

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist! Whatever brought you here today is a good thing and we want you to know that you are always welcome here. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion, and you are invited to spend some time in fellowship following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Holy Eucharist Rite II November 17, 2024 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8 and 10:15 a.m.

Nursery - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Chilton Hall Room 1

Sunday School

Adult Education -9:15 a.m. East Annex

Children Education, 9:15 a.m., Chilton Hall, Rm 2

We Care About You!

We are pleased to offer communion visits if you are not able to join us. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a Eucharistic visitor. Fr. Tim and Deacon Chuck are available round the clock for pastoral needs. Their phone numbers can found in the Church Directory or by calling the office. Our Daughters of the King prayer ministry team welcomes prayer requests on St. John's website. Our office number is 623-582-5449 and our e-mail address is info@stjohnsaz.org.

READINGS

First Reading 1 Samuel 1:4-20, Page 242
Psalm Psalm 16, BCP Pages 599-600

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25, page 1365

Gospel Mark 13:1-8, page 1195

MUSIC 10:15 A.M. ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

Entrance Hymn Hymnal #686, Come, Thou Fount

of Every Blessing

Hymn of Praise Hymnal #278, Gloria

Sequence Hymn LEVAS #154, Taste and See

Refrain, Vs 1, Refrain

Offertory LEVAS #189, Great is Thy Faithfulness

Sanctus LEVAS #255 Lord's Prayer LEVAS #264

Fraction WLP #875, Cantor Sings

Communion LEVAS #151, One Bread, One Body Recessional LEVAS #184, Blessed Assurance

Altar Flower Dedications

Given today by Valerie Swick for my birthday celebration and by Dovie Templin in loving memory of Max Templin.

Thanksgiving Eucharist and Potluck Dinner at St. John's

Thursday, November 28, Doors Open 11:00 a.m., Eucharist at 11:45 a.m., Dinner at 12:00, Parish Hall. Please bring a savory or sweet dish that you would have had on your own table to share. Contact the office for more information.

U2Charist, Wednesday, November 20 at 1 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday at 1 p.m. for our first ever U2-Charist! What is a U2-Charist? It's Eucharist service featuring the music of the rock band U2 in place of traditional hymns! Come sing, dance, and pray, as we offer up thanksgiving to God for the blessings we have in this life. We will collect our Thanksgiving offerings for the St. John's Food Pantry, we will bless the food, and we will pray for the welfare of the people who provided it and the people who will receive it. In lieu of a donation to the operating budget, our offering will be taken for our veterans and our Food Pantry. Please bring a donation of a food item or cash to support the Food Pantry and our Christmas meals for military veterans in our community.

FaithNet, Faith-Based Support Group for Mental Illness

First and Third Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parish Hall. Our candidate for Holy Orders, Mary Kathryn Brooks and parishioner, Donna Anastasi, will facilitate FaithNet, Please see Mary Kathryn for details or call 337-781-9042 or email mkb071659@gmail.com.

St. John the Baptist Farmers' Market-Come One Come All!

Fridays through April 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., East Parking Lot. Parking is available in the west parking lot. The market is part of the Capital Campaign Committee's effort to increase revenue from sources outside the church. We are hoping we can entice everyone to participate in this new ministry as they can—let people know about the market, stop by while we are open on Fridays to increase our visibility, volunteer to help as crew at the market, or become an occasional or a regular vendor at the market. Email SJBfarmersmarket@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Use of Lectionary Year W

Have you ever noticed our scriptures are often written primarily from the perspective of men? For instance, we hear a gospel story about Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. But we're not given information about who she was as a person. We're only told who she is in relation to someone else. She was, after all, her own person. Wouldn't it be nice to hear a little more about the feminine presence in scripture? And what about the ancient tradition which identifies the Holy Spirit as a feminine presence? In Greek, the Holy Spirit is Hagia Sophia (Divine Wisdom), a feminine proper noun. The Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney, a Biblical scholar and Episcopal Priest, has developed A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Year W. In Advent, we will use this Year W lectionary on a trial basis. Our hope is that it takes us a little bit out of our comfort zones (in a good way!) and helps us to enhance our spiritual lives together. We also want to acknowledge that there have been a whole lot of influential women through the years, and we want to ensure their stories are told. Please address any questions or concerns to Fr. Tim.

