

Sunday School for Kids – All offerings are led by two Safe Church trained adults.

- During the 9 am service we'll offer Children's Church, including interactive children's sermons, and led by a pair of adults with Safeguarding God's Children training.
- Between services, at 10:15 am, we'll offer Godly Play, a Montessori-style Sunday school program. We'll meet in the atrium after the first service before going upstairs.

Youth Ministry at St. John's (for Middle & High Schoolers)

- On Sunday mornings between services (about 10:20 am), teens are invited to Youth Roundtable, where we get snacks from downtown Worthington and talk about one of the readings for the day. Meet in the atrium next to the sanctuary.
- Every other Sunday afternoon our youth group meets from 2 pm to 3:30 pm to share some snacks, talk about an aspect of faith, and play games. On Sunday, **November 17**, we'll meet at St. John's. Got a question? Email David the associate rector, at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org.

Adult Formation: What Is a Sacrament? - Explore how Episcopalians understand Baptism and Eucharist. Reflect on God's unseen activity made tangible in water, bread, and wine. We'll gather on **Sundays, November 17 and 24**, at about 10:20 a.m. in Kilbourne Hall. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable will be offered at the same time.

Facing Loss - Our November 18 meeting will convene in the Atrium at 1:00 pm. Kathleen McFalls, a former Hospice Social Worker, will lead a discussion on "Surviving the Holidays." Our CareGivers are especially welcome. There will be no 4th Monday Loss Lunch in November. Contact Cynthia Woodbeck with any questions, at 614-847-9529 or cwoodbeck235@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Day Service - St. John's will observe Thanksgiving Day with a service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday, November 28**.

Thanksgiving Dinner for In the Garden at Trinity - St. John's will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner downtown on **November 24**. The Outreach Committee will be providing turkey and pumpkin pie for 60 diners out of the ITG budget. Jean Duncan has generously offered to cook and slice turkey breasts for the occasion. Thank you, Jean! The pies will be purchased from local grocery stores. Trinity is providing mixes for mashed potatoes and stuffing, cranberry sauce, and green beans. We are asking St. John's parishioners to provide the rest of what we need and some volunteers to help us prepare and serve the meal on the 24th at 12 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet in the atrium. Your support for this ministry is so very much appreciated by hungry folks in Columbus!

The Annual Christmas Giving Project Updates - Our Giving Tree kickoff was a huge success!!! Thank you to those of you who have supported KMS and chose tags from our display! If you would still like to be a part of this project, there are more ornaments available in the Atrium or you can visit our online Giving Tree by clicking [here](#). The ornaments contain the holiday wishes from some of the students at Kilbourne Middle School and their siblings. Please know that there are several gift wishes for each child, including needed clothing, outerwear, and fun items. Gifts should be returned by **December 8**, unwrapped (with a gift receipt and box if possible) and with the tag from the ornament.

If you prefer not to shop, we have another option for you! Instead of taking a tag, we are also collecting cash and gift cards to places like Walmart, Target, or Kohl's. Please put your check or gift card in the weekly collection plate or send it in to the office by **December 1** so our helper elves have time to finish up needed shopping. Thank you in advance for helping some very needy families make this year a very special Christmas!! ***If the link above does not work for you, please go to signupgenius.com and search for the list under the email christiner@stjohnsworthington.org.

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee (OSJ) received a request from the Kilbourne Middle School counselors concerning the need for hygiene supplies for their students. As described, middle schoolers are still

very much figuring out puberty. Some of their students, with less support at home, do not always get some of these basic needs met. Consequently, OSJ purchased and delivered items on behalf of St. John's to assist in the middle schoolers' needs. These items included 20 men's and 20 women's deodorants, women's Always ultrathin pads, foot spray and powder, Ivory and Dial body washes, and 24 pairs of men's athletic socks. The counselors were relieved to receive our gift and very grateful!

