

The Messenger

St. John's Episcopal Church | 123 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602

www.stjohns-saginaw.org | 989-793-9575 | Care, Share, Worship, Celebrate & Love



IN THIS EDITION

Upcoming Events

- Bishop Watch Party
- CPR & AED Training
- Holidays in the Heart of the City
- Lessons & Carols
- Christmas Services

Recognition

- Rummage Sale Fundraiser
- Diocesan Convention

News

- Christmas Outreach Baskets

Parish Life

Each year as we approach Thanksgiving and the holidays, I like look back on the many blessings God has given us. St. John's has the unique gift of being right in the heart of Old Town Saginaw. We are in the middle of the area where the "Saginaw Miracle" is taking place. Crime has been dropping significantly, new apartments and shops are cropping up all around us and there is a genuine sense of vitality that is taking hold in the city. The restoring of the storefronts in Old Town reminds us of the connection between Saginaw's rich past and future. A big part of this Saginaw Miracle is the continued labor of love that so many people are performing to better their community. Neighbors helping neighbors, free concerts and film festivals that bring people together and of course people gathered in faith and prayer are all making a difference. I am grateful to the members of our church for the part played in making this miracle happen.

Another thing that I am feeling grateful for is our new baby who is due at the end of November. When we are not being overwhelmed by the thought of three kids, it is a reminder of the goodness of God, who desires that life continue, that our young be brought up in the knowledge and love of the Lord. The investment that St. John's has made in our youth programs over the years is just one small way that we have acknowledged that blessing. My hope for us is that these holidays will be a time of reflecting on the blessings that God has given us and looking for ways to be a blessing to others in Christ's name.

Peace, Fr. Daniel

UPCOMING EVENTS



Bishop Watch Party | Nov. 1 @ Noon

The Episcopal Church installs a new presiding bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, November 1st. and what better way to be part of all the pomp and circumstance than with a watch party?

Bring a dish to pass and we'll watch the service streamed **LIVE** from Washington National Cathedral!



CPR & AED Training | Nov. 4 @ 10am

Have you ever wondered what was inside that box near the stairs in the Community Room? It is a life-saving device called an automatic electronic defibrillator machine and it can mean the difference between life and death during a heart attack. Come and attend a **FREE** class that will teach us how to use our AED machine as well as the most current protocol for CPR.

Holidays in the Heart of the City | Nov. 20 @ 6:00pm

Holidays in the Heart of the City is a city wide festival filled with live music, contests, shopping, food, a visit from Santa and more. St. John's is going to let the light shine through our beautiful windows while we host the Saginaw Area Concert Band for a concert in the church and offer our first class hospitality, along with cookies and cocoa to festival goers. Sign up to usher or bake cookies.

A Visit to the Living Nativity | Dec. 6 @ 6:00pm

For the past several years St. John's has taken a trip to Bethlehem... via Immanuel Lutheran Church in Frankentrost. A walk through this living nativity has proved a powerful experience for many of our families year after year! This free event, about two hours from start to finish, begins with caroling and ends with hot cocoa. A carpool will leave from St. John's at 5:00.



Lessons & Carols | Dec. 18 @ 7:30pm

Lessons and Carols is an event not to be missed! One of the great gifts the Anglican Church has given to the world at Christmas, Lessons and Carols, is an imaginative service that tells the story of hope and salvation from creation to the birth of Jesus. Furthermore, it will feature the choir of St. John's, the Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy Choir, under the direction of our choral assistant Mr. Bradley Fergin, and leaders of our community as guest readers.



Christmas Services

There are few memories more dear than those we make with family and friends on Christmas. Talk with your family so all can make St. John's a part of their Christmas this year.

- **Christmas Eve @ 6:30pm, Family Service**
- **Christmas Eve @ 10:30pm, Musical Prelude**
- **Christmas Eve @ 11:00pm, Choral Eucharist**
- **Christmas Day @ 10:30am, Holy Eucharist**



OUTREACH

The Christmas Season is nearly here! For almost ten years, St John's has celebrated the season by delivering over 100 Christmas baskets to our neighbors in the Rosien Tower Senior Housing Center. It is a blessing for all involved!

