



This Week at St. John's

September 8, 2024

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

- During the 9 am service we'll offer Children's Church, including interactive children's sermons, and led by a pair of adults with Safeguarding God's Children training.
- Between services, at 10:15 am, we'll offer Godly Play, a Montessori-style Sunday school program. We'll meet in the atrium after the first service before going upstairs.
- Also at 10:15 am, 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.

Adult Formation - Please join us at the **Sunday, September 8**, adult forum to reflect on how the community of St. John's welcomes newcomers. Welcome is the "W" of Invite, Welcome, Connect, and goes beyond greeting to intentionally seeing, acknowledging, and welcoming newcomers. We will reflect on our own early days at St. John's and brainstorm ways to strengthen our community's welcome. See you at about 10:15 am in Kilbourne Hall!

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.

The Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study Is Canceled This Week because of a diocesan clergy day on **Wednesday, September 11**. We'll resume on **Wednesday, September 18**.

Friendship Dinner - It's time again to start preparing for the **September 12th** Friendship Dinner and signing-up to volunteer. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Atrium. This month we will be celebrating Oktoberfest with bratwurst, German potato salad, and veggies. We will also be serving an allergen safe/vegan/vegetarian menu with vegan brats, as well as a kid's menu of hot dogs, glazed baby carrots and tater tots. 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.

Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 15 - St. John's Church picnic is returning on **September 15**. Services will be at 9:00 and 11:15 as usual. From 12:30 to 2:00 pm we will enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and fries, as well as alternative choices for those with gluten and/or dairy allergies, as well as vegan/vegetarian alternatives. Salads, sides, and desserts will be potluck dishes provided by parishioners. Please sign up in the atrium to let us know how many will be attending the picnic. We will be holding a **dessert competition** for the top three St. John's desserts. The dessert competition will be judged by the members of the congregation. Each dessert will have a donation box in which you can vote for your favorite desserts by placing a donation into your favorite dessert's donation box. The winners will be the desserts that raise the most money, so bring your \$ and vote for your favorite dessert. All funds will be donated to either a St. John's ministry or an outside charity. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 15th. If it rains, the picnic will be moved from the Village Green to the undercroft. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at jbross53@gmail.com or text 847-254-1821. Due to many scam calls I receive, I do not answer calls if I don't recognize the phone number. *John Ross*

Picnic Volunteer Signup Sheet - We will need volunteers to help set-up and clean-up for the picnic. We will need help setting up the tables and chairs from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on **Sunday, September 15**. We are hoping to get approval to use the southeast corner of the Village Green; if not, we will set-up on the south lawn of the church. In case of rain, we will set-up in the undercroft. Cleanup will be from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. We will need to move the tables and chairs back to St. John's and police the Village Green for trash. We will be using disposable plates, silverware

and cups. If you can help with set-up or clean-up, please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the table in the atrium. Please feel free to contact me by email at jbross53@gmail.com or text 847-254-1821. *John Ross*

Adult Formation: What Is the Bible? - What is in the Bible? How do Episcopalians understand it? Why are there so many different translations? Gia will lead these conversations and more in September's adult formation series. There are no stupid questions here, so whether you're new to Christian faith or a lifelong churchgoer, ask all the questions you think you're supposed to know the answer to. The series meets on **Sundays, September 15** through **29**, at 10:15 am in Kilbourne Hall; nursery care and Godly Play are offered at the same time.

Arts and Crafts Ministry - Our ministry is a group of artists and crafts people who enjoy creating a variety of visual arts including quilts, paintings, lace making, books, needlework, woodwork, photographs and everything else. We get together to share and affirm our God-given talents. We invite any new parishioners who might like to join our ministry. We will have a meeting **Monday, September 16**, in the Atrium at 6:30 pm. Please bring any old or new projects to share. Any questions, call or text Sue Sheets at 614-266-0972.

