



The Beacon

October 2026

Considering Collaboration

As we begin the search for St Jude's next priest, is the congregation ready to think beyond the usual model of one priest/one parish? Energy for collaborating is going to be important as we currently cannot afford to hire "our own" clergy member (if they have to pay their own bills!) Diocesan standards for full or $\frac{3}{4}$ time are higher than our budget allows. We want to grow; we'll need a trained member of the clergy to help us. Fortunately, there are other models for ministry that we can engage in, such as sharing one or more clergy with one or more nearby congregations (Episcopal or Lutheran), forging bonds in Christ as we enable each other's light to shine.

What would we offer to that mix, and what would we need help with, besides the financial support? Before our diocesan liaison, Rev. Alan James, can help us look for a person, St Jude's needs to think creatively about the ministries that are central to our future.

ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF ST JUDE'S are invited and strongly encouraged to join in one of the following opportunities to discuss our strengths and needs for collaboration with others:

Sunday, October 25 at noon as the Coffee Hour
(brunch supplied!) - more information on next page
Or **Wednesday, October 28** at 7 pm (dessert supplied!)

The same questions will be discussed at both sessions, to meet the scheduling needs of as many parishioners as possible. Why? BECAUSE THIS IS IMPORTANT. These conversations will provide the information for our "Profile" and a regional meeting, planned for November. We want to be ready, and your input is the key.

Thanks for putting your choice of date on your calendar today.

Faithfully,

Susan+ and the Transition Team

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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS - THURSDAYS
9 AM - NOON

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October Birthdays

2nd Lisa Cronk
Jerry Rucker
5th Kim Alexander
9th Kris Forsyth
10th Nancy Day
16th Terri Hutchins
17th Justin Brewer
26th Mark Jagos

October Anniversaries

5th Dave & Tracie
Little (13th)
8th Eric & Susan
Williams (32nd)
20th David & Francine
Zick (53rd)

The Social Committee October Halloween Event

Sunday, October 25th the Social Committee is organizing a Brunch and Discussion Coffee Hour. It is our traditional Halloween themed coffee hour, so although we will not be carving pumpkins this year, there will be a few things for our little ones to do. Discussion will be led by the Transition Team and Pastor Susan.



A sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board for what brunch-type food....egg casserole, crock pot breakfast casserole, bagels and cream cheese, fruit bowl, etc.....that you would like to bring to share.

Additionally, there will be a Dessert and Discussion held **Wednesday evening, October 28th at 7 p.m.** There will be a separate sign-up list for that evening.

Contacts with any questions for both events are Dee Grossmann and Judy Marinco.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Project

Mark your Calendars for November 15 at 4 pm!

This year our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Project will be held right here at St Jude's. We are bringing back the meal-packing project "Rise Against Hunger" which we did a few years ago (at the Methodists') and everyone had a great experience. There will also be "Plarning" plastic bags to make totes for flood zones, led by Dcn. Judy in the Library.

In Vandenbergh Hall, we'll package nutritious meals that help fuel communities around the world. It's a fun, fast-moving experience where every meal you package brings us one step closer to ending hunger. You'll be part of a global movement working to create a world where all people have the nourishment they need to thrive.

We'd like to know how many are coming and we need to raise \$ to buy the ingredients: Please click on this link and plan to join us: <https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/meal-packaging-event-fenton-ministerial-group-november-15-2026-fenton-mi/e850120>



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Raise Right & A Special Christmas Gift Card Fundraiser for St. Jude's

Many of you downloaded the Raise Right app. You can purchase gift cards (digital and physical) and a small percentage of your purchase will go back to St. Jude's Episcopal Church. The QR code to download the app and start fundraising for St. Jude's is on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall or you can contact Liz, our administrative assistant, to get an invite link. You must have St. Jude's enrollment code in order for your purchases to benefit St. Jude's.

During the months of October & November, Liz will also be collecting money and taking orders for physical gift cards as a special fundraiser for St. Jude's.

If you order gift cards for friends and loved ones during the Christmas season, consider going through our Raise Right Fundraiser to purchase those cards. A small percentage of each gift card you purchase will go back to support St. Jude's ministries. We will do a bulk order at the end of October (money and orders due Sunday, October 25) and at the end of November (money due Sunday, November 15).

Order forms are available in Vandenberg Hall. You can put your check or cash in an envelope in the offering plate with your order form or you can give directly to Liz Sailus.



