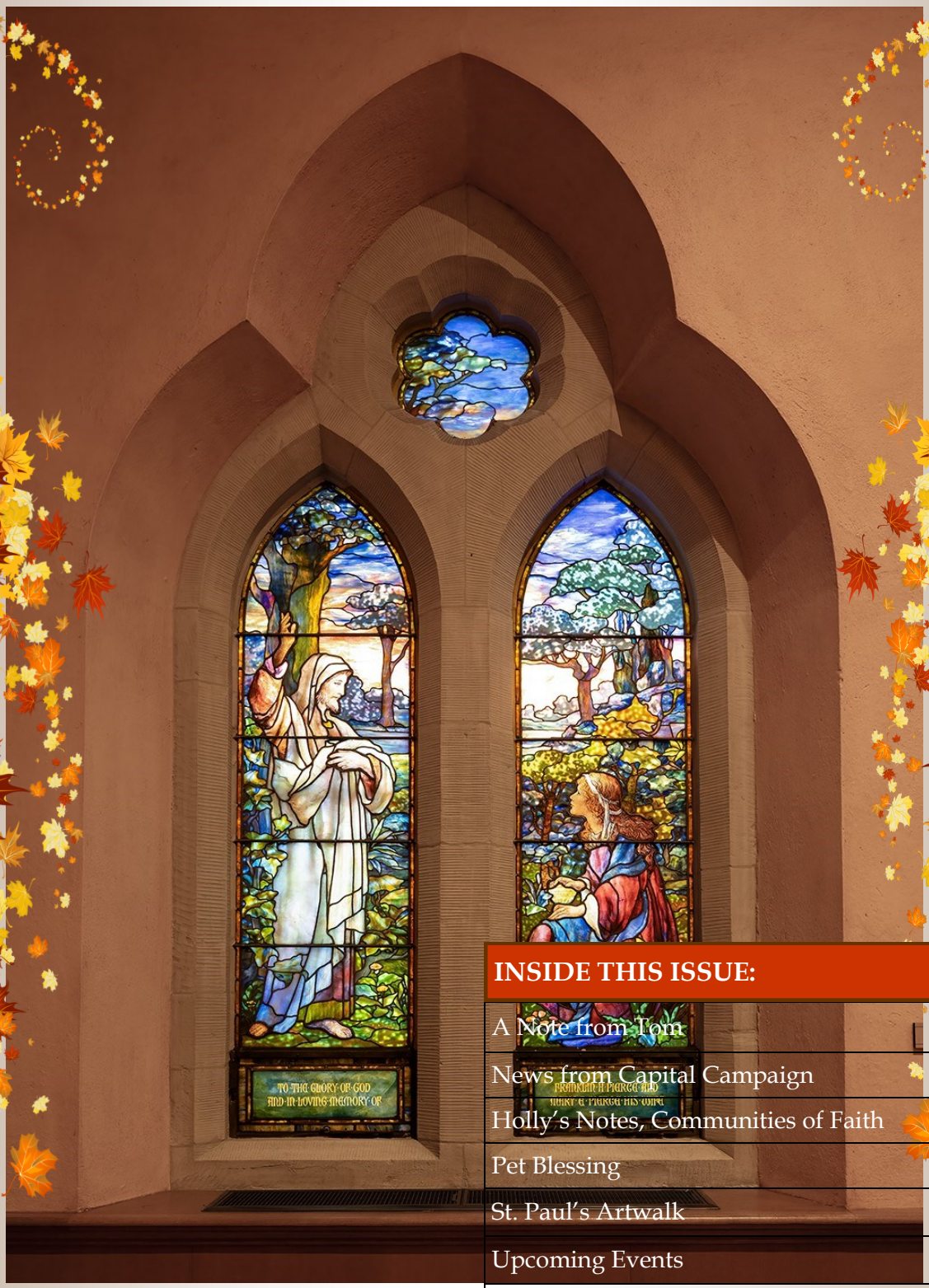
# THE EPISTLE

# OCTOBER 2026






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# A Note from Tom



"I care not for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it."
— **Abraham Lincoln**

On Sunday, October 4 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis by having our annual pet blessing service. There seem to be three schools of thought on pet blessings: some churches simply ignore the whole idea, some do the blessings *outside*, and some, like us, bring the pets inside the church and incorporate them into the regular church service.

