

WISHING YOU JOY,
HEALTH, AND PEACE
IN THE NEW YEAR!



~~~**TUESDAY NEWSDAY**~~~  
**December 30, 2025**

**2026 Giving Envelopes**

The envelopes are on the counter upstairs, outside of the sanctuary.  
Questions? Call Norma in the church office 716-662-4747

**St. John's Closing Information on Buffalo News Channels**

In the event that happenings here at church are being closed/cancelled, and you are checking the local news channels for closing information, our church shows up as

***“St. John’s Lutheran Church, Orchard Park”***

There are **several** St. John's churches in Western New York. We show up with “Orchard Park” attached on news channels 2, 4, and 7. We will also send out an email to the congregation for cancellations and closures.

**Please save for June**

Please save **brown paper bags** with handles for me. I will put a bin in the same hallway where the green bins were.  
Also, please save your **used, religious Christmas cards** and place them in the same bin as the brown bags. We will be making booklets for our senior members.

**~Upcoming Events~**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
Isaiah 60:1

# Christmas Clean-Up

Epiphany Sunday - January 4th  
9:30 AM hour

Join us to un-deck the halls and celebrate the self-revelation of  
God in that same flesh of Christ

## Senior Day Trip

### Teddy Roosevelt Inauguration Site Tour

**Thursday, January 15** at 11:00 AM. Meet at church at 10:15 AM to carpool from church. Cost \$9 (pay day of). Sign up at Sign-up Central.

## Senior Potluck Lunch

Our next gathering will be on **January 21**.

Please sign up at Sign-Up Central in the Lobby.

## Frozen Chosen 5K Race/Walk

On **Saturday, January 24**, St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting the 8th annual Frozen Chosen 5K Race/Walk. We hope you are able to join us in fitness and fellowship as we raise funds for Family Promise of Western New York and our own youth programs. Family Promise of Western New York is an effective and replicable community response to homelessness, bringing together existing community resources, especially faith congregations, to assist with their mission to keep families together during their time of homelessness. Please join us in supporting their mission through sponsorship or actively participating in the event. **We are looking for volunteers (inside & outside) and business sponsors** to help offset costs and deliver another wonderful event for our community. Sign up in the church lobby or see Mike Brinkerhoff or Julie Joyce for more details.

# FROZEN CHOSEN 5K

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

\*\*Volunteers needed for inside and outside duties; sign up downstairs\*\*

Online registration is OPEN!!

[www.score-this.com](http://www.score-this.com)

Any questions or to be a sponsor, see Mike Brinkerhoff or Julie Joyce

Proceeds benefit:  
Family Promise &  
St. John's Youth Ministries



## **Sight & Sound Theater "Joshua" Bus Trip**

**August 26-28, 2026** Trip includes "Pretty Woman" at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, tour of the Wheatland Estate, dinner at an Amish home, Hershey Chocolate World and much more. Complete details and registration forms at Sign-up Central.

**\*\*To hold a spot deposits will only be accepted from members & friends of St. John's at this time.**

## **~Community Events~**

### **Volunteers needed at Southtowns LADD Thrift Shop**

Mondays & Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Even if you can volunteer one day a month that would be a huge help!

Questions or looking to volunteer contact Lois Rogers at 716-662-5995.

## **~Education & Ministry~**

### **\*\* ADULT EDUCATION & MINISTRY \*\***



### **Women's Discipleship Group**

We meet the **first Sunday of every month** at 11:00 AM in the Community Room. .

For more information or questions contact Diane Hagelin 716-374-5219.

### **Men's Bible Study**

Join us on **Thursday afternoons**, 4:00-4:45 PM as we engage in fellowship and God's word. Interested in joining or have questions? Contact Jesse Pritchard or Jason Lent for more information.

### **Women's Bible Study**

"Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks"

**2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month** at 10:00 AM

Questions? Contact Andrea Smith 716-983-9169 or [andrea@stjohnsop.com](mailto:andrea@stjohnsop.com)

## Pastor Mike's Bible Class

We meet Monday's at 12:00 PM. Class will resume **January 5**.

## Tuesday Night Men's Group

We will meet on **January 6 and 20** at 7:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is more than welcome!

