



This Week at St. John's
June 9, 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 Offerings 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 Summer Sundays. Kids return to the Nave in time for communion.

Give Now to the Playground Campaign - 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, which uses the playground on weekdays, we are raising funds to replace the playground this summer (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! Gifts to this campaign may be eligible for a match from your employer. Many thanks for your support!

St. John's Churchyard Preservation Lecture on June 12 at 7:00 pm at the Griswold Center - Nancy Elkington and Ted Dziemianowicz will talk about the St. John's Churchyard Preservation Project at the Worthington Historical Society's Annual Meeting & Program on Wednesday, June 12, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm at the Griswold Center, 777 High Street, Worthington. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Friendship Dinner - It's that time again to sign up to volunteer for the **June 13th** Friendship Dinner. The sign-up sheet is in the Atrium. We will be serving Tossed Salad, Grilled Chicken Thighs and Legs, Corn, and Potato Salad. Any questions you can text me (John Ross) at 847-254-1821 or email me at jbross53@gmail.com. Thank you for all your support!

Summer Stock Up Food Drive - The Worthington Resource Pantry is launching a community-wide Summer Stock Up food drive until **June 15** to help stock their shelves with great choices for our neighbors before the high demands of summer. They encourage us to "See if you can fill your whole lobby with our most needed items," which include cereal, tuna, canned soup, ramen noodles, canned ravioli, and healthy snacks. Please drop off these items or any healthy non-perishable food items or toiletries in the baskets in the atrium – let's support the Pantry's efforts.

Worthington Arts Festival on the Village Green, **June 15 and 16** -- Because of construction on the new Thomas Worthington High School, the Worthington Arts Festival will be held on the village green again this year. The festival will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 16, which is likely to affect parking for our 11:15 service. Those who attend our later service may wish to consider arriving early, carpooling, biking, walking, or riding the bus on that Sunday.

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**.

Volunteer Day – Churchyard Preservation Project, Saturday, June 22, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon - We need a few volunteers to join us getting wet and dirty cleaning headstones. We hope to brighten up at least a half dozen grave markers to keep the project on track toward its 2026 goals. Volunteers will learn approved (by the National Park

Service) techniques for cleaning these historic artifacts and get a free pizza lunch! To reserve a space, contact Nancy Elkington nancyelkington@gmail.com, or Ted Dziemianowicz ted.dziemianowicz@comcast.net.

Community Refugee & Immigration Services in partnership with The Columbus Crossing Borders Project is presenting an art exhibit. This art exhibit was created to inspire critical thinking, compassion and support for the millions of people who have been forced to flee their homes due to war, climate, violence and persecution. The art exhibit contains 34 refugee-themed paintings that "cross borders" and connect with one another. You can own a piece of this incredible project, as each work of art is now at auction which ends Saturday, June 22nd, 2024. Included is a link to visit the online auction.

In the Garden - St. John's will be serving dinner at Trinity Church downtown on Sunday, **June 23** at 1:00 pm. As the weather has turned warmer, we will be serving a summer favorite of mine, BBQ chicken sandwiches. Dinner will also include sides of baked beans, 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 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)

Singles Dining Out - will gather for a potluck lunch at 2:00 pm on Sunday, **June 30**, at Suzan Jervey's cabin and shelter house north of Newark. Please bring a potluck dish of your choosing. Suzan will provide iced tea, coffee, paper products, serving spoons, supplies for s'mores, tables, and chairs. The cabin is 50 minutes from the church and is located at [8000 Rocky Fork Rd. NE, Newark 43055](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8000+Rocky+Fork+Rd,+Newark,+OH+43055). Carpooling is encouraged! To RSVP or get directions, contact Suzan Jervey at sejervej@gmail.com or 614.546.7857. 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 you are welcome to invite a friend who is not a member of St. John's.

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: canned soup, ramen noodles; 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/ or www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry.

Flowers this week are given by Joe Alutto and Carol Newcomb Alutto

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 – Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4,11-14, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17, Mark 4:26-34

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:

Sally
Alanah & Oakley
Arik
Miriam
Geoffrey
James
Anna
Jane
Nico
Lynn
Amirah
Leatrice
Iona

Nancy
Christi
Julie
Emily
Nick & Amanda
Dorothy
Cecila
Emily
Fitz and family
Caroline
Lynn

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, and all places of
conflict in the world.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Joe Alutto and Carol Newcomb
Patience, Rowland, Nneoma, and EJ Anaba
Scyld Anderson

We Give Thanks

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

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.