



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of August 10, 2025

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Ways to Grow

Technology at St. John's

Are you wondering **how to get the directory or navigate the website**? Join us in between services on August 10 in Kilbourne Hall to learn more! Bella Olmstead, our Parish Engagement Coordinator, will show us around St. John's tech tools and answer frequently asked questions.

Youth Group Is Back!

With the fall fast approaching, youth group is back! On Sunday, August 17th at 2pm we'll meet at the carriage house at St. John's (just across the parking lot from our playground). We'll spend time catching up, discussing some aspect of faith, and playing games - and there'll be snacks! We share this ministry with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the OSU campus, and this year we'll meet once of every two weeks, alternating our location, so our second meeting will take place on Sunday, August 31st at 2 pm at St. Stephen's (30 W Woodruff Ave).

Secrets of St. John's! - Aug 17, Aug 24, Aug 31

Join us for a three-part series on the history of St. John's through the lenses of the land, the people, and the churchyard. Meet us between the services (10:20am-11:05am) in Kilbourne Hall and the Churchyard.

August 17 and 24– Learn how St. John's came to own land in the middle of a new town (1803) and how it expanded as both an Episcopal parish and a central community resource. Meet some of St. John's most interesting parishioners and the impact they had on the history of our church and the wider world. Presenters: Nancy Elkington and Jennifer Lane Maier. [Kilbourne Hall]

August 31 – Where are the bodies buried? Children will participate in a churchyard scavenger hunt. Teens & adults will learn about who was buried here and also



how volunteers have worked to preserve aging grave markers. Presenters: Ted Dziemianowicz, Nancy Elkington, and Jennifer Lane Maier. [In case of rain, the scavenger hunt will take place in the Atrium and the presentation will take place in Kilbourne Hall]

Questions? Reach out to Nancy Elkington
(nancyelkington@gmail.com or
+1-516-316-9104)

August Gen X/Millennial Women's Get Together

We're less than a month out from our August Gen X/Millennial Women's event! Laura will be hosting our group at her house on Wednesday August 20th - and if the weather is good, we'll do a bonfire outside!

Date: Weds 8/20

Time: 7-9:30pm (no hard start time, so come when you're able!)

Please Text Laura at 614-634-3121 for location!

Register NOW for the September Women's Retreat!

Our Fall Women's Retreat will be held on Friday, Sept 19th - 20th. It will be held at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center located at 495 Albion Way, Cincinnati, OH. We will be staying at St. Mary's building. Everything is on two floors; however, there is an elevator to access the first floor, where the cafeteria is located. The rooms come with a single bed, a private bath with a walk-in shower, and a desk. We also have 3 double rooms if you would like to room with someone. Bedding is provided.

The grounds are very hilly, if you would like to spend free time walking the grounds, some with just a path and there is also a paved road to walk on as well. The grounds have a labyrinth that you are welcome to walk and pray in. I always advise that you bring a journal to take notes or journal in and also an Episcopal rosary as Evening Prayer will be said both evenings.

Some retreatants are going down on Thursday afternoon/evening for a day of quiet time and reflection but some are waiting until Friday. The retreat officially starts at 3 pm and runs through dinner on Saturday, which is served at 5:30. The cost is \$100/night, and that includes dinner on Thursday evening, and 3 meals a day both Friday and Saturday.

Our Facilitator will be Marie Kovitch. Marie is a graduate of the Wellstreams Ecumenical Training in Spiritual Formation & Development and a member of Spiritual Directors International. Additionally, she is certified as a Grief Recovery Method Specialist, Graduate of the SoulCollage® Facilitator training, and a certified through the Enneagram Professional Training program, with continuing education in Internal Family Systems.

The deadline to register is Sunday, August 31st. If you plan to go on Thursday, please let me ASAP. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Donna DeRemer-Hissrich at donna.hissrich@gmail.com or call/text me 614-203-3562 if you have any questions. ~ Donna DeRemer-Hissrich

Sacred Stitches

Sacred Stitches will not be meeting in August.

The attendance has been very low, so perhaps the summer evening times were inconvenient for most people's schedules.