Questions? Please contact Sean Clifford at [sean@stjohnsop.com](mailto:sean@stjohnsop.com)

## Laurie's Knitting & Sewing

Our next meeting will be on **January 13** at 6:00 PM.



**Women at the Well**

**Sign up:**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS BIBLE STUDY**

**1/7/2026-2/11/2026 7:00PM**

**Workbook cost covered by Women's Ministry**

**Questions? See Vicki Koglmeier 716.601.9329 vicki.koglmeier@gmail.com**

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**Gospel Moms**

**EVERY OTHER THURSDAY MORNING 10:00AM ST. JOHN'S NURSERY**

**Join us for prayer, fellowship, and Gospel focused discussion. Children are welcome!**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**12/1/2025  
1/8/2026  
1/22/2026  
2/5/2026  
2/19/2026**

**Questions?  
Contact Brenna Ames  
brennakz.ames@gmail.com  
716.397.9452**

## \*\* MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY \*\*

## CONFIRMATION MEETING

Please attend ONE of these meetings with your child if they are interested in getting confirmed/learning more about the confirmation process:



**January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**After the 11 AM service**

### Middle School:

## Middle School Retreat

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
4:15 PM Friday - 12:30 PM Sunday  
**Camp Hickory Hill**



Sign ups are due on Tuesday, January 6th

Questions? Contact Abby@stjohnsop.com

### \*\* Wyldlife Summer Camp at Lake Champion in Glen Spey, NY - July 26-30.

If you sign your middle schooler up *before December 31*, \$100 gets taken off from the total price. We will be doing some fundraising to help with the cost. You can find more information using the following link: <https://ny21.younglife.events/2026-lch-wk-10-wyldlife-ny21>

## ~Prayer List~

### Our Church Family

Dennis Burgwardt: cancer

Heather Maggiore: recovering from surgery

Becky McKeon

Greg F., Christie, & T.C.: continued peace & healing

### Our Family and Friends

Pam H.: sudden loss of husband due to tragic accident

George and Doreene: both battling serious illnesses

Thomasz Racault, Wade Youngers, Steve Grande: battling cancer

**Those with Health Concerns:** Vinny, Shirley, Andrea Timmons

**Those with Cancer:** Pat Fournier, Danielle, Darcel, Peggy T., Max, Ann R., Ann, Pam, Sara, Terri, Danielle, Chuck Heide, Peggy, Elicar, Jennifer, Noreen, Karl, Kay Alstadt, Samantha, Kristi Krupp, Jennifer Witkowski

**Military:** Benjamin Geblein, Alec Hoch, Tyler Vargo, Justin Snyder

*\*Prayer requests will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise noted in the prayer request.*

*\*Please resubmit names to Dawn Sauda as needed if they have been removed.*

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Worship Attendance Report

December 24, 2:30 PM ~ 326 people

December 24, 4:30 PM ~ 282 people

December 24, 7:30 PM ~ 166 people

December 25, 10:30 AM ~ 53 people

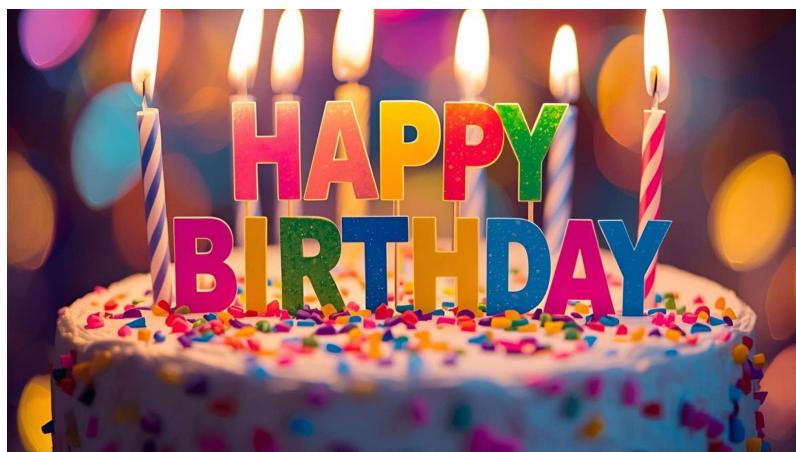
December 27, 4:00 PM ~ 24 people

December 28, 8:00 AM ~ 30 people

December 28, 9:30 AM ~ 152 people

December 28, 11:00 AM ~ 68 people

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**\*\*As noted in the section under "Church Membership Records System Change," we are in the process of**

**updating all members information. Moving forward, if you do not see your name listed here (and would like to) then please be sure to update your information. Thank you.**

## **December**

30 - Hannah Ames, Ellis Karstedt, Andy Perreault

