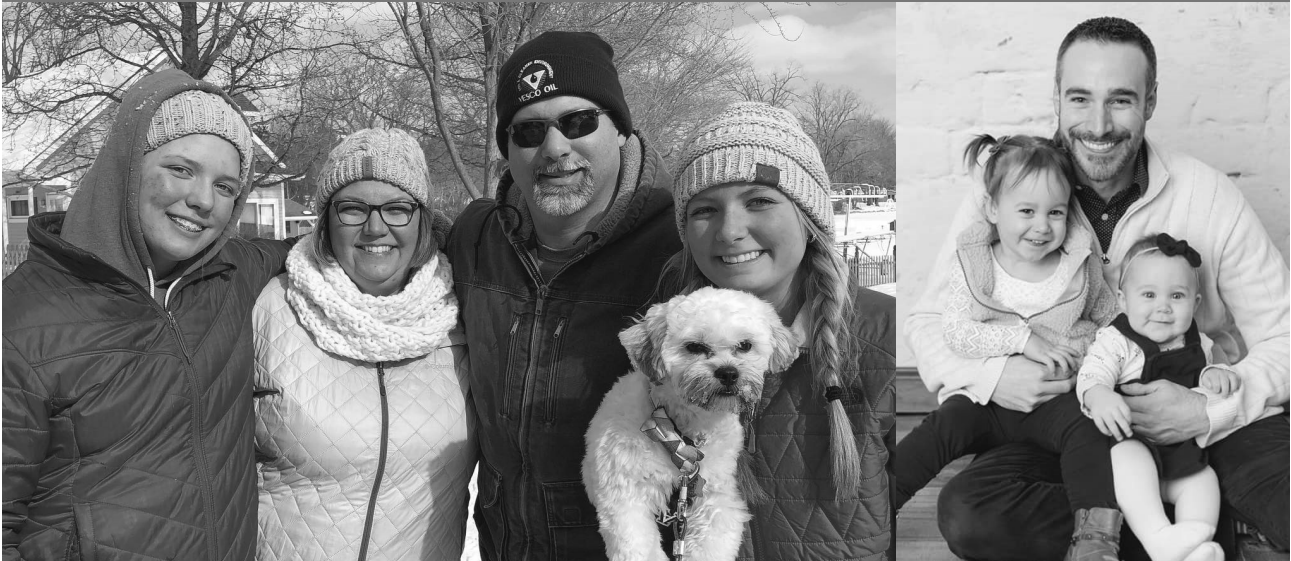




Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Come **Hear** the **Reason** we're **Inspired** to **Serve** **Together**



**Pictured above: Leah, Sarah, Eric, Emma, & Milo Nafziger enjoying a snow day (left); Pastor Alex, who celebrates his birthday tomorrow, 2/22, with Joanna and Eden (right).*

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

February 21, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!
First Sunday of Lent**

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Teach Me, Lord”

Call to Worship, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 25:1-10

†Hymn

#404, “The Solid Rock”

†(10:30) Song

“What a Beautiful Name”

†Unison Prayer - **We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you, God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us. Forgive us and have mercy on us, God of grace and guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

†The Gloria Patri

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

†Sermon Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22

Sermon

“Standing Against Temptation”

†Hymn

#283, “We Are God’s People”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#601, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Psalm 25:1-10 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; ² in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³ No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. ⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; ⁵ guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD. ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. ⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. ¹⁰ All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Mark 1:9-15 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

1 Peter 3:18-22 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand-- with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Next Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Scriptures - Psalm 22:23-31, Mark 8:31-38; Romans 4:13-25

Special Music - Klair Kern - "Yes I Will"

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Standing Against Temptation"

Scripture Mark 1:9-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)