We will return to the afternoon times, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., starting September 4.

At the September 4th meeting, we will have Sarah Johnston demonstrating a stretchy

Ways to Heal

Facing Loss and Caregivers Lunch

Facing Loss will meet in St. John's Atrium on the 3rd Monday, August 18, at 2:30PM (Note time change). Sue Sheets will discuss the book "It's Not You" detailing life with a narcissist from the victim's point of view.

Caregivers lunch will convene as usual on the 4th Monday, August 25 at NOON in the back room of Worthington La Chatelaine. No reservation needed. Join us for meaningful conversation and a good meal.

Contact Cynthia Woodbeck, SJE Co-chair (at 614-847-9529 or cwoodbeck235@gmail.com) or Louann Shearer, WPC Co-chair (at 567-377-3194) for immediate needs or questions.

Ways to Serve

Can We Build It? Yes We Can!

St. John's joins with other Central Ohio churches to form The Northside Partnership (NSP). The NSP is one of many groups supporting Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio. Parishioners can participate in a variety of hands-on activities including wall building for new homes, playhouse building projects, and new home construction.



This Fall and Winter we'll be working on interior construction of a home at 1152 Minnesota Ave. The future homeowner, Malika, is a mother of 5 children, all girls! The oldest two are currently in college and the other 3 girls are aged 16, 9, and 6.

Can you volunteer for a Saturday shift from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm? The instructions to view available dates and sign up are attached. All training, equipment and materials are provided. Look for a printed sheet with additional details on the Atrium Information Table. Contact Jean Duncan at 215-534-7290 or jeanduncan59@msn.com on behalf of the Outreach and Social Justice Committee with questions. A safe, healthy home is a gamechanger for a family. A few hours of your time make a world of difference in our community.



Click [here](#) for Instructions for Habitat Volunteer Hub (HVB)

Huckleberry House

Huckleberry House provides shelter, support, and guidance to young people facing difficult situations. St. John's Outreach and Social Justice Committee is excited to invite you to assist Huck House with their mission in two ways during the month of August.

We will kick off a Kroger Gift Card Donation Drive on August 3rd. The drive will run through August 18th. Envelopes will be available in the Atrium for donors to enclose Kroger Gift Cards in any amount between \$5 and \$25. Can't make it to Kroger? Cash, check (payable to St. John's with Huckleberry House in the memo), and on-line donations will be accepted, and we'll purchase the gift cards. Donations can be dropped in the collection plate or mailed to the church office.

Then, on August 20th, we'll drop off the Kroger Gift Cards and provide a home cooked dinner for approximately 20 youth and staff at Huck House. We will need food donations and up to six volunteers to serve dinner on the 20th.

Please check out our display in the Atrium for more information and sign-up sheets. You can also visit **HuckHouse.org** for more information about Huckleberry House.



You Are Invited to a World Cafe Meeting August 24 or August 27

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee members invite you to join an open group dialogue and knowledge sharing meeting about the focus of outreach and social justice ministries at St. John's. The World Café process will help us generate collective insight and understanding as to what our parish sees as the challenges facing our communities and how St. John's can help address them.

Please join us in Kilbourne Hall on Sunday August 24 at 12:30pm (light lunch provided) or Wednesday August 27 at 6:00pm (light dinner provided). Look for the sign-up sheet in the Atrium starting August 3. We look forward to hearing from you!

St. John's Contributes to Texas Flood Relief

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is helping local diocesan partners in Texas provide support to those impacted by the catastrophic July 4-5 Texas Hill Country flooding, which killed over 120 people, with many more still missing. St. John's Outreach and Social Justice committee donated from the Kroger Rewards Fund to be sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for Texas Flood Relief. If you wish, you can **donate** directly to ERD at Donations, which will help their local partners respond to the emerging needs caused by this disaster.



Food Pantry

In the July newsletter of the Worthington Resource Pantry, their Executive Director, Nick Linkenhoker, wrote about the impact recent state and national budget decisions will have on food pantries and human services agencies, both locally and across the country.

