

October 20, 2022

From Fr. John

You should all have received a letter from Judge Dee Drell, kicking off our annual stewardship pledge drive. This year's campaign focuses on the idea that God has blessed us with more than enough and we should give back to God in the same way that God has given to us – joyously, gladly, and in abundance. You will be hearing more about the annual campaign in particular, and stewardship in general, over the next several weeks.

I know that some folks feel uncomfortable about, or just outright dislike this time of the church year, because of what they feel is “talking about money non-stop.” I understand that perspective. But in fact, we at St. James speak about money much less often than Jesus did.

Jesus gave us a total of thirty-nine parables. Eleven of them, almost 1/3 of the total, were about money. He talked about money a lot, because he recognized the power that money has in our lives. But Jesus did not try to make people feel guilty about money, whether they had a lot or a little. And while he told people not to “lay up for yourself treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal,” he did not tell them that there was anything evil, or even improper about how they took care of their money, here on earth. What he did say was, “lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

St. James, like most churches, operates almost solely on the donations of its members. What decision you make regarding giving to the church is a personal one, between you and the God who gives you the ability to have what you have. Please prayerfully consider what is right for you in the coming year.

May the God who grants us more than enough continue to bless you.

Fr. John+

Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew, using a video that is the word-for-word Gospel, but with actors bringing the action to life. There is discussion of what we see and hear each week. No preparation needed.



MONDAY - OCTOBER 24
7:00 PM

To begin the week approaching All Hallows' Eve, join jazz artist and concert organist, Dorothy Papadakos, as she improvises a pipe organ soundtrack simultaneously with a screening of the 1925 silent film, *Phantom of the Opera*. This is a marvelous opportunity to hear the St. James pipe organ in the hands and imagination of an improvisation master. Admission is free and open to the public, courtesy of The McCormick-Smith Fund, Inc. and a reception in the Parish Hall will follow the "show".

Pumpkin Carving Party

The EYC of St. James will be hosting a Pumpkin Carving Party Wednesday Evening, October 26, following dinner.

Everyone is invited. Young and Young at Heart.
Bring your already scooped out pumpkin and a smile.
We will provide patterns, carving tools, and refreshments.
Plan to meet in the EYC Building at 6:30 PM



HALLOWEEN at ST. JAMES

5 - 8 PM

Church Steps

Costumes Optional

We will gather on October 31st for Trick or Treating on the church steps.

Please join us from 5pm-8pm and wear a costume if you like.

We will greet children and pass out candy and have a really great time.

If you are unable to join us, **please consider donating bags of individually wrapped candies** to be distributed to the ghosts and goblins that visit us that night.

Christmas Eve at St. James

Following two years of pandemic-mandated schedule adjustments, we find ourselves again at something closer to "normal" as we plan Christmas Eve services this year. Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year and the Worship Committee and Rector request your input on what service offerings best meet the needs of our congregation. To that end, we invite you to participate in a very brief (two question) online survey about your Christmas Eve plans this year. Everyone is encouraged to participate, even if your plans mean you will be away from St. James. The survey will be open through Monday, October 31st.



[Click here to take survey.](#)

Worship



October 23rd

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

October 23rd
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

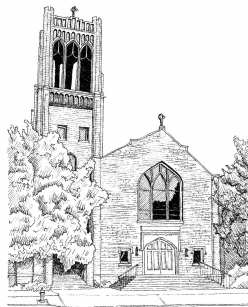
Betty Gaiennie, Jack Dewitt, Sr., Beth Hebert, Rita & Bill Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Grace Gennuso, Ralph Gill, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Peggy Humbles, Laura Murchison, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy and Richard, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in October (day):

Teddy Malone (3), Ann Hall (4), Jim Chancey (7), Jackie Moody (8), Ruth Weinzettle (8), Abbie Dubois (12), Alex McCartney (15), Melanie Torbett (15), Jim Weinzettle (15), Kevin Corbyn (16), Daniel Manuel (16), Rebecca McBride (16), Frances Yeager (16), J. T. Norton (17), Mike Mikell (18), Martha Bolton (19), Dick Crowell (19), Jackson Callaway (20), Jude Daigle (20), Elliot Milliner (20), Robert Ratcliff (20), Amy Andrus (24), Roy Rosenthal (26).



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