St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Stand up, Stand up, for Jesus* Hymnal 561

◆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 Judges 4:1–7

Psalm 123 ,(*responsively, the People in* ***bold***) see insert

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

◆HYMN Sequence *Come, labor on (v.1-3)* Hymnal 541

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

◆HYMN Sequence *Come, labor on (v.4-5)* Hymnal 541

The Sermon Reverend Taylor Albright

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, in Christ You call us to grow the fruits of the Kingdom, to take the grace, hope, and love You shower upon us and to multiply it by what we give in generosity, charity, and blessing. Grant us open hearts and clear minds that we may reap the salvation You have sown in Christ Jesus. We pray, responding, Lord, hear our prayer.

For Your Church that She may faithfully raise up disciples to bring forth the harvest You have planted, to love, know, serve, and proclaim You in the world. We pray**, Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations and leaders of the world that they may steward and shepherd what You have given them for the good of Your people and the glory of Your kingdom. **We pray, Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sophie Currin, David Gable, Andrew D. Steven Patizzi, Austine Bohlman, Gerry, Peter M., Abe, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Wylder, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, 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, Lord, hear our prayer.**

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For all who have died, especially Greg Shover, for any who grieve, and all others we pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here ...]. **We pray, Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we go through this time of Annual Appeal for Stewardship, guide our prayers, fill our hearts, and stir our spirits that we may give as we are able in recognition of Your great and abiding gift in Jesus Christ. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God of power and mercy, give us the willingness and courage to take what You have entrusted to us and to grow, share, and nurture that blessing, returning then all glory and honor to You. We ask, in the strong name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution — BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory — *Locus iste,* — by Anton Bruckner

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) — Hymnal 380

∗The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A — 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: 551, 9, 621

◆Postcommunion Prayer — BCP 365

Announcements

Testimonial

Blessing

◆HYMN — *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth* — Hymnal 598

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.	Janet LaPierre-Greene
	10:15 a.m.	Verona Schlosky
Chalicists	8:00 a.m.	Armen Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	Michael DeNegris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Michael Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	Felicia DeDominicis
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Verona & Dave Schlosky
Welcomer	10:15 a.m.	Stephen Karwowski
Coffee Hour Host		Kathy Bullard & Anna Whilby
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Andrea Harris
Vestry Keyholder		Linda Mason

Today's altar flowers are given a thanks offering in celebration of Jim's Birthday on Nov. 10th & our Anniversary on Nov.18th

~Jim & Donna Wilkie

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.

Our Monday Morning Prayer will be cancelled this week, 11/16 due to Fr. George being away. It will resume on Monday the 23rd.

Wednesday mid-day service: You are invited to join us for in-person Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing in Chapel (behind the choir seating) at 11:30 am. Immediately following the service, you are invited to stay for lunch (bring your own lunch – brownbag or something to warm up) and time for conversation in the parish hall.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, November 22st are
Ezekiels 34:11–16; Psalm 100; 1 Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46.

Thank you to Andrea Harris for her testimonial today for our Annual Appeal !



Stewardship Update Dear friends in Christ. We are in week 4 of a 5 week Annual Appeal for Stewardship. The Annual Appeal is the time where we ask folks to prayerfully consider how God might be calling each family unit to support our parish, financially, in the coming fiscal year (2027). Pledges, once turned in, assist your Vestry in gaining insight into how we can support staff and foster discipleship, maintain the historic building we worship in and love, and reach out into the wider world. A minimum 2% of all pledged income will go to mission and outreach efforts in the coming year.

We currently have received 35 pledges amounting to nearly $125,000. Our pledge goal for 2027 is $381,000, so we have a way to go. Please turn in your pledge card as soon as you are able, and, if you are not yet ready, please continue to pray about how God may be calling you to support our common life at St. James.



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. 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!!



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.



St. Nicholas comes to visit! On Sunday, December 6, St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will come for a visit to St. James at the end of the 10:15 am service. He will tell some stories and have some things to share. Church School will be held on this date as well, so children kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to spend some special time learning about St. Nicholas.
First Sunday breakfast will also take place on this special day between the services! Come and join for the fun as we will be continuing the Advent season.

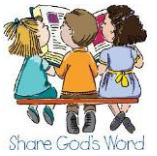
Bible Study Bible Study on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, going through the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 20), our Bible Study group begins an exploration of major themes of the season with a book by Tish Harrison Warren called Advent: A Season of Hope. Warren, an Episcopal priest, explores 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

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

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.





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. 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 Worship 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).

Sharing Your Blessings