This year we are changing the contents of the Christmas baskets and focusing on items that **cannot** be purchased with food stamps such as laundry soap, cleaning products, paper products and personal items. A complete list will be posted in the Community Room and on the Giving Tree. We will begin collecting items on **Nov 22**, pack the Baskets after Church on **Dec 20** and deliver them to Rosien Towers on Monday morning, **Dec 21**.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to be a part of this long standing and popular tradition!



IN RECOGNITION

Diocesan Convention

This year clergy, members and other leadership of St. John's represented our congregation at diocesan convention. There, we received business updates, attended ministry workshops,

congratulated Assistant to the Bishop, Barb Meikel, on her retirement and welcomed new diocesan secretary, Angela Krueger. To keep up to date with what is happening in the greater Diocese of Eastern Michigan visit www.eastmich.org or sign up to receive the beautiful diocesan annual newsletter [The Feast](#).



Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Many thanks to all who contributed items to our annual rummage sale. Special thanks to all those who gave of their time to arrange, price and sell: Alice Baldwin, Diane Carter, Janet Cosenza, Bob Gilman, Al Gissendanner, Connie & Tom Grantham, Bernie & Barb Jones, Karen Martin, Dawn & Art Penney, Jan Salinas, Ruth Samra, Amy Simons, Al & Jane Vondrasek and Jan Young.

Together we made over \$1,100 which will provide over 800 more meals to the glory of God through our Lunch Bag Ministry. *Lou Smith*

Birthdays

Nov 1 - Al Gissendanner
Nov 7 - Burris Smith
Nov 8 - Rachele Fergin
Nov 8 - Duncan Redfield
Nov 8 - Mary Slater
Nov 9 - Berney Jones
Nov 9 - Ellee Wilson
Nov 12 - Kenneth Williams
Nov 13 - Kenneth Scott
Nov 15 - Camille Daugherty
Nov 15 - Ed Majask
Nov 17 - Jean Thomas
Nov 18 - Dennis Greenwood
Nov 18 - Nicholas Rzeszutek
Nov 22 - Emerald Joiner
Nov 22 - Bill Vlassis
Nov 23 - Chrissy Cannon
Nov 23 - Dave Humpert
Nov 23 - Joanne McLeod
Nov 23 - Kevin Simons

Nov 25 - Alice Baldwin
Nov 25 - Sallie Swanson
Dec 2 - Tanya Brown
Dec 2 - Paul Ilkka
Dec 3 - Brenda Sanders
Dec 4 - Samantha Barshaw
Dec 4 - Linda Carroll
Dec 5 - Herb Spence III
Dec 8 - Ellen Redfield
Dec 8 - Jane Vondrasek
Dec 9 - Ben Donaghy
Dec 12 - Bryan Konieczka
Dec 15 - Myrna Endean
Dec 16 - Dennis Thom
Dec 19 - Heather Rzeszutek
Dec 20 - Maci Holm
Dec 21 - Jerry Lockhart
Dec 24 - Tyler Rump
Dec 30 - Emma
Baukus-Konieczka

Anniversaries

Nov 9 - Ralph & Patricia
Jackson
Nov 27 - Lucas & Rebecca
Curell
Nov 28 - Lou & Jerry Smith
Dec 16 - Jimmy & Natalie
Harrell
Dec 18 - Chris & Paul Schaub
Dec 26 - Dennis & Betsy
Greenwood
Dec 27 - Jim & Tanya Brown
Dec 29 - Dave & Heather
Rzeszutek



THE REV. DANIEL CANNON

Rector & Priest
therevcannon@stjohns-saginaw.org



THE REV. PAM RENNA

Assistant Priest & Pastoral Care
pam@stjohns-saginaw.org



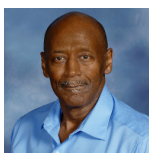
KEVIN SIMONS

Director of Music & Organist
kevin@stjohns-saginaw.org



AMY SIMONS

Church Administrator
amy@stjohns-saginaw.org



AL GISSENDANNER

Sexton

VESTRY

Barb Ilkka, bhilkka@gmail.com

Chris Schaub, chriss226@icloud.com

Lucas Curell, lcurell@gmail.com

Matt Gerhardt, matt_0706@yahoo.com

Jane Girdham, jgirdham@svsu.edu

Melanie Hollman, melaniehollman@hotmail.com

Duncan Redfield, redsailor7@yahoo.com

Ric Roberts, rrobert@svsu.edu

