



The St. John Journal
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Dear Church Family,

As we begin the month of July, my family and I celebrate the completion of nineteen years of pastoral ministry here at St. John. We have watched our family grow and change, just as we have watched the St. John family grown and change over these years. We have mourned friends and celebrated new life among the families of St. John. We have seen faith grow in peoples' lives, both young and old. As I begin my twentieth year as your pastor, I am even more excited than when I first arrived. I see tremendous possibilities for ministry in our community and hope that together we will partner to accomplish much for the Kingdom of God. To do this, we will need folks to prayerfully consider being in ministry in several areas.

I hope that all of us would be in prayer each day in July asking God to show us what He may be calling us to do in ministry. If you are unsure of what ministry options St. John has available, reach out to the church office for a copy of our Ministry & Opportunity Guide. Please consider asking God to reveal to you how you can best serve His purposes through this local church. It is amazing what God can do with committed people.

If you were unable to attend the Congregational meeting held after service on June 23rd and would like more information as to what was discussed, please send an email to office@stjohnsebring.org and a link to a video recording of the meeting will be sent to you.

If you have not had the chance to attend a Rays Game this summer there will be two more opportunities to do so coming up. We are planning trips to see the Rays on Wednesday, July 31st and Saturday, August 17th for the Rays' Annual Faith Day. St. John's attendance at the July game is tentative pending enough folks register, so if you know of anyone that would like to go please encourage them to sign-up. Tickets for the games are \$70 each and you can sign-up in the church office.

It is with great joy to announce that this year we will be hosting our 10th Annual Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, August 3rd! Gwen Clark and Lora Todd will coordinate this ministry and will need all of our church family's support as this is a large ministry with a great impact on the community. Just as we did last year, we ask that you please make donations through financial gifts only, as we plan to purchase all school supplies for the backpacks in bulk. For those that would like to show their support through volunteering, we will be assembling the backpacks on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (there will be pizza provided!).

Grace and Peace,


Pastor Ron

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Senior Pastor



Life Line Screening

July 9th, 2024
Education Building
Appointments begin @ 9AM

 LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD
@ 9:00AM - till supplies last

BACKPACK ASSEMBLY:
JULY 30TH @ 6:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Tampa Bay Rays
FAITH DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

RAYS vs. A

SIGN-UP @ THE CHURCH OFFICE

Tickets: \$70

Ladies SUMMER SOCIAL

Friday, August 2nd @ 1:00PM
The Island View Restaurant
\$20 | Registration forms in the Narthex

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Visit us online at www.stjohnsebring.org



Original Pledged: \$1,037,351.84
Pledged Received 5/19 - 6/26: \$14,285.00
Unpledged Received 5/19 – 6/26: \$4,314.38

PRAYERS

Members & Constituents

Betty Ankele
Susie Armand
Jennifer Blake
Mely Buchanan
Tom & Mary Duncan
Lester Gnadt
June Hiltner
Bonnie Hoover
Carl Mys
Barbara Self
Evelyn Tack

Please contact the office with any changes or additions to our newsletter prayer list.

Preaching Schedule

7/7	“Why We Celebrate Communion”	1 Corinthians 11:23-34
7/14	“Do You Fish?”	Mark 1:16-20
7/21	“How Big Is Your God?”	Mark 11:12-14, 20-23
7/28	“Treading Water or Going for Gold?”	Colossians 2:6-7 & John 10:10

ANNIVERSARIES

1 John & Karon Falk	22 Jim & Paula Probzanski
7 Jim & Pastor Shiela Swanger	24 Bob & Carol Mascari
11 Tom & Ginny Thorson	24 Erv & Ruth Zeltner
15 Jason & Tari Hornick	25 Ross & Margaret Runnalls
16 Lyle & Shirley Sorensen	31 Larry & Audrey Eddinger



A Prayer for Independence Day

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Attendance & Offerings

Date	In Person	Online	Received
5/26	202	200	\$6,749.12
6/2	217	204	\$12,574
6/9	203	179	\$7,069
6/16	204	216	\$4,867
Total Received as of			\$31,259.12
Mortgage Balance as of 6/1			\$137,717.07

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Charlene Glahn
- 2 Joseph Hayes
- 3 Lynda Bourdeau
- 3 Pauline Parker
- 3 Preston Kragt
- 4 Wilma Moon
- 6 Pat Snyder
- 8 Marian Zellers
- 9 Jeannine De Genaro
- 9 James E. Jordan
- 10 Shirley Streamer
- 12 Elaine Hammel
- 13 Charlotte Jordan
- 15 Donna Young
- 17 Nancy Oehrlein
- 17 Bonnie E. Thompson
- 19 Sherry Kerr
- 20 Sue Palmer
- 21 Linda Johnson
- 24 Marie Rosso
- 24 Louise Henrich
- 25 John Beckman
- 25 Bill Wilson
- 27 Joseph De Genaro
- 27 Susan Ellis
- 28 Marilyn Lawrence
- 29 Doug Myers
- 30 Ed Harmon
- 31 Gerald Stickler



JULY 2024



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

- **1:00pm**- The Daily Word
- **7:30pm**- Al. Anon. Meeting

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- **11:00am**- Silver Sneakers

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- **6:00pm**- Chancel Choir

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- **9:30am**- Worship Service
- **10:30am**- Adult Sunday School

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- **7:30pm**- Al. Anon. Meeting

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- **9:00am**- Lifeline Screening
- **11:00am**- Silver Sneakers

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- **8:00am**- Fellowship Breakfast

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- **1:00pm**- The Daily Word
- **1:00pm**- GriefShare

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- **1:00pm**- The Daily Word
- **7:30pm**- Al. Anon. Meeting

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- **11:00am**- Silver Sneakers

17

- **2:00pm**- Habitat Disaster Training
- **6:00pm**- Chancel Choir

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- **1:00pm**- GriefShare

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- **10:00am**- Rays Game

* = Deadline to submit August Newsletter Materials





Independence Day

I N D E P E N D E N C E S J J
C L C Y D E C L A R A T I O N
H P R I D E S H W I F W I G V
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PICNIC
PRIDE
PARADE
JULY

BLUE
STARS
FREEDOM
AMERICA

FOURTH
LIBERTY
PATRIOT
FLAG

FIRECRACKERS
RED
INDEPENDENCE
DECLARATION