

AUGUST 2, 2026

The Crossbeam

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS



Sunday, August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year A

IN TODAY'S FIRST READING GOD INVITES ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY OR THIRSTY TO RECEIVE FOOD AND DRINK WITHOUT COST. JESUS FEEDS THE HUNGRY MULTITUDE AND REVEALS THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD. AT THE EUCHARISTIC TABLE WE REMEMBER ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY OR POOR IN OUR WORLD TODAY. AS WE SHARE THE BREAD OF LIFE, WE ARE SENT FORTH TO GIVE OURSELVES AWAY AS BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY.



From the Pastor's Desk

ROMANS 9:1-5

1 I AM SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN CHRIST—I AM NOT LYING; MY CONSCIENCE CONFIRMS IT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT—2 I HAVE GREAT SORROW AND UNCEASING ANGUISH IN MY HEART. 3 FOR I COULD WISH THAT I MYSELF WERE ACCURSED AND CUT OFF FROM CHRIST FOR THE SAKE OF MY OWN BROTHERS AND SISTERS, MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD. 4 THEY ARE ISRAELITES, AND TO THEM BELONG THE ADOPTION, THE GLORY, THE COVENANTS, THE GIVING OF THE LAW, THE WORSHIP, AND THE PROMISES; 5 TO THEM BELONG THE PATRIARCHS, AND FROM THEM, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, COMES THE CHRIST, WHO IS OVER ALL, GOD BLESSED FOREVER. AMEN.

“SALESPEOPLE LOVE TO PITCH A PRODUCT OR IDEA AS THE ‘OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME.’ CHILDREN WILL IMPLORE THEIR PARENTS TO LET THEM GO TO SPAIN FOR A HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH CLUB TRIP BECAUSE IT IS A ‘ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.’ THE CHANCE TO BUY A HOUSE AT THIS PRICE IS A ... THE CHANCE TO MAKE THIS KIND OF DOUGH IN THE STOCK MARKET IS A ... THE CHANCE TO GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THIS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IS THE APOSTLE PAUL BELIEVES HIS COUNTRYMEN ARE MISSING OUT ON SOMETHING. WE ARE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST. BUT ARE WE, TOO, MISSING SOMETHING? IN WHAT WAYS HAVE WE REJECTED CHRIST OURSELVES, AND THUS ARE MISSING OUT ON A LIFE THAT HAS MEANING AND PURPOSE? IT’S THE ONLY LIFE WE’RE GOING TO HAVE. ARE WE MISSING AN OPPORTUNITY?”

HOMILETICS, AUGUST 6, 2017

PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.

PASTOR V.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

9:45A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY AUGUST 1 @ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY AUGUST 2 @ 9:45AM
RON WIRTH- USHER
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST:
SONI SCHNITZER

PRAYERS NEEDED

PLEASE KEEP ISABEL STUDER AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS
AS SHE IS AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. SHE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT
JULY 7TH AND IS CURRENTLY HEAVILY SEDATED AND
DIAGNOSED WITH A SEVERE TBI.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND THEM A CARD:

181 BARNSDALE AVENUE
WEST SENECA NY 14224



**OCTOBER 3RD
BURCHFEST**

**OCTOBER 15TH
PENNY SALE**

BURCHFEST '26

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BURCHFEST 2026!

BURCHFEST IS BACK, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026, ST. JOHN'S WILL WELCOME HUNDREDS OF SHOPPERS, ARTISANS, AND VENDORS FOR OUR ANNUAL BURCHFEST – FALL INTO THE ARTS! THIS COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, YOUTH (COUNTS TOWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE), AND FRIENDS TO HELP WITH TASKS SUCH AS:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SET UP TABLES
LABEL VENDOR SPACES
VENDOR SET-UP AND CHECK-IN
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE
HOSPITALITY FOR VENDORS
GENERAL EVENT SUPPORT
GARBAGE PICK UP
SECURITY
CLEAN-UP AT THE END OF THE DAY

WHETHER YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS OR THE ENTIRE EVENT, YOUR TIME AND TALENTS WILL MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE. BURCHFEST RUNS FROM 10AM TO 2PM. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT FROM 8AM TO 3PM.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY AT 716-208-9043 (TEXT OR VOICEMAIL) OR SIGN UP AT CHURCH.

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF THE BURCHFEST TEAM!

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK—AND TOGETHER WE'LL MAKE BURCHFEST
ANOTHER WONDERFUL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!**

THIS WEEK 8/2 - 8/8

TODAY:

10 A.M. WORSHIP
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. TAI-CHI
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP
6 P.M. THEATER GROUP

THURSDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. NA
5 P.M. ZUMBA
7 P.M. COUNCIL
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
5 P.M. WORSHIP

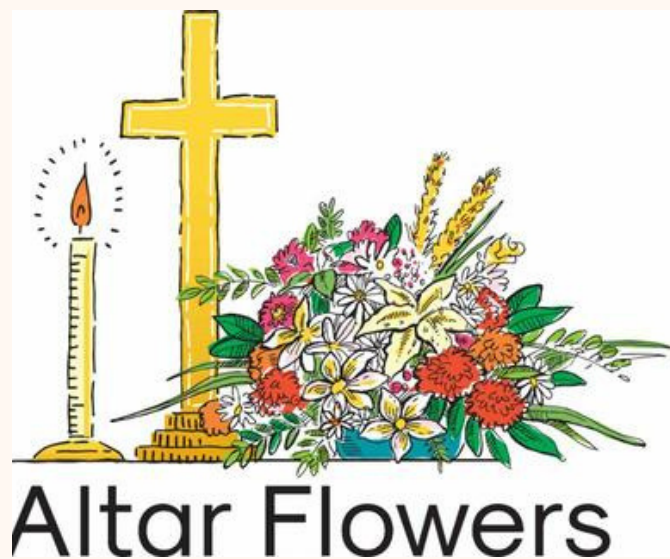
AGAPE MEAL DATES:

SEPTEMBER 6TH

OCTOBER 4TH

NOVEMBER 1ST

DECEMBER 6TH



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

WHILE WE REALIZE A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUMMER WEATHER TO TAKE A VACATION; HOWEVER OUR BILLS COME IN RAIN OR SHINE. WE ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING IN THE NEGATIVE SO PLEASE KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING IN!

MEMBERS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE CHURCH OFFICE APPRAISED OF ANY CHANGE IN PHONE, EMAIL OR ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP THE CHURCH DIRECTORY UP TO DATE.

LUTHERAN CHARITIES BISONS NIGHT

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$15

TICKETS WITH DISCOUNTED CONCESSIONS \$25

(INCLUDES 1 HOT DOG AND SMALL SODA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST @6:35PM

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED TOGETHER TO SIT TOGETHER

TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED.

PICK UP AFTER 5PM TO THE RIGHT OF THE SWAN STREET

ENTRANCE TO THE BALLPARK

FORMS ON COUNTER FOR THOSE INTERESTED