



This Week at St. John's
April 28, 2024

Sunday School for Kids & Youth – All offerings are led by two Safe Church trained adults.

- For the first half of the 9 am service, kids are invited to join us for children's church upstairs, with a children's sermon and time for prayer. Kids return to Nave in time for communion.
- At 10:15 am between the services, 6th -12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Roundtable, where we grab a snack and talk about the readings scheduled for that particular Sunday. Meet in the atrium.
- Also at 10:15, kids aged 3-11 are invited to join us for Godly Play, a Montessori-style Sunday school program. Meet in the atrium.

Sunday Afternoon Youth Group – 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for youth group on Sunday afternoons! This **Sunday, April 28**, we'll gather at St. Stephen's from 2:00-3:30 pm. There will be snacks! Questions? Contact David Burman at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org

April 28th B.R.E.A.D. Sunday – Please join us at the bread themed coffee hour on **Sunday, April 28**, to learn more about the B.R.E.A.D. organization and to meet Clarissa Epps, their representative.

Invite, Welcome, Connect – St. John's clergy and lay leadership are exploring Invite, Welcome, Connect (IWC) as a next step in our life together. At the root of IWC is the belief that “We are called to be exactly who we are in Jesus Christ, and to invite, and welcome, and connect others to that life-giving reality”. (Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church) Please join us in Kilbourne Hall at about 10:15 am on **Sunday, April 28**, when Jonathan Johns and Mary Wachtel will introduce the Invite, Welcome, Connect approach. We will explore together questions such as, What brought us to St. John's? What keeps us at St. John's? See you there!

In the Garden – We again have the opportunity to provide dinner to our neighbors who are hungry. St. John's will be serving dinner at Trinity Church downtown on **Sunday, April 28**, at 1:00 pm. The main dish will be a chicken and biscuit casserole, along with sides of salad and fruit. If you can help by contributing food or serving the meal, please sign up using the sheet that is on the atrium table. Please drop off food at St. John's by 11:15 am on the 28th. We ask those serving the meal to arrive at Trinity by noon and we will be done by 2:00 pm. If you have questions or need directions, please contact Karen Graham (614.378.2008 or kgraham.ohio@gmail.com).

Catherine's Last Day - Seminarian Catherine Duffy's last day at St. John's will be **Sunday, May 5**. We will give thanks for her time among us at both **9:00 and 11:15 services**, and also hold a festive coffee hour in her honor at 10:15. Cards for Catherine may be brought to church on the 5th or mailed to the Parish Office.

Celtic Service - Please join us in the atrium at 5 pm on **Sunday, May 5** (Orthodox Easter and Holocaust Remembrance Day) for a Celtic Service concerned with Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of God's Creation. This is a quiet, meditative, and intimate service with music and liturgy based on the Iona Abbey Worship Book and followed by a time of fellowship and hospitality. We welcome all St. John's parishioners and friends from outside our church family to join our Celtic circle as we begin the loveliest month of Spring.

Second Annual Culture and Artisans Fair – will be hosted by Saint Mark's Episcopal Church on **Saturday, May 5**, from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will feature approximately 20 artisans from all over the world, showcasing and selling their handmade items, as well as delicious food and live music, and an opportunity to interact with the artisans and hear their stories. The Fair is being presented in partnership with CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigration Services), and many of the artisans will be refugees, asylum seekers, and others building a new life in the Central Ohio area. Come and explore a variety of arts and crafts from all over the world, have fun, and help us welcome and support some of our new neighbors. The Culture and Artisans Fair is sponsored by the City of Upper Arlington's Community Relations Innovation Small Grant Program and is part of the Community Relation

Committee's (CRC) UA Welcome Series. Saint Mark's is located at 2151 Dorset Road, Upper Arlington. The Fair will take place on the front lawn of church, at the corner of Dorset and Tremont Roads. Rain or shine.

Blessings for Graduates on May 12 - On Sunday, May 12, at both services, we will offer blessings for all those who are graduating this year. To have a graduate listed in the announcements, send their name and school to Bella Olmstead at bella@stjohnsworthington.org by Monday, May 6.

Upcoming Baptism Dates - The next date for Baptism at St. John's is **Pentecost Sunday, May 19**, at the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Other dates can also be scheduled. To learn more about Baptism for yourself or your child, please speak with Gia or David.

The 7th Episcopal Night at the Symphony - on Friday evening, **May 24**, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and Chorus presents Mozart's Mass in C minor at the Ohio Theatre, 39 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215. 5:30 pm – Reception, bar & "heavy" hors d'oeuvres – 4th floor. 7:30 pm – Performance – Seats in Prime Orchestra. \$60 per person for the whole event or \$35 per person for reception only. Make checks payable to: Bruce Smith and mail to him at The Rev. Bruce Smith, 627 Yaronia Dr. N., Columbus, OH 43214. **Deadline** for reservations is **May 10**.

Please Donate: Indian Lake Tornado Disaster Relief - On March 14th an EF3 tornado tore through the Indian Lake region, leaving three people dead and many homes destroyed or needing repair. About 250 families were displaced by the tornado and many other families were left needing assistance with food, clothing, water, and more. Indian Lake Community Church is collecting financial donations for those affected, with 100% of the proceeds going to helping those in need. There are two ways to make a donation: 1) go to <https://www.indianlakecommunitychurch.org/donations> and click the button for Tornado Relief or 2) write a check to Indian Lake Community Church, PO Box 457, Russells Point, Ohio 43348 with a note in the memo line stating: Tornado Relief or similar. *The Outreach and Social Justice Committee*

2024 Vacation Bible School - Kids aged 3 to 11 are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School this year! We'll hold it on Mondays in June from 6pm to 7:30pm, and the topic will be "Episco-pals!" - we'll learn about what it means to be part of an Episcopal community! Sign your kid(s) up for all or some of our VBS sessions at <https://bit.ly/49UoHVJ>.

Worthington Lions continues to ask for your old glasses and contact lenses...(but still in containers). A receptacle box is on the Atrium table. Thanks for providing such to be given to the OSU Optometry Dept for collection and distribution to developing countries, and our own Appalachian states.

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: healthy snack; deodorant. 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.

Flowers this week are given in memory of Paul Stoodley, by his family.

Building Access - Our facilities manager David Talbot is updating the list of people who have access to our buildings with a key fob. If you have trouble gaining access as a result of the updates, please let David know by calling the church office.

Help with Memorial Services - We are searching for volunteers who are open to being asked to help set up tables and chairs for funeral receptions at St. John's - a meaningful ministry that we can offer to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. If you're interested, please let David Burman know at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org - if you volunteer, you're not committing to be available every time there's a memorial service, just that you're open to being asked occasionally.

Centering Prayer – Mondays, 1:00 pm. Click this Zoom link (Meeting ID: 876 4837 0994; Passcode: 408290; One tap mobile +13126266799,,87648370994#,,,*,408290#). If you are interested, contact Teri Foley-Nelson, at foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net.

Readings for Next Sunday – Acts 10:44-48, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17, Psalm 98

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.

Announcements Deadline – Please make sure all announcements are submitted by **Tuesday at 12:00 noon**.

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:

Danny & Nancy
Luanne, Victoria, and Emily
Marcia
Mo
Nathan
Sean
Bonnie
Laura and family

Bev
Phil
Mike and Mikey
Adele
Jane

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

**For all those affected by the
Coronavirus pandemic, here and
throughout the world**

**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, and all places of
conflict in the world.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Cynthia Woodbeck
Bostwick and Linda Wyman
Irene Zahm
Pam Zych

We Give Thanks

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

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 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.