



## This Week at St. John's

January 19, 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.
- Youth group – a shared ministry of St. John's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the OSU campus – is meeting from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. this **Sunday, January 19**, at St. Stephen's.

**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.

**Parish Office Closed Monday** - St. John's office will be closed on **Monday, January 20**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**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](http://www.jalexanders.com/menus/0004.pdf). Please RSVP to Donna Deremer-Hissrich at 614-203-3562 or [donna.hissrich@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.sjpreschool.com) or call 614-885-2315 to schedule a tour.

**January Dinner for In the Garden at Trinity** - St. John's will be serving chili and sides to our downtown guests at Trinity on **January 26**. Pans with a chili recipe and a sign-up sheet are on the atrium table. If you want to use your own chili recipe that is fine. Your support for this ministry is so very much appreciated by hungry folks in Columbus!

**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](mailto: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: applesauce, feminine pads. 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/](http://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate/) or [www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry](http://www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry).

**Flowers** this week are given by Lillian and Jeff Thompson in thanksgiving for the life of Jeff's mother Anita Thompson.

**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](mailto:foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net).

**Readings for Next Sunday** – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21, Psalm 19

**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](mailto: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](mailto:GiaHM@StJohnsWorthington.org). David may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 308, 220-219-1880 or, or [DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org](mailto: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:

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  
The DePerro Family  
Malcom  
Lois  
Andy  
Those affected by the fires in LA  
Lori  
John  
Frank

**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  
For the life of Jeff's mother Anita Thompson

### The Departed

Don DePerro

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:twopas@aol.com).