

# Third Sunday in Lent

## March 8, 2026



“If you knew the **gift of God**, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” *John 4:10*

## Special Welcome To Those With Young Children

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

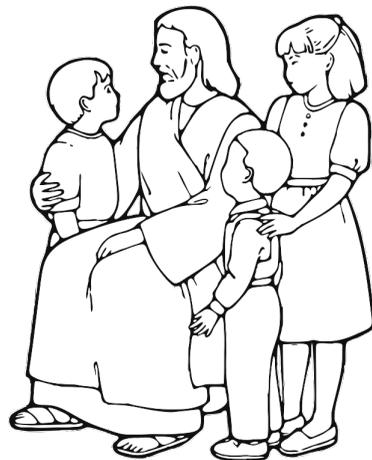
- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily watch the pastor, note the colors, hear the bells, see the fire, and wonder about the stained-glass windows of the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.

- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of good folks here who would love to lend you a hand!

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!



## Prelude

Matthias Raffa, Organist

## HYMN: “My Song Is Love Unknown”

LSB 430

*Stand*

### + CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION +

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

LSB 185

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Remain Standing*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 84:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

**P** Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**C** How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

**P** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**C** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for  
herself, where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**P** Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!

**ALL** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

### Kyrie

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



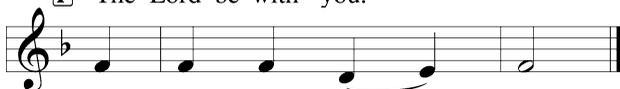
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and

Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*Hebrews 12:2*

**P** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**C** **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the  
throne of God.**

## **Epistle**

*Romans 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

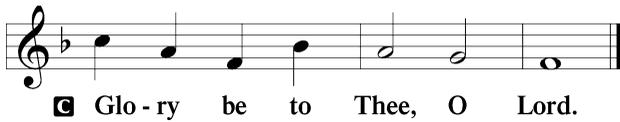
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 4:5–30, 39–42*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who

is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”<sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”<sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Nicene Creed**

**G** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **HYMN: “May God Bestow on Us His Grace”**

*LSB 823*

**Sermon** “The Gift of God” (based off the Gospel reading)

*The Rev. Dr. Mark Nuckols*

*Stand*

*Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts  
and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## **Our Offerings to God**

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the

Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

Text: Pastor Frisque

*(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)*

## Offertory

LSB 192-193

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Final Petition:*

- P** ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Our Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to

strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor or see an usher to assist in speaking with Pastor or an Elder. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.

If you intend to receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please place the empty cup in the gold bowls following your table's dismissal. If you intend to receive from the common cup, please raise your hand forward, signaling your preference, and then feel free to guide the chalice to your lips by holding on to the bottom of the chalice.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
 against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

- HYMN: "For All the Faithful Women"** *LSB 855 sts. 1, 10, 3-4*
- HYMN: "When Peace, like a River"** *LSB 763*
- HYMN: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"** *LSB 435*
- HYMN: "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"** *LSB 693*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

. . . through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201 -202



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



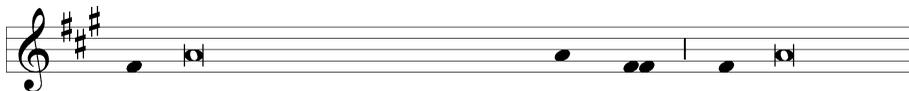
**A** Bless we the Lord.



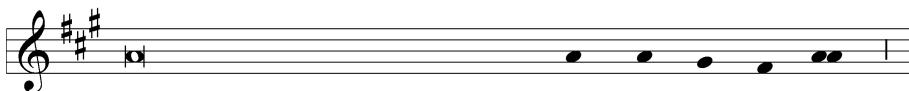
**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## HYMN: “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

LSB 917

## **Serving Us this Week**

**Elders (8 AM):** Michael Kiener

**(1030 AM):** Steve Jagow

**Finance Team:** Parchim & Hempelman

**Altar Committee:** Karen Ravn and Sandi Thiel

**Usher Team (#3):** Ron Parchim, Captain

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Sun (3/8/26)**

✝ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun in Lent

- **Divine Service 8am**
- Bible Study & Sunday School Hour  
9:15am-10:15am
- **Divine Service 10:30am**
- Board of Education meets after 2<sup>nd</sup>  
service