When I arrived at St. Paul's three years ago, my only experience with pet blessings was limited to the first two options. When I realized that we bring the pets right into the church, I was a little…nervous. Here I was in the most beautiful church in the entire state and all I could imagine was the church full of wild animals, clawing the pews, biting children, and generally causing complete liturgical chaos.

And how wrong I was. The pet blessing service has become my favorite service of the year. Although we do get some barking (not gonna lie), our pet blessing service looks more like an angelic picture of Noah's Ark, then the scene from the movie *Jumanji* that I had in mind.



Please join us on October 4 for our pet blessing service, and we'll try to keep the chaos to a minimum!

With every blessing…

Tom+

**DON'T FORGET. BRING YOUR PET.**





# News from the Capital Campaign

**The Capital Campaign has:**

**raised over $770,000 in pledges** toward our goal of $1.2 million or 64% of our goal.
**already installed** a new heating system.
**received pledges** from 50 different sources.
**received pledges** from 44 current or past members.

**Look how far the Capital Campaign has come in just a short time as it has really been a little over a year.**

**The second phase** of the campaign is to install air conditioning in the **entire** building including the parlor, Barth Hall, second floor, offices and to upgrade the sanctuary. When we accomplish this, we will be able to enjoy the entire building all year long. Hopefully, this can be done prior to next summer when temperatures will become unbearable and limit use of the building..

**Are you one of the 44? Have you made your pledge?** All pledges, no matter what size, help us meet our goal. New modern heating/cooling is something that everyone of us will benefit from and enjoy.

**Pledge forms are available in the church or at the email listed below.** It is essential that anyone who pledges complete a pledge form. This helps us properly record your gifts as you intend them to be recorded. Also, please note on any contributions you make as to what it is intended to go. We have many options available for you to contribute and lessen the burden**.**

**Please note this is separate** from the annual pledge drive that is used to cover the normal operating expenses during the year. This is a lot to ask but it is a short term ask with a huge long-term benefit.

**Need more information, please contact us anytime, any place or anyway.**

Thanks for your consideration.

George Gibson
Capital Campaign Co-chair
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# Holly's Notes

There is a beautiful hymn, originally written by Frances Havergal in 1869. Havergal was an English poet and hymnist. She spoke five languages and read the Bible in Greek and Hebrew. Her Father was a minister and encouraged her writing and musical studies. Along with the song, the words are prayerful. She wrote many songs that we still sing today, "Like a River Glorious", "Take My Life and Let it Be". Miss Havergalin also wrote spiritual essays and books along with her hymns and prayers. As we begin to observe the beauty of fall, this hymn is a beautiful observance of our shortening days of light.

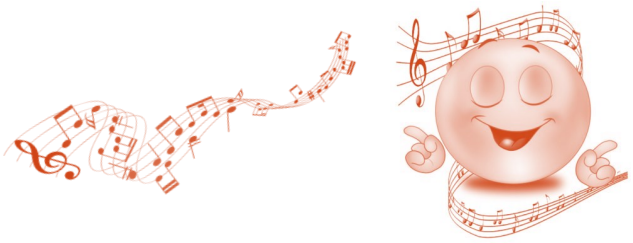
1 Now the light has gone away;
Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep
And to send me quiet sleep.

2 Jesus, Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong today.
Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

3 Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee;
Oh, bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above.

4 Now my evening praise I give;
Thou didst die that I might live.
All my blessings come from Thee;
Oh, how good Thou art to me!

5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend,
Thou wilt love me to the end.
Let me love Thee more and more
Always better than before.
Amen.



Here is a guitar and voice example of this hymn: Now The Light Has Gone Away - Christian Song with Lyrics

Holly Richardson, Director of Music

# Communities of Faith

October 2026

Hello everyone!

Another busy month is in our rearview with an even busier month ahead of us. This October we will be doing some new things and some old things as a community. For the old, this month will see us return to the Ziibiwing Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, where we continue our education and learning about our indigenous neighbors and those who stewarded the land long before we arrived here. We will be going there on October 19th, which is a Monday - I pushed for a Saturday but got denied. There is a sign up sheet in the welcome center, if you have questions please ask me.

After the Ziibiwing Center we will be having our Diocesan Convention where Barb Mannor, Father Tom, and myself will all be voting on our first diocesan bishop (among other things, such as a diocesan resolution establishing policies around the usage of AI, if you're interested in hearing more about that, feel free to ask as I am one of the co-writers of that resolution!)

