

This Week at St. John's

October 25, 2026

Calendar

Sunday October 25 (22 Pentecost)	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Adult Formation Hour Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP) DOK Mass ~ Rite II
Monday October 26 (Alfred, King)		
Tuesday October 27 (Feria)	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Guild
Wednesday October 28 (Sts. Simon & Jude)	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II Dinner Adult Bible Study & Choir
Thursday October 29 (James Hannington & his companions)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday October 30 (Maryam of Qidun)		
Saturday October 31 (All Hallows' Eve)	4-6:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat!
Sunday October 1 (All Saints' Sunday)	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Adult Formation Hour Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP) Mass ~ Rite II

About the Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Today's reading is drawn from the holiness code (chaps. 17–20). The holiness enjoined in these chapters is not achieved by the actions or qualities of human beings, but by God's act in separating out a people and binding them in a special covenant. Chapter 19 echoes the Ten Commandments. Special attention is given to the needs of the disadvantaged. The gleaning of field and vineyard is left for the poor and the resident alien. Each member of the community has the responsibility to correct a fellow member in love. Leviticus 19:18b, joined with Deuteronomy 6:5, is the basis for the summary of the law in today's gospel.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

As Paul continues to describe his ministry in Thessalonica, he addresses the members of the community as his brothers and sisters, on whose behalf his work and suffering have not been in vain. As stewards of the Gospel, the Thessalonians are to be examples of sincerity and integrity. Just as Paul and his associates do not speak to please mortals, but rather to serve God, so too are the Thessalonians to follow his example and never resort to impure motives or trickery. They are to be above board in all their dealings, which should emanate from the heart of love where Christ alone reigns.

Matthew 22:34-46

In today's lesson, Jesus spells out the most important commandment. The Gospel reading includes two incidents that reflect the ongoing tension between Jesus and the religious leaders, as they try to find cause to denounce Jesus following his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Previously, Jesus had effectively silenced the Sadducees in an exchange concerning resurrection. Now the Pharisees approach Jesus and ask, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Mark (12:28-34) and Luke (10:25-28) also include this incident, but Matthew's account is more confrontational in nature and is a part of the ongoing debate between Jesus and the Pharisees.



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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 thanksgiving for a wonderful life by Lindsey Parks.

Outreach Ministry Group: David Allred won first place at the Chili Cook-Off. Latesa Carter earned second place, and Father Ben came in third. Combining the Chili Cook-Off donations, votes, and auction bids, we raised \$1,420 for *Crosslines* Ambassadors for Children. We also sent a pew full of items they had requested. Thank you to everyone who made the Chili Cook-Off so successful!

Thanksgiving Baskets: Once again, we will be collecting food and paper products for our three families for Thanksgiving. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for what's needed. Please bring your items to the parish hall by November 22. You can 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.

Flowers for the Altar: Just a reminder that the Altar Flowers sign-up sheet and instructions are posted on the bulletin board outside the parish hall. What a great way to brighten our services and honor or memorialize loved ones and special occasions. Many spaces are available. Sign up today!

Wednesday Night Dinner: Please be sure to sign up for the Wednesday Night Dinner. The sign-up sheets are in the hall across from the parish hall. It is important that we have an accurate count for the caterer.

Choral Scholars: Please consider giving to the scholarship fund that supports students in our choir.

Trunk or Treat is this Saturday, October 31, from 4-6:00 p.m.! There's still time to sign-up to decorate a trunk with treats. We could always use candy for the event. There is a collection bin in the parish hall if you would like to contribute. Also, you don't need to bring a car to join us. Come as you are or costumed and bring a lawn chair. The more the scarier! Sign up today!

All Souls' Day services will be Monday, November 2nd, at noon and 6:00 p.m. Please fill out a necrology sheet and returned it to the office by Wednesday, October 28th, if you would like to be included in the remembrance booklet. This year, to make the services a little more special, we ask that you bring a picture of your loved one to be remembered.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Thomas a Becket Episcopal Church, Cassville; Mr. Jim Craig, Bishop's Warden; The Rev. Dr. Anita Philbrick, Deacon; and for the Commission on Ministry.

Birthdays

Oct. 21 Ashley Patton
Oct. 23 Tanya Roop
Oct. 24 Thomas Arnall
Robert Ratcliff
Oct. 27 Samantha Tellatin
Oct. 29 Buena Esther

Anniversary

Oct. 22 Steve & Sherri Olson
Todd & Jennifer Wilkinson

Faithful Departed

Oct. 23 Albert B. Cutting
Oct. 24 Ella C. Morris
Oct. 25 Marjorie Leonard
Oct. 28 John David Achord
Oct. 29 John L. Braig
Oct. 30 Oney Armstrong
Oct. 31 Marie Ruth Price
Charles Saltgaver

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Sarah
Patty	Dean
Nikki	Jan
Clara	Ollis Family
Jim	Daniel
Jessica	Tia
Katy	Theresa
Elaine	Robert
Darrel	Penny
Jerry	David
Pat	Nate
Ann	Martin
Tyler	
Tony	
Nick	
Dcn. Connie	
Mary Beth	
Jim & Mary	

The Great Commandment – love God and love your neighbor – how can we make it the basis of all we do in life? Perhaps the Holy Habits of prayer, study, sacrificial giving, and being connected to a faith-filled community can be our stepping stones to living that commandment in a world that constantly tempts us into living only for ourselves and puts God in less than the primary place He deserves.

If you did not receive an "invite" to join Realm, please contact the church office.