### **Mon (3/9/26)**

- Elder's Meeting – 6pm
- Council Meeting – 7pm

### **Tues (3/10/26)**

- Women's Bible Study – 1pm  
*Church Library*

### **Wed (3/11/26)**

- **Lenten Matins Service 10am**
- UGT – 11am – 3pm
- Lenten Meal – 5pm-6:15pm
- **Lenten Vespers Service 6:30pm**

### **Thurs (3/12/26)**

- Men's Bible Study – 6:15am  
*Fredonia Family Restaurant*

### **Sun (3/15/26)**

✝ 4<sup>th</sup> Sun in Lent

- **Divine Service 8am**
- Bible Study & Sunday School Hour  
9:15am-10:15am
- **Divine Service 10:30am**

## **Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

- ✝ Rose Bottesi
- ✝ Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother)
- ✝ Tim Monahan (Debbie Paape's brother)
- ✝ Judy Fischer
- ✝ Keith Johnson
- ✝ Susan Kloppmann (Alisyn Bell's aunt)
- ✝ Randy Fairbert (Betty Fairbert's son)
- ✝ Lou Anne (Grace Bonjean's friend)
- ✝ Linda Nordby (Mike Berry's friend)
- ✝ Mildred Rosso
- ✝ Nico Lawver (Lisa McGuire's cousin's son)
- ✝ Pam Anschuetz (Renae Roos's friend)
- ✝ Paul Voight (Sandy Jacque's father)
- ✝ Amelia (Mass family friend)
- ✝ Joni Heilgendorf (Rose Bottesi's sister-in-law)
- ✝ John Diehl (Mike Czysh's uncle)
- ✝ Alvin Czysh (Mike Czysh's father)
- ✝ Mike Czysh
- ✝ Jeff Ader
- ✝ Don Dohrwardt
- ✝ Ron Parchim
- ✝ James Blecha (Mike Berry's Grandson)
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# Spring Drive Thru Chicken Fry

March 8, 2026

10:00 am to 2:00 pm at  
Northern Ozaukee High School

Ticket prices in advance are \$2 cheaper.  
Contact the Lions Club for more details.  
**Lion Jerry Shoemaker 262-692-9143**



## Meal Includes:

Chicken, Mashed Potato w/gravy, Corn, Cookie.  
Raffle Tickets available for purchase.



## LWML Mites needed:

The South Wisconsin District LWML hopes to see \$15,500 donated by March 31<sup>st</sup> to complete the grants they chose to support this biennium:

- helping Old Trinity Lutheran in Milwaukee complete their renovation after the fire that destroyed the church
- funds to help supply food for the food bank for students at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne
- scholarships to send campers to Camp LuWiSoMo who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

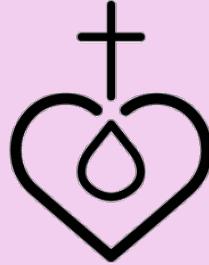
If you wish to help, the LWML collection mite box will be in the back of the church for the next 3 weeks (March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>).

## GIFTS FROM THE HEART

The LWML is looking for help from local churches to support the Orphan Grain Train with Layette Kits as part of the LWML's *Gifts from the Heart* program.

Items needed include:

- Cloth Diapers
- Diaper Pins
- Rubber or Reusable Pants
- Washcloths
- Sleeper
- Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Blanket



Collection will take place from March 15<sup>th</sup> until May 24<sup>th</sup>. Kits will be taken to the LWML 80<sup>th</sup> year celebration in June.

A collection basket/box will be in the Narthex by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your support!

## THE CHILDCARE IS HIRING!

Do you have a love for children? Would you like to work in a Christian environment? Are you looking for a job working Monday through Friday? We can help!

St. John Lutheran Preschool and Childcare is looking for some caring individuals who have a heart for working with children to fill some full and part time positions. Hours/days can be flexible. For full time, we offer 4 day work weeks. Previous experience preferred, but not necessary.

For more information, contact Cheryl at 262-692-2734. Applications can also be found on our website at [www.stjohnfredonia.org](http://www.stjohnfredonia.org). *Must be at least 18 years of age to apply.*





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