On
10/11/26
at
11:30AM

**FLU
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CLINIC**

Leroy Pharmacy will be coming to Saint Jude's Church on **10/11/26** for a Vaccine Clinic at **11.30am**

We will be administering vaccine to all patients that are interested in vaccination. We will also be bringing **RSV, SHINGLES, PNEUMONIA, COVID, etc.**

We look forward to seeing you all there! Any questions contact the pharmacy.
Pharmacist - Hemang Patel
Phone - 810-373-5808

Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", September 4th edition

Junk Files

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
Hebrews 12:1



My smartphone occasionally reminds me I'm not good at digital housekeeping. "Junk files are taking up space," the message reads. "Delete 675MB of junk files." Now, I dislike being nagged by my phone. But if I clean out those files, I've got more space for things that really matter. Then, when I'm at my daughter's swim meet, for instance, I'll have enough digital storage to actually shoot a video of her winning a race instead of unexpectedly realizing that those pesky "junk files" have sabotaged my ability to capture the moment.

Junk files on our phones are easy to delete. But what about the "junk files" in our souls? Like our

phones, our souls can be clogged with stuff that keeps us from flourishing spiritually. The author of Hebrews understood this reality, encouraging us to pay close attention to anything that trips us up in our walk with God. "Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles," he writes, followed by this challenge: "And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1).

What weighs you down? What trips you up? Hebrews encourages us to fix "our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (v. 2), who alone can help us identify and delete the "junk files" that hinder our abundant life in Him.

By Adam R. Holz

Reflect & Pray

What most trips you up in your relationship with God? How does your faith help you identify and throw off sinful influences?

Dear Father, please give me the wisdom and courage to "throw off . . . the sin that so easily entangles" me.

Coat Closet Donations

We are collecting new and gently used coats and winter gear (mittens/gloves, hats, scarves) for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church's (in Grand Blanc) Coat Closet. They will be giving out winter coats to families in need every Saturday 10 am to noon beginning in October. There is a bin in the library for you to put your donations.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Often we hear the comment, "St Jude's is like a family!" (The good kind, not the really dysfunctional kind like Archie Bunker's.) So the theme of our 2027 Pledge campaign is "All in the Family" - starring not Archie but Jude, the not-very-well-known disciple who is our patron. We'll have some fun imagining that Jude goes with us on our family outings, or vacations, or just a chat over coffee. We hope you'll also play along with the serious side of investing in the people you love like family, and the ministries God calls us to do together. Pledge packets will be ready for you to pick up at church on Sunday, October 11.

WORSHIP LEADERS for October 2026

Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	2 nd Chalice	Reader	Intercessor	Ushers	Altar Guild	Vestry Person of the Day	Live - Streamer	Coffee Hour Host(s)
<u>October 4</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz								
Amy Freeman	Annette Boyd	Debbie James	Dolores Ruby	Dave & Deb James	Terri H., Francine J.	Dave James	Dave James	CROP Walk
<u>October 11</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow-Williams								
Dee Grossmann	Lynn Hopper	Pedro Melchor	Ellen Tripp	Dave & Denise Rayner	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk	Charlie Johnston	Lynn Hopper	??
<u>October 18</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Paul Dolza	Amy Freeman	Dave James	Deb James	Charlie J., Heather L.	Mary Louise S., Diane Hill	Doug Hill	Dave James	??
<u>October 25</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Bill Anderson	Dolores Ruby	Amy Freeman	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Dee G., Lisa Cronk	Denise Rayner	Dave Rayner	Dee Grossmann
<u>November 1</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Mary Louise S.	Denise Rayner	Bill Anderson	Nancy D., Lynne R.	Terri H., Francine J.	Dave James	??	Lynne Ronthi

October Office Volunteer(s):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9/28 - Francine J.	9/29 - Charlie J.	9/30 - Francine J.	10/1 - Dee G.
10/5 - Nancy Day	10/6 - Lynn H.	10/7 - Dave L.	10/8 - Lynne R.
10/12 - Diane P.	10/13 - Ellen T.	10/14 - Francine J.	10/15 - Annette
10/19 - Terri H.	10/20 - Deb James	10/21 Dave L.	10/22 - Judy M.
10/26 - Nancy Day	10/27 - Dolores R.	10/28 - Francine J.	10/29 - Dee G.