The new things that we are participating in next month are going to be a discussion at University of Michigan - Flint on October 8th from 5-7 (dinner provided!), where we are partnering with the Center for Gender and Sexuality on an event called "the Intersection of Faith and Sexuality". This event will feature Deacon Beck Leclaire formerly of the AuSable Inclusion Center and current diocesan staff. I'm really looking forward to these discussions around how folks can hold both their fullness of self-identity as well as the fullness of their faith.

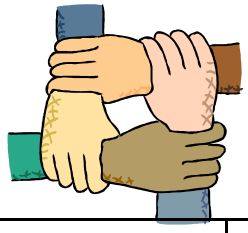
The Sunday after this event, we will be hosting FedUp and WashUp Ministries out of Ypsilanti, alongside a whole host of community resources which will be coming together to support our community in need. We will be working with local resources to provide showers, laundry services, hair cuts, job resources, health resources, recovery resources, etc. for folks to level up their dignity and perception of self-worth. This will be running after church from 12-3, please come hang out, there will be a food truck providing meals as well. All of this is being funded by a grant from the Community Foundation which we wrote and were awarded this year.

Before I give you my normal rundown of asking for pictures and giving my contact info, I want to give a thank you to everyone who has helped out this past two months with things like Back to the Bricks, the Crim, our Yard Sale, and Pride. Through Back to the Bricks and the Yard sale we raised over a thousand dollars for the St. Paul's Assistance Ministry (or SPAM). These donations and generosity have helped us, at the time of this writing in September, to help folks with more requests than the entirety of last year. So far we have helped 56 individuals with over $11,000 in direct help, this is balanced, as always with about $55,000 in requests - this compares to last year where we helped 54 folks with about $10,000 in direct help and $45,000 in requests. Everything we do at St. Paul's is powered by the people who make it happen. Thank you so much for everything you do, seen or unseen, heard or unheard, it cannot happen without you.

As always, if you have questions, comments, concerns, or want to just sit down and talk, my email is rayna@stpaulschurchflint.com and you can also find me in the middle office at various points throughout the week. If you have a picture or event for the website or the bulletin screens, please feel free to email them to me as well. I've also got a new meeting link, if you're reading this digitally you can just click on this link and be brought to my calendar to request some time with me. If you are not reading this digitally and would like a copy of the link, please let me know and I can get it to you.

Rayna





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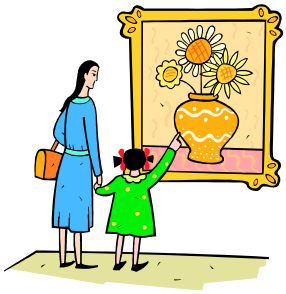
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| Rent | $1,629.00 | Resources* | $46,103.69 | $10,372.41 |
| Rent | $3,486.00 | Resources* | $49,589.69 | $10,372.41 |
| Water | $602.83 | $602.83 | $50,192.52 | $10,975.24 |
| Rent | $1,352.80 | Resources* | $51,545.32 | $10,975.24 |
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# St. Paul's Artwalk



Friday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.



**Featured Artist: Susan Hamady**

## EDUCATION

Associate Degree in Applied Science-Photography, Washtenaw Community College (with high honors)

Master of Arts (with high distinction) in Theatre, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Post-graduate work in Theatre and Dance, Wayne State University

Bachelor of Arts (Phi Beta Kappa), Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Additional Studies at University of Michigan and Connecticut College for Women

## POST GRADUATE ARTS TRAINING (INCLUDING TUTORIALS)

Four years with *Donald Brackett*, Former Professor of Art at Macomb Community College and Head of the Art Department at Cass Technical High School. Two years with *Diane Singletree*, Watercolorist. Three months with *Vera Wolfe*, printmaker. Basics of Art via Celebrity Centre, Hollywood, CA

*Wayne State University,* Drawing, Ceramics, Design (with *David Mitchell*), Elements of Art (with *Sergio De Giusti*). Wayne County Community College, Design, Printmaking, Drawing, Life Drawing (with *Karl Kamulski*) Center for Creative Studies - Drawing (with *Russ Keeter*), Watercolor Painting (with *Richard Jerszy*).
Ann Arbor Art Association, Painting, Life Drawing, Tilemaking, Design, Photography, Printmaking

## SELECT JURIED ART FAIRS (1976-Present)

*Indiana Art Fairs*: Penrod Arts Fair, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Bloomington, Fort Wayne

