

Journey Pages

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING FOR GOD'S SAKE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

574 S. SHELDON ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

"Welcome Home"

You are welcome and
wanted here today!



Good morning and "Welcome Home" to St. John's! We are glad you are here and hope you have a great worship experience with us today.

Being a diverse and inclusive community means not sacrificing the dignity of one for the other. Perhaps now more than ever we find ourselves living in a climate of division and polarization, in both secular and religious settings, and the need for places and ways to make sustainable connections is greater than ever. We desire to live into the dream of what it means to welcome all-not necessarily those who look or think or act like us, but all who yearn for a better and more just way of being in the world united in the belief that love is always the answer.

We are intentional about welcoming those who may have been hurt or turned away from church because of who they love, skin color, finances, addiction, disability or simply because they asked too many questions. We dream of a community in which the phrase "all are welcome" is not just a commitment but also a visible reality. We are committed to opening our doors as wide as possible because we pattern our lives after Jesus' teachings and his message of radical welcome and inclusive love.

Church for some, is as familiar as coming home; for others, church is as foreign as visiting a different country. Our response: We get it—and it's "all good."

We come from varied backgrounds and faith experiences; we are young and old, married and single, we have a growing number of children and youth of all ages and are committed to growing ministries and opportunities for everyone to find their place to belong. We love our tradition and rituals, but we love people even more and ask that you open your heart today and let God do something wonderful.

So, once again, Welcome Home!

Priest Lisa

FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY'S YOUTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST & WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, May 21

Breakfast &
Auction
8:30am

Youth Led
Worship
10:00am

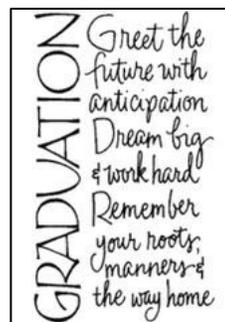
Thank you for worshipping with us today! This worship is a celebration of St. John's youth! All children and youth are invited to sit together in the reserved front rows pews. To learn more about today's celebration, the fundraiser, and all the adults and youth who worked so hard this past year to make our youth and children's ministry a success, see page 3 and 4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

- Children will meet in sanctuary at 9:30am to rehearse "Draw the Circle Wide" with the Choir
- June 4 is Sunday School Teacher Appreciation at 10:00am

CONGRATS TO SJP'S SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

The following high school graduating seniors are being recognized during worship today. We congratulate each of them and ask God's blessings in future paths.



- * Gabrielle Boileau
- * Grace Campbell
- * Teddy Dowswell
- * Matthew Gietzen
- * Matthew Gmeiner
- * Sydney Good
- * Benjamin Hepp
- * Kenneth Skoug
- * Taylor Tucker-Gray

BAPTISM SUNDAY, JUNE 4 ~ 10am SERVICE

This will be the last Sunday to schedule a baptism for June 4. Please contact Priest Lisa at priestlisa@stjohnsplymouth.org or 734-834-0132 as soon as possible. Pr. Lisa will meet with the family before the baptism.



FAMILY MINISTRY (CONT)

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HOLY LAND ADVENTURES!



• August 14-18; 9:00am-12:00pm

• Children ages 3-11

• Cost is \$25 per child (snacks & t-shirt too!)

Campers will visit a Roman marketplace for crafts, hear bible stories in a grotto and enjoy music and games during group time. **Registration can be found on the SJP website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.** All SJP children, their friends and community are welcome! Contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org for more information.

Be a VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER!

Come share your talents with us! Youth and adult volunteers wanted to help decorate the church, lead crafts, serve snacks or participate in bible lessons. You may serve all week or choose your days. Information is on our website or call Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org.

LIVING WATER SUMMER CAMP ~ JULY 16-22

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has teamed up with Living Water Ministries to offer summer camp for Elementary - High School youth of the Diocese. July 16-22 is "Episco Week" at Stony Lake Camp. Eric Travis, the Missioner for Youth and Young Adults from the Diocese of Michigan, and other Episcopal Formation people, will be on staff to offer spiritual formation for the Episcopal students. Jayne Watson will coordinate a group from St. John's to attend camp. Contact Jayne to learn more. Other camp info can be found at www.elcalivingwater.com/summer2017.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH THURSDAY, MAY 25 ~ 7:00PM AT ST. JOHN'S

Bishop Gibbs will be presiding at the Deanery Confirmation Service on Thursday, May 25 to Confirm or Receive the following St. John's members: Gabrielle Boileau ©, David Long ©, Teri Long ©, Rebekah Rayton ©, Jeri Johnson © and Ann Maher © along with other Episcopal congregations in the area. All are welcome to attend.



SJP ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 4 AT 11:15AM

This is a wonderful event to celebrate and enjoy the beginning of summer with others at SJP! The picnic, along with games, will be held on the church lawn following the 10am service (the parish hall if it's raining). Please sign up to bring an item for the potluck on the board in the hallway.

