



This Week at St. John's

February 2, 2025

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 from 2pm to 3:30pm on...

- Sunday, February 2nd at the Carriage House at St. John's (directly across from our playground)
 - Sunday, February 9th at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (30 W. Woodruff Ave in Columbus, on the OSU campus)
- We share youth ministry with St. Stephen's Church, and meet about 3 out of 4 Sundays, alternating which church we meet at. We have snacks, explore our faith and doubts, and play games!

There's Still Time to Support Refugees – As Gia mentioned in last Sunday's sermon, St. John's is raising \$1,000 to cover living expenses for a family of refugees from El Salvador whom we are welcoming in partnership with Worthington United Methodist Church. It's not too late to contribute! Donations can be made online at www.stjohnsworthington.org/give/ (choose the Welcome Home Refugee Support fund) or via cash or check using the Welcome Home envelopes available in the Atrium. Thank you for supporting these peaceful, hard-working people fleeing violence and persecution.

Celtic Service Sunday, February 2nd at 4:00 – The February Celtic Service will begin at 4:00 on February 2nd in St. John's Atrium. This service will honor the virtue of fortitude, a quality much needed in these times. This service is a quiet, meditative service with music, prayers of concern with the lighting of candles, a time of silence, and affirmations of faith based on the liturgy of the Iona Abbey Worship Book. The service is 40 - 45 minutes long and is followed by a time of fellowship and hospitality. Please come to warm yourself with words of encouragement and love.

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 **February 2 and 9** at 10:15 am in Kilbourne Hall. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable are offered at the same time.

Thursday, February 13th Friendship Dinner @ 6:00 PM – We need volunteers to prep, serve and clean-up, We will be serving a tossed salad, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and vegetables, as well as an allergen / vegan/ vegetarian menu. Sign-up sheet is in the atrium. If you have any questions text or email John Ross at (847) 254-1821 / jbross53@gmail.com.

Women's Valentine's Tea Party – Millennial and Gen-X women are invited to a Valentine's tea and dessert party. **Sunday, February 16.**; Open House: 2:00-5:00 p.m.; New Albany. RSVP to Dana Whitley by February 12 for details: danalw1@yahoo.com.

Meet the Candidates Postponed to February 23– Meet the candidates for Vestry (the board of St. John's) and Junior Warden (vice president of the board) on **Sunday, February 23**. The forum will be held at about 10:15 a.m. in the nave and live-streamed on our YouTube channel for those participating from home. Vestry elections will be held before and after services on Sundays, March 2 and 9.

Vestry Elections, March 2 and 9 – Elections for St. John's vestry and junior warden will be held before and after both services on Sundays, March 2 and 9 in the Atrium. If you need an absentee ballot, please contact Bella Olmstead in the Parish Office as soon as possible; absentee ballots must be returned to St. John's by Sunday, February 16 in order to be counted.

Annual Parish Meeting, March 16 – St. John's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 16**, at 10:15 a.m. in the nave and live-streamed on our YouTube channel for those participating from home. We'll reflect on where we were in 2024 and where we are headed in 2025.

Evensong – Sunday, February 23rd at 4:00 PM – Please join us at St. John's for an Evensong Service on Sunday, **February 23rd** at 4:00 PM. This service will feature psalms, canticles, and hymns sung by St. John's choir and the congregation, as well as prayers of intercession, The Lord's Prayer, and Collects. We will be honoring the rich tradition of African American composers in particular at this service with musical settings by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, David Hurd, Robert Ray, and many others. The Episcopal Evensong started in the 16th century and exists to praise God for his works in history and in the life of Jesus Christ. It also serves as a time for prayer and penitence.

Please Donate: Episcopal Relief and Development Southern California Wildfire Response Fund – Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is Partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles to provide cash assistance to people who have been impacted during the Palisades, Woodley, Eaton and Hurst wildfires. The fires ignited in early January and have killed at least 25 people and displaced tens of thousands. In partnership with ERD, the Diocese of Los Angeles is providing gift cards and cash deposits to people in need. The financial assistance will be disbursed through churches throughout the Diocese that are serving as emergency shelters, charging stations and respite centers. ERD will support leaders throughout the impact phase of this disaster and into long-term recovery. We will walk alongside survivors as they choose the next steps that make the most sense for their lives. Please donate to the [Wildfire Response Fund](#) to help those people affected by the wildfires in Southern California and please [pray](#) for the them.

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: applesauce; body wash. 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 6:1-8, [9-13], 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 138

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:

Family of Noelle
The DePerro Family
Malcom
Lois
Andy
Those affected by the fires in LA
Lori
John
Frank
Sean
Jennifer
Kim
Our country
Robert
Roger
Lindsey
Alan
Bob
Jack
Mary

Trudy
Daniel
Nicole
Lily
Andre
Greg
Jane
Elizabeth
Kenneth
Arwin

**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

Greg Kellison
Janet Kohn
Emmanuel and Sally Koomson and family

We Give Thanks

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

The Departed

Julie Weatherington-Rice

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.