St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2026	2027	2028
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — November 8, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *Awake, my soul* Hymnal 11

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 280

◆Collect of the Day *(Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

Psalm 78:1–7,(*responsively, the People in* ***bold***) see insert

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

◆HYMN Sequence *Let all mortal flesh keep silent (v.1-2)* Hymnal 324

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1–13

◆HYMN Sequence *Let all mortal flesh keep silent (v.3-4)* Hymnal 324

The Sermon Fr. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

God of eternity, in Christ You called us awake, urging us to prepare for Your coming in judgment, with blessing and salvation, too. Grant us a sense of urgency and purpose to follow You and prepare for Your coming. We pray, responding, Hear us, Lord.

For Your Church that She may call us to faithfulness and dedicated service, living as if our time was short and Your coming was near. We pray**, Hear us, Lord.**

For the nations of the world that they may raise up leaders of purpose and humility, those who know You, O God, and are willing to courageously live in Your Light. We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

For all who are struggling with the results of our last election that, regardless of where folks are or who they voted for, we may be driven, as Christians, to more perfectly love even our enemies, and to pray for those who challenge us. We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sophie Currin, David Gable, Steven Patizzi, Maxine Christensen, Page Hartling, Austine Bohlman, Gerry, Peter M., Abe, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Wylder, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, continued...

John M., Robert Pizzanello, Heather, Laurent, Tom, Molly Magro, Lori Roy and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [pause here ...]. We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

For all who have died, especially those we remembered on the Feast of All Souls, and any others we pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here ...]. We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Lord of the living and of the dead, You call us to action in this life, to know You more clearly and to work toward doing Your will in the world. We pray for courage, patience, and a longing for You that passes all understanding. We pray, in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Confession of Sin and Absolution — BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory — *Saints Bound for Heaven* — arranged by Parker & Shaw

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) — Hymnal 380

∗The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer D — BCP pg. 372

∗*Sanctus* — Hymnal (front section) S125

∗The Lord's Prayer — BCP pg. 364

∗The Breaking of the Bread — BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 61, 462, 620

◆Postcommunion Prayer — BCP 365

Announcements

Testimonial

Blessing

◆HYMN — *Lo! He comes with clouds descending* — Hymnal 58

The Dismissal — BCP pg. 365

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

◆ You are invited to stand, as able. ∗ You are invited to kneel, as able.

BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

WLP refers to *Wonder, Love, & Praise*, found in the pew book rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Joyce Bettencourt
Chalicists	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Carol Kirkwood
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Greene
	10:15 a.m.	Michael DeNegris
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Greene
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti & Evan LaPointe
Welcomer	10:15 a.m.	Dianne Antos
Coffee Hour Host		Chris & Deb Butler
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Nancy Thompson
Vestry Keyholder		Kathy Bullard

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of
William & Beatrice Ryan and Clair & Donald Bullard~
~Kathy & Brian Bullard

Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – https://bit.ly/StJamesLive. **Join us on** Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

Wednesday mid-day service: CANCELLED There will be no Wednesday Eucharist with prayers for healing on the 11th, as Fr. George will be away

The lectionary readings for Sunday, November 15st are
Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30.

Thank you to Justina & John Baptiste for their testimonial today for our Annual Appeal !

The Men's Breakfast, for November, will be on Saturday, November 21, at 8am at the Crazy Pancake, 17 Whiting in Plainville. All men of the parish

(or a friend) are always welcome! *note, typically these are on the second Saturday of the month, but Fr. George is not available that date this month

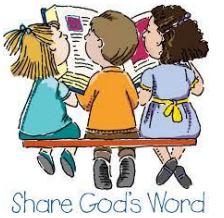


Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program Starting on November 1 . Please consider purchasing flowers through Stop & Shop on 1309 Corbin Avenue, New Britain. St. Mark's Food Pantry will receive $1 for each $11.99 specifically mark Blooms $ Good purchased. Thanks for your support.

Thanksgiving Baskets Time Again! St James will again provide complete Thanksgiving Meals for several families. Starting November 8, there will be a signup poster in the Narthex for the items needed, as well as an area to sign up to help put the bags together. There will also be instructions for where to put your donations on the poster On November 22, 2026, the Sunday Before Thanksgiving, we will gather in the kitchen between the two services and put the bags together. The bags will then be delivered to Farmington Social Services. Thank you so much for helping our neighbors have a happier Thanksgiving!!



Church School Join us on Sunday, December 6, for our next First Sunday Breakfast. We will also welcome St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who will come to tell some stories to children and adults alike and we will commemorate St. Nicholas Day in Church School, as well. We will invite an extra collection on St. Nicholas Day for The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, who supports the work of the Christian Church in the Middle East.