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO 8AM SERVICE THIS DAY!

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT)

RECOGNITION SUNDAY FOR MUSIC, SUNDAY SCHOOL & ACOLYTE MINISTRIES SUNDAY, JUNE 4 ~ 10AM

We will honor and celebrate the ministry of musicians, teachers and acolytes on Sunday, June 4 at 10am. All musicians, teachers, and acolytes, those serving both Sunday worship services, are asked to attend.



DONATE ONLINE THROUGH SECUREGIVE

St. John's has partnered with SecureGive so you can donate to our ministry electronically. It's simple. It's easy. It's secure. You can set up your account so SecureGive will automatically donate to St. John's each month in the amount and timing of your choosing!

Simply go online to our website (www.stjohnsplymouth.org)

- Click on the Give Now logo
- Set up your own secure account
- Use your favorite credit card....
- Or electronically (EFT) deduct from your bank account



For more information, contact our Treasurer (Beth Frolick-Rapson) at 248-765-0889 or elizabeth.frolick@ally.com.

TERESA WAKEEN ORDINATION ~ SATURDAY, JUNE 10

All SJP member and friends are invited to Deacon Teresa's ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests by Bishop Gibbs at the Cathedral in Detroit on Saturday, June 10 at 11am.

SJP GIVING STATEMENTS MAILED

SJP Giving Statements for the period of January-April 2017 were mailed to your home last week. Please look over your statement for accuracy. Contact Beth Frolick-Rapson at 248-765-0889 or elizabeth.frolick@ally.com with questions.

SJP MUSIC DEPARTMENT



SJP FESTIVAL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY! MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY, JUNE 4

If you love to sing but can't commit every week to choir? There is an opportunity for you to sing with the SJP Festival Choir for Music Ministry Sunday! We will rehearse at 9:30am on June 4 in the sanctuary. Email Liza Maidens at lmaidens@stjohnsplymouth.org for information.



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

*In Memory of
William & Nan Sigmon*



ST. JOHN'S

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PLYMOUTH

A big thank you to every youth and adult who worked to make this day happen. On Youth Sunday we elevate our youngest and welcome them to take center stage. We honor all our young people for who they are right now, in this stage of their life. We parade them in front of us to soak it in. To love them, appreciate them, pray WITH them and listen TO them.

Today we also work to support the vulnerable in our community, and our young people have led the way. This year, the youth groups have been active in their ministry to Starfish Family Services, visiting the teen shelter offering meals and fellowship. On those occasions they met Grant, a young man whose life has been changed by Starfish. Grant's story illustrates how our support is directly helping young people during times of crisis. Starfish is proud to report that Grant has successfully transitioned out of the shelter into a place of his own. He stocked his new home with the items donated by St. John's members during the Christmas gift campaign. Thank you all for your generous support of this ministry.

I also want to thank all those who guide our young people throughout the year. Thank you for the time, love, and energy you devote to youth ministry. A special thank you to Laura Hoehner for directing our youth programs and their ministry partnership over the last 3 years. To all the young members who stepped forward to participate in today's service and help with the fundraiser, we applaud and appreciate you.

Wishing you peace, love and happiness,
Jayne Watson
Director of Family Ministry

YOUTH SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS

Catherine Boileau

Camille Cramer

Jocelyn Dessin

Amelia Dowswell

Julia Dowswell

Sydney Good

Jane Hepp

Emma Reeves

Jack Sanders

Kenny Skoug

Meganne Skoug

Karen Sole

Scarlet Synowiec

Taylor Tucker-Gray

Bennett Watson

Miklos Zsiros

Michael Zuckerman



Relief. Protection. Sanctuary!

That's what YOUR support provides to teens like Grant

The staff at the Starfish Shelter always smile when mentioning Grant, "Very bright", "Self-aware", "He's a great kid, we love him!" "Sooo much potential!"

That's Grant, a great kid with so much potential, but who had a rocky start.

Grant always received harsh punishment for normal childhood misadventures. He's not sure why, but from a young age he didn't feel a connection with his adoptive mom. Home was not a haven, instead it was filled with conflict. At 17, Grant attended a basketball game after school without permission. As punishment, his mom took all his clothes and personal belongings, and locked them in the basement. Washing his clothes out in the sink at night so he could wear them the next day soon became frustrating. After a week passed, he decided he would negotiate the end of his punishment, like he often did by bargaining with his mom. He took an old, unused mobile phone of hers and said he would return it to her, if she returned his clothes. She took the deal and returned one pair of clothes.

A Surprise Trip to Jail

The next day Grant was shocked to be called into the school office and faced with police officers. His mom had him arrested for the "stolen" phone. He was charged with larceny, and she admitted she wanted to see him in jail. His father bailed him out but told him his mom decided he couldn't live there anymore. With nowhere to go, Grant bounced around on friends' couches for months.

