



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of October 5, 2025

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Ways to Grow

Sources of Transformation: Where is God at Work at St. John's?

Where is God at work right now at St. John's? Join us to find out together by learning more about the "Sources of Transformation" within parish life, a key model from the College for Congregational Development. The "Sources of Transformation" model teaches that all transformation comes from and through God, but that there are four key means of transformation – means that God works through – that we can evaluate within our congregational life.

Star Blackford and Emmanuel Koomson, who attended the weeklong College for Congregational Development this summer alongside Gia, will present an overview of the model during Adult Formation on Sunday, October 5. Once we have a greater collective understanding of what the model is, Gia, Star, and Emmanuel will lead the parish in participating in the evaluation itself during Adult Formation on Sunday, October 12. Because participation from as many facets of the congregation is critical, a follow up Zoom session will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 15; this session will include both an overview of the model as well as the evaluation exercises and will allow for participation from those unable to attend the Sunday sessions.

We encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend these important sessions to learn together where the Holy Spirit is most at work at St. John's!

Friendship Dinner on October 9 at 6:00 pm

Come join your Worthington neighbors for good food and conversation. We will be celebrating the 2ND Anniversary of the reinstated Friendship Dinner. We polled our guests at the September dinner, and they chose to have the spaghetti and meatball dinner we served as our first dinner. We will be serving a tossed salad with garlic bread, spaghetti with meatballs, broccoli, and an anniversary cake for dessert, as

well as an allergen / vegan/ vegetarian menu. We need volunteers to prep food, set up, serve, and clean up. A Sign-up sheet is in the atrium. If you have any questions, email jbross53@gmail.com or text me at (847) 254-1821.

Upcoming Baptism Dates

St. John's will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism on All Saints Sunday, November 2, at both 9:00 and 11:15 services. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please speak with Gia or David. Preparation involves meeting with a priest for about an hour.

Ways to Serve

Give the Gift of a Warm Blanket

Do you have any clean, new, or gently used blankets that are no longer needed? We are collecting them to help provide warmth and comfort to Street Church guests who are facing hardship this season. Your generosity can make a big difference. Please drop them off on October 26 during the Street Church Blessing Bag Assembly.

Outreach and Social Justice Committee

Around St. John's

Celtic Service

On October 5, the Celtic Service will begin its thirteenth year with its traditional celebration of all creatures great and small in honor of St. Francis. As in previous years, we ask you to donate some spare cash in order to purchase cat and dog food for the Worthington Resource Pantry. They are always delighted to have food for the pets of their clients on hand. The Celtic service is a quiet, meditative service with music, prayers of concern with the lighting of candles, a time of silence, and affirmations of faith based on the liturgy of the Iona Abbey Worship Book. The service is 40 - 45 minutes long and is followed by a time of fellowship and hospitality. Please come and celebrate God's creatures with us on October 5.

The Celtic Fellowship

Singles Dining Out(side) on October 5

Our October Singles Dining Out is this Sunday - it will be a potluck lunch at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 5, at Suzan Jervey's cabin and shelter house north of Newark. Suzan says we may arrive whenever we want, with the lunch itself to begin at 2:00 pm. Please bring a potluck dish of your choosing. Suzan will provide iced tea, coffee, supplies for s'mores, paper products, serving spoons, tables, and chairs. The cabin is 50 minutes from the church and is located at 8000 Rocky Fork Rd. NE, Newark 43055. Carpooling is encouraged! Thanks to the large shelter house, our Singles Dining Out potluck will be held rain or shine. See below for more info on getting to Suzan's cabin. To RSVP or clarify directions, contact Suzan Jervey at sejervy@gmail.com or 614.546.7857.

There is plenty of parking at Suzan's cabin, but we are encouraged to carpool, both

to save gas and to have nice company along the way. 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. Suzan's cabin is in a beautiful woodsy setting, and we should be there just in time for some lovely fall colors. I am very much looking forward to hearing Suzan's experiences while attending the recent PowWow of Eastern Shawnee of Oklahoma. We hope you will join us for this fun afternoon potluck on October 5!

~Mary Bailey



2026 Social Events Ministry Events

The Social Events Ministry has met with Gia and Star, and the following are the remaining upcoming events scheduled for the 2025 -2026 calendar. Mark your calendars for these dates:

2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM - Friendship Dinner

January 17th, Saturday at 6:00 PM - Chili Cook-off

February 17th, Tuesday at 5:30 PM - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 14th, Saturday at 6:00 PM - St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner

April 12th, Sunday at 10:15 AM - Week after Easter potluck Brunch

May 24th, Sunday at 10:15 AM - Pentecost Ice Cream Social

We also want to thank all the volunteers and helpers who support these events by cooking, setting up, and cleaning up. These events aren't possible without your support, and we hope you will continue to support the Social Events ministry during our upcoming events

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

Flowers

Jo Pascoe and family are giving flowers in Thanksgiving for the life of her husband and their father Ed Pascoe.

Margaret Allen; Nevaeh, Alanah, and Emary Spencer; and Aric Wieland are giving flowers in Thanksgiving for the life of her daughter and their mother Bonnie Spencer-Wieland.

Readings for Next Sunday

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

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:

Dorothy
Amya
Amirah
Shawna
Louis
Margaret
Nick
Jeff
Lindsey
The Padovan family
The Kinnaird family
The Taylor family
Beau

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)

Mary
Kathy
Jerry
Jeanne
Dave
Daniel
Annette & Jean
Ruth
John
Frank

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

Katie Williams and family
Scarlett Winters
Cynthia Woodbeck

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Christopher's, Fairborn
Procter Center Advisory Board

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the life of Ed Pascoe
For the life of Bonnie Spencer-Wieland

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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