

AUGUST 16, 2026

The Crossbeam

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS



Sunday, August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year A

IN ISAIAH WE HEAR THAT GOD'S HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE AND THAT GOD WILL GATHER THE OUTCASTS OF ISRAEL. THE CANAANITE WOMAN IN TODAY'S GOSPEL IS A GENTILE, AN OUTSIDER, WHO IS UNFLINCHING IN HER REQUEST THAT JESUS HEAL HER DAUGHTER. AS JESUS COMMENDS HER BOLD FAITH, HOW MIGHT OUR CHURCH EXTEND ITS MISSION TO THOSE ON THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY? IN OUR GATHERING AROUND WORD AND MEAL WE RECEIVE STRENGTH TO BE SIGNS OF COMFORT, HEALING, AND JUSTICE FOR THOSE IN NEED.



From the Pastor's Desk

FROM MY SERMON...

"GOD ASKS US: WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHEREVER WE HAVE FLED, FROM WHATEVER WE ARE HIDING, GOD WANTS TO KNOW: WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WE ARE FREE TO POUR OUT OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD WHO LOVES US AND KNOWS EVERYTHING REGARDLESS. GO AHEAD: GIVE A LITANY OF LAMENT, SING A PSALM OF SUFFERING, SHOUT A CRY OF UTTER DISMAY. THE WORK IS HARD. THE RESULTS ABYSMAL. THE PEOPLE YOU SENT US TO ARE STIFF-NECKED AND STUBBORN. THE POWERS WE FACE CRUEL AND STRONG. THE WEAK ARE TRAMPLED UPON AND THE RICH GET RICHER. EVERY DAY THE NEWS SEEMS GRIM. WE ARE OUTNUMBERED AND AFRAID. WHY NOT JUST END THINGS RIGHT HERE, IN THE WILDERNESS, UNDER A BUSH OR ON THIS MOUNTAIN, IN THE DARK, DAMP, DESOLATE CAVE?

GOD RESPONDS TO US: GET UP. I AM HERE. I AM WITH YOU. ALWAYS. GO." JILL DUFFIELD, REFLECTING ON THE DESPERATE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FLEEING ELIJAH IN 1 KINGS 19, IN "LOOKING INTO THE LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 23, 2019," EMAIL FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.

PASTOR V. S



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

10A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY AUGUST 15 @ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE- PREACHING
KEN KLOPFER- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY AUGUST 16 @ 10AM
MEGAN MARRANO- PREACHING
PASTOR DEAN HUNNESHAGEN- PRESIDE
ADAM WOLFF- ASSISTING MINISTER
NANACY KESSLER- ASSISITNG
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST:
SONI SCHNITZER
DEB FOX

PASTOR AWAY

PASTOR VALERIE WILL BE AWAY FROM MONDAY AUGUST 10TH
THRU MONDAY AUGUST 24TH.
IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT
PASTOR DEAN HUNNESHAGEN
716-440-7739 CELL
716-662-6037



**OCTOBER 3RD
BURCHFEST**

**OCTOBER 15TH
PENNY SALE**

BURCHFEST '26

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BURCHFEST 2026!

BURCHFEST IS BACK, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026, ST. JOHN'S WILL WELCOME HUNDREDS OF SHOPPERS, ARTISANS, AND VENDORS FOR OUR ANNUAL BURCHFEST – FALL INTO THE ARTS! THIS COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, YOUTH (COUNTS TOWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE), AND FRIENDS TO HELP WITH TASKS SUCH AS:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SET UP TABLES
LABEL VENDOR SPACES
VENDOR SET-UP AND CHECK-IN
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE
HOSPITALITY FOR VENDORS
GENERAL EVENT SUPPORT
GARBAGE PICK UP
SECURITY
CLEAN-UP AT THE END OF THE DAY

WHETHER YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS OR THE ENTIRE EVENT, YOUR TIME AND TALENTS WILL MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE. BURCHFEST RUNS FROM 10AM TO 2PM. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT FROM 8AM TO 3PM.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY AT 716-208-9043 (TEXT OR VOICEMAIL) OR SIGN UP AT CHURCH.

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF THE BURCHFEST TEAM!

