23rd at the 10:30 service the Daughters of the King will install new members to the order. We look forward to sharing this occasion with the whole congregation. After the service the Daughters will host Coffee Hour and then have their regular monthly meeting. We invite women of the parish who feel they may be called to have a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer, service and evangelism to join us and consider discerning to become a Daughter of the King. If you have any questions please talk to Renee' Taylor, DOK Chapter President or go to the DOK website at <https://www.doknational.org/> for more information.

Save the Date: The annual Ladies' Christmas Luncheon will be Dec. 9th. Contact Mellissa Gallian for more information

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas – Hutchinson, KS; The Rt. Rev. Mark Cowell, Bishop; and Diocesan & Parish Staff Members.

Birthdays

Nov. 17 Kelsey Ollis
Nov. 19 James Chaffin

Anniversary

Nov. 12 James & Jillian Merrill

Faithful Departed

Nov. 15 Twana Lee Jones
Nov. 16 Earle Craig Haydon
Nov. 17 Emma VanNoy
Nov. 19 Ross J. Whitlock
Nov. 20 Fern Gamel
George Harvates
Joan Steury
Nov. 21 Henry Lohman

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Donna
Patty	Bonnie Sue & James
Nikki	Travis
Jim	Benji
Jessica	Ed
Katy	Shannon
Elaine	Catherine
Darrel	
Jerry	
Pat	
Ann	
Rick	

"For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you." (2 Thessalonians 3:7-8)

Our culture teaches us to work hard and not be a burden, but can this make us reluctant to ask for help when we have a need? Worse, can it make us less likely to be generous to our needy neighbors? How can we work on this?