



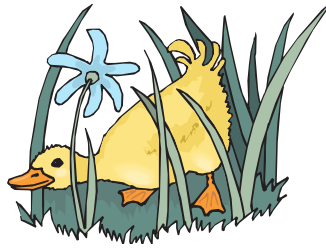
Senior Fellowship News & Views

Spring 2026

Message from the President

A Breath of Fresh Spring Air!

Hello Dear Friends,
We made it! After a long, cold winter, the sun is finally peeking through and the air is getting warmer. I hope you are all feeling well and finding a moment to step outside and enjoy the sunshine. I also want to wish each of you a very Happy Easter and a season filled with renewal.



We have some wonderful gatherings coming up, and we would love to see your smiling faces there!

Upcoming Events

April: Luncheon & Game Day

When: Wed, April 15th at 11:30 am

Where: The Social Hall

What's for

Lunch: Delicious pizza, fresh salad, drinks, and cookies for dessert.

"Changes to Chili Night"

The Fun: We'll be playing "20 Express" with local grocery store gift cards up for grabs!

Cost: Just \$10.00 for a great afternoon with friends.

The "Lunch Bunch" Outing

When: Tuesday, April 28th at 11:30 am

Where: Olive Garden (Rochester Hills)

Details: Join us at this local favorite for some good food and even better conversation. See page 3 for the May and June Lunch Bunch locations to add to your calendar.

Save the Date: Members' Free Dinner

When: Thursday, May 21st at 5:00 pm

Details: Mark your calendars now for this special "thank you" dinner!

Looking Ahead: Changes to Chili Night

After hearing wonderful feedback from Jerry Kondalski and many of you, the Board is making a few "senior-friendly" changes for 2027 to keep us safe and comfortable:

More Daylight: In January, we will switch to a daytime Luncheon.

Chili in February: We'll move Chili Night to February to take advantage of the longer days.

Earlier Start: We will begin at 4:30 pm.

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MISSION STATEMENT

PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY AMONG PARISHIONERS
55 YEARS AND OVER THROUGH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH
PROJECTS AND A SHARING OF COMMON INTERESTS.

Short & Sweet: To keep everyone off the roads late at night, the event will be about two hours long — focusing on chili tasting, fellowship, the 50/50 raffle, and no guest speaker.

One More Thing: A Simple Way to Pay Online

Many of you already use the **St. Irenaeus** website, and we've made it even easier to join our events. You'll notice "QR codes" (*those little square barcodes*) in our ads—if you point your smartphone camera at them, they'll take you right to our **Senior Fellowship page**.

This secure way makes it easy for you to pay for luncheons and memberships online. It's a great way to skip the stamps and envelopes! *See how easy it is to pay online below.*

We want to hear from you! If you have thoughts on these changes or anything else, please let me know.

I pray this spring brings you joyful times with family and friends. May God bless you with continued health and wonderful fellowship.

Adelia (Dee) Macker

A Simple Way to Pay Online

How to pay online:

1. **Visit the Website:** Open the St. Irenaeus website (stirenaeus.org) and click on Give.
2. **Find Senior Fellowship:** Scroll down to our section and click. **Pro Tip:** If you see a **QR Code** (the little black and white square) on our flyers, just hold your phone camera up to it—it will take you there automatically!
3. **Add a Note:** This part is important! In the "Note" section, please type the **name of the event** and **who you are paying for**.
4. **Payment:** Enter your information safely. If you plan to join us often, you can even create an account to save time later.

Note: Even if you pay online, **please remember to call us** to reserve your spot so we have a chair waiting for you! (*We still gratefully accept checks by mail if you prefer the traditional way*).



Chili night January 15, 2026



Kat's Korner



April 28
Olive Garden
2615 Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills

May 19
Old Detroit Bar & Grille
6870 N. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills

June 23
Grand Tavern
3512 Marketplace Cir.
Rochester Hills



We had SUCH amazing food and such a great time at last fall's Lunch Bunch at *Detroit Bar and Grille* in Rochester, that we couldn't wait to book it again for May 19 this year!

Keep an eye out for the monthly flyer and call 248.651.9595 x880 to RSVP

Don't miss out—be sure to sign up and come hungry! We're looking forward to another fun afternoon together!



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Did You Know?

