

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 3/19

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00am - Intergenerational Lent Project (Williams Hall)
10:00am - Holy Eucharist* (& Sanctuary)
11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
3:00pm - Youth Group (Activity Room)
5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 3/20

8:00am - Morning Prayer*
12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
6:00pm - Make a Joyful Noise (Bell Zone)

Tuesday, 3/21

10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Waring Room)
10:00am - St. Martha's Guild (Williams Hall)
1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
1:00pm - Pastoral Care Committee (Waring Room)
6:30pm - Vestry (McNab Room)
8:00pm - Compline*

Wednesday, 3/22

10:00am - Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)
12:00pm - Holy Eucharist* (and Chapel)
6:30pm - Endowment Committee+

Thursday, 3/23

8:00am - Morning Prayer*
10:00am - Love Knots (Williams Hall)
1:00pm - Women Journeying Together (Activity Rm.)

Friday, 3/24

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
5:00pm - Evening Prayer*
5:00pm - Meditation (Williams Hall)

Saturday, 3/25

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
3:00pm - ACA (McNab Room)
7:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
8:00pm - Compline*

Sunday, 3/26

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00am - Intergenerational Lent Project (Williams Hall)
10:00am - Holy Eucharist* (& Sanctuary)
11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
3:00pm - Youth Group (Activity Room)
5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
6:00pm - Harmony Diversity Choir Rehearsal (Wms Hall)

*Facebook Live

+Zoom

Our Daily Prayers



Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Ian Alsgaard, James Robinson, Phil Robinson, Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Jim & Sue R., Beth Porreca, Anita, Doug, Vincent, Janeene Brady, Kristi, Arra, Penny, Ashlee, Betty Jones, Scott, Pam M., the Michigan State University Community, the Chouinard/Kempsell family, Jay's family, Betty Kirkley, Mark Anderson, Frank Hudson, Katie Pelch, and Jeff.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week ... 20-Gail & Thomas Hoffman

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week ... 20-Pat Roush, 22-Mary Hart,

23-Abby Germain, 24-Katarina Dasbach, 25-Jane Scott
Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Dioceses of Eastern & Western Michigan;

PRAY for Trinity, West Branch - Luke Stefanovsky, Sr. Warden; Church of the Epiphany, South Haven - Jim Steen, Interim Rector; St. John's, Mt. Pleasant - Diane Stier, Rector

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Online Calendar: Click on the "Calendar" link at top right of our website & explore in a dynamic monthly or weekly format. Click on an entry and, if info is available, a brief description will share more about that ministry or event. Keep tabs on all going on at St. John's and share those happenings with others!

Pastoral Care

Do you know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit from our clergy or lay visitors?

... who is a patient in one of our area hospitals?

... who should be added to our prayer list?

With their permission, please contact our church office and pass this information along to us so that we may respond appropriately. It's always better to get a message more than once than not at all! In the case of a pastoral emergency outside of office hours, please contact: **The Rev. Jim Harrison 810-516-2159 (cell).** *These parishioners serve St. John's through our Pastoral Care ministry. St. John's is grateful for their time and love of neighbor.*

Charles Bash
Faye Ebach

Bob Estabrook
Jan Marcou

Roni Rogers
Pat Roush

Contact the church office
989-631-2260 / office@sjec-midland.org

- To add someone to the prayer list
- Request receipt of the weekly Worship++ email
- Request receipt of the monthly Epistle

We appreciate your ongoing support!

St. John's depends on the generosity of our friends and members. Please consider making a gift today. Visit tinyurl.com/Give2SJEC, mail your check to the church or place it in the drop box outside the office entrance.

Next Sunday's Readings - March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

Psalms 130

John 11:1-45

Spend a bit of time this week looking at next Sunday's readings. It's a great way to prepare for worship and build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.

"Preparing for Sunday" on our website:

www.sjec-midland.org/devotional-resources

provides scripture passages, reflection and prayer resources for each week.



