



St. Charles Episcopal Church

THE PULSE

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

INFORMATION, CALENDAR, AND PRAYER LISTS November 6, 2025 - November 13, 2025



Grateful to God for our church home

Stewardship 2026



2026 Stewardship Testimonial

I attended my parents' churches when I was growing up and didn't join a "real church" on my own until I moved to St. Louis in 1977. For the first few months, I did attend the Catholic church though the only thing I ever donated was my ability to play the guitar. After that, I mostly attended the campus chapels at Carleton College and Syracuse University. When I transferred to Washington University in St. Louis to finish grad school, I learned it had a chapel but no worship services, just an occasional wedding, funeral, or speech.

So, I went church shopping. I didn't return to those churches where the only people who talked to me were the minister and old ladies. I joined a (now) ELCA Lutheran church that welcomed me, providing Bible studies, women's groups, and fellowship activities. One couple even invited me to do my laundry at their house! These people became my St. Louis family. I supported the church enthusiastically. I couldn't contribute much, but I did contribute what I could. I knew the value of belonging to that congregation and the importance of supporting its ministry.

I've looked for those same blessings at churches I have joined since. It's true of St. Charles Episcopal, too, though I now do laundry in my own basement. And so, I support this church financially to the extent that I can. It's less now than when I was working full-time, but supporting SCEC is my top charitable priority. I am glad that those who visit our church find it to be welcoming and supportive. By supporting the stewardship campaign, we can all ensure that our church continues to be so.

~Laura Graf

View the 2026 Stewardship Campaign Letter [HERE](#)

View the 2026 Pledge card [HERE](#)

Ingathering Sunday - Coffee Hour Celebration November 9th

This Sunday is Ingathering Sunday - please join us for a celebratory coffee hour hosted by the Stewardship Committee of Carol Lynn Foster, Regan Jancauskas, Candace Moline, Bill Yeck and Bo Smith, chair. We ask for all pledges to be submitted by this Sunday so the Finance Committee can budget for the coming year. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged in our "Grateful to God for our church home" stewardship drive! If you haven't already pledged, we ask that you please pray about your personal stewardship and what your church home means to you. Every pledge matters, no matter what size, just whatever you're able to do.

Thank you for the generous time, talent, and treasure you give to St. Charles Episcopal Church!

The Christians of Iraq SCEC Hosting Zoom Presentation



On Thursday, November 13th, SCEC will be hosting a Zoom presentation by Stand With Iraqi Christians (SWIC). Join us to learn about the work being done to support our brothers and sisters in Christ and how YOU can get involved to make a difference.

Thursday, November 13, 2025 | 6:30 p.m. CST

[Zoom Link](#) | Meeting ID: 847 6259 7256 | Passcode: 672410

View the flyer [HERE](#)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us on Sundays at our 9:30 a.m. morning service. We'd love to see you there!

Watch the livestream of the service here:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@StCharlesEpiscopalChurchStChar>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesEpiscopalIL>

View prior services [HERE](#)



CHURCH SERVICE BULLETINS

Please click [HERE](#) to access our Sunday, November 9, 2025 service bulletin.
The service bulletins are also on our [website](#).

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR November 9, 2025

https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp27_RCL.html

• Haggai 1:15b-2:9 • Psalm 145 • 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 • Luke 20:27-38

Quarterly Statements

Please note that **Third Quarter Statements for 2025 were sent on November 5th** via Constant Contact for those with valid emails on file. If the Parish Office does not have a valid email on file, then a copy of the statement will be sent via snail mail.

