



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of May 18, 2025

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Ways to Grow

Sign up for VBS at St. John's!

Vacation Bible School will be offered all five Mondays in June, 6:00-7:30 pm. Our theme this year is "God's Children Making a Difference." We'll learn about kids in the Bible who made a difference, kids in more recent history who made a difference, and how our own kids and their friends are making a difference. Kids aged 3 to 11 are welcome to join us for stories, games, crafts, music, and science at Vacation Bible School. You can sign your kid(s) up for all 5 sessions or as many as fit your schedule **here**.



Who Are the Saints?

No, not an NFL team from New Orleans. Saints are models of Christian faith and companions for us in our spiritual lives. This series for adults will explore how the Episcopal Church makes saints, reflect on how the saints can strengthen and inspire us, and learn about a few saints who are especially beloved to members of our parish. Gia will lead this series, which meets on Sunday mornings in May at 10:15 a.m. in Kilbourne Hall. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable are offered at the same time.

Facing Loss Gatherings

Facing Loss for the third Monday in May will take place on the 19th at Worthington Presbyterian Church at 1:00PM in the 'Living Room.' Two pieces of 'homework:' please bring an ICON which you use and a story that made you laugh. Healthy endorphins are created by laughter and crying and we need both to move forward. Our CareGivers Lunch will be held at Worthington La Chatelaine at NOON on May

25 in the back room. No reservation needed. Join us for light fellowship and a lunch a la Francais.

If you have questions or an immediate need, email or call Cynthia Woodbeck, SJE Co-Chair (cwoodbeck235@gmail.com or **614-847-9529**) or Louann Shearer, WPC Co-Chair (**567-377-3194**.)

Churchyard Tour, Saturday, May 24, 4 p.m.

Who is buried back there? Were they all members of St. John's? Which gravestone is the oldest? The youngest? Why are some unreadable? What do you call those tall pointy ones? Join us behind the church for an afternoon tour followed by light refreshments and all (or as much as we know!) will be revealed by Ted Dziemianowicz and Nancy Elkington. For planning purposes, RSVP by May 21 to ted.dziemianowicz@comcast.net or nancyelkington@gmail.com.

Upcoming Date for Baptism

The next date for Baptism is Pentecost Sunday, June 8, at both 9:00 and 11:15 services. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please contact Gia or David. Preparation involves meeting with a priest for about an hour.

Sunday School for Kids

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, 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.

Youth Ministry at St. John's (for Middle & High Schoolers)

On Sunday mornings between services (about 10:20 am), teens are invited to Youth Roundtable, where we get snacks from downtown Worthington and talk about one of the readings for the day. Meet in the atrium.

Ways to Heal

Give Blood, Save Lives, Celebrate Sunday Funday!

St. John's will host a blood drive on Sunday, June 1, 12:30 to 5:30 pm, in Kilbourne Hall, with Versiti Blood Center, the main supplier of blood to the Ohio State University Wexner Center. This is the same day as the Worthington Pride Sunday Funday, so you can come to church, give blood, and visit the wonderful activities, food, music, and booths celebrating LGBTQIA+ organizations, all in one day.

Someone needs blood every 2 seconds, and your donation may help a NICU baby, cancer fighter, sickle cell warrior, transplant patient, trauma survivor, or someone else right here in our community. You can sign up for a time to donate **here**. Our goal is 32 donors, including parishioners and folks enjoying the Sunday Funday. Together we could save up to 96 lives! If you would like to take a turn as a

Street Church is a ministry to help food insecure residents of Franklinton, organized by our sister parish, St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbus. The first Sunday of

each month, we partner with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to provide 50-60 meals after a short outdoor service. We need 3 or 4 helpers to come down for about an hour to help serve a meal of chicken/rice casseroles, steamed broccoli, rolls and fresh fruit. If you can help, please contact Ted Dz (ted.dziemianowicz@comcast.net) or Nancy Elkington (516) 316-9104.

Upcoming Events

Gia Is Away May 13 through 19

Gia will be away on continuing education at a CREDO conference this week. David is available to attend to any pastoral needs in her absence.

Christian Witness in the Age of Trump: Staying Faithful in Politically Charged Times

Weds., May 21 | 3:00 p.m. | Zoom

In an era marked by intense political division, many Christians are wrestling with how to faithfully engage in public life without compromising the Gospel. Should churches avoid politics altogether? Or is there a faithful, Christ-centered way to speak into the issues shaping our nation?

Recently retired Presiding Bishop Michael Curry weighs in with wisdom, clarity, and hope, and explores what it means to follow Jesus amid today's cultural and political turbulence. Click below to register in advance or access the registration page here: <https://episcopalparishes.org/upcoming-workshops/>.

Flowers

Flowers this week are given by Helen MacDonald in thanksgiving for the life of her grandfather Major Talcott Hunt Clarke.

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29
or John 5:1-9
Psalm 67

Click here for the Lectionary page

Centering Prayer – Mondays, 1:00 pm. Click this Zoom link (Meeting ID: 865 0593 1410; Passcode: 922699; +13017158592,,86505931410#,,,*,922699#). If you are interested, contact Teri Foley-Nelson, at foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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.

People for whom prayers have been asked

And we pray for:

Bill
Marlene
John
Michelle
Joey
Jack
Peter
Chris
Lillian
Ruth
Wyatt & family
Ken & Elizabeth
Donna
David
Linda & Bostwick
Sally
Jim
Sophia, Jason, & family
Emily & family
Celia
Dick
Karen
Nancy
Mr. Frank
Dorothy
Phillip

Sue
Amanda
Ellie
Miley
Todd
Heather, Jerry, Nicholas, and
Rhys
Cillian
Lindsey
Irene
Susie
Joe
Pope Leo XIV
Pat
David
Anne

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, Lebanon and all places of conflict in the world.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Debbie and Timothy Price
Jeff Purdom
Jacob Ramsey

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Mark's, Columbus
New Episcopal Communities

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the life of Major Talcott Hunt Clarke

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**.

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