Vestry Candidates Needed!

It's that time of year again! It's time to discern whether you are called to run for Vestry. We will have three positions to fill. What are the requirements to serve on the Vestry? You must be 16 years of age, a communicant in good standing, and a member of the parish for at least six months, and you must have taken at least one year off from having served on the Vestry previously. You also need to be available for a monthly vestry meeting on a Sunday (held between the services), and a quarterly retreat, which will take the place of that month's meeting. That's it! We bet you can do that. It isn't too hard, and it's a great way to show you are invested in your parish. Contact the office with your name and a brief bio about yourself and why you'd like to run for vestry. We have three openings, but we can have more people run than that. A contested vestry election is a sign of parish health. We also offer thanks to those who have served and who will be leaving the Vestry after their years of service.

Children Welcomed as Liturgical Ministers

Hey kids! Do you want to serve as a lector or assist at the altar? We'd love to welcome you to serve in our liturgical ministries. There is no minimum age to serve at the altar, and the only requirement for being a lector is an ability to read. Training can easily be arranged. Serve the Church and serve Jesus by serving as a liturgical minister. People of all ages are invited. Contact the church office or a member of the clergy for more information.

Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Beginning in January of 2025, we will have a new Sunday School curriculum for our children at St. John's. We are also looking for teachers who will guide our children through their study. Our curriculum will be lectionary based and officially endorsed by the Episcopal Church. Teachers must

complete a background check and Safe Church training (at no cost to you). No specialized training is required, but experience and comfort working with children is certainly a plus. We invite you to prayerfully discern a calling to teach and mentor our young people here at St. John's. Contact the church office if you are able and willing to help teach Sunday School.

Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W. Many Thanks and Blessings!

We sold out at our first Borderlands' P.O.W.W.O.W. of the season! Many thanks to our 38 wonderful volunteers (4 ROTC, 3 Scouts, 1 Friend, 7 Borderland and 23 SJB's). Please mark your calendar and join us for our next Borderlands' P.O.W.W.O.W. on Saturday, December 7th

8:00 am – 11:00am as volunteers are always needed. Set-up starts 2 hours before opening to the public and clean-up takes about 30 minutes after. All help is much appreciated as without it we couldn't provide this valuable service to our community! There is no need to sign up. Just come! Let Buz Isban, Pattie Prosory or Dave Richard know that you are willing to lend a hand that morning. Blessings and thanks!

Christmas Eve Services: December 24, 2024 at 5 and 8 p.m.

Glory to the Newborn King! That's right, Christmas is right around the corner! Join us as we celebrate Holy Eucharist together at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Invite your friends and family to join us as we sing Christmas hymns, pray together, and rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Following Holy Communion, we will sing Silent Night surrounded by candlelight. As is true every year, our Christmas Eve services will begin with caroling. Our 5 p.m. service will be a little less formal and our 8 p.m. service will follow the liturgy for Midnight Mass Please let Deacon Chuck know if you are willing to serve as a liturgical minister.

Save The Date! 40th Anniversary Dinner January 18!

We are capping off an entire year of celebration for our 40th year as a parish when we gather for a celebratory dinner on January 18, 2025! Mark your calendars and save the date! We will pray, dine, and have fun together as we reminisce about our 40 years together! The dinner will take place in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$5 will be requested simply to hold your spot and so we know how much food to provide. It will be a wonderful celebration!

