



## This Week at St. John's

February 9, 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 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 a month, alternating which church we meet at. We have snacks, explore our faith and doubts, and play games!*

**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 has its final session on **February 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](mailto:jbross53@gmail.com).

**Invite Welcome Connect in Practice** - Please join us at the **February 16** Adult Forum for our next Invite, Welcome, Connect (IWC) session. Listening to and learning about each other is a key part of IWC so come learn with us! We will offer a low-key way to practice starting conversations and listening to each other – and have a little fun along the way.

**Special Youth Group Activity on Sunday, Feb 16th at 3:30pm at St. Philip's Episcopal Church (166 Woodland Ave, Columbus, OH 43203)**

- This annual service celebrates the life of Absalom Jones, the first black Episcopal priest. Let's meet at St. Philip's at 3:20/3:25 and then find a spot to sit together.

**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](mailto: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.

**In the Garden** – The Outreach and Social Justice (OSJ) Committee invites you to join in serving dinner to hungry members of our community at Trinity Church downtown. There is an opportunity to cook the main entree, supply side dishes, or serve the meal on **Sunday, February 23**. Please complete the sign-up sheet on the atrium table for either food donations or serving. We ask that you drop off food at St. John's by 11:15am on the 23rd. We ask those serving the meal to arrive at Trinity by noon and we will be done by 2:15 pm. If you have questions, please contact Karen Graham (614.378.2008 or [kgraham.ohio@gmail.com](mailto:kgraham.ohio@gmail.com))

**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.

**Singles Dining Out** - will gather at Texas Roadhouse on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 pm. Texas Roadhouse is located at 8440 Lyra Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43240. You can find Texas Roadhouse's menu at <https://www.texasroadhouse.com/location/168-polarisoh/menu>. Please RSVP to Heather Stanton at 502-595-8449 or [hesarne@yahoo.com](mailto:hesarne@yahoo.com) so she can let Texas Roadhouse 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!

**Episcopal 101 Begins on March 1** – If you're new to St. John's or the Episcopal Church, here's your opportunity to learn about the unique Episcopal way of being Christian. We'll use *Walk in Love* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe plus the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* as our starting points for discussion. The series meets on Saturdays, March 1 through April 5, from 1:00 to 2:30pm in Kilbourne Hall. **Childcare is available by advance request.** This series is preparation for confirmation or reception at the Easter Vigil--and if you don't know what that sentence means, this class is for you! To sign up, please contact Gia by **February 10** so that she can order books. Late signups are welcome, though please acquire your own copies of the books.

**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.

**There's Still Time to Support Refugees** – As Gia mentioned in January 26'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. Though we have more than met our goal, it's not too late to contribute! Donations can be made online at [www.stjohnsworthington.org/give/](http://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.

**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: cereal; shampoo. 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 Carol Newcomb Alutto and Joe Alutto in thanksgiving for the life of Carol's grandmother, Marie Fiala.

**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** – Jeremiah 17:5-10, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26, Psalm 1

**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:

Lori	Arwin
John	Families of air crash victims
Frank	Barbra
Sean	Dorinda
Jennifer	Mark
Kim	Isaac
Our country	Shawna
Robert	Lilly
Roger	Julie
Lindsey	Sally
Alan	Tanya and family
Bob	Nancy
Jack	Those affected by the shooting in New Albany
Mary	
Daniel	
Nicole	
Lily	
Andre	
Greg	
Jane	
Elizabeth	
Kenneth	

**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.**

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

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Nathan and Jill Kraynek and family  
Karen Kuhr  
Joe and Karrie Kunkel and family

### We Give Thanks

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

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