Share Your Wisdom!

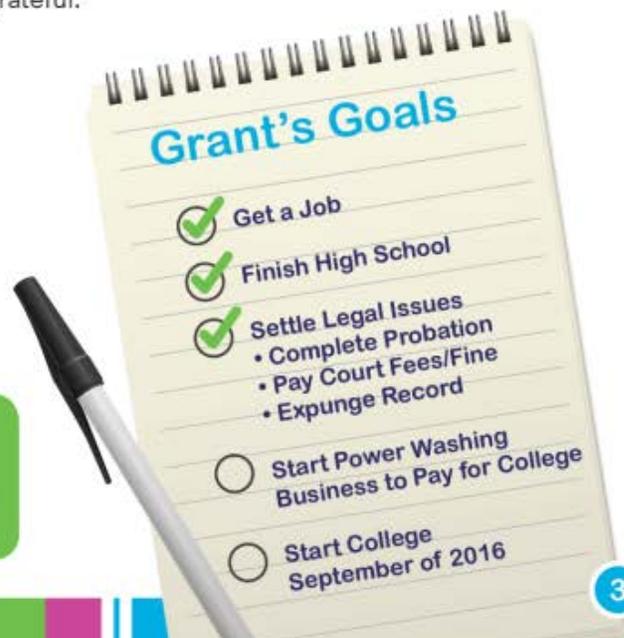
Do you have any advice for Grant?

Email us at marketing@sfish.org and we will be sure to pass it along.



"Starfish pushed me to do better and now I have big dreams, and I have the confidence to pursue them. They've helped me in every way possible and I'm grateful."

A school social worker suggested Grant contact Starfish, where he not only found a safe place and warm bed, but the resources to get his life on track. Starfish provided weekly individual therapy sessions for Grant, along with group therapy sessions and life skills training. Starfish also aided him in getting a job and finishing high school. "Without Starfish, I know I would be in juvie [juvenile detention]. I had no money, no transportation, and would have never made it to my court dates. If you don't show for court, they issue a warrant for your arrest." Grant continues, "I'm proud that I got my first job and worked hard to pay off all \$867.00 of my fines and court fees. Starfish pushed me to do better in school and now I have big dreams, and I have the confidence to pursue them, they've helped me in every way possible and I'm grateful."



ST. JOHN'S Prayer LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Please visit our prayer station located in the Narthex to add names of those you wish to include. Prayers will continue for 30 days.

Lexy	Sonia
Susan	April Cooke
Cheryl Crouse	Mary Fritz
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Clyde Lutes	Wendy McCance
Stella Mordini	Justin Rush
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin

For those in uniform

Matthew J. Mitchell - U.S. Navy Chief
Thomas Dolce - U.S. Air Force
Carly Bair - U.S. Navy
Joe James - U.S. Army
Ian Smith - U.S. Navy
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army
David Peraino - U.S. Army



SERVING THIS WEEK YOUTH SUNDAY - May 21



Reflection Catherine Boileau

Altar Guild Rita Smith, Penny Striegel,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Youth Readers,
Kathy Spencer-Reister

Acolytes

10:00 Kenneth Skoug, Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole

Ushers

10:00 Youth Ushers
Tellers: Dave Smith, Jane Libbing

SERVING NEXT WEEK - May 28

Preacher Priest Bruce Campbell

Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Jan MacLeod, Tracy McCord

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Richard Dessin, Bev Cavallaro, Sister Magdalena

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Gabrielle Boileau, Casey McCord, Maria McCord

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Carolyn Setty, Roger Schlee

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

BREAKFAST BUFFET FUNDRAISER & YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, May 21

Sunday Holy Eucharist10:00am ONLY
Youth Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser.....8:30am
Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal.....9:30am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:45am
Coffee & Tea.....11:15am
Choir Rehearsal.....11:30am

MONDAY, May 22

Narcotics Anonymous7:00pm

TUESDAY, May 23

NO Women's Bible StudyResumes Sept
Food Pantry2:00-4:00pm
Vestry Meeting7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, May 24

Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
Midweek Worship Service.....10:30am
Handbell Rehearsal6:00pm
Houseband Rehearsal6:30pm

THURSDAY, May 25

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Men's Group10:00am
Interim Clergy Group1:00pm
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
Choir Rehearsal6:00pm
Confirmation Worship Service7:00pm

FRIDAY, May 26

SATURDAY, May 27

Men's Bible Study.....7:30am
Al Anon Meeting8:00am

SUNDAY, May 28

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:45am
Coffee & Tea.....11:15am
Choir Rehearsal.....11:30am

Dates to Remember

Property Commission Meeting.....Sunday, June 4
Congregational PicnicSunday, June 4
Teresa Wakeen's OrdinationSaturday, June 10
Red Cross Blood Drive.....Friday, June 23
Vacation Bible CampAugust 14-18