If you do not receive your statement or have questions regarding your statement, please contact the Parish Office at:

parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org or 630-584-2596

Women's Lunch November 10th

All women of St. Charles Episcopal Church are invited to join us at the next Ladies Lunch:



- Monday, November 10th at 11:30 a.m.
- Nosh in Geneva - 22 North 3rd Street
- RSVP to Carole Woods at canarsieca@att.net | text or call 630-463-2507

Pick-up Holiday Green Orders

A big thank you to everyone who preordered holiday greens from Oliver Ulaszek. Greens will be ready for pickup in Ludtke Hall on **Sunday, November 23** after church. If you did not prepay, payment via cash or check made payable to Troop 56 will be due at delivery. Not in town on 11/23? Please call 847-372-5153 or email Lisel Ulaszek at ulaszek.lisel@gmail.com to arrange an alternate delivery. Thank you!



Ladies - Save the date!

Cookie Express - **Saturday, December 6th**, starting 2:00 p.m. at the home of Melinda Oakey. Melinda's address is: [3N989 Walt Whitman Rd, Campton Hills](3N989WaltWhitmanRd)
More details coming soon!

Volunteers Needed!

Free Spaghetti Dinner

Bakers and Drivers are needed for Lazarus House & Carroll Towers for **November 20 and December 28**. Thank you from the FSD ministry.

Winter Plantings

Volunteers are needed for **December winter plantings** in the courtyard and by the back door flower pots.

Vestry Openings 2026



The Vestry will have **three openings in January** when the current member terms are done. If you are interested in learning more about the Vestry or interested in joining the Vestry, please contact Sue Riffer (sbriffer1437@gmail.com) or Katie Thomson (katie.thomson@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

Online Resource for Assistance Findhelp.org



If you or anyone you know is in need of basic social services, please check out <http://www.findhelp.org>. This website will direct you to resources within your zip code that can help with food, financial, health and other resources. Times are tough but help is available.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Boerner, Tom Miller, Kathy Knobel, Charles Boerner, Dottie Finatri

If you have a November birthday and were not included in this list, please let us know right away!

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov 6

"The Pulse" is emailed

10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - SCEC Library

3:00 p.m. Cleaning company

7:00 p.m. Racial Justice Committee

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

Friday, Nov 7

5:30 p.m. Al Anon

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, Nov 8

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, Nov 9

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service with The Rev. Laura Gottardi-Littell

11:00 a.m. Daughters of the King

Monday, Nov 10

11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Nosh in Geneva

5:30 p.m. AA meeting

Tuesday, Nov 11

11:00 a.m. Scripture Study on Zoom (contact: [Deacon Steve](#))

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 865 3516 0570 Passcode: 702460

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 12

10:00 a.m. Healing Prayer Team Meeting on Zoom

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

6:00 p.m. Men's Group on Zoom (contact: [Bill Yeck](#))

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 812 7665 5611 Password: 702450

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Ludtke Hall

Thursday, Nov 13

"The Pulse" is emailed

3:00 p.m. Cleaning company

6:30 p.m. SWIC Meeting on Zoom

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

This information may also be found on the church [calendar](#).

PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK**For Healing and Intercession**

Scott J., Tom & Sharon M., Tina B., Judy M., Betsy B., Julia R., Drew P., John E., Carol K., Philip D., Willow, Shirley, Mark D., Deacon Steve, Stacy J., Linda B. We also include all those being prayed for by the Daughters of the King.

**For Repose of the Soul**

The Rev. Deacon Debbie Harrington

For Our Search Committee

We pray especially for our Search Committee that they will be unified together with love, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit, receiving guidance and wisdom from God and the courage to act where God leads, and that they may undertake this work with joy.

We pray for our parish during this time of our search for a new Priest, that we may show forth patience and trust for those chosen to lead the process.

**CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

Prayer requests may be emailed to:

prayer@stcharlesepiscopal.org

For prayers from the Daughters of the King,
send prayer requests to: scecdok@gmail.com

***All are welcome here!
You are loved - no exceptions!***

St. Charles Episcopal Church is part of the Diocese of Chicago, the Episcopal Church of the USA, and the international Anglican Communion. We are listed as an Affirming Church on gaychurch.org



*Pulse submissions are due to the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday.
All submissions are subject to editing.*

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