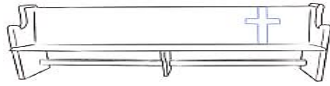


NEWS FOR THE PEWS

December 21, 2025



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, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday, December 21	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Coffee
	3:00 PM	Christ and Grace Christmas Celebration with St. John's Choir
Monday, December 22	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tuesday, December 23	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wednesday December 24	4:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service at St. John's
Thursday December 25	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Sunday December 28	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Lessons and Carols Fellowship Coffee

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

- 8 Alex Heggie, Jackie Colonna
10 Ivan Mueller 11 Trinity Horner
12 Carlton Smith, Thea Shoop
15 Rebecca Phoenix, Clay Heath, Peter Smith
16 Jim Robinson 19 Martin P. Fideli
22 Henry Gibbons 28 Doug Blake
29 Teresa Duncan, Ella McBrearty
31 Dick Pitman, Annette Blankenship

If our name should be included here, please call the Church office so your record can be updated.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our parish family, with **\$233,315 in pledges** received so far toward our goal of **\$300,000**. Each pledge is a faithful expression of gratitude and commitment to St. John's and the good works we are accomplishing. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider joining us in this important effort. Together, we can continue to grow in faith and serve as a beacon of God's love in our community. Kim Courington

ORGAN UPDATE

It's finally happening...

The process to rebuild/renovate our historic organ will begin on December 29.

We will be removing the chairs from the choir loft after the 10:00 service on December 28 to make way for that portion of the work to be performed at St. John's. Many of the pipes as well as the inner workings of the organ will be removed and taken to Staunton where much of the work will take place.

The choir will move to pews in the back of the Nave to make room for the work. Also, pews in the back may be used for the storage of material used in the rebuild. The work and storage has been scheduled to minimize the impact on worship as well as other church activities. Music during this time will be provided by the piano.

All of the work is scheduled to be completed by Easter. If you have any questions, please contact Aubrey Lindsay or Chris Day

OUTREACH

St. John's, you came through with flying colors by your support in the collection of '26 calendars for our veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital. We totaled 200 calendars plus 30 smaller versions. The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary packed 150 Christmas stockings, including our calendars, which will be delivered, personally, to the patients on Thursday. The additional calendars will be distributed to new patients in the coming year. On behalf of our veterans and the Auxiliary, thank you all so very much for a job well done. Sue Whiteman

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Join us after church for a birthday party for Jesus! Ice cream and cake and other goodies will be served. Please bring a homemade birthday card and join in the fun.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Jim Colonna, Father Keith Gentry,
Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prohett,
Sharon Pruitt (Don Raybould's sister),
Quinten Sierra, Rosa Maria Julia Barrientos
(Mauricio's Mother), Cathy Frazer,
The Germiller Family, Britt Young and Family,
Marguerite Alley, Marianne Branigan,
Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson,
Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison,
Webster and Joy Maughan,
Vienna Grace Cale,
The Cale Family,
The Macri Family

Those Who Serve

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

In God's Eternal Keeping

Thomas Gardner
Robert Novak (Don Raybould's Brother-in-Law)

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson



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Participating in Today's Liturgy December 21, 2025

Ministers: The People of St. John's
Reverend Mary Margaret Winn, Rector
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Music Director

Bryant Watson, Violinist

Carlton Smith, Live Streaming

8:00 am Security, Guy Smith

10:00 am Inside Security, JoAnn Maher

Outside Security, Larry Maher

Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Kim Courington

10:00 am – Don Raybould

Lectors: 8:00 am

1st Lesson – Kim Courington

2nd Lesson – Andy McCauley

Lectors: 10:00 am

1st Lesson – Lin Corbin-Howerton

2nd Lesson – Sadie Morgan

Pat Dvorak & Bernie Lotti - Ushers

Larry Cody & Kitty Wells - Tellers

Sally Maxwell, Rusty Phoenix

& Donna Horner - Altar Guild

Altar Guild - Flowers

St. John's Vestry

Kathy Ellington, Senior Warden

Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)

John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)

Kim Courington, Stewardship & Finance

Guy Smith, Health & Safety

Jody Mountfort, Parish Life

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