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Each week in Lent, an Intergenerational (all ages) art project/Bible study will be offered at 9am in Williams Hall. There are 6 small art projects, 1 for each of our weekly scriptures. We will also create a Wonder Wall together. These experiences are meant to help us go deeper in faith. All supplies will be provided and will be appropriate for all ages. This is a time for us to explore the questions of our faith.

TODAY - Who sinned?

March 26 - Can these bones live?

April 2 - Where are you headed?

Contact Missy Harrison (missy@sjec-midland.org) for more information.

Saturday, March 11, Dave Whisler and 7 volunteers from the Midland Open Door traveled to St. Andrews Church in Flint. We prepared a warm lunch of ham, mashed potatoes and salads, serving 70 people. The volunteers handed out clothing, socks and bags of shampoo, soap, and other personal care items. We enjoy a warm partnership with the Midland Open Door and continue to receive clothing and food for our friends in Flint.



SAMS Pantry is always in need of...

- Cake mixes
- Frosting
- Snacks

Items can be placed in the bin in the Narthex.
THANK YOU!



Sign up for the Maundy Thursday (April 6) / Good Friday (April 7) overnight vigil here: [Click to Sign Up](#) or point your phone's camera here →



St. Martha's Guild invites us to celebrate **Random Acts of Kindness Month**.

Gathering baskets will be placed around the baptismal font labeled with various ministries. Our goal is to fill those baskets to overflowing. Ministries include:

- * SAMS Pantry (non perishable food & kitchen items)
- * Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry (stamped, blank note cards)
- * St. Andrews Clothing Closet (new socks)
- * Windover School (new hats, gloves & socks)

random
act of kindness

Easter Flowers - Forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Submit your donation and dedication to the parish office **by April 3**.



Loaves & Fishes - St. John's Fellowship Dinner Groups - RETURNS!

For more info and to sign up, see the sheets posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall. **Sign up by April 2 and bon appétit!** Contact Bob Stoney with any questions (989-835-2494)

SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR!
For more info and to sign up, see the sheets posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall. FYI... if a week is not claimed there will be **NO TREATS!**



RIP MEDICAL DEBT

We're at it again! Midland Area Interfaith Friends and St. John's Episcopal Church invite you to join us in this important collaboration in the service of others. We are teaming up with **RIP Medical Debt** again to wipe out up to \$4,000,000.00 of outstanding medical debt in Mid-Michigan and beyond. St. John's will match up to \$20,000.00 in donations. Thanks to this match, your tax-deductible contribution of \$1 abolishes \$200 of debt, which is an amazing "bang for your buck!" [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

or point your phone's camera here →





seeking in the sanctuary

Look around the sanctuary; do you see the Bible? Is there one near you? Is there one near the pulpit? The Bible is an important way for us to remember what God is saying to us. **Draw a picture of a Bible that you see!**



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seeking: Who sinned?

4th Sunday in Lent | Year A

MAIN IDEA: There aren't always answers to our questions.

SCRIPTURE SUMMARY

John 9:1-41

The disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned to make this man blind?" Jesus replied, "That's the wrong question to ask. This man isn't blind because of sin at all." Then Jesus took some mud, put it on the man's eyes and he was able to see.



"Son, Rise"

by T. Denise Anderson, inspired by today's gospel text, John 9:1-7



seeking in images

flip to the cover
artwork & take
a closer look!

Are there things that are hard for you to believe?

Do you think every question has an answer? Can you think of a question that doesn't have an answer?

What story do you imagine is taking place in this picture?



mud

The Seeking logo was designed by Lauren Wright Pittman. Do you see the drop of mud? In the text for today, Jesus rubs mud on the blind man's eyes. **Color the mud in the graphic above.**



seeking in the scripture

These are some of the words from today's gospel text, John 9:1-41.
Color the words below when you hear them in the service.

believe RECEIVED
Jesus called ONE
born listen World
made SINNER open
blind thing already
asked heard SAID
know answer

The text today tells of a miracle. It was not possible.

Draw a picture of something impossible in the box below.