Advent Begins!! On Sunday, November 29th, we will begin the season of Advent with Advent 1, following the Thanksgiving holiday. Advent is a time of waiting, anticipating the present and future coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Bible Study Bible Study on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, going through the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 20), our Bible Study group begins an exploration of major themes of the season with a book by Tish Harrison Warren called Advent: A Season of Hope. Warren, an Episcopal priest, explores the three comings of Jesus we celebrate during Advent. She declares, "Christians don't believe in on coming during Advent but in three." All are welcome to join and the books are already here (a $10 donation for the books is appreciated).

Women's Ministry

November 13-14, 2026, Camp Washington Women's Retreat

These popular retreats have always been an opportunity to step away from the busy-ness of life and enjoy a meaningful time of fellowship, prayer, encouragement and spiritual renewal.it on your calendar! For info contact Kathy Bullard (860-673-6444)

December 5, 2026, Theater Opportunity Thank you to Dianne Antos for suggesting a group activity for Playhouse on Park in West Hartford, CT to go see ***All is Calm, the Christmas Truce of 1914***. The plot: The Western Front, Christmas, 1914. Out of the violence arose a silence, then a song. Amid the combat, a German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music, and peace. A remarkable true story told in the words and songs of the men who lived it. Tickets are $50.70, Please reach out to Dianne Antos (dianneantos45@gmail.com) **by November 10th to RSVP** or for concerns if financial assistance is needed. We want you to join us and see this wonderful show!

December 16, 2026, 7pm, Holiday Cookie Ministry It's time to find your favorite holiday cookie recipe for our Holiday Cookie event! We will gather on the 16th in the Parish Hall to pack tins with cookies and cards we will make with our own Marge Litteral. These will go to those at the Prudence Crandall Center apartments (delivered by Dianne Anntos) and to our shut-ins (which you may volunteer for that evening). Please find a sign up at the entrance into the Parish Hall. Whether you want to bring cookies, pack tins, make cards or sign up to bring joy to a shut-in, please join us in this important ministry. For more information contact Nancy Thompson, npthompson@live.com



Thursday Morning Mingle Volunteers needed The Thursday Morning Mingle is a ministry that provides food directly to the people who need it the most on a weekly basis. Starting at the beginning of November, and ending in April, we serve a free hot breakfast to whoever needs on at South Church in New Britain each Thursday morning. We start cooking at 6:30 AM and are finished by 9:30 AM. Meals vary, we serve pancakes, eggs, breakfast sandwiches, hashbrowns, cereal, oatmeal and, of course coffee, tea and juice.

We are looking to have at least 16 volunteers this year, so we can have two teams of 8 alternating weeks. That way the commitment is only 2 times per month.
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dave Tompkins at dtompk2000@aol.com , or check in with me before or after service.



CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed November 16, 2026 7-9pm

The American Heart Association's Family and Friends CPR Course and The American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed Course.

- Learn hands only CPR and relief of choking in adults,
- CPR and relief of choking in infants
- How to operate our defibrillator.
- Learn how to recognize a serious bleed and learn how to stop it practicing on a simulated limb.

Practice on adult and infant manikins so you feel confident continued.....
Sponsored at no charge by the Town of Farmington Fire Department, you will receive a manual and key chain barrier device and be guided by parishioners and certified instructors, Bob and Bonnie Sudell. Sign up in the hallway to the parish hall.

Thanksgiving at St. James Parish. Thursday, November 26



Holy Eucharist of Thanksgiving will take place in our sanctuary. at 10 am on Thanksgiving morning. All are welcome! Eucharist means "thanksgiving" and, before the turkey is carved, family and friends arrive, or football begins, join us in thanks for God's great sacrifice, goodness, and love.

Social time and Thanksgiving dinner: The Roberts' family and St. James invites folks to join us for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, at 4pm for social time. Dinner will be around 4:30-5pm. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall for anyone who plans to come (sign up is essential!). The Roberts family will provide the turkey and will ask everyone who comes to bring some Thanksgiving fare to share. If you know a friend or neighbor who is alone, please bring them along – and anyone who might enjoy coming and anyone who simply wants to share in the fun is warmly welcome.
Rides will be available for those who don't drive. More details to come!



Annual Outreach Meeting will be held after the 10:15 Service on Sunday, December 6, 2026. At this meeting we will review our Outreach Efforts to determine if they are still in line with our priorities and people's needs. Additionally, we will determine the recipients of St James' Outreach contributions for 2026. Everyone with an interest in Outreach is invited to this very important meeting



MISSION STATEMENT

We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).