



This Week at St. John's

January 12, 2024

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.

DAR Award This Sunday - On **January 12** during the 10:15 am coffee hour, the Worthington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will present an award to parishioners Nancy Elkington and Ted Dziemianowicz for their preservation work on St. John's churchyard, where six Revolutionary War veterans are buried. All are welcome.

New Women's Fellowship Group - We are forming a new social group for Gen-X and Millennial women for monthly social events, casual gatherings, and friendship. Join us on **Wednesday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m.** for appetizers and drinks at the home of Laura Wallace. RSVP to Laura by January 14 at laura.f.wallace22@gmail.com, and she'll send you the details. See you there!

Adult Formation: The Apostle Paul - Who was Paul? Why is he such a dominant figure in the early Church and in the Bible? How should Christians understand this brilliant, infuriating saint of contradictions today? Join Gia and David for this series for adults, which meets on **Sundays, January 19, January 26, February 9, and March 2** at 10:15 am in Kilbourne Hall. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable are offered at the same time.

Facing Loss - Please join us on **Monday, January 20**, for a presentation by Tracy Younger, a grief counselor from Ohio Health Grief Support and Kobacker House. Her topic will be on grief and mourning. We will be meeting at 1:00 pm at the Worthington Presbyterian Church in the "Living Room."

Singles Dining Out - will gather at J. Alexander's on **Wednesday, January 22**, at 6:00 pm. J. Alexander's is located at 7550 Vantage Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43235. You can find J. Alexander's menu at www.jalexanders.com/menus/0004.pdf. Please RSVP to Donna Deremer-Hissrich at 614-203-3562 or donna.hissrich@gmail.com so she can let J. Alexander's know the size of our group. Singles Dining Out is an informal group of St. John's parishioners and friends, always happy to welcome new participants. Singles and married individuals who will be attending without their spouse are welcome to participate, and feel free to invite a friend who is not a member of St. John's. We hope you can join us!

St. John's Early Education Center - Registration will be opening in January for the 2025-2026 school year. **Registration opens on 1/14/25 for current families, 1/21/25 for alumni families, and 1/28/25 for new families.** Please learn more about our preschool for three, four and five year olds at www.sjpreschool.com or call 614-885-2315 to schedule a tour.

Facing Loss Luncheon - Please join us on **Monday, January 27**, at 12 noon at La Chatelaine. No reservation is needed. Just meet us in the back room. If you know someone who is grieving, invite them to our program and to our luncheon. If you have questions, please contact Cynthia, SJE co-chair at 614-846-9529 or cwoodbeck235@gmail.com or Louann Shearer, WPC co-chair, at 567-377-3194.

Flower Chart - A new Flower Chart for 2025 Flower Donations is hanging in the Atrium. Please sign your name and phone number on a date you would like to donate. There can be more than one person on a given date. A member of the Flower Guild will phone you prior to the date to ask for information about your request. For any questions, contact Donna Somerville at (614) 208-8573.

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee members are deeply grateful to our St. John's parishioners for their generous support and commitment to our Giving Tree ministry. Thank you for your dedication and sharing of God's love in providing Christmas joy to 21 Kilbourne Middle School children and their siblings! We are blessed to have such a caring and compassionate congregation actively engaged in outreach.

Missing church kitchen items - The church kitchen is missing some items used by both the Friendship Dinner and Street Church preparation and serving meals. The missing items are (3) half sheet pans, (4) white serving bowls and (4) pie servers. Please return these items to the kitchen or they will need to be replaced, reducing the available funds of both ministries.

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: spaghetti sauce, baby wipes. 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.

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 – Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11, Psalm 36:5-10

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](mailto: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:

Vitoria, Michael, Elizabeth
Elizabeth & her dad
Lindsey
Bob
Jack
Daniel
Art
Wyatt & family
Heather, Jerry, Nicholas, & Rhys
John
Gloria
Ruth
United Methodist Church in
Nigeria
Dick
Len
Rick & family
Amy
Sharon
Julie
Christi

Lynn
Benjamin
Carol & Donnie
David
Jim
Mariah
Chayncy'ona
Leatrice
Yolanda
Eileen
Jeff
Sally
Mara
Family of Noelle

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

**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 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

Kathy and Tim Holland
Frank Houst
Louis and Eric Huffman

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries

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 Bella@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.