



This Week at St. John's

March 16, 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, March 16th** at St. John's Episcopal Church
- **Sunday, March 23rd** 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! Got questions? Contact David at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org

Stations of the Cross Available During Lent – Praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to walk with Jesus from his trial to his burial. This spiritual practice is especially appropriate for Lent, when we are preparing to remember Jesus' death on Good Friday and celebrate his resurrection at Easter. Five Stations of the Cross made by members of St. John's Arts and Crafts Ministry will be set up in the nave during Lent. A handout explaining how to use them is available on the back pew. You are welcome to pray the Stations of the Cross before or after Sunday services, before or after the Wednesday service, or at another time of your choosing--contact Bella in the parish office to make an appointment.

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.

Facing Loss – Please join us for our third Monday of the month meeting to be held on **March 17th**, at 1:00pm, in the library at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Nikki Smith, a death doula. Nikki supports individuals and families facing death with dignity, kindness and love.

March 23 Dinner for In the Garden at Trinity – St. John's will be serving baked spaghetti and sides to our downtown guests at Trinity on **Sunday, March 23**. Pans with a recipe and a sign-up sheet are on the atrium table. You can bring food and/or join the St. John's team at Trinity to serve the meal. Your support for this ministry is so very much appreciated by hungry folks in Columbus!

Adult Formation: Spirituality of Money, Sundays, March 23 and April 6, 10:15 a.m. – What does the Bible have to say about how Christians should live with their money? How do real people, at different income levels, live out their faith in relation to their money? When we're constantly bombarded with ads, how can we distinguish between what we want and what we genuinely need? The Stewardship Committee invites you into reflection on these questions during Lent with conversation and panel discussions. Sessions will be held in Kilbourne Hall between services on March 23 and April 6. Nursery care, Godly Play for ages 3-11, and Youth Roundtable for middle and high schoolers are offered at the same time.

Facing Loss Luncheon – Join us for a casual fellowship luncheon held on **Monday, March 24th** at noon at La Chatelaine in Worthington. No reservations needed; just come to the back room after you get your tray.

Singles Dining Out - will gather for authentic Italian fare at Bravo! Italian Kitchen on **Monday, March 24**, at 6:00 pm. Bravo is located at 3000 Hayden Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235. You can explore Bravo's tempting menu at www.bravoitalian.com/menu/ Please RSVP to Mary Bailey at 614-619-1803 or mphbailey.3@gmail.com so she can let Bravo know the size of our group. Singles Dining Out is an informal group of St. John's parishioners and friends, and we are always very 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!

March's St. John's Gen-X + Millennial Women's Fellowship is taking place on **Monday, March 24** at 6:30 pm. A location will be shared closer to the event day. This month we are getting together for fellowship and creating care packages for cancer patients. *If you are not part of this fellowship group but still interested in donating to the care packages, please reference the Amazon wish list below or contact Amy K at akiminas22@gmail.com.* Thank you!
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ROR6GCYISPRQ?ref=wl_share

Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Team Cuisine and St. John's – You are invited to join fellow parishioners on **Tuesday March 25th** for a hands-on event at the RMH in Columbus. St. John's will be taking part in the RMH Team Cuisine program to prepare dinner for families staying at the RMH. Consider joining in this community outreach. We are in need of up to 15 volunteers, aged 14 years and older. We will be preparing and serving dinner with a professional chef from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Atrium.

Fish Fry Fridays! – Come and enjoy a traditional fish fry at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church located at 7121 Muirfield Drive on **March 28th and April 11th** from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity. The menu includes fried and broiled fish, fries, tater tots, coleslaw, fruit, and cookies. \$11 Adults, \$8 Children, \$12 Carryout, \$2.75 beer and wine.

Shabbat Visit for Youth – On **Friday, March 28** at 6:00pm, the St. Stephen's and St. John's youth groups are going to be visiting a Shabbat service at Congregation Beth Tikvah here in Worthington, as a way to learn more about Judaism and about forming interfaith relationships. Teens are invited! Please RSVP to David Burman at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org.

Guest Preachers in March – Jerusalem Greer, co-Executive Director of Procter Center, will preach on **March 30** and also lead a program for children at 10:15 a.m. with Procter's Wylie Greeson. Please introduce yourselves to them when they are here!

The Arts and Crafts Ministry will be having a show of our creations **March 30** in Kilbourne Hall between the 9:00 and 11:15 services. Come and see what we do in our spare time. Perhaps you may get inspired to start a craft. We look forward to seeing you there.

St. John's music series will be presenting a concert on Sunday, **March 30th** at 4:00 pm featuring Wit's Folly, a chamber music group based in Cleveland. They will be presenting a program entitled: The Wondrous World of Weber, featuring quartets and quintets by Mendelssohn and Weber with Dominic Giardino on historical clarinet.

Thank You! Refugee Support Donation Drive – The Outreach and Social Justice Committee wants to extend a big thank you to St. John's parishioners in making our Welcome Home Refugee Support donation drive a big success. We appreciate your generosity! We raised \$3,398 in support of the family of eight being resettled in the Columbus area from El Salvador. This ministry is part of the Worthington Welcomes partnership between our church and the Worthington United Methodist Church through Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). In discussions with our Worthington United Methodist partner,

we will be using the charitable funds to help out the family in paying for their \$1,800 a month rent. Your donations will make a tremendous difference in the lives of this family and without you, we would not be able to assist them. Thank you! Together, we made a true difference. Outreach and Social Justice Committee

Thank You Lily Balukjian (Thompson)! – The Outreach and Social Justice Committee sends our sincere gratitude to Lily for her service as committee Chairperson. Lily's leadership has been integral to our expanding efforts to promote service, support, and respect for those in need, the underserved, and the underrepresented. We are grateful for her energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to St. John's outreach and social justice efforts.

Help a New American Improve their English – If you're looking to make a big difference in someone's life and have fun at the same time, Conversation Partners might be for you! The program is operated by Worthington Interfaith Neighbors (WIN). The program is seeking mentors to meet one-on-one with a New American and help them practice English. This is not an ESOL program, so mentors need no formal training or experience. If you're interested in finding out more about the program, please email conversationpartnerswin@gmail.com.

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: peanut butter; 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/ 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 – Exodus 3:1-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8

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:

Pope Francis
Sean our presiding Bishop
Kristin our Diocesan Bishop
Beth
Kathy
Buck and Helen
Shawna
Lilly
Amirah
Our brothers and sisters in the
Congo
Arik
Angela
Peter
Jack
Heather, Jerry, and Family
Sue
Phil

Dorothy
Susan & family
Julia and Jeff

**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

Bob and Jennifer Maier
Susan Mancini
Diane Marsicano-Hackman and Craig Hackman

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St Patrick's, Lebanon
Bethany School

We Give Thanks

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

The Departed

Susan Herbert

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.