*Texas*: Westheimer Art Fair

*Wisconsin* Art Fairs: Art Fair on the Square - Madison, Milwaukee, Wausau

*Michigan* Art Fairs: Art Institute - Flint, Arts and Apples - Rochester, Kalamazoo Art Institute, Midland Art Institute, Michigan State University, Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, Charlevoix, Traverse City, Sutton's Bay, Detroit, St. Clair Shores, Royal Oak

*Florida* Art Fairs: Venice, Tampa

*Ohio* Art Fairs: Toledo Crosby Gardens, University of Toledo, Cleveland Shaker Heights, Sylvania, Perrysburg

*Missouri* Art Fair: Kansas City - Art on the Plaza

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**Featured Music Artists: Tom Allen, Guitar**

Born in Madison, Wisconsin, with a bachelor of music from the University of Minnesota including study in guitar, voice, and composition. I play classical, jazz, folk, and do instrumental stylings of well-known hits. My compositions have been played internationally. I love the music of Bach, and write classical guitar songs that are full of whimsy and punch.



# LEVEL UP

Experience a day designed to raise up your dignity in life and the world.

Receive resources for jobs, for recovery, for food, for legal help, and for medical and mental health - all while getting a hot meal, clean clothes, a warm shower, and a fresh hair cut.




FED UP ministries

Shear Comfort Mobile Haircare

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Flint, Michigan

Recovery Alliance Project

Community Resolution Center

Wellness Services

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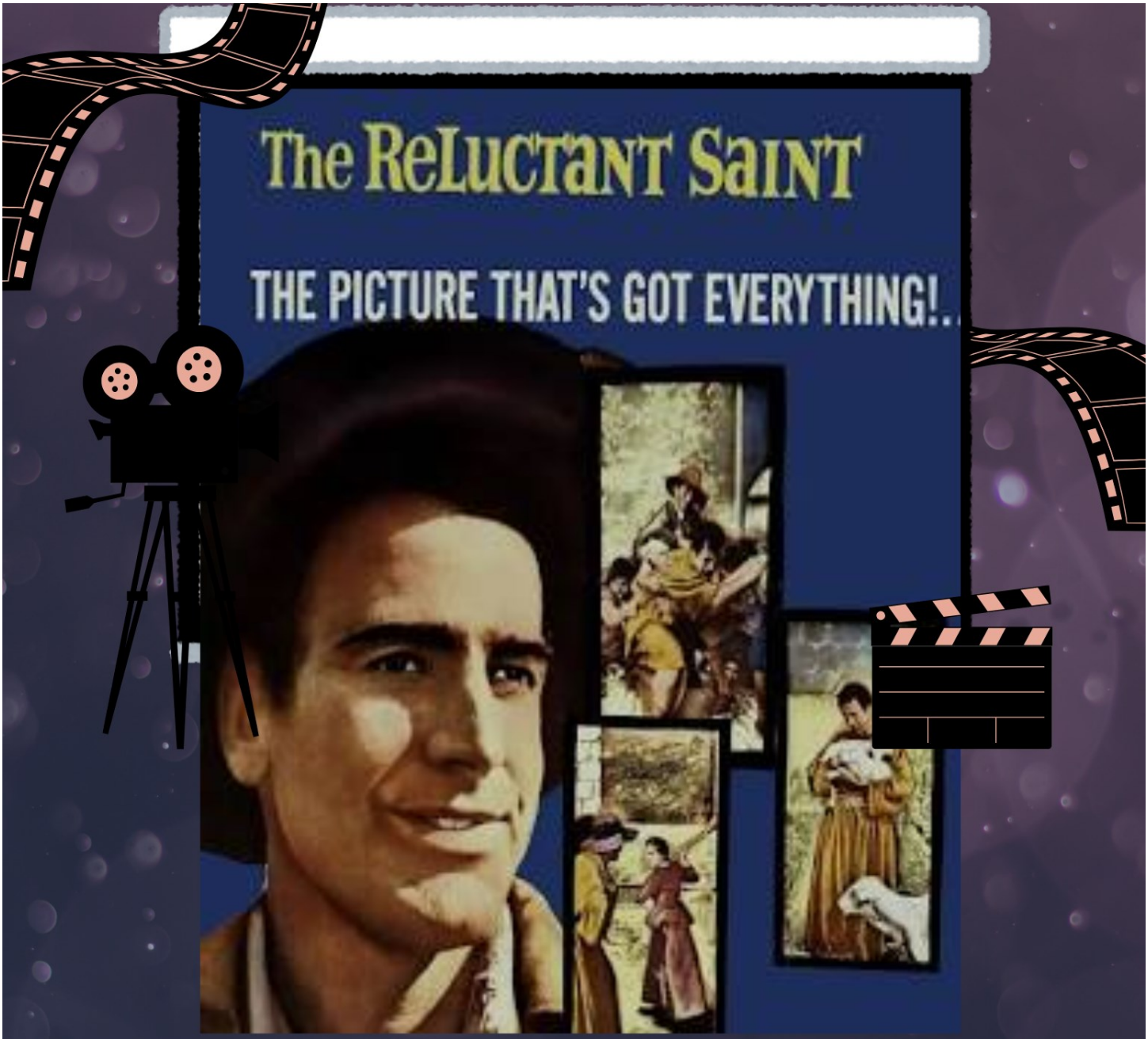
ZIIBIWING CENTER
*of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways*