Bells Across America - On **Tuesday, September 17**, at exactly 4:00 pm, Bells Across America in conjunction with Worthington churches will be ringing their bells to recognize the day that the Constitution of the United States was approved. The celebration is open to the public. Arrive at the Village Green by 3:45 pm in front of the Griswold Center and bring chairs or blankets to sit in the grass around the park. Bells Across America will have some small bells to share or bring your own bell from home to ring at 4 pm. Following the bells tolling, a short ceremony will follow with speakers including the Worthington Mayor, America 250 Ohio committee spokeswomen, and ministers sharing their thoughts to mark the day and the start of Constitution Week 2024. This event is being organized by the Worthington Chapter DAR.

Singles Dining Out - will gather on **Wednesday, September 18**, at 6:00 pm, at the City Barbecue located at 2111 W Henderson Rd, Columbus, OH 43220. You can explore City Barbecue's varied menu at citybbq.com/location/arlington/menu. Please RSVP to Judy Gallucci at jacgallucci@gmail.com or 614-268-1647 so she can let City Barbecue 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 at City Barbecue on September 18!

Our Habitat for Humanity home build is underway! The site is located at 1504 Minnesota Avenue, Columbus OH 43211. It will be home to a family of 5. Yasin, Medina, and their 3 children ages 7, 5, and 1½ are excited to put in their sweat equity and learn about the process of home ownership. As a member of the Northside Partnership, St. John's is signed up to volunteer on **Saturday, September 21**, and **Saturday, October 12**. Workdays generally run from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. Partial workdays are discouraged due to training requirements. Volunteers must be 16 or older and accompanied by an adult if under 18. All materials, tools, and safety equipment are supplied. Lunch is provided. Please consider signing up. It is really fun, a great learning experience, and an awesome way to give back to our community. Contact Jean Duncan with questions or interest at jeanduncan59@msn.com or 215-534-7290. You can visit the Habitat Mid-Ohio website for additional information about Habitat for Humanity and to see the progress of our Northside Partnership home build!

In the Garden Feeding Ministry at Trinity Church - After a month off in August, St. John's will be serving again on **Sunday, September 22**. The menu will be baked spaghetti, salad, rolls, and fruit. Please sign up in the atrium on September 8 or 15 to bring food to church and/or to serve downtown on the 22nd. Pans with recipes for the baked spaghetti inside will be provided on the atrium table. Your support for this ministry is so very much appreciated by hungry folks in Columbus! *Karen Graham and Eve Herold*

Women's Retreat is Almost Full! – There are only 2 spots left in this year's Women's Retreat, which will be Friday evening to Saturday, **September 27-28**, at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center, 495 Albion Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45246. The theme is **Faithfully Tending to Life's Events, Trusting the Holy Spirit Through All of Life**. The cost of the retreat is \$100, which includes your room and meals. If you would like to join us, contact Donna DeRemer-Hissrich at 614-203-3562 (Call/Text) or donna.hissrich@gmail.com by **Monday, September 9**.

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

Digital Housekeeping for our Parish Directory - Is your information up-to-date in the Ministry One app? The Ministry One app, which serves as our online parish directory, is easy to update right from your phone. If you've moved or changed phone numbers or email addresses, here's a little reminder to update your contact information – and some simple instructions. Thanks for helping us keep in touch with you!

- Open the app on your phone
- Tap the “Profile” box, which should be in the lower right hand corner
- Tap “Edit Profile” at the top of the list on the next page
- Change any pertinent information and click “Save”

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! The fall schedule will be posted soon in the atrium. 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: granola bars; dish detergent. 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 – Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-8, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

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:

John and Anne
Dorothy
Sarah and Tom
Janet and Lee
Kevin
Carrie
Mary Lynn
Anna
John
Debbie
JoAnn
Phoebe
Susan
Kamile
Philip
Bob
Barbie

Nick
Amirah
Michael
Leatrice
Yolanda
Rick
Jacque
Jon
Will
Caroline
Brandon

**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

Mark Cierpial
Wendy Ciriegio
Elaine Clark

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.