

THE HAPPENINGS AT ST. DAVID'S

Summer 2026



Living, Loving, & Learning at St. David's

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Join Us in Worship and Service!

St. David's is devoted to inviting, equipping and sending out our members to be the Lord's 'light to the world.' We invite through welcoming hospitality and equip by helping members develop a deeper walk with Jesus. We send out by providing opportunities for members to get involved by serving their community.

This booklet is designed to help us grow closer to the Lord and to one another. If there is a topic or event you would like us to offer, please contact one of us with your ideas.

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

2nd Wednesdays 7:00 pm Detroit Rescue Mission

4th Sunday 1:00 pm Waltonwood Royal Oak

Worship services are live on Zoom streaming to Facebook

Zoom Meeting ID: 925-257-3320

Zoom Password: 16200 OR

Go to the St. David's website, stdavidssf.org and click the link on the box "Zoom"



Special Dates to Remember

June 7: Outdoor Worship & Parish Picnic

June 14: Graduate Recognition

June 21: Father's Day

July 5: Outdoor Worship & Jim Kenning Sunday with Potluck

July 13-16: Vacation Bible School 9 am—Noon

August 2: Outdoor Worship & Feast of Nations

August 3-6: Adult Day Camp 10 am—1 pm

August 4: Primary Election Day, we are now a polling site.

August 30: Back to School Blessings

September 1: Lunchtime Bible Study Resumes 12 pm

September 6: Outdoor Worship

September 9: Choir Kickoff Dinner

September 13: Welcome Back Sunday & Grandparents Day Ice Cream Social



Sundays 9 am Learning Fellowship

Join us for our 9am Learning Hour in the meeting room from 9-9:45 am.

June 7: Summer Books with Luke Janes (Toadvine Books)

Wondering what to read this summer? Come and get a great selection of what's out there with a bookstore owner who's got his pulse on the bestsellers! Luke Janes of Toadvine Books will be our guest - come and hear what's hot and what's not. Sunday, at 9am in the Conference Room.

June 14: When Domestic Violence Strikes with Audriana Buchanan-Cronk

What do you do when domestic situations turn violent? How do you intervene? Who do you call? Domestic violence expert Audriana Buchanan-Cronk from First Step joins us to talk about the warning signs, the prevalence, and some solutions. She'll share about her organization's mission, the services they provide, and ways our community can support survivors by creating peaceful families and safe communities.

June 21: Boycott Israel? With Tom Russell

"Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions" (BDS) movement— is a global effort aimed at pressuring Israel to change its policies regarding the Palestinian territories. We invite you to a timely and important conversation led by Tom Russell. Tom will guide us through the history of the movement, the ethical questions it raises for people of faith, and the various arguments for and against its use as a tool for justice. Whether you are well-versed in Middle Eastern politics or simply looking to understand the headlines, we welcome your presence and your questions.



June 28: Hope for Downs Syndrome Families with Veronica Cruz and Gigi's Playhouse Join us for an inspiring conversation with Veronica Cruz, Executive Director of GiGi's Playhouse Detroit, a nonprofit dedicated to changing lives through the consistent delivery of FREE educational, therapeutic, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community. Veronica will share how their programs are creating real impact and opening doors for individuals and families every day.

July 5: Jim Kenning Reflects

After more than four decades of faithful presence in our parish, Jim Kenning has a few stories to tell—and a great deal of wisdom to share. Jim has been a steady and generous leader of the Christian Service Brigade, guiding and mentoring thousands of young men along the way. Join us as Jim reflects on his years of service, the lives touched through this ministry, and the ways God has been at work through it all. Whether you've been part of the Brigade, know someone who has, or simply want to hear a story of enduring faithfulness, this will be a meaningful time together.

July 12: Get a Degree in Theology? With Theodore Turman

Have you ever thought of taking graduate courses to further your understanding of God? Ecumenical Theological Seminary, on Woodward Avenue in Detroit has been educating Christians for decades. Today we hear from its president who will tell us why ongoing theological education is beneficial and how we can do it.

July 19: How to Read the Bible with Fr. Steve

The most-owned, least-read book in the world may be the Bible. The average American household has four. But we often lack in reading it because we don't know where to start. Join us in the conference room where Fr. Steve can show us how easy it is to make Bible reading easier and more rewarding.

July 26: Everyday Monasticism: How to Pray Without Ceasing with Teresa Wakeen

Prayer is the lifeblood of the church. But it can be so difficult to conceptualize, focus on, and actually practice. Come hear the Rev. Teresa Wakeen, who is well-versed in the Benedictine tradition of prayer, as she teaches us about how we might pray without ceasing.

August 2: Come SOAR With Us!

Active retirees, here's one for you! Join us to learn about the nonprofit, Society of Active Retirees in Farmington Hills. SOAR volunteer Jeff Allaman will introduce us to the exciting line up of classes coming this Fall including lectures, workshops and social opportunities that are available to older adults interested in a variety of topics including history, travel, hobbies, politics and much more. Bring your questions and your enthusiasm for learning.