# *Monday October 19, 2026*

All are invited to join us on a guided tour of the Ziibiwing Center in Mt. Pleasant in order to learn more about the Anishinabe culture

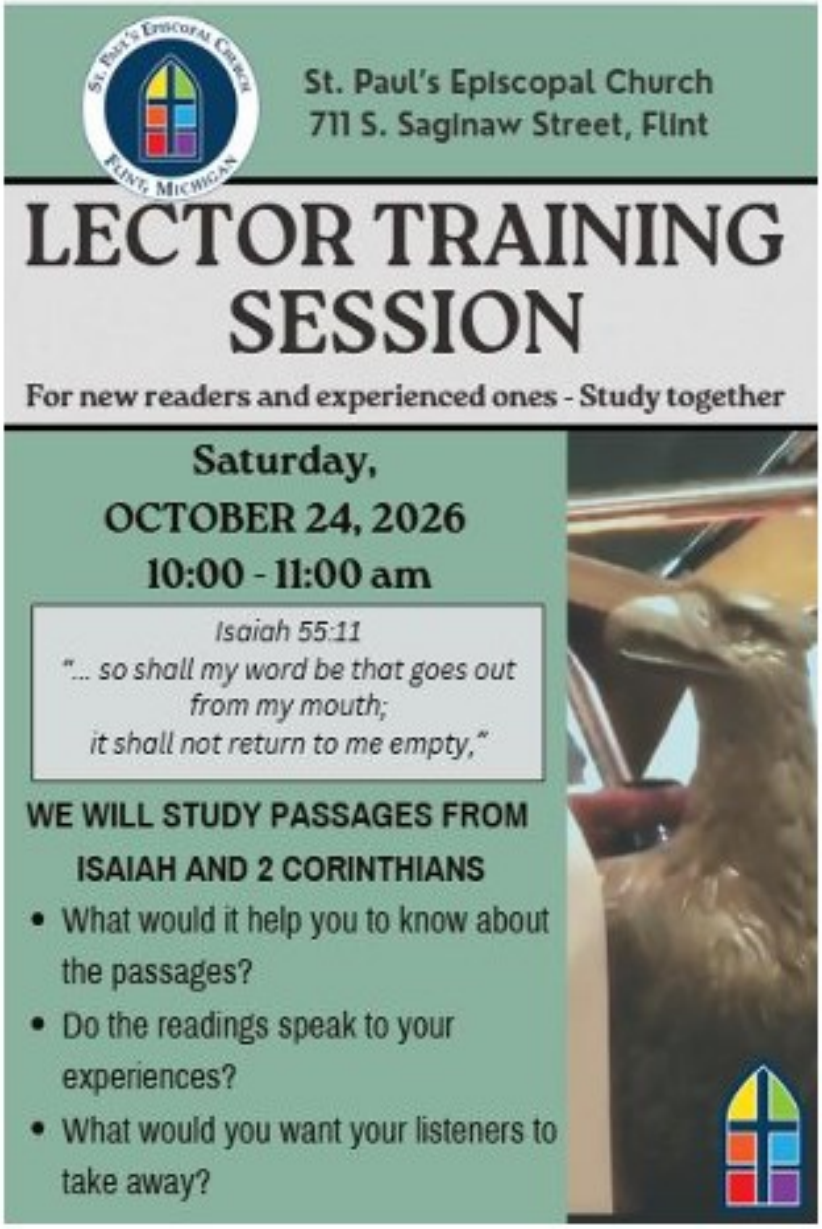
- Arrive at the Ziibiwing Center no later than 10AM for our guided tour
- Ziibiwing Center, 6650 E Broadway Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858
- If you meet at the church, plan to leave by 8:30AM

