



# THE MESSENGER



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## Celebrating Who and Where We Are...

As the heat of summer grips us here in Michigan, whenever I think to complain, I remember a summer that I spent in Germany back in the early 2000's. In Frankfurt, I met a pair of travelers from France who had backpacked all over the world. When I told them I was from Michigan, their eyes lit up and they exclaimed, "Michigan is so beautiful, isn't it!" I thought about it and they were right to be so impressed. Here in Michigan, we are truly blessed to be surrounded by some of the greatest natural beauty on earth. In the Saginaw area, the beauty of the meandering rivers and lush forests is complimented by the many vital cities and towns so close to our parish.

So this month, as we take time to enjoy Michigan's beauty, St. John's is enriching our summers with spiritually vital experiences such as worship, youth activities and volunteer opportunities.

This edition of "The Messenger" will outline ways that you can celebrate who and where we are no matter how much or little you can contribute. **With these activities and more, St. John's is a great place to bring family and friends this summer as we seek to grow spiritually in love for God and our neighbor.**



Fr. Daniel Cannon

Fr. Daniel,  
*Priest & Rector*

## Happy Birthday!

- 1 Jeff Endean
- 1 Joan Fairchild
- 3 Ida Smith
- 5 Janis Rump
- 7 Charlotte Jacqmain
- 8 Bryan Butterfield
- 11 Joshua Daugherty
- 16 Steven Jacqmain
- 18 Richard Mott
- 19 Mary Ellen Whitney
- 19 Louise Smith
- 20 Ned Wetmore
- 23 Alyse Strahm
- 24 Betty Donaghy
- 26 Paulette Stuart
- 30 Ivor Henry

## Happy Anniversary!

- 3 Connie & Tom Grantham
- 3 Kathie & Burris Smith
- 4 Sarah Daugherty & Louie Rosas
- 7 Pam & Thomas Renna
- 8 Sherrie & Randy Yeager
- 9 Myrna & Jeff Endean
- 13 Jane & Al Vondrasek
- 26 Amanda & Christopher Doyle

# Thank You

Thank you to our youth that have done such a great job serving on our Youth Sunday's including: **Emma & Samantha Barshaw, Camille Daugherty, Thorin & Xavier Magyar and Alexis & Marriana Renna!**

Thank you to **Kathryn Judd, Sallie Swanson, Marcia Hoffman** and **Amy Simons** for serving as reception hosts, greeters and clean-up crew for our Evensong for Accession Day.

Thanks to **Keith Birdsall** for continuing to edit "The Messenger" each month.

Thank you to our Flower Cheer Ministers who deliver our altar flowers each week including: **Betty Grills, Sue Marquardt, Ida Smith, Lou Smith, Joan Wendland, Ruth Samra, Janet Cosenza, Sue Luxton, Nancy Birdsall and Val McDonald.**

*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:

May 13 - Jun. 9	Janis Rump	798-3892
June 10 - June 23	Sue Marquardt	790-0656
June 24 - July 7	Janis Rump	798-3892

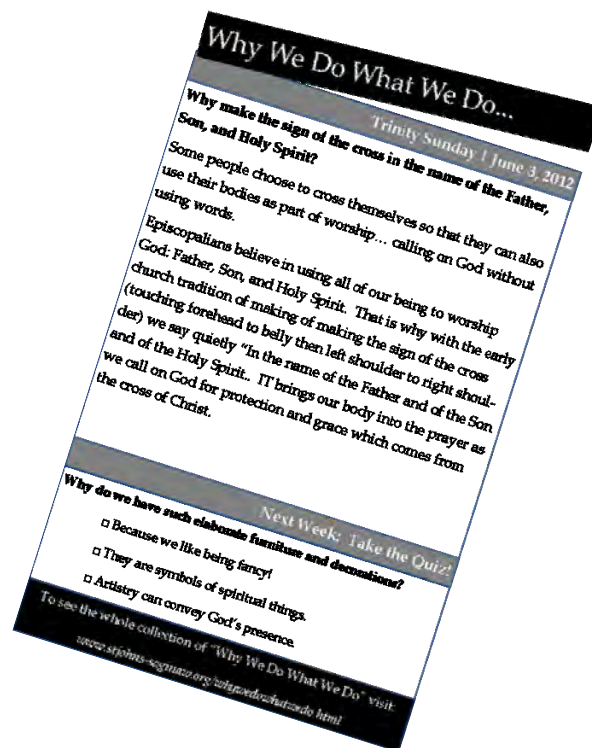
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## Why We Do What We Do

*A Summer Sermon Series*

This summer all three worship services (8am, 10:30am and 12:15pm) we will feature a series of sermons exploring the theme, "Why we do what we do." Bring a friend as we explore why we do things like make the sign of the cross, bow, kneel, wear robes and more. Want a sneak peek into next week's topic? A Sneak-Peek Quiz will be included in our weekly bulletins, on Facebook and on our website ([www.stjohns-saginaw.org/whywedowhatwedo.html](http://www.stjohns-saginaw.org/whywedowhatwedo.html)). We can all learn a little more about the habits and culture of the Episcopal Church!