Nick said, "At the Worthington Resource Pantry, we are making a commitment to you:

- We will advocate for our neighbors and for the programs that support them, because both are vital to the long-term success of our community.
- We will keep our doors open to everyone in our service area who needs extra help keeping their kitchens stocked, because every person deserves fresh, healthy food.
- We will do all we can to keep our shelves full of delicious and nutritious options,

because every neighbor should be able to choose the foods that work for their family.”

As members of St. John's, let's continue our commitment to this caring ministry of feeding God's children by bringing donations of food and toiletries to the baskets at church or by making a financial contribution at <https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate> for the Worthington Resource Pantry or <https://www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry> for the Gladden Pantry in Franklinton.

If your summer garden is producing an abundance of wonderful vegetables, the Worthington Resource Pantry will be VERY happy to take your extra peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, etc., because they like to include fresh produce in all the food orders. You can make deliveries to their new location at 500 Schrock Road - check the days and times at their website,

<https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/givehelp>

Donations of any healthy non-perishable foods and personal care products are welcome at both of our supported pantries, or you can use the list below as a guide. Thank you!

Aug 10 – canned soup; shampoo
Aug 17 – canned ravioli; body wash
Aug 24 – healthy snacks; deodorant
Aug 31 – baby food, formula, diapers (2-6)

Around St. John's



The poster features a blue background with a banner of various national flags at the top. The text '2025' is written in a gold script font. The main title 'FESTIVAL of FAITHS & NATIONS' is in white, with 'of' in a smaller font. To the right, it says 'Part of SUNDAY FUNDAY' in white, with 'SUNDAY FUNDAY' in a larger, bold font. Below the title, the date and time 'Sunday, August 10 1-5 p.m.' and the location 'Village Green NW Worthington' are listed in white. A circular logo for 'Worthington Interfaith Neighbors' (WIN) is in the center, featuring various religious symbols. To the right of the logo is a red square with white text that reads 'End of Summer FAIR'.

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Sunday, August 10
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Village Green NW
Worthington

Worthington Interfaith Neighbors
WIN
celebrating diversity

Festival of Faiths & Nations

Games | Music | Displays | Prizes | Culture

Welcoming, engaging
and connecting
neighbors from
Worthington and
around the world.



Presented by Worthington
Interfaith Neighbors with
support from the
Worthington Community
Relations Commission.

Questions? Email us: windiversity@gmail.com

August 14th Friendship Dinner Volunteers Needed

Thursday, August 14th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM is our monthly Friendship Dinner, and we will be serving a tossed salad, grilled chicken, vegetables, and dill potato salad, plus dessert, as well as our allergen / vegan/ vegetarian menu. The volunteer Sign-up sheet is in the atrium. Come join us and share the company of the Worthington community. If you have any questions, text or email me (John Ross) at (847) 254-1821 / jbross53@gmail.com

Singles Dining Out

Singles Dining Out will gather at True Food Kitchen on Thursday, August 21, at 6:00 pm. True Food Kitchen is located at 4052 Worth Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219 in Easton Town Center. You can view the intriguing True Food Kitchen menu at www.truefoodkitchen.com/menu/. You can RSVP to Scarlett Winters at 812-340-0937 or silver3wings@gmail.com. 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 will join us for good food and good company at True Food Kitchen on August 21!
~Mary Bailey



Healing Prayers on Sunday, August 24

Gia and David will offer healing prayers during both 9:00 and 11:15 services on August 24. Whatever is weighing on you, whether you seek healing for your mind or body or spirit, you are invited to receive God's healing presence.

Newsletter Submission

Are you looking to submit an article for the newsletter? Click the link below! Deadlines for the articles are due by Tuesdays at 12 noon and can be sent in no earlier than Monday of the same week.

[Submit Here](#)

Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82

[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:

The Holtzmann family
The Tumblin Clark family
Natalie, Justin, and Simone
Pat
Evan
Daniel
Annette & Jean
Jennifer
Chris and Sarah

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, Iran, and all places of conflict in the world.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Elyse and Matt Sturtz and family
Richard Suddendorf
Anna Sylvester

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church, Glendale
Trustees of the Diocese

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**.

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