



# Saint John's Journal

July 20, 2025

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

## Hymn Sing

On Sunday, August 3, we invite you to participate in our annual Summer Hymn Sing. If you have a favorite hymn or worship song that you would like to have included, please email Joel Gary

by July 20. Hymns, Songs or Carols can come from any hymnal. We had a tremendous response last year and look forward to enjoying a wide variety of hymns again this year!

## Pastoral Emergency Contact

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

## Thank You!

I sincerely want to thank my St. John's family for all of the cards, texts, emails and phone calls during my recovery from

surgery. I felt your love and care during this time. You all mean so much to Stu and I!  
Pat Partridge

## Meetings...

**Council Meeting**, Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom  
**Team Leads Meeting**, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

## Mobile Food Pantry

The next Feeding America West Michigan Mobile Food Pantry sponsored by St. John's in partnership with Sudanese Grace Episcopal Church will take place on August 6, 2025, at 1550 Oswego NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504. Volunteers will gather at 5:00pm., distribution will begin at 6:00pm. Last month, we distributed food to 91 households, 280 individuals, 95 children, 62 seniors and 6 veterans. A total of

27 amazing team members showed up to make a difference. With lower numbers of clients in attendance to receive food boxes, we were able to share a generous amount of fruit and vegetables with UCOM delivered by Richard Johnston, Jeffrey Dick, and Laura Sue Roede. We remain an equal opportunity provider. For more information about the Mobile Food Pantry, feel free to call Teresa Markoski @ 616-690-4566 or email at tmarko-

ski@2004@yahoo.com. Financial support is always welcome by donating in the church app, or by writing a personal check that can be placed in the church collection basket. The mailing address for St. John's is 1934 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504. Together, we serve.

**Lectionary Reading for Next Week**  
**July 27, 2025**

Col. 2:6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-13



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.

Mission Outreach Touches
This Month: 600 Year to Date: 58,288 Since Inception 369,107



Prayers for Diana who is having surgery on Thursday.  
 Prayers for Ellen's friend, Laura, who was diagnosed with diabetes.  
 Prayers for Ellen's friend, Lynn, who broke her hip and is in physical therapy.  
 Prayers for Ellen's Aunt Janine, who is recovering from an infection.  
 Prayer for Susan's sister, Mary, who is in the E.R.  
 Prayers for Chloe and the group she's with on a mission trip in Colorado.  
 Prayers for Christine's daughter and her family who lost their family dog.  
 Prayers of thanksgiving for all who helped with VBS, especially Tarah and Lisa.  
 Prayers of thanksgiving for our incoming confirmands who spent time preparing for VBS and helped at VBS.  
 Prayers of joy for Calvin's 17th birthday.  
 Prayers of concern for the withholding of 30% of the literacy center's budget by the federal government.  
 Prayers of joy for the camping weekend and service and for Heidi organizing it.  
 Prayers of concerns for wasps.  
 Prayers of concern that Wilder's foot that fell asleep.  
 Prayers of joy for Diana convincing Stacey to sign up for VA benefits.  
 Prayers of joy for our multigenerational community and a safe place for people to be themselves.  
 Prayers for Becky who is having surgery on her foot this week.



## Friends Discussion Group

Dear Friends, We finished our discussion on our book last night. "The Beautiful Madness of Martin Bonham" by Robert Hudson, it was a wonderful thoughtful

book. Highly recommend it for your summer reading. We are going to take some time off for the summer and will start meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM. We will be reading and discussing,

"Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott and then "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henry Nouren. Just so you can plan ahead and find them both. Again everyone is welcome and we also welcome your book suggestions. Enjoy the warm weather!!! Barb

### Sincere Thanks

My sincere thanks for the calls, texts, flowers and cards. Your thoughtfulness truly brightened each day! I truly appreciate all of the support from St. John's as I navigate through all of this! I am truly blessed to work for such a wonderful group of families. Thank you again! Sally Oracz

### Serving on Sundays

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Coffee Hour
July 20	Judy Merrills	Frank VanPelt	Lindsey Kremer
July 27	Open	Donna Proulx	Christine and Richard

### Pulpit Schedule

July 20 Jeffrey Dick  
 July 27 Barb Huitema

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# Mary & Martha

Luke 10:38-42

## Word Search

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.



**Jesus didn't reject people.  
Neither do we.**

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