August 9: Connecting Across Religious Lines with Bob Brutell

Since all religions highlight love, harmony, and connection, why is our religious landscape so divided? No one in Metro Detroit knows more about this than Bob Brutell who has decades of experience in interfaith work in our area. He has spent countless hours bridging gaps and filling divides that appear between nearly every major religious group in our community. Come hear a seasoned intellectual and compassionate voice for peace.

August 16: Faith Family Feedback: Liturgical Reflection on Our Worship Are there hymns you like, prayers you don't, and feedback you'd like to give on our Sunday worship? We aim to provide the best worship possible and value your opinion! Join Fr. Chris and Music Director Al Eppens for a constructive conversation to build our community by improving our worship.

August 23: What Are College Students Thinking? with Ben Adams

Few people get the kind of insight into the inner workings of college students than the Rev. Ben Adams, the Episcopal/Lutheran campus ministry leader for All together Campus Ministry at Wayne State, Henry Ford College, and UofM-Dearborn. Come hear him share his unique insights and reflections on his life with college students.

August 30: Spiritual Music Carousel

Have you ever been struck by the deep spirituality of a 'secular' song? If so, we'd like you to bring an audio version (you can play it on your phone) and the lyrics to this fun, engaging learning hour event. We'll take turns listening to and discussing these selections.

11:30am Sunday Connection Hour

Our Connection Hour is held in the Corner Parish Hall following the 10:00 am Eucharist. After allowing time for coffee and snacks, we offer a variety of special speakers, presentations, and conversations.

June 7: Outdoor Worship and Annual Parish Picnic

Mark your calendar for one of our favorite days of the year! We'll gather for outdoor worship on the back lawn, followed by a joyful parish picnic beginning at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share if you're able, and we'll take care of the rest with hamburgers and hot dogs hot off the grill. Come linger in the sunshine (hopefully), enjoy good food, and savor the gift of being together as a parish family. All are welcome, so invite a friend and join us!

June 14: The War in Iran: A Muslim Perspective with Iman Steve Elturk

Often missing from the news on Iran, Lebanon, and the Middle East is a Muslim perspective. Join long-time St. David's friend Imam Steve Elturk, the spiritual leader of the IONA (Islamic Organization of North America) community in Warren, for his thoughts. All are welcome.

June 21: Father's Day Join us for Coffee Hour!

June 28: David Crumm - The Rise (and Fall?) of the Nones.

It's been said that the fastest growing religious group in America are the Nones (those who are asked their religious preference and check the box 'None of the above.')

Former Detroit News religion reporter and current independent journalist David Crumm knows all about that. Join him as he takes us through the religious landscape of modern day America.

July 5: Potluck Celebration - Faith, Service, and the Long Game: Celebrating Jim Kenning

Jim Kenning has been a steady, quiet force in our parish for over four decades. As a leader of the Christian Service Brigade, he hasn't just been teaching skills; he's been modeling what it looks like to show up, year after year, with a heart for others. Whether you grew up in the Brigade, have a son in it now, or just need a reminder that long-term service actually matters, we'd love to have you here. Bring a dish to pass for this celebration. Come hear what forty years of "yes" looks like.

July 12: Neighborly Vigilance and Security with the Southfield Police Department

We all want our community to be a place where everyone feels at home—especially our churches. On Sunday, June 21, you're invited to lean into that wisdom; we're hosting a talk on Church Safety and Security featuring our partners from the Southfield Police Department. Whether you're a greeter, a parent, or simply a neighbor who cares about the well-being of Southfield, come join the conversation.



July 19: Join us for Coffee Hour!

July 26: The Church at Crossroads with Teresa Wakeen

Wakeen St. David's has been helping feed the hungry at Crossroads in Detroit for decades. And during that time an entrepreneurial priest, Rev. Teresa Wakeen, has seen her vision of an actual congregation take root. Come hear her story of ambition and compassion.

August 2: St. David's Feast of Nations

Come sample the foods of a diverse congregation - and community! It's our Cultural Sunday and a chance to invite our neighbors over for to strengthen relationships, new and old, over an array of food from everywhere! Sign up to bring a dish to pass that reflects your ethnic heritage. This follows our August Outdoor worship on the back lawn. Sign up in the Ministry Hub!

August 9: Join us for Coffee Hour!

August 16: What Is the 'No Kings' Movement? with Sherri Masson

You've probably seen the 'No Kings' rallies that pop up with some kind of regularity. Today we talk with a local organizer and spokesperson for rally organizers. Sherri Masson is a leader with a group called Indivisible, which is a political pressure group that's gaining membership and notoriety by organizing these rallies. Come here this insightful talk and find out more about these topics. All are welcome.

August 23: How to Address Your LGBTQIA+ Friend with Vivian Asztalos

How do I address a trans male friend? Or non-binary family member? Getting the pronouns straight is just the beginning, says Vivian Asztalos, a trans woman, advocate, and educator. Come hear her insightful presentation on how we can live with respect and grace alongside our LGBTQIA+ friends.

August 30: Join us for Coffee Hour!