Using a cell phone while driving in Michigan

In 2023, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law a bill making it illegal to manually use a cell phone or other mobile electronic device while operating a vehicle on Michigan roads. Under the law, a driver cannot hold or support a phone or other device with any part of their hands, arms, or shoulders.



Even if a cell phone or other device is mounted on your dashboard or connected to your vehicle's built-in system, you cannot use your hands to operate it beyond a single touch.

As a result, you cannot manually do any of the following on a cell phone or other electronic device while driving, even when stopped at a traffic light.

- Make or answer a telephone or video call.
- Send or read a text or email message.
- Watch, record, or send a video.
- Access, read, or post to social media.
- Browse or use the Internet.
- Enter information into GPS or a navigation system.



See what they know about you

You can request your driving report like you pull a credit report. It's free once a year. You might be shocked at what's already in your file.

LexisNexis is the big one. Insurance companies use them constantly to check your history before giving you a quote.

1. Go to consumer.risk.lexisnexis.com.
2. Scroll down to and click on the red rectangle "Request a Consumer Disclosure Report."
3. Fill out the form with your name, address, date of birth, SSN and driver's license number. Yes, you need to give them all that info to confirm it's you. They have it already.
4. They'll mail you instructions to access your report online.

Rather talk to a human? Call 1-888-497-0011.

Your report will show what driving data they have on file, any claims history and who they've shared it with. If something's wrong, you have the legal right to dispute it under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Same rules as your credit report.

Tek Tips

From Marilyn Pearson

Stop Facebook social circle stalkers:

You don't have to lock down your entire profile to get some privacy. In the *Facebook mobile app*, go to *Settings > Audience and visibility > How people find and contact you > Who can see your friends list*. From there, set it to friends, exclude specific people, or choose only me.

Start 2026 by making sure your vehicle is safe

About 1 in 5 cars on the road has an open recall that was never fixed. Check yours on the NHTSA website by entering the license plate number or VIN. You can also look up recalls for car seats and tires. It could literally save a life.

Hands on the wheel

Looking down at your phone while driving is a great way to ruin your day and everyone else's. Let your car read messages to you instead.

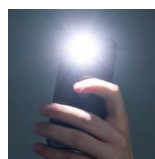
iPhone with CarPlay: Go to Settings > Notifications > Announce Notifications and turn it on. Siri will read incoming messages out loud. **Android Auto:** Open Settings > Android Auto > Messaging and turn on notifications. When a message comes in, say, "Hey, Google, read my messages." Now you can ignore that group chat safely.

Stop spam texts

On an iPhone: Open the spam text and tap the arrow next to the contact number at the top of the screen. Scroll down and select Block Caller.

On an Android: Open the text and tap the three-dot menu icon at the top. Select Details and then Block and Report Spam.

Using your phone's voice to turn on your flashlight



Say, "Hey, Siri, turn on the flashlight" or "Hey, Google, turn on the flashlight." No tapping, no swiping necessary.

It also works for turning Wi-Fi on and off or switching to mobile data. **Not working?** Check Settings > Siri > Talk to Siri on iPhone or Google app > Settings > Gemini > Talk to Gemini hands-free on Android.

Set up your iPhone picture for your text messages

If you want to use your profile picture for texting, set a default photo. (This tip works on any iPhone running iOS 17 or later.)

*Open messages, Tap **Edit** on the top left, Tap your name and photo, **Select Set Up Name & Photo** and **Toggle name and photo sharing** on under **Share Automatically**, choose **Contacts Only** to share with all your contacts when you message them automatically.*

Or, choose *Always Ask* to choose which messages to share your photo with, regardless of whether they are in your Contacts or not.

Note: If you have *Screen Unknown Senders on*, you may have to turn that off.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

3 Janet Murphy
6 Bob Pearson
16 John Scharf
20 Carol Bommarito
23 Jim Hoffmann
27 Bev Jazinski
28 Dee Macker

MAY

3 Edwina LaMontagne
5 Mary Racette
7 Claudio Bertolin
20 John Lucas
25 Patrice Horal
28 James Kolanek
30 Florence Bissell

JUNE

1 Glenn Steyer
6 Phillip Murphy
6 Rosemary Szasna
9 Nancy Guffey
17 Harriett Maranas
17 Bernie Schantz
18 Linda Tull
21 Lois Dennis
23 Suzanne Maley
24 Mary Jo Cavanaugh
26 Chuck Bissel
28 Barbara Lucas
28 Joe Macker



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