



This Week at St. John's

August 4, 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!

Gia On Vacation - Gia will be on vacation from Thursday, **August 1**, through Sunday, **August 11**. David will attend to pastoral needs in her absence.

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.

Friendship Dinner - July's dinner was quite a success with 55 attendees, the most guests by far, but it's time again to sign up to volunteer for our next Friendship Dinner, which will be this **Thursday, August 8**. The sign-up sheet is in the Atrium. Due to room restrictions, I have had to change the menu to arroz con pollo (roast chicken and rice). We will also be serving an allergen safe/vegan/vegetarian menu as well as a kid's menu. Any questions you can text me (John Ross) at 847-254-1821 or email me at jbross53@gmail.com. If you are unable to volunteer, please join us for a wonderful meal, the meal is open to all and best of all, it's free.

Children's Garden Party - The Garden for All (co-founded by our own Catherine Duffy) is hosting a free event for kids and youth (with an accompanying adult) on **Saturday, August 10**, from 10 am to 12 noon. Children can learn about gardening, do crafts, play games, and have fun! The Garden for All is located at 5101 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054. You can RSVP at <https://forms.gle/1CXgYWRUrS4bqSMF8>

Singing Our Faith - Join us in Kilbourne Hall on Sundays, **August 11** through **September 1**, around 10:15 am for a hymn sing with storytelling! Each week, three or four people will share their favorite hymn and tell a story about why it's meaningful to them, then we'll sing it together. Stephen Sollars will accompany on piano. Come for some good musical fun and learn a bit about the people worshipping next to you. Childcare for young children is available in the nursery.

Festival of Faiths and Nations - Worthington Interfaith Neighbors Festival of Faith and Nations is coming on **Sunday, August 11** from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Shelby Park in Colonial Hills. Join Worthington area faith

communities and national culture groups to celebrate the strong foundation brought to our community by people of many nations and faiths. The purpose of the festival is friendship, sharing, learning, and fun. *The Outreach and Social Justice Committee*

Singles Dining Out – will gather at **Cafe Istanbul** on **Wednesday, August 14**, at 6:00 pm. Cafe Istanbul is located at 6125 Riverside Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017. You can find Cafe Istanbul's intriguing menu at <https://cafeistanbuldublin.com/dublin-dublin-cafe-istanbul-dublin-food-menu>. Please RSVP to Tricia Herban at mtherban3@gmail.com or 443-454-0684 so she can let Cafe Istanbul 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 feel free to invite a friend who is not a member of St. John's. We hope you can join us for Turkish fare at Cafe Istanbul on August 14!

Youth Group Kicks Off with a Bad Movie! - Our combined St. John's & St. Stephen's youth group kicks off the school year by watching a movie that's funny! (We're still taking nominations for which film.) All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on **Friday, August 16**, from 5:30 to 8:30/9 pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the OSU campus (30 W Woodruff Ave, Columbus, OH 43210) for dinner, an introduction to youth group, and a hilariously bad film!

Youth Groups Unite! - Several Episcopal churches in the greater Columbus area are together hosting an afternoon of fun at the rock climbing wall at Scioto-Audubon Park from 1 to 4 pm on **Sunday, August 25**. We'll have snacks, lawn games, and an obstacle course - 6th through 12th graders are welcome to join! If you're interested, please RSVP to David, the associate rector, at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org

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 (ted.dziemianowicz@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! We still have several openings on the calendar in August and September. 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: canned soup; 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.

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 – 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

Do You Have Family or Friends Who You Want Included on the Weekly Prayer List? If so, please contact the office at Bellaio@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:

Holly
Elizabeth
Ella
William
Barbie
Corey
Alice and Geoffrey
Linda
Nico
Nevaeh
Alanah
Stephen
Amirah
Susan
Emma
Anna
Heather and family
Karla
Georgeann

Charlie
Jeremiah
JoAnn
Susan
Lynn
Alan
Lindsey
Yolanda
Bella
John and Anne
Dorothy
Sarah and Tom
Janet and Lee
Kevin
Carrie
Mary Lynn
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 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

Cristy and George Brinegar and family
Marianne and Mark Broere
Teresa Browning Turner and David Turner

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.