NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Events, Announcements, Calendar, and Prayers for St. John's and Beyond

October 25, 2026

Welcome! We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where you can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, you are beloved in this family. Take a look at all the ways the Spirit is moving at St. John's!

SAVE THE DATES!
Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day, Baptism and Holy Eucharist @ 10:00 am
Evensong @ 5:00 pm
Saturday, November 7 - Family Times Worship @ 4:30 pm
Saturday, November 14 – Annual Oyster Roast @ 4:00 pm

OYSTER ROAST TICKETS ARE HERE!

The date for the **Annual Oyster Roast is November 14th** from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. **Tickets have arrived and are available for purchase.** Be sure to stop by the church office to pick up your bundle of ten to sell. They are $40/per person, Children under the age of twelve are free. We will again have outside activities, weather permitting: Corn Hole, Connect Four, etc. Door prizes will be awarded so be sure to retain your ticket stub in order to be eligible.

PARISH LIFE

Dear Parishioners,
Would you like to be part of our Parish Life Oyster Roast volunteer team? We have opportunities to help decorate and set up on Friday, November 13th, as well as serve 1-hour shifts during the event on Saturday, November 14th. This year, we are also seeking door prize donations (under $10).

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for details and to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Val Paredes at 314-941-2750. Thank you so much!

ONGOING OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is starting a new season. We would love to have more participants, male, and female. All are welcome.

Current requests for unhoused Chesterfield school children to be distributed by local school nurses: deodorant and black leggings, but all donations are welcomed.

Bring in your **label-free, rinsed Rx bottles** to be reused by doctors in underserved areas and countries via Matthew 25 Ministry.

Pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House!

The Animal Shelter is always in need of food and treats!

Bring in **2027 calendars for our veterans.**

All above donations accepted in the church office lobby. Thanks to those who made this most recent donation possible!

ALTAR GUILD

The flower arrangement on the retable today is to the Glory of God in memory of Mary Smith's family who tragically lost their battle with ALS; Mary Eugenia B. Graham, mother, Kathryn Crayton, sister and brother Tip Graham.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

For those new to St. John's, we have an online directory for parishioners. It has pictures (if desired by parishioners). Addresses and phone numbers. If you would like to join the directory, please contact Chris Day at chday73@gmail.com. Access to the directory is granted when you request to join.

THANKSGIVING MEAL PACKAGE

The 2026 Meal Package Contents are listed below. Please **bring your donations to the church office beginning October 18th through November 15th**. Please bring items in brown grocery bags as in years past. Thank you for your continued support of this initiative. Please contact Tamara Evans if you have any questions. Thank you.

2025 Meal Gift Package Contents



1 – 40 oz. can of yams/sweet potatoes
1 – 13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
1 – 14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
2 – 15 oz. cans of corn
2 – 15 oz. cans of green vegetables
2 - boxes of Stove Top – no bags
2 – cans/packages of gravy – no glass jars
1 – box of hot chocolate
1 – box of regular flavor tea bags
1 – large box or box of cookies
1 - $20 Grocery Gift Card

The Outreach Committee continues to support our local schools. We recently dropped these contributions to Communities in Schools.



Thanks to St. John's for your continued support for this project for our community.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the church office with any changes or additions for the prayer list.

October Birthdays

1 Claire Marsh
3 Kent Horner, Jr.
4 Gene Thompson
9 Rixey Elizabeth Sheridan
6 Jim Kalanges
13 Hunter Johnson
14 Pat Dvorak, Charles Daugharthy
15 Rev. Mary Margaret Winn
18 Kitty Wells
19 Mary Smith
20 Jacob Courington
28 Ken Lewis
29 Beth Gibbons
31 Katherine Heath, Tilden Mueller

Those in Need of Healing

Jerry Harwell, Pat Dvorak, Ruby DiVittorio, Fr. Keith & Carlene Gentry, Dick Pitman, Linda DeBell, Tim Pahlick, Annette Blankenship, James Robinson, Arlene Lotti, George Starke, Terry & Bill Fields, Jim Colonna, Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prophett, Cathy Frazer, Marguerite Alley, Britt Young & Family, Marianne Branigan, Gene Thompson, Rita Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison, Joy Maughan, The Macri Family, Martha & Joe Sheridan, The Sweeney Family, Maria & Family

Those Who Serve

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio, Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus, Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Sergeant First Class Reade Whitner Enochs, Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3rd Class Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

Those Who Have Recently Died

Billy Johnson
John Paul Macri

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Julie Johnson, Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

St. John's Vestry

Kim Courington, Senior Warden
Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)
John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
Catherine Mueller, Congregational Vitality
Don Raybould, Liaison for Parish Life

Hazel Sloane, Register
Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026

The People of St. John's
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choirmaster
Bryant Watson, Violinist
Donna Thibault & Chris Day, Live Streaming
John Maxwell, 8 AM Security
Hank Dvorak,10 AM Inside Security
John Maxwell, 10 AM Outside Security
Kim Courington, 8 AM LEM
Don Raybould, 10 AM LEM
Kim Courington & Liz Pectal, 8 AM Readers
Donna Thibault & Jodi Mountfort, 10 AM Readers
Ruby DiVittorio & Alan Thibault, Ushers
Ted Krafft & Dick Pitman, Tellers
Sally Maxwell, Valerie P. and Donna Horner-Altar Guild
Donna Lee, Flowers

CONTACT US

The church office is open Tuesday—Friday, 9:15 AM to 3:15 PM. Reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret directly for an appointment. Call: 804-748-2182.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun., Oct. 25	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee Hour
Mon., Oct. 26	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Oct. 27	2:00 pm 7:00 PM	Outreach Committee – AR AA/Al-Anon-PH
Thurs., Oct. 29	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal-AR
Sun., Nov. 1	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Adult Forum Baptism & Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee Hour

We cannot do this without your help! Scan this QR code with your smartphone to make a donation to St. John's.