Happenings @ St. John the Baptist

• Decoding the Faith - Adult Education

Sundays, 9a.m., between Services, East Annex

• <u>Bible Study Between Services</u>

Sundays, 9 a.m. between services, Chilton Hall Room 5

• Harry Potter Book Club

Mondays, Chilton Hall--Rm 6, 6p.m. Dinner, 6:30p.m. Study

• Special U-2Charist Wednesday Service

November 20, 1 p.m. featuring music of U-2 for blessing of the Thanksgiving baskets to our neighbors.

• St. John's Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21, 7p.m., Sanctuary.

• St. John's Farmers' Market

Fridays—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., East Parking Lot.

Vendors or info Email: SJBfarmersmarket@gmail.com

• St. John's Closet Thrift Store

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chilton Hall Rm 3.

Donations are accepted during the hours we are open.

Men's Fellowship and Bible Study

Saturday, November 23, 8:00 a.m., Zoom

All men are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please

contact Michael Werner at 623-297-0738.

• Borderland's P.O.W. W.O.W.

Saturday, December 6, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00, East Parking Lot.

For more information about events at St. John's please check out our weekly email newsletter *The Voice in the Wilderness*.

Contact the office to sign up.

Hospitality Ministry

We need some help on our coffee hour team! Please help us to make sure our parishioners aren't left thirsty for coffee on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you join us to make coffee, set out goodies, and clean up afterward. Please contact **Valerie Swick** at (602) 694-4629 or **August Tolle** at (602) 677-4554. Many hands make light work!

Food Pantry and Blessing Bags Supplies Needed

Monetary and food donations are always appreciated.

Please remember to check the expiration date on your donations. We cannot give out expired food to our clients. Besides food pantry items, we also have smaller bags of food, water and personal hygiene bags to respond to those asking for help. (Cans with pull rings are helpful). Please pick up your Blessing Bags by the church doors.

Food Pantry - Always Needed and Appreciated

Spam, Canned Tuna and Chicken

Syrup and Pancake Mix (Complete)

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Cereal (hot and cold)

Blessing Bags - Always Needed and Appreciated

Vienna Sausages/Beanee Weenies

Snacks and Cookies (Individual)

Personal size hygiene products

Real juice Small Cans (V8, OJ, etc.)

Altar Guild needs YOU to join our team!

Did you know the Altar Guild plays a huge role in making sure our worship can take place smoothly and seamlessly? If you enjoy meaningful worship with everything exactly in the place it needs to be, then we ask you to prayerfully discern a call to join the Altar Guild. Need some reasons to join? Well, here is one of those David Letterman-style Top Ten Lists. St. John's proudly presents:

Top Ten Reasons for Joining the Altar Guild!

- 10. Extra communion wine after the service!
- 9. Perfect your ironing and laundry skills!
- 8. Learn the secret hiding places for all the best liturgical toys! Thurible, anyone?
- 7. The Sacristy makes a great place to hide out when Fr. Tim is preaching a boring sermon!
- 6. While the clergy lead worship, we all know it's the Altar Guild who really runs things around here.
- 5. No snake handling required!
- 4. If you're serving on the Altar Guild, Deacon Chuck can't draft you to fill in for a different liturgical role that day!

- 3. Too grumpy for small talk in the mornings? Get out of chit chat by getting us ready for the day's liturgy instead!
- 2. Try on all the liturgical vestments when no one else is looking! Maybe you'll start a new fashion trend! And the No. 1 reason to join the Altar Guild:

Fr. Tim will finally stop nagging you to join!

Not convinced yet? Then talk to Jennifer Elfenbein or to a member of the clergy. In all seriousness, serving on the Altar Guild is a fun and meaningful way to help your church. All are welcome to join. Remember: Many hands make lighter work! Won't you join us, please? We would love to have you!

November Stewardship Message - Time, Talent and Treasure

Proverbs 11:25 The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

Pledge	\$6,317.00	Pantry	\$110.00
Plate	\$ 862.80	Other	\$93.00
Weekly Expenses	\$7,879.07	Attendance	142

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We are the Church that serves and spreads God's love to everyone