

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 5/3

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Exploring Sacred Imagination (Williams Hall)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
 2:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Spring Concert (Sanctuary)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:30pm – Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 5/4

8:00am – St. John's Men's Breakfast (Big Boy)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)

Tuesday, 5/5

9:00am – Building & Grounds Committee (McNab Room)
 10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)

Wednesday, 5/6

10:30am – Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)

12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

5:30pm – Tai Chi (Williams Hall)

Thursday, 5/7

1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

6:00pm – Preschool Board Meeting (McNab Room)

Friday, 5/8

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

4:00pm – CMU Graduate String Quartet (Sanctuary)

6:00pm – Community Game Night (Williams Hall)

Saturday, 5/9

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 5/10

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

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5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Point your smartphone's camera here to view these announcements electronically



Online Calendar: Click on the "Events" 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!

Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers...



Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Char Bakeman, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne (Denée Koonce's mom), Charlene Adams, Phillip, Julie, Dennis, Mike, Ron & Pat, Betty, Steve Jacqmain, Vicki Leigeb, Duane, Linda & Dan, Wendy Thompson & the family of Bronda Smeltzer, and Shelby.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... none

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 4-Alissa Anderson, 5-Jeanne Black, Chris Lauckner, 7-Deb Blackhurst, 8-Brandon Angell, Alicia Watt

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. John's, Otter Lake - Ministry Team: Rev. Dcn. Joanne St. Pierre; St. Mary's Church, Cadillac - Radha Michel-Trapaga, Rector

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Church of North India (United)

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who have received Pastoral Care training are available all year for friendly visits. Members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound may request a visit from our team to receive communion, a comforting prayer shawl or a pocket cross.

Team members include:

The Rev. Alissa Anderson and parishioners

Chris Esquivel

Jan Marcou

Pat Roush

Dave Schafer

Chris Schuster

Fred Schuster

Michelle Spencer

*Call the parish office (989-631-2260) with a pastoral care request. In the case of a pastoral emergency outside office hours, please contact **The Rev. Alissa Anderson at 616-540-9102 (cell).***

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
- To update your membership directory info

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, place it in the drop box outside the office entrance, or point your smartphone's camera here:



**Next Sunday's Readings – May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22
Psalm 66:7-18 John 14:15-21**

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

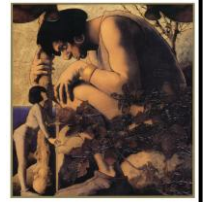
The Episcopal Church provides a Lectionary Calendar with links to all the upcoming and past readings:
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary/>

**Wednesday Noon in the Chapel – May 6, 2026
Holy Eucharist**

**Commemoration – George of Lydda
Joshua 1:7-9 Revelation 12:7-12
Psalm 3 John 15:18-21**

Exploring Sacred Imagination: May 2026

This short spring formation series exploring how stories shape the way we understand God, ourselves, and the world around us, began today with an exploration of Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant*. If you missed it, be sure to join us in Williams Hall at 9 AM next Sunday when we'll be exploring Teresa Kim Pecinovskyy's *Mother God*.



Calling all Grads!! – Preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, trade school, college, grad school, medical school... we want to celebrate **ALL GRADS!!**

Send a photo and information (name, graduating from, what's next) to Ellen in the parish office (office@sjec-midland.org) **BY TOMORROW**. We will honor all grads in worship on Sunday, May 10.

How to Connect with Mo. Alissa



Schedule a time via Calendly:
<https://calendly.com/sjec-rector>.



There will be no Drop in Coffee Shop Office Hours Thurs., May 7 & May 14, as Mo. Alissa will be out of the office. For the rest of May, you'll be able to find her at Live Oak Midtown (711 Ashman St.)

For St. John's annual Mother's Day

Giving this year, four Midland agencies who help mothers and children have been contacted. Their needs are many and varied. New this year is the opportunity to donate to the mother's personal needs. We also have a unique opportunity to help Shelterhouse build a supply of outdoor toys for young children. A table has been set up in Williams Hall where you can find a list of items needed and leave your donations **by Mother's Day, May 10**. All items will be distributed to the local organizations the following week.



Church Garden Boxes AVAILABLE NOW!!

Sign up for a garden box for the 2026 season. Forms are available on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall. A *blessing of the boxes* will be held on **Sunday, May 17**, after the 10 AM service.



St. John's will be hosting an in-person **Safe Church** training session on **Wednesday, May 20, at 1 PM** in Williams Hall. If you are unable to attend and still need to complete the training for volunteering at St. John's, please reach out to Linda Germain (linda@sjec-midland.org) for alternate options.



The **Stratus Quartet** from Central Michigan University will be performing the "*American*" String Quartet No. 12 by Antonin Dvořák on **Friday, May 8, at 4 PM** in the Sanctuary at St. John's Episcopal Church. **All are Welcome!**



Mo. Alissa will be out of the office for much of the next 2 weeks: May 4-8 she will be on personal leave at home, and May 12-14 she will be at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt for the annual diocesan

clergy conference. She will be largely unavailable by phone or email during these times but looks forward to catching up on correspondence the week of the 18th. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Calling all St. John's Men Monday, May 4, 8:00 AM!!
Join us for food and fellowship at the Big Boy Restaurant at 1513 S. Saginaw Rd.

The Sound of Dreams
Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2 PM
St. John's Episcopal Church
405 N. Saginaw Rd. Midland, MI
Free Admission - Donations Welcome
Dessert Reception to Follow Concert

I am the way,
the truth,
and the life.



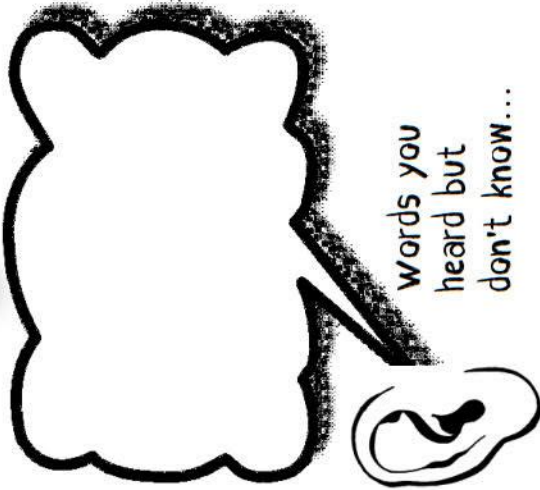
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Date: _____

Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

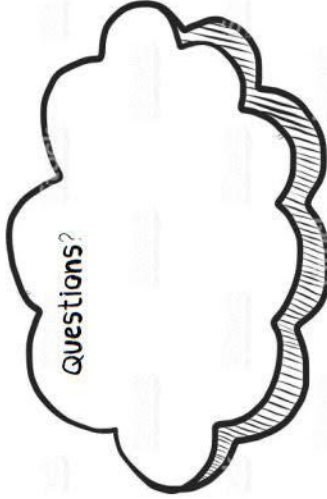


Favorite song today was:

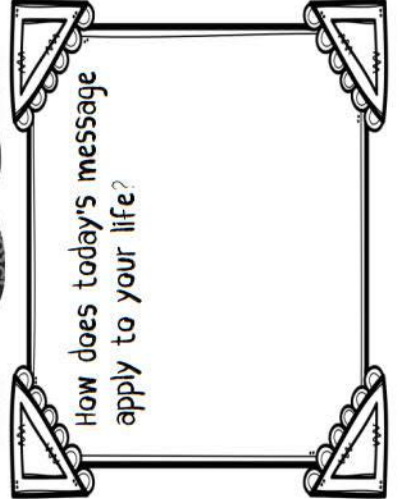


Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



The most important thing you learned was:

