

# St. John's News - November 30th


As we enter the sacred season of Advent beginning on November 30th, we step into a time of holy waiting—an invitation to slow our pace, quiet our hearts, and prepare room for Christ. Advent reminds us that God meets us in the longing, in the ordinary moments, and in the hope that rises even in the darkest places.

Each candle we light draws us closer to the promise of Emmanuel, “God with us,” breaking into our world with light, peace, and everlasting love. May this season renew our faith, deepen our anticipation, and fill our homes and hearts with the hope of Christ’s coming.

As we journey together toward Christmas, let us watch, pray, and trust that God is at work in ways seen and unseen.



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Starting November 30, all sanctuary doors will open at 9:30 AM to welcome you in for worship.

There will be a door unlocked for 9 AM Bible Study.



## CHANCEL CHOIR TO SING AT LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

St. John's Chancel Choir has once again been invited to participate in this year's **Lessons and Carols** service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. This beloved community Advent service features music from area choirs as we anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 PM**  
*Prelude begins at 5:30 PM*

Interested in helping care for our worship space? The Sanctuary Committee is looking for new members to join us! If you enjoy decorating, organizing, or simply want to help keep our sanctuary welcoming and beautiful, we'd love to have you! Please contact the church office.

The greatest joy that I know in this life is  
**serving**  
the Lord.



**Thursday, November 27th**  
Office closed



**Friday, November 28th**  
Office closed

**Sunday, November 30th**  
Adult Contemporary Class 9 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
All Church Advent Luncheon following worship

**Monday, December 1st**  
Office hours 9 AM—1 PM  
Chair Yoga 10 AM  
Hookers & Needles

**Wednesday, December 3rd**  
Chancel Choir 7 PM

## November Ushers

Corey Hall—Head Usher  
Daniel Sickinger

Susan Dummermuth  
Rita Wallick

All youth are invited to leave for pageant rehearsal and to choose their window for painting immediately following the Children's Message. Youth will meet their families in the Fellowship Center after worship.

**HEADS  
UP**

## MENTORING

We're inviting caring adults to support our youth as they take their next steps in faith through Confirmation. Mentors walk with a student over the course of the program, offering encouragement, checking in periodically, and celebrating with them on Confirmation Sunday.

All materials and guidance are provided—just bring a willing heart and a listening ear!

If you'd like to learn more or volunteer, please connect with Natalie or contact the church office.

Whatever  
you do, work at it  
with all your heart, as  
working for the  
**LORD**  
Colossians 3:23

*Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems, our December "Bad Girls" selection marks our first journey into poetry! We invite you to come ready to share which poem speaks to you most—and why.

December 8 at 6:30 PM  
in the Conference Room.

## HELP WANTED

St. John's is seeking an Administrative Assistant to serve in the office during the February–April 2026 timeframe while Emaly is on maternity leave.

This role serves as the first point of contact for visitors and helps manage the day-to-day operations of the church office.

The office is open Monday–Friday, and this temporary position may be filled by one person or shared among multiple individuals working part-time a couple of days per week.

If interested, please contact the church office or reach out to Dave Gingrich at [dave@doverstjohns.org](mailto:dave@doverstjohns.org)

## POWER of prayer

Call Marge or the church to be added to the prayer list!

### Family Members in Nursing Homes

Park Village - Linda Schilling  
Inn at Northwood - Norma Haglock  
New Dawn Assisted Living - Clara Struhar  
Park Village Independent Living - Jim Cotton  
Park Village NP - Don Page  
Park Village NP - Carol Sue Keener  
Canton Christian Home - Dotty Hartzell  
Hennis Care - Judy Frutig

### VITAL SIGNS November 23, 2025

Weekly Offering Collected:

General Fund	\$1,708
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$10
Capital Improvement	\$230

Average Weekly Offering Needed to meet the General Fund Budget:	\$ 5,817
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Worship Attendance: **88**