



## To Grow, Heal, and Serve

*Week of March 1, 2026*

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### Ways to Grow

#### **Lenten School 2026: The Glory of God is a Human Person Fully Alive**

Monday Evenings in March  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

A free offering taking place at St. John's, Worthington (700 High Street, Worthington).

This Lent, join us for a series of five presentations that follow Jesus through cycles of death and rebirth. Every evening we will have one plenary session followed by small group discussion and prayer. The presenters for this year's Lenten School are:

**March 2** - John Florian presenting on Jesus's Laments and the question of how we accept the end of things and learn to let go. John is a hospice chaplain and a musician who will be presenting through the lens of both hospice stories and songs.

**March 9** - Sr. Janice Bachman presenting on the Temptations in the Wilderness and how to talk to God when we're discerning. Janice Bachman, a Dominican Sister of Peace, is a spiritual director and Jungian Analyst who will lead us in an experiential process on how we talk to God when we are discerning.

**March 16** - Aaron Rogers presenting on John the Baptist and the question of who is calling us out of our assumptions about how life should be. Aaron is the Missioner for Black Ministries for the diocese and a powerful preacher and presenter.

**March 23** - Joseph Kovitch presenting on Healing and how individuals and communities adjust to new ways of being after healing takes place. Joe will guide our conversation on healing through the lens of his work as a pediatric chaplain and someone who lives with a disability.

Use this QR Code to register:



<https://ststephenscolumbus.org/lenten-school-2026/>

## **David B leading a Sunday morning Lent series about Genesis!**

- 10:15am in Kilbourne Hall on March 8 & 22. All are welcome, regardless of whether you made it to the session in February!
- We're discussing how God speaks to us through the memorable stories in Genesis, and how God spoke to different storytellers and editors whose work came together to produce Genesis

## **Women's One-Day Retreat - March 21st**

The Gen X/Millennial Women's Group will be hosting a one-day women's retreat on Saturday March 21st, 9am to 12pm, in Kilbourne Hall at St John's Worthington. This event is open to any woman or female-identifying people of any age (no childcare will be provided). We will be taking this time to grow deeper in our relationships with each other. There is no fee for the event but please RSVP by Sunday March 15th so we can get a headcount. RSVP Link: <https://shorturl.at/skPd4> - reach out to Laura Wallace with any questions: [Laura.F.Wallace22@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.F.Wallace22@gmail.com)

## **Men's Bible Study: Passion and Resurrection Narratives**

Our new men's Bible study group will begin its next study on the Passion and Resurrection narratives in the gospels on March 25. All men are invited to join this six-week study, which will draw us more deeply into Holy Week and Easter season. The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. Contact Chuck Camp at [thecampman88@gmail.com](mailto:thecampman88@gmail.com) to sign up, and he will order a book for you.

## **Ways to Serve**

### **Food Pantry**

Faith and Begorrah! The leprechauns who spend most of their time searching for gold at the end of the rainbow like to take some time off in March to check our Food Pantry baskets in the atrium - they are very happy to see the baskets filled to overflowing so the food pantry shelves can be well-stocked with nutritious food for hungry neighbors.

The most recent Worthington Resource Pantry (WRP) newsletter mentioned a new hurdle facing some of our neighbors, noting that "beginning February 1, 2026, Ohio has implemented expanded SNAP work requirements that place new obligations on

older adults, parents of teens, veterans, and others — increasing the risk that eligible neighbors may lose benefits due to paperwork or compliance barriers.... When benefits fall short or disappear, neighbors turn to us to help fill the gap. Your support ensures our shelves stay stocked and our doors stay open for families navigating yet another obstacle.”

May the luck o' the Irish come your way each time you bring a donation to support the Worthington and Gladden Food Pantries and help keep their shelves stocked! All kinds of non-perishable food items and toiletries are welcome, but this month's LUCKY suggestions appear below.

If you prefer, you can donate financially to the Worthington Resource Pantry at <https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate> and you can donate to the Gladden Pantry in Franklinton at <https://www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry>. YOUR contributions, whether financial or food and toiletries, help to make the Worthington Resource Pantry and the Gladden Food Pantry a place of hope and help - thank you!

March 1 – spaghetti; hand soap

March 8 – canned fruit; dish detergent

March 15 – canned green beans or peas; feminine pads

March 22 – peanut butter; baby wipes

March 29 – baby food, formula; diapers (4-5-6)

~Mary Bailey

## **Join Us In Supporting Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio**

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee is organizing three ways you can help Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio (RMH) in the month of March. You can help bring comