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Making the Decision to Share the Gift

"Share the gift."

That's what Fr. Daniel said when I asked what the first priority should be for our St. John's office staff. Our parish family has some great gifts to offer! Beautiful music, a growing children's program, reverent Sunday services and relevant outreach only begin to tell our story. But how do we *share* these gifts? As Episcopalians we tend to thrive in theory and philosophy, but this time, contrary to our nature, I think we need to embrace the literal by sharing our gifts.

How do we share the gift? We refuse to act alone.

When we come to a church event, we can also bring a friend or talk it up to our families and friends. When someone has a question, we bring it to a group... and follow up!

We share pictures on [Facebook](#). We share videos on [YouTube](#). Do you know someone who might be interested in one of the articles this month? Share a link! When someone is missing, we tell them they are missed. When someone makes an effort, we tell them they are appreciated.

Over these next few months I encourage you to look for concrete ways to share with others the gifts you receive at St. John's. (*In the coming months you'll see some exciting improvements to our website, emails, and other communications as part of our office's efforts to rise to the occasion and reach out in new and concrete ways.*) Please join us and make a conscious, prayerful effort to... you guessed it... share the gift!

Faithfully,

Amy Simons,
Communications Coordinator



Amy Simons

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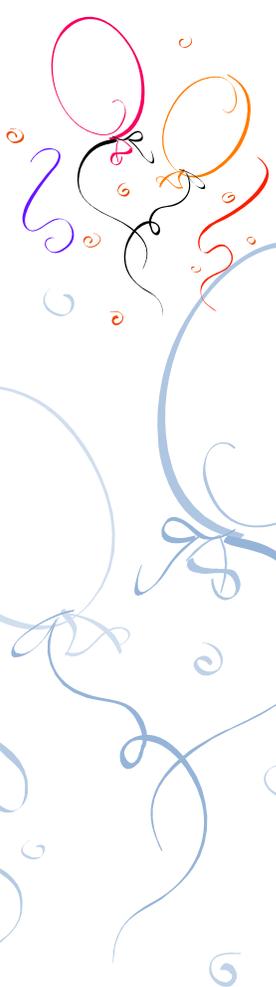
Happy Birthday!

- 1 David Corcoran
- 2 Tom Donaghy
- 3 Carrie Barshaw
- 4 Dorothy Henry
- 5 Susan Beckley
- 5 James Newkirk
- 6 Chuck Stuart
- 7 Sonni Magyar
- 11 Kathie Smith
- 15 Richard Marquardt
- 16 Leon Koeplinger
- 19 Stephanie Peters
- 21 Nancy Wilson
- 22 Helen Needham
- 24 Michael Rump
- 25 Shamil Johnson
- 28 Susan Beckley
- 28 Kaylee Cittel
- 29 Betty Grills
- 31 Barbara Roberts

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Marcia & Dan Hoffman
- 10 Clara & Bill Vlassis
- 11 Carrie & Todd Barshaw
- 13 Marcie & David Winters
- 17 Jan & Jerry Young
- 17 Kathi & Herb Spence III
- 18 Sue & Jack Luxton
- 21 Lorraine & Ron Swarthout
- 23 Barb & Ray Ilkka

Thank You



Thank you to everyone who helped with Kitchen Clean-Up 2012 including: **Sue Luxton, Sue & Richard Marquardt, Al & Jane Vondrasek, Sharon Kaylor, Jan Finn, Nancy Birdsall, Pam Renna, and Marcia Hoffman.**

Thank you to everyone to helped with the bereavement dinners for Pat Mueller and Eleanor McLaughlin including: **Sharon & Jennifer Kaylor, Barb Ilkka, Janis Rump, Susan & Richard Mrquardt, Tom Donaghy, Ellen Redfield, Kay Moore, Janet Cosenza, Ida Smith, and Sue & Jack Luxton.**

Thank you to those who helped make the ordinations here at St. John's possible including **Marcia Hoffman, Kevin Simons, The St. John's Choir, Jerry Young, Betsy Greenwood, Drew Christiansen, Jeremy Alexander, and Sue Luxton.**

Thanks to our youth & Sunday School teachers **Sonni Magyar** and **Kathy Humpert** for a great job on Youth Sunday! And thank you **Jim Magyar** for the wonderful pictures!

Is there someone in our parish who has gone above and beyond? If you would like to offer thanks, please call the office at 793-9575.

Good Samaritans:

Apr. 29 - May 12	Marcia Hoffman	793-8354
May 13 - Jun. 9	Janis Rump	798-3892

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NEW Service! Sunday's @ 12:15pm

Have you ever looked at a friend and thought to yourself, "These guys are Episcopalian... they just don't know it."

That's what our 3rd Sunday service is all about. Starting June 3rd, at 12:15pm, St. John's will offer a new regular Sunday service which aims to be **welcoming and accessible for newcomers** and the "unchurched."

Sometimes our traditions can be overwhelming for visitors and so our 12:15

service will be geared to take away some of the barriers that might keep people away from church. The music of the service will be our most well known hymns featured by piano and occasional guest instrumentalists. The service itself will be a warm and accessible simple Rite II Holy Eucharist, perfect for introducing a friend to our tradition. The service will begin our Summer Season with a hotdog party on June 3rd at 11:30!



Old Town Christian Outreach - 4th Saturday Work Day

Every 4th Saturday St. John's is looking for volunteers to represent our parish at the Old Town Christian Outreach center's food distribution program on Sat. from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sharon Voelker has volunteered with this organization as part of her seminary project and is organizing a group from St. John's to volunteer for this program regularly.

If you would like to be involved with this worthy ministry of feeding the hungry, please notify the office or sign up on the sheet in the community room.



Coffee w/ Fr. Daniel - A College Ministry

St. John's has been blessed with a growing number of college students in attendance over the past several years. This didn't happen by accident! Being some distance from the university and community college, it takes an intentional effort to reach out to this exciting group of people in our community! The work of our choral scholar and nursery programs offer meaningful and relevant ways for these students to "plug into" St. John's. Fr. Daniel is continuing this outreach effort with "Coffee w/ Fr. Daniel."



Each week Fr. Daniel is making himself available for some caffeine and conversation on campus at Saginaw Valley State University's Starbucks. This has created a terrific opportunity for students and faculty alike to take some time for reflection with their priest, as well as, introduce friends to the group. We're excited to see how this ministry will grow!

Annual Rummage Sale Fundraiser - June 23

Spring Cleaning that Makes a Difference! St. John's will be holding its annual Parish Rummage Sale on June 23rd. Funds raised from the sale help to maintain Outreach Programs. Suggested items to donate include:

- Clothing (spring & summer)
- Household/kitchen utensils
- Knick-knacks & decorative items
- Books
- Costume jewelry & accessories
- Shoes
- Linens
- Toys & Games
- Lamps & small appliances

Collection dates will be June 18-22



Meditate on it!

A six week introduction to **meditation as prayer** will be offered starting in May. No experience required.

A brief meeting will be held to answer any questions and select a meeting time after the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 6th.

Questions?

Call Michael Keenan at 790-8712.



Choral Evensong - May 20 @ 4:00pm

Come and join us for a very special Evensong for the Ascension. **The choir of Trinity Episcopal Church from Bay City will join the choir of St. John's.** The combined choirs will be under the direction of Robert Sabourin with Kevin Simons serving as organist. **We will also host the Saginaw Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the Evensong.** This will be the last event of the season for the AGO and your attendance will help to make the event as exciting as it can be! Come and celebrate the end of a terrific choral season!

Want to hear more from the St. John's choir? We're beginning to highlight selections of our best hymns and anthems on YouTube! (<http://www.youtube.com/user/stjohnssaginaw>)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Holy Communion 5:30pm – Altar Guild Dinner	3 7:00pm – Full Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 <i>The 5th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:00am – Full Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service	7	8	9 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Holy Communion 7:00pm – Vestry Meeting	10	11	12
13 <i>The 6th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:00am – Full Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service	14	15	16 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Holy Communion	17	18	19
20 <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:00am – Full Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service 4:00pm – Choral Evensong	21	22 7:00pm – Finance Meeting	23 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Holy Communion	24	25	26
27 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:00am – Full Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service	28 Memorial Day - Offices Closed	29	30 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Holy Communion	31		

ST. JOHN'S IS CALLED TO CARE, SHARE, WORSHIP, CELEBRATE, & LOVE.