Calendar

Sunday **November 1** (All Saints' Sunday)	10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	**Mass ~ Rite II** (In-person/COP) **Mass ~ Rite II**
Monday **November 2** (All Souls')	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	**Mass** **Mass**
Tuesday **November 3** (Richard Hooker)		
Wednesday **November 4** (Adeline Blanchard Tyler & her Companions)	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	**Mass ~ Rite II** Dinner Adult Bible Study & Choir
Thursday **November 5** (Feria)	12:00 p.m.	**Mass** & Anointing
Friday **November 6** (William Temple)		**Diocesan Convention**
Saturday **November 7** (Willibrord)		**Diocesan Convention**
Sunday **November 8** (24 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	**Mass ~ Rite II** (In-person/COP) Outreach Ministry Group **Mass ~ Rite II**

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This Week at St. John's

November 1, 2026

About the Readings

Revelation 7:9-17

The end-time visions of the Book of Revelation provided hope to the persecuted church near the end of the first century. The text for today depicts a scene in heaven as people from every nation, tribe, and language gather before the throne of God. They carry palm branches and are robed in white—forgiven sinners set free from every stain. They join the angels in worship—affirming blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, and might to God forever.

1 John 3:1-3

God's love is shown by the fact that we are "called children of God; and that is what we are." Genesis tells us that men and women were in God's image, with a divine calling. The world does not recognize these believers, as it did not know Jesus either. The writer goes on to say that we have not been shown our future; but we do know that we will be transformed into the likeness of Christ and see the glory of God the Father. Thus we are called to live a life that is worthy of this calling—to be pure as Jesus is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

As a part of Matthew's First Discourse or Sermon on the Mount, the eight Beatitudes are addressed directly to Jesus' chosen disciples. The Gospel of Luke also includes Beatitudes that feature four blessings, contrasted with four woes. Matthew's focus is not so much on promises to the needy as a challenge to take on attitudes characteristic of the Kingdom.

(Commentaries from *Synthesis CE: A Lectionary Study Guide*)

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 all the saints from the general fund.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Thanksgiving Baskets: Our three families will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and stock their pantry shelves due to your generosity. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for food and paper products we need. Bring your items to the parish hall by November 22, so they can be delivered in time for the holiday. You may 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. November 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.

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.

Advent Adult Formation Hour: Advent will be here before we know it. Fr. Ben will be leading the study *Gospel Voices: Advent with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*, starting Sunday, November 29th at 9:15 a.m. Use the link below to purchase your book or call the church office for assistance. https://shop.forwardmovement.org/product/2706?_gl=1*32dnsc*_ga*MTk2MzI2NDI0MC4xNzYzNTg3NTU2*_gaG1S217R9JR*czE3OTAzNTc3NDIkbzQkZzAkdDE3OTAzNTc3NDIkajYwJGwwJGgw

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Kansas City; The Rev. Donna Simon, Bishop; and for The 137th Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri.

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 Saltsgaver

Prayer Requests

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

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.