

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. **Reject Racism.**
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



Saint John's Journal

March 23, 2025

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Soup Luncheon

Join us today for our Soup Luncheon during coffee hour. There will be a

variety of soups, plus rolls/breads and muffin choices.

Second Saturday Bible Study Potluck

The Second Saturday Bible Study Potluck will resume on April 12 at 5:30 p.m., at the home of Richard and Christine Johnston. 3280 Johnson Ct. S.W. Grandville, MI 49418. Please bring a

dish to pass. Bill Newsom will lead us in the study of Philippians Chapter 1 versus 1-10. For more information call Christine at 616-534-7587. We look forward to seeing you then!

Pastoral Emergency Contact

In the event of a pastoral emergency, feel free to reach out to Pat Partridge at 616-915-7171.

Meetings...

Team Leads Meeting, tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed

We are collecting donations for our Easter Egg Hunt. Here at St. John's we do Easter Egg Hunts differently. Today (the start of Lent) the kiddos "buried" the Alleluia word by putting papers with "Alleluia" on them into the plastic Easter Eggs. They are not allowed to say that word all through Lent. Then on Easter Sunday (after the service) we will have an Easter

Egg Hunt. They will find the plastic eggs around the church grounds, open them, yell "Alleluia" and exchange that "Alleluia" paper for an Easter treat/trinket.

So, we are asking for Easter egg treat/trinket donations. They don't have to fit in plastic eggs. Any candy, pencils, stickers, etc. you think a kiddo might love would be greatly appreciated.

ed. There is a basket in the Kid Section of Fellowship Hall to collect donations.

Thank you so much for your continued support for our kiddos at St. John's. Please reach out to: education@stjohnsuccgr.org with any questions.

Holy Week Schedule

April 13: 10 a.m. Palm Sunday
Wave your palms and join us as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

April 17: Maundy Thursday—Living Last Supper

A powerful portrayal of the Last Supper, brining Da Vinci's iconic scene to life with live actors and narration.

April 20 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday
celebrate resurrection and renewal with an uplifting Easter service, followed by food and fellowship

April 20 after worship: Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Flower Donations



Again this year the Worship Team is asking everyone to help beautify the chancel for our Easter celebration--and our grounds for the coming years. Teaming up with our dedicated gardeners, we are suggesting that people bring potted spring flowers like tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, that grow from bulbs, to place on and around the altar Easter morning.

After the service, you have your choice to take your flowers home, or leave them at the church for the garden group to care for until the bulbs can be planted on the grounds, so that next year we can again enjoy your gift of flowers.

Just imagine how beautiful our grounds would be after a few years of adding Easter blooms to our already lovely gardens. Please consider being a part of this beautification project.

**Lectionary
Reading for Next Week
March 30, 2025**

Josh 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Cor 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Tuesday 8:00—1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00—2:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00—2:00 p.m..
Friday 8:00—2:00 p.m.
You may email Sally at:
office@stjohnsuccgr.org
or call 453-2497.
The church office will be closed on March 25, 27 and 28.
The office will be open on March 26.



Prayers of thanks for Alicia’s sister, Lexi’s birthday.

Prayers of joy for hearing the bell choir.

Prayers for Anna and Judy who recently fell and are recovering.

Prayer of joy for the St. Patrick’s Day parade and Judy’s friend who plays the bagpipes.

Prayers of joy for the family that Lindsey works with who is loving and accepting and fostering a young man.

Prayers of joy for Sue’s grandson who did well in the state swimming finals.

Prayers of joy for Dave’s continued recovery and a good doctor’s report.



Friends Discussion Group

Friends meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book is: "Tomorrow Will Be Different, Love, Loss and the Fight for Trans Equality" by Sarah McBride. Any new joiners are welcome always!!!
For questions, please contact Barb Huitema 616-438-1336

Choir rehearsals
Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir
7:30 p.m.



Serving on Sundays

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Coffee Hour
March 23	To be announced	Becky Tiedt	Soups On Pat and etc.
March 30	To be announced	Bren Tooley	Stacy and Makenzie

Mission Outreach Touches
This Month: 2,167 Year to Date: 54,707 Since Inception 365,586

2024-2025 Education Schedule

Date	Nursery	WC1 WC1 Floater	WC2	Bridge	Floater
March 23	Betsy	Lindsey Chloe or Casey	Tarah	Makenzie	Dan/Mia
March 30	Pam	Lisa Chloe	Tarah	Makenzie	Jen

Pulpit Schedule

March 23 Barb Huitema
March 30 Jeffrey Dick

Save the Date!

The Annual Church Camp Out is scheduled for July 12 and 13!

Bearing Good Fruit

Luke 13:1-9

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TOLD	TREE	DIG	FIND	DOWN
YEARS	USE	PLANTED	CUT	ALONE

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Neither do we.**

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