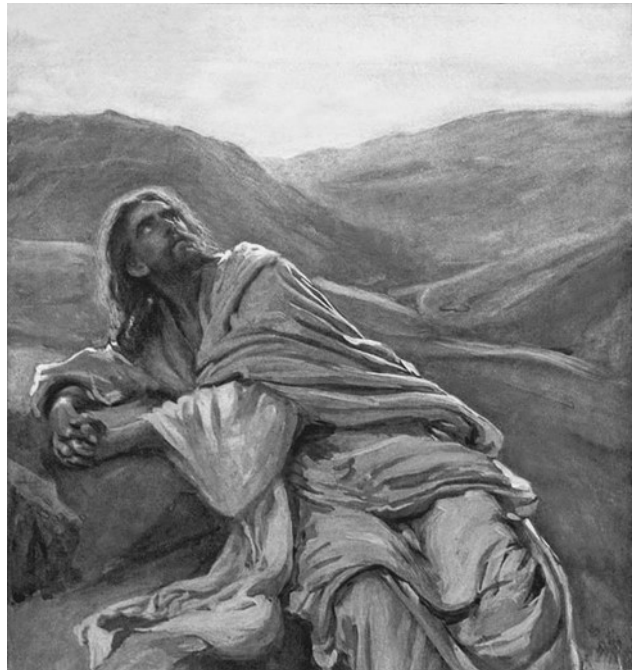


“And a voice came from heaven:
You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:11

“At once the Spirit sent him
out into the desert, and he was
in the desert forty days,
being tempted by Satan.”

Mark 1:12-13



February Mission-A-Month: Archbold FISH Food Pantry

St. John's will collect food and personal care items as well as monetary donations in support of the Archbold FISH Food pantry throughout the month of February. Items currently in greater need at the pantry include mandarin oranges, canola oil, sugar, multi-purpose cleaner, dish soap, 2-in-1 shampoo, and deodorant.



Food and personal care items can be dropped off to the large white box outside of the Chapel and monetary donations can be made using your weekly offering envelopes or by going to stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online. Please note, FISH is no longer collecting plastic bags.

Announcements:

- ◆ Pastor Erich will be out of town beginning this Tuesday, February 23rd through Saturday, February 27th. Let us pray for his safety as he travels to visit with his mother. Please contact Pastor Alex or the church office in his absence.
- ◆ Due to the postponement of last Monday's Consistory meeting, the resumption of Christian Education ministries is delayed at least one week. There will be no children's and youth ministries beginning this week as originally planned. We will announce any resumption plans later this week via email, phone call, and Facebook.
- ◆ Pettisville Missionary Church is hosting a drive-thru community meal on Tuesday, February 23rd from 5:00 - 6:00PM at their location in Pettisville: 19055 Co Rd D.
- ◆ Easter Flower orders can be placed until Sunday, March 7th. A hard copy order form is located on the bulletin board outside of the church office and an online order form can be found by going to www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation.

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

February 21 – God and Suffering.....	Psalm 91
February 22 – Hungry Mouths, Hungry Souls.....	Mark 8:1-13
February 23 – Spiritual Awareness.....	Mark 8:14-21
February 24 – Seeing Clearly?.....	Mark 8:22-26
February 25 – The Shadow of the Cross.....	Mark 8:27 - 9:1
February 26 – A Vision and a Voice.....	Mark 9:2-13
February 27 – A Father's Plea.....	Mark 9:14-29

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. Nursery care for infants and pre-kindergarten children is currently suspended. A diaper changing station is located in the Mother's Room. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room.

Large Print Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Week of February 21 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	B.A.S.I.C./Forerunners, Women's Class
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Gym)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Gym)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	7:00PM	Men's Ministry (Chapel)
Thu	6:00PM	Facility Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	B.A.S.I.C./Forerunners, Women's Class
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Congregational Prayer

Gracious and Glorious God, we give you thanks for the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. We thank you that you forgive us and give us power to begin anew. During this season of Lent, touch our lives with a greater sense of awareness – truly aware of the grace and peace of Jesus Christ; truly aware that you empower us to say no to temptation, and yes to your love; truly aware of people around us who we can love and care for. For your glory, O God, and for the peace of your people. Amen.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs
Lay Reader	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker
8:00AM Usher	Linda Heer
Head Usher	Dave Walker

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Tracey and Sodie Warren, as last week's scans revealed the good news that the cancer has not spread past the prostate. A treatment plan is being determined.
- ◆ Kenny Walker IV, and Kenny, Amanda and Gavin - there are daily steps of improvement, diabetic education continues, and they have enjoyed some weekends together.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Being Deployed (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army Nat. Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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