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK—AND TOGETHER WE'LL MAKE BURCHFEST
ANOTHER WONDERFUL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!**

THIS WEEK 8/16 - 8/22

TODAY:

10 A.M. WORSHIP
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

12 P.M. TAI-CHI
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP
6 P.M. PARKINSON'S GROUP
6 P.M. THEATER GROUP

THURSDAY:

12 P.M. NA
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
5 P.M. WORSHIP

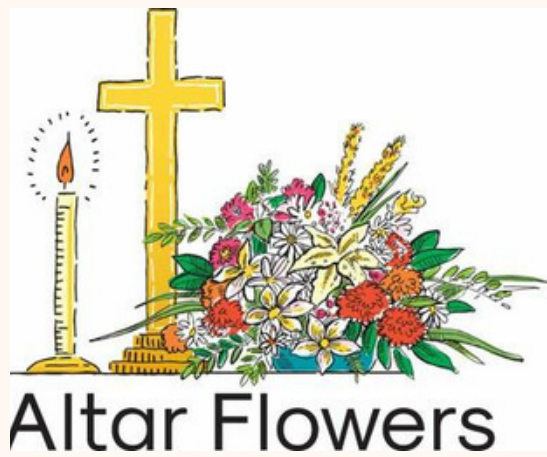
AGAPE MEAL DATES:

SEPTEMBER 6TH

OCTOBER 4TH

NOVEMBER 1ST

DECEMBER 6TH



IN MEMORY OF MILES KANE

BY KRISTEN HOCHULSKI

IN MEMORY OF LINDA WILL

BY BRIAN WILL

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

WHILE WE REALIZE A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUMMER WEATHER TO TAKE A VACATION; HOWEVER OUR BILLS COME IN RAIN OR SHINE. WE ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING IN THE NEGATIVE SO PLEASE KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING IN!

LUTHERAN CHARITIES BISONS NIGHT

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$15

TICKETS WITH DISCOUNTED CONCESSIONS \$25

(INCLUDES 1 HOT DOG AND SMALL SODA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST @6:35PM

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED TOGETHER TO SIT TOGETHER

TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED.

PICK UP AFTER 5PM TO THE RIGHT OF THE SWAN STREET

ENTRANCE TO THE BALLPARK

FORMS ON COUNTER FOR THOSE INTERESTED



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S NEWEST CORNER. EVERY WEEK WE WILL HIGHLIGHT A DIFFERENT MEMEBER OF THE CONGREGATION. SEND TO THE OFFICE A SHORT BLURB ON WHAT MAKES YOUR LIGHT SHINE ALONG WITH A PICTURE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON HERE. LET'S SEE MAKES YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

HI! I'M **KRISTEN HOCHULSKI**, THE NEWEST MEMBER TO ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL. WHAT MAKES MY LIGHT SHINE? SPENDING TIME WITH MY NIECES, 3 AND 1, AND MY GIRL SCOUT TROOP, TROOP 33227 SECOND YEAR DAISIES IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED. ALSO, MY PARTNER AND I FOSTER HOSPICE DOGS THAT DESERVE TO SPEND THE LAST OF THEIR DAYS IN COMFORT RATHER THAN A NOISY SHELTER.

THIS IS TANK, OUR NEWEST FOSTER.



PRAYERS NEEDED

PLEASE KEEP ISABEL STUDER AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS AS SHE IS AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. SHE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT JULY 7TH. ISABEL IS MAKING SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS. SHE HAS HAD HER BREATHING TUBE REMOVED AND IS BREATHING WELL ON HER OWN. SHE DID HAVE A CT SCAN WHICH REVEALED FLUID ON HER BRAIN WHICH THEY WANT TO LOOK AT DEEPER BECAUSE IT SHOULDN'T BE THERE. SO THEY SCHEDULED HER FOR A MRI. HOPEFULLY ITS NOTHING TOO BAD, BUT EVERYTHING IT COULD BE CAN BE FIXED SO ACCORDING TO THE NEUROLOGIST THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND THEM A CARD:

181 BARNSDALE AVENUE
WEST SENECA NY 14224

ITEMS NEEDED

ST. JOHN'S WILL BE HOSTING A TABLE AT BURCHFEST. THIS TABLE WILL CONSIST OF GARAGE SALE TYPE ITEMS TO SELL. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE WE ARE ACCEPTING ITEMS.

PLEASE NO CLOTHING!!!

LOOKING FOR NICE ITEMS.

ANY DONATIONS CAN BE PLACE ON THE BENCH IN THE SCHOOL HALL. ANYTHING NOT SOLD AT BURCHFEST WILL BE DONATED TOWARDS THE PENNY SALE.

PLEASE HAVE ANY ITEMS IN BY SEPTEMBER 20TH