

NEWS NOTES

March 1, 2026

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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We invite you to visit our website, www.stjohnsmc.org for more information about our church and our activities.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday, 10 am: 47; Christianity 101: 7

SPIFFY UP FOR SPRING! When: Tuesday, March 10th, 9:30 a.m.

Join us, ladies and gentlemen, as we spiffy-up our Sanctuary and Chapel! We will clean and organize and have fun while doing so! Afterwards we will join for a lunch in the Fellowship Hall, at 11:30 a.m. Come join us for fun & fellowship! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office if you are planning on joining in the fun! Questions, please speak with Meredith or Judy.

HOLLY'S GIVE-BACK NIGHT FOR SCOUT TROOP 871 – THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

Mark your calendar and take your family out to Holly's this Tuesday, March 3rd. Take a coupon (on the table in the narthex and outside the office), enjoy a great meal, and help support our local Scout Troop 871! *Thank you very much!*

EASTER BREAKFAST

We will be having an Easter Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. that morning. Details will follow soon!

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, inspired by the Scouting movement begun by Robert Baden-Powell in England, and has since helped shape generations of young men through outdoor adventure, leadership training, and community service. Central to the program is the Scout Oath and Law, which calls each Scout to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, and "reverent," reminding them to be faithful in their religious duties and respectful of the beliefs of others.

Here in Michigan City, Troop 871 has been serving and mentoring Scouts since 1994, guiding young men in character and leadership development and celebrating more than 38 Eagle Scouts—several of whom are members of this church—who exemplify the highest ideals of Scouting.

LADIES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All women and friends of St. John's are invited to our Women's Guild meetings the third Wednesday of each month. Our opening meeting of 2026 will be March 18th in the Youth Lounge at 1 p.m. At this meeting we will be planning our projects and programs for this year. Women are reminded that the Guild is assisting in the "Sanctuary Clean-Up Day" on March 10th where we will get our church ready for Easter followed by a free lunch together at 11:30. If you have questions about any of the Guild's initiatives, ask Meredith, Karen or Judy.

MARCH -- RED CROSS MONTH

March is Red Cross Month, a time when we honor people who turn compassion into action. Our Church has been involved with this organization for over 50 years, collecting blood on the first Tuesday of the month. One person who was a very devout blood donor was Bob Rumsey, a past member of our church. He was respectfully referred to as "Captain Blood," due to his ability to recruit many students (as he was a high school teacher) to become blood donors. He was the organizer of many blood drives at St. Johns's. He served on the Red Cross Board and most proud of being a member of the "25-Gallon Club."

The next collection is Tuesday, March 3rd, from 12 to 6:00 p.m. Please consider being a donor so we can continue to turn our compassion into action!

LENTEN PRAYER IN CHAPEL – “PRAY-AS-YOU-GO TIME” – MON. & THURS.

On Mondays (March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) and Thursdays (March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2) of Lent, Minister Carr will lead “Pray-As-You-Go-Time,” featuring prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please see Minister Bruce Carr for details.

EASTER CHOIR FORMING

St. John’s would like to have a choir to enhance our Easter worship. We will meet in the Choir Room. If you would like to join, please contact Dolores (872-2441). Practices are before the Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2026 – 2027 SCHOOL YEAR OPENING MARCH 1, 2026

St. John’s Preschool will begin open enrollment on March 1, 2026 for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Enrollment forms and information packets are available in the church office beginning March 1st.

CELEBRATING 170 YEARS IN MAY!

As we will be celebrating our 170th year this coming May, we are looking for any slides or photos from St. John’s Church happenings from either our 9th & Franklin Street facility or our present-day building. Please contact Jean at 219-778-4789 if you have any to share!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S (office hours, Mon. & Thur. 9 – 12 p.m.)

SUN. – MAR. 1; Communion 8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship	MON. – MAR. 2 6:00 & 11:30 a.m. Prayer (chapel)	TUES. – MAR. 3 12 – 6 p.m. Blood drive
WED. – MAR. 4 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 6 p.m. Scouts	THURS – MAR. 5 6:00 & 11:30 a.m.: Prayer (chapel)	SUN. – MAR. 8 8:30 a.m. Christ. 101 10 a.m. Worship