



This Week at St. John's
July 14, 2024

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!

SAVE THE DATES: July 14th, 21st, and 28th, The James Cancer Hospital Donation Drive - Calling all parishioners! The Outreach and Social Justice Committee is organizing a fun-filled hands-on ministry event which will give us a chance to directly impact the patients of The James Cancer Hospital. Starting **July 14th** during Coffee Hour, parishioners will gather to make fleece tied blankets and sign Greeting Cards for the oncology patients of The James! These blankets will bring comfort and warmth and the Greeting Cards will bring a message of encouragement to the patients and their families. Please mark your calendars for this first time hands-on event for us to support the patients of The James.

Singles Dining Out - will meet on Thursday, **July 18**, at 6:00 pm at Claudiana Italian Restaurant, located at 8475 Sancus Boulevard, Columbus OH 43240. Please RSVP to Ellen Stukenberg at 614-885-8522 or ewstuke@gmail.com so she can let Claudiana 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 you are welcome to invite a friend who is not a member of St. John's.

IT'S ALMOST HERE - Lunch, learn, and help children in Liberia attend school. The **15th Annual PIMIL Fundraising Luncheon** is happening on **Saturday, July 20**, at St. Philip's Church, 166 Woodland Avenue in Columbus. Join us for lunch, speakers, video, music, drumming circle, tables of jewelry and artwork, and make a grass skirt and African headwrap. See the poster in the Atrium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Kathy Hall at 614-888-1933. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children aged 5-19, and free for children aged 4 and under.

Emergency Appeal for Blood Donors, Patient Care at Risk - Versiti Blood Center of Ohio has issued an emergency appeal for blood donations due to a dangerously low blood supply. Certain blood types have less than a day's worth of availability, endangering the lives of local patients. When the local blood inventory gets as low as it is now, it jeopardizes the health and safety of patients who rely on life-saving blood transfusions, including organ transplant patients and trauma victims.. In some cases, hospitals are forced to postpone surgeries or delay critical treatments. **St. John's** is hosting a blood drive on **Saturday, July 20, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**, in Kilbourne Hall, with Versiti Blood Center, the main supplier of blood to the Ohio State University Wexner Center. You can sign up for a time to donate (before or after picking up your fresh produce and flowers at the Farmers Market) at https://donate.ohio.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/220478. Our goal is at least 15 donors, but let's fill up the whole schedule with 25 people. Together we could save up to 75 lives! All donors receive a voucher for a free scoop of Jeni's ice cream, while supplies last. If you would like to take a turn as a greeter to help welcome our donors on July 20, please contact Mary Bailey at 614-619-1803 or mphbailey.3@gmail.com.

Healing Prayer on July 21 - Gia and David will offer anointing and prayers for healing between the Confession and the Peace at both services on **July 21**. Whatever is weighing on your body, mind, heart, or spirit, you are invited to encounter God's gift of healing.

Invite, Welcome, Connect - Please join us at the **July 21** adult forum for our next conversation exploring Invite, Welcome, Connect (IWC). 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). We will focus on the “I” (invite) and brainstorm ways to strengthen our outreach and invitation to the community and to our own networks. See you in Kilbourne Hall at 10:15 am!

In the Garden Feeding Ministry at Trinity Church - Thanks to all those who contributed food for In the Garden and went to Trinity in June to serve 60 downtown residents. We will be serving again on **Sunday, July 28**. No casseroles needed this time, as we will serve a summer menu of hot dogs, baked beans, salad, fruit, and rootbeer floats. Please sign up in the atrium on July 14 or 21 to bring food to church and/or to serve downtown on July 28. Your support for this ministry is so very much appreciated by hungry folks in Columbus! *Karen Graham and Eve Herold*

Help keep the doors open at Huckleberry House - Huck House keeps their doors open for at risk and homeless youth in Central Ohio, no matter what! St. John's Outreach and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a donation drive to support their mission. Sonya Thesing, Executive Director of Huckleberry House, will help us kick off the donation drive on **Sunday, August 4**. Sonya will be in the Atrium between services to answer questions and provide information about the services and programs available to youth and young adults. Our Atrium display has information with four options for giving. You can use a QR code that takes you directly to the donation page on the house's website, on-line giving through St. John's website is available, a link to their Amazon Wish List is option 3, or you may purchase a gift card for a fast-food restaurant, grocery store, or gas station in an amount between \$5.00 and \$25.00. The donation drive will conclude on Sunday, August 18. Please visit the Huckleberry House website at <https://www.huckhouse.org/> for more information about their mission and please consider making a donation.

Ohio History Connection Open Doors Comes to St. John's! We will be sharing 220 years of our history with visitors from near and far on **Sunday, September 8**, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. St. John's will again be taking part in the Open Doors event highlighting historical places in Worthington. Come and learn more about the church once called St. John's in Worthington and Parts Adjacent through self-guided tours, activities, and talks demonstrating our connections with the community and our stewardship of this beloved church. Ted Dziemianowicz (teddziemianowicz@comcast.net), Nancy Elkington (nancyelkington@gmail.com), and Jean Duncan (jeanduncan59@msn.com) are coordinating this event. Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering to support this fun and informative day. There are lots of ways you can help, and we'll be sure to match you with your interest and availability. Volunteers of all ages are welcomed!

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!

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: peanut butter; baby wipes. 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 the Weatherholt family in thanksgiving for the life of Bill Weatherholt.

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 – Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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:

Susan
Patsy
Georgann
Leah
Beth
Ona (on-uh)
Leatrice (Latrice)
Yolanda
Jane
The Malone Family
Joe and family
Ben and family
Holly
Elizabeth
Ella
William
Barbie

Corey
Alice and Geoffrey
Linda
Nico
Nevaeh
Alanah
Stephen
Amirah
Susan
Emma
Anna
Heather and family
Karla
Georgeann
Charlie

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.

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Grace Beam
Sharon and Timothy Belknap
Celia Besselman
Lexie Bickell

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the life of Bill Weatherholt
For the life of David K. Snediker

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.