“When I see my Christmas tree, can loved ones be far?” Christmas tree, I'm certain, wherever I roam, the glow from your branches will light my way home.” These lines from the song “My Christmas Tree” stir feelings of love, joy, comfort and wonderful memories. Help adorn our St. John's family Christmas tree. Beginning in December, bring in an ornament that represents you, your family, a loved one, or has a special sentiment. The ornament can be handmade, store-bought, old, or new. A table will be set up in the corner of the Atrium to collect your ornaments. They will be placed on the Atrium tree when the nave is decorated for Christmas services. Feel free to retrieve your ornament before we take the tree down in January. If it is left on the tree, we will use it again next year. These ornaments and the ones that we add each year will remind us of special times with loved ones and will light our way home. Please contact Jean Duncan (jeanduncan59@msn.com) on behalf of the Altar and Flower Guild with questions.

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee (OSJ) wants to hear from you! - St. John's offers parishioners a variety of hands-on and donation opportunities throughout the year. OSJ is seeking your input about outreach and social justice causes that YOU want to support in the future. Our mission to **grow, heal, and serve with God's wisdom, love, and joy** calls us to reach out locally, nationally, and internationally to support programs and provide services to those in need where the need is the greatest. Where do you see that need and where would you like to commit your heart and hands? Please contact OSJ Committee members Lily Balukjian Thompson (lillianbalukjian@sbcglobal.net or 847-612-1301) or Jean Duncan (jeanduncan59@msn.com or 215-534-7290) to discuss your passions for service and giving. We would love to hear from you!

Hurricanes Helene and Milton Relief - Episcopal Relief & Development is working with communities devastated by Helene and Milton as they assess damage and begin to recover. You can give online at episcopalrelief.org.

The Risk and Safety Task Force is seeking additional members who are interested in helping us assure the safety of the funds, property, and most especially people of St. John's. This task force is designed to be efficient (We zoom and aim for 30 minute meetings). If you are interested, please contact Rebecca McCauley at mccauley.90@osu.edu or 802-999-3128.

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: canned tuna or chicken, maxi pads, & Thanksgiving dinner item. You can place your food, toiletry, and baby donations in the food baskets in the atrium. You can also give online at www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate/ or www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry.

Flowers this week are given by Louis Huffman in thanksgiving for the memory of the 35th birthday of his brother Alexander Robaszkiwicz.

Centering Prayer – Mondays, 1:00 pm. [Click this Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 865 0593 1410; Passcode: 922699; +13017158592,,86505931410#,,,*922699#). If you are interested, contact Teri Foley-Nelson, at foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net.

Readings for Next Sunday – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

Do You Have Family or Friends Who You Want Included on the Weekly Prayer List? If so, please contact the office at Bellao@stjohnsworthington.org or 614-846-5180, with their first names. Names will remain on the list for three weeks unless there are additional instructions. If you want longer term prayer by the intercessory prayer group, please contact Jo Pascoe at 614-306-7983 and leave a message or send email to twopas@aol.com.

Pastoral Care Concerns - If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact one of the clergy. Gia may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 302, 220-219-1880, or GiaHM@StJohnsWorthington.org. David may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 308, 220-219-1880 or, or DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org. 220 area code is a local number.

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People for whom prayers have been asked

And we pray for:

Aubrey
Bev
Amirah
Leatrice
Yolanda
Chauncy'ona
Kimberly
Sean
Sharon

Dick
Andrea
Louis
Julie
Christi
Joey & Kaci
John

**For those who are
unemployed or
underemployed**
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

**For all who experience fear or
exclusion**
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

**For those in prison or bondage
– in body or spirit**
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

**For our service men and
women and all first
responders**
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

**For peace and for all those
who suffer from war, including
the people of Ukraine, Sudan,
Afghanistan, Armenia, Israel,
Palestine, Lebanon and all
places of conflict in the world.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Tamara Fynan
Susan and Jon Gabert and family
Carol Garrard

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the memory of the 35th birthday of Alexander Robaszkiwicz

The Departed

Notes:

St. John's has two separate prayer lists.

To add names to the "public" prayer list as seen above, please call the church office at 614-846-5180, or send an email to Bellao@stjohnsworthington.org. Names added to that sheet will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, or shorter if requested. Last names are not used. If you wish prayers to be continued, simply list the name on the prayer list again. Of course, you may always add names aloud during the prayers of the people.

There is also a "private" intercessory prayer group staffed by several volunteers from within the parish. To have your prayer request included on the prayer chain, please contact Jo Pascoe at 614-306-7983 or send email to twopas@aol.com.