31 - Kayla Crawford, Curt Simonsen

## **January**

1 - William Davis

3 - Mike Paolini

4 - Maria Chirico, Brett Shurtliffe

5 - Steve Pardee, Becky Zeller

6 - Melissa Bogart, Amy Glover, Cameron Kelly, Steve Pardee

7 - Mark Boswell, Willow Lewis, Bob Schultz

8 - Mike Campese, Christopher Dutkiewicz, Sean Fitzgerald, Allison Meissner,  
Dana Ziccardi

9 - Holly Kelly, Olive Piehler, Ed Streeter

10 - Karen Colosante, Carmella Prestia

11 - Paul Christ

12 - Robin Biel, Kayden Fulton, Diane Roesser

13 - Wendy Cicero

14 - Robert Hastings

15 - Jenna Hartke, Gus Pritchard

17 - Lennox Palkowski

18 - Nathan Moracci

19 - Abby Baack, Nancy Damin, Mark Dilena, Tom Klein

20 - Tim Brueckl, Lincoln Lawrence, Paige Zitnik

21 - David Carr, Holly Sullivan, Lynn Sweet

22 - Herb Fieldsa, Cecile Menard

23 - Daniel Battaglia, Melissa Fadale, Anne Vanuga

24 - Damien Perreault, Jarod Schwinn

25 - Erin Mellerski

27 - Jeremy Copeland, Lisa Edwards

28 - Elizabeth Faust, Kevin Glover

29 - Carol Bosley

30 - Ed Draves, Julie Joyce, Jessie Pritchard, Paul Thompson

31 - Patrick Beckett, Teresa Missel, Tiffany Rolleck, Roxanne Schultz, Jill Vicaretti

## **~On-Going Information~**

### **Green Bins**

As you may have noticed, the green bins are beyond capacity. Due to lack of storage and volunteers with our Southern Tier people, we are going to be on hold until further noticed. Please do not leave anything in the bins.

Thank you. I'll update as soon as I can - June

## **Coupons**

Please continue to bring in your coupons from the newspaper and BJ's booklets. Place them in the basket hanging on the wall near the coffee counter.

\*\*I am unable to accept any expired coupons.\*\*

## **Flowers on the Altar**

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, to celebrate an anniversary, etc. you can do so by signing up at Sign-up Central in the Lobby or emailing Dawn Sauda at [dawn@stjohnsop.com](mailto:dawn@stjohnsop.com). **The cost is \$15.00.** **Praise Reports** If you have any praises that you would like to share with the church please feel free to send them to Dawn at [dawn@stjohnsop.com](mailto:dawn@stjohnsop.com)

\*\*Weddings, births, Dean's list, anything that brings joy and you'd like to share.

## **Shut-in/Unable to attend worship**

If you are aware of anyone who is unable to attend worship and would appreciate a pastoral visit and at-home Holy Communion please contact Pastor Mike ([mike@stjohnsop.com](mailto:mike@stjohnsop.com) or 716-713-7305) or June Meissner (716-648-4062). Please make sure we have up-to-date information on how to contact them.

## **House Blessing**

Have you recently moved into a new home or simply desire to have your home blessed? Pastor Mike is happy to come to your house and bless each room with you or your family. Contact Pastor Mike at [Mike@stjohnsop.com](mailto:Mike@stjohnsop.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

## **Need to talk to a Pastor?**

If you would like to have a phone conversation and prayers with Pastor Mike about family illness, isolation, employment concerns, fear of the future or any other issues, send a message using the Pastoral Care Request link on the St. John's website. Please include the best phone number at which you can be reached and any days or times that are best for you.