## Rummage Sale Fundraiser

*Cleaning house and supporting the Lunch Bag Outreach Program!*

**June 23rd (10am to 6pm)** the Community Room will be transformed into a treasure chest of lovely things perfect for the rummage sale enthusiasts among us!

This is a great way for St. John's members to help themselves *and* the community around us! Profits from the sale will benefit our Lunch Bag Outreach Program while all unpurchased items will be donated to local charities! **We need your help to pull it off!** We need helpers who can sort and price items, staff the event and donate some good stuff, of course!

**Items will collected June 18 - 22.** Eligible items include:

- clothing (spring & summer)
- household / kitchen utensils
- knick-knacks / decorative items
- books
- costume jewelry / accessories
- shoes
- linens
- toys / games
- lamps / small appliances



For more information or to sign up to volunteer contact Lou Smith @ 989-799-5583.



## Summer Sings!

*Join a choir without the commitment of weekly rehearsals!*

Do you love to sing? Maybe just in the shower? Well, this summer we're giving you the opportunity to sing in the choir **without the commitment of weekly rehearsals!** For several Sundays during the summer months, interested singers will gather at 9:30am to have a brief warm-up and learn a piece to sing at the 10:30 service. The selections are easy. In fact, you probably already know the tunes! **No experience is necessary!** Contact Kevin Simons (ksimons23@yahoo.com) with questions. Here's the schedule:

**June 17 - Be thou my vision**

**July 1 - O day of peace**

**July 22 - Brother James' Air**

**August 5 - Bread of the World**

**August 26 - There's a wideness in God's mercy**



## Blue Jean Sunday

*Calling all green thumbs!*

Help keep St. John's looking its best! On Sunday, June 24th, put on your jeans and t-shirts for church because following the 10:30 service we'll be heading outside to spruce up the grounds! Bring your sunblock, hats and garden tools. We'll bring lunch!



## Old Town Christian Outreach

*One Saturday a month makes a big difference!*

The fourth Saturday of each month, St. John's sends a group of volunteers to assist in the soup kitchen at the Old Town Christian Outreach Center. We meet at St. John's at 9:15am, then report to the Outreach Center and work until around 1:00pm. This is a huge help to the outreach center and we represent ourselves well in the community around us. There is no ongoing commitment; simply come when you can. Consider making it a family outing for those of us with older children!



## Loons Baseball

*The fellowship of America's favorite pastime...*

This year's Loon's baseball outing is scheduled for **Sunday, July 15th, at 2:05pm**. We'll be meeting at Dow Diamond for a fun afternoon of baseball, snacks and fellowship. If you've never been to a game, Dow Diamond is a beautiful stadium with all of the snacks, souvenirs, mascots and excitement you'd expect at a professional sporting event, but with room to stretch your legs! There's even a play ground for our younger baseball fans! Tickets are \$9.00 each. To ensure that we get the best available group seats, the **deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 1st**.



## Get the T-Shirt!

*Send a message!*

Spread the word and get excited about being involved at St. John's. This summer, we have a NEW Volunteer T-Shirt available to be used as an unofficial "uniform" for some of our volunteer events. (Of course, you can still fully participate in a different shirt, but these are pretty snazzy nevertheless.) This 100% cotton shirt displays an image of St. John's with the message "Get out and Volunteer!" on the back. The front has a pocket print Episcopal Shield that says "Member."

Shirts are **\$10 each** (add \$2 for size XXL and above). **Call the parish office to place your order!**

**(989-793-9575)**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service <b>11:30am – Summer Season Launch Lunch</b> 12:15pm – Holy Eucharist	4	5	6 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist 5:30pm – Altar Guild Dinner	7	8	9
10 <i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service 12:15pm – Holy Eucharist	11 4:30pm – Meditation as Prayer	12	13 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist 7:00 – Vestry Meeting	14	15	16 10:00am – Rummage Sale Fundraiser
17 <i>The 4th Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist <b>9:00am – Summer Choir Rehearsal</b> 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service Noon – Vestry Meeting 12:15pm – Holy Eucharist	18 4:30pm – Meditation as Prayer	19	20 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	21	22	
24 <i>The 5th Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:00am – Full Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist & Children's Service <b>11:30am – Blue Jean Sunday</b> 12:15pm – Holy Eucharist	25	26 7:00pm – Finance Meeting	27 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	28	29	30
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