



This Week at St. John's May 19, 2024

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 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, 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>.

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, May 19**, 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

Adult Formation on St. John's Finances - Treasurer John Pascoe and Finance Committee Chair Bob Hays will offer a guided tour of money matters in our parish. On **May 19**, we'll look at the operating budget, where our funds come from, and how they are spent. On **May 26**, we'll look at St. John's endowment, what our endowment funds are, and how they are used. Both sessions will include time for questions and answers. The sessions will meet at 10:15 a.m. in Kilbourne Hall.

Facing Loss - Our **May 20** meeting of Facing Loss will be at **1:00 pm in the St. John's Atrium**. Our esteemed Grief Counselor, Ann Farley, will present "A Cheat Sheet for Dealing with Grief." There is a change to our Loss Lunch because La Chatelaine is closed on Memorial Day Monday. Please join us on **Wednesday, May 29** at 12:00 noon in the back room. No reservation needed. We acknowledge all types of grieving and especially that of Care-Givers. Fellowship and light conversation awaits you.

Nehemiah Action Reminder - Tuesday, **May 21**, is the BREAD Nehemiah Action day! If you signed up for dinner and carpooling from St. John's to the fairgrounds, please come to the undercroft by 5:30. At 6:15 we will start driving to the event. If you are meeting us at the fairgrounds, the event starts at 7 and should conclude by 8:30. Don't forget to bring your ticket but we will have extras at the dinner and you can also fill in a ticket at the fairgrounds. Your presence at the Nehemiah Action promotes justice in Columbus! Even if you didn't sign up, you are most welcome to join us on Tuesday the 21st.

In the Garden Feeding Ministry at Trinity Church - Thanks to all those who contributed food for In the Garden and went to Trinity in April to serve about 45 downtown residents. We will be serving again on **May 26, Memorial Day weekend**. Our menu will be baked spaghetti, rolls, salad, and fruit. Please sign up in the atrium on the 12th or 19th to bring food to church and/or to serve downtown on the 26th. There will be pans on the table with the recipe for those willing to make the baked spaghetti dish. Your continued devotion to this feeding project is so very much appreciated.

Carpool and Gift for Catherine's Ordination - God willing and the people consenting, our former seminarian Catherine Duffy will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, June 15**, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati. Informal carpools to the service will leave St. John's parking lot at 8:30 a.m. If you wish to contribute to a gift for Catherine, you may write a check or make an online donation memoed "Gift for Catherine" by June 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*

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

Coffee Hour - Thanks to everyone who has served as a beverage host or snack host over the past few months! As summer approaches, we have several openings on the calendar, particularly in June and July. If you've enjoyed treats during fellowship in the past, we ask that you consider serving as a host or co-host sometime in the future! Open to hosting but not sure where to start – or find things? Reach out to Star Blackford (blackfords@mindspring.com) to set up a time to “shadow” an existing coffee hour host. Thank you to all who keep this treasured ministry afloat!

An Opportunity to Support our Children's Ministry - The playground here at St. John's is a haven of God-given fun & fellowship for the children in our community - and we can use your help to rebuild it to be a safe and long-lasting haven for the future! Along with the Early Education Center (who use the playground on weekdays), we are raising funds to replace the playground along those lines (see the mock-up in our atrium!) Our goal is to raise \$30,000, and we'd love your help! To donate, go to stjohnsworthington.org/give and select "Give Online" and on the "Fund" menu select "EEC Playground Project," which you can also write on the subject line of a check! Many thanks!

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: baby food, formula; diapers (4-5-6). 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 by Karen Graham in thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Karen Graham and Nancy Wiseman.

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 – Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17, Psalm 29

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:

Dorothy
Richard
Karen
David & Donna
Bill & Linda
Lori
Nicholas
Paul
Ted and family
Caroline
Ashley & Brandon
Vernon & family

Eva
Bob & Linda
Bob & Nancy
Sarah & Tom
Janet & Lee
Sally
Alanah & Oakley
Arik
Miriam
Geoffrey
James
Anna

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 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 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

Eileen Pilcher
Missy and Ryan Powell and family
Paulette Strolia-Davis
Blair and Laura Wallace and family

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the wedding anniversary of Karen Graham and Nancy Wiseman

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.