For more details of the event, feel free to reach out to Rayna Hauter




AN INEPT YOUNG PRIEST-IN-TRAINING IS DECLARED A SAINT WHEN HE BEGINS FLOATING ABOUT THE MONASTERY DURING PRAYER SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY
10/21/2026
5:30 PM




**Saturday,**

**October 24, 2026**

**Together we will implore:**
***"Lord, be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart, that I may worthily proclaim your holy word."***

Besides the Episcopal Church, many spiritual resources offer guidance to those who are called upon to proclaim the holy Word of God during our religious services.

For example, in the book *Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart*, James A. Wallace offers guidance about the importance of words, reading as nourishment, and the listeners' hunger for wholeness and for meaning. He also addresses our spirituality as preachers while we prepare for our solemn roles as lectors.

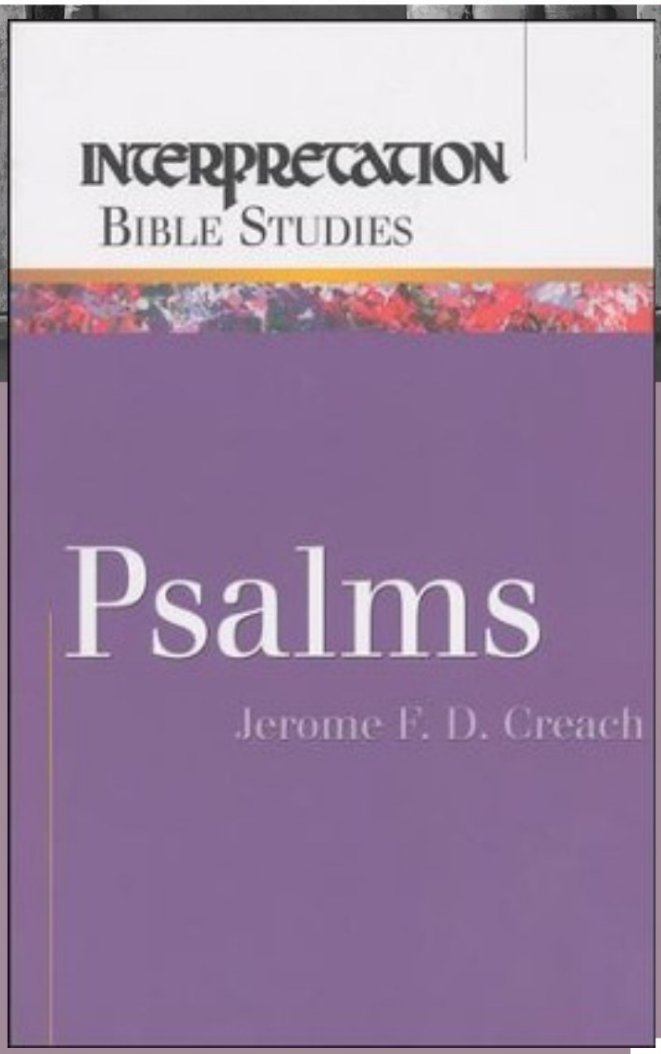
## Words. Reading. Our listeners. Preparation.

These are the areas we will explore in the **Lector Training Workshop on October 24.** New lectors, as well as those who have experience as readers at St. Paul's are invited to this session, led by Tim Grant.

Together, we will work through the following questions to best bring **wholeness and meaning** when we proclaim the Word during our services:

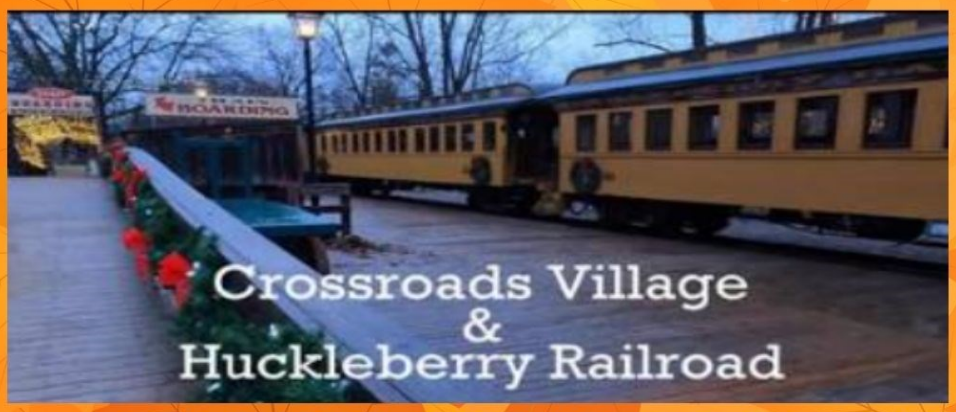
***"... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty," Isaiah 55:11***

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# ST. PAUL'S BOOK STUDY

*Join us Wednesdays at 12:45 in the Parish Library following Noonday Mass or scan the QR code to join us via zoom*






# HALLOWEEN MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

## *JOIN US ON A FIELD TRIP TO CROSSROADS VILLAGE & HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD*

**Sunday, October 25, 2026**

**Leave from Barth Hall at noon. Enjoy Halloween fun in the Village, then hop on the train at 2:30. At the end of the ride, return to the church in the comfort of the new van, exhausted and full of Halloween cheer.**

**THE GOOD NEWS? We've got you covered!**
**We have tickets for the first 12 to register.**
**If we sell out, we can possibly reserve for up to 5 more.**
**The first 8 to register can ride on the van**
**The rest can follow us there.**
**Kids under 5 cannot ride in the van, but can still go!**
**THE BAD NEWS? We need to know right away.**
**Make your reservation by October 5.**
***Carole: 810-410-7789 | Edie: 810-845-5473***

# October Liturgy Schedule

| Dates | | Lector 1 | Lector 2 | Intercessor (Prayers of the People) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-Oct-2026 | | Susumu Inoue | Shane Geraghty | Pam Bailey |
| 11-Oct-2026 | G | Velecia Ford | Cindy Hall | Justin Wetenhall |
| 18-Oct-2026 | B | Leo Amor | Sean DeGeorge | Brandon Adams |
| 25-Oct-2026 | | Rajaad Twine | Kim Ramirez | Julie Arter |

| Dates | | Eucharistic Minister | Crucifer | Verger |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-Oct-2026* | | Tim Grant | Ed Walthers | Brandon Adams |
| 11-Oct-2026 | G | Tamara Oertel | Max Karpov | Ed Walthers |
| 18-Oct-2026 | B | Rayna Hauter | Rayna Hauter | Brandon Adams |
| 25-Oct-2026 | | Tim Grant | Max Karpov | Ed Walthers |

## Anniversaries

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| 10/8 | TIMLIN, Moses & Celeste |
| 10/14 | BOMMARITO, Mike & Debbie |
| 10/27 | PEAKE, Walter & Edythe |

## Birthdays

| | |
|---|---|
| 10/1 | BAADE, Dylan |
| 10/2 | DEGEORGE, Sean |
| 10/2 | SHRIVER, Tomas |
| 10/3 | ADAMS, Brandon |
| 10/4 | KUSKY, Donna |
| 10/7 | MANNEY, Thomas |
| 10/8 | KATZENBERGER, Ferrell |
| 10/10 | OERTEL, Genevieve |
| 10/10 | MANYGOATS, Myron |
| 10/18 | MATAR, Russell |
| 10/22 | CHERRY, Jack |
| 10/26 | MISKA, Joann |
| 10/28 | STOERMAN, Judith |
| 10/28 | WHITEHEAD, Terence |
| 10/29 | BAILEY, Zack |
| 10/30 | HAUTER, Rayna |



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**STPOffice@stpaulschurchflint.com.**

Submission reminders go out on the **15th** of every month. Submission deadlines are the **25th** of every month.

## Worship at St. Paul's

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.**

The link below will take you to the St. Paul's Parish Calendar.

https://stpaulschurchflint.com/elementor-638/

## Remember St. Paul's in your will:

Please consider helping the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by remembering the church in your will. You can do so by using the following wording:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a non-profit church, with the current address of 711 S. Saginaw, Flint, MI 48502, and its successor, the greater of $_____, or _____percentage of my gross estate, to be used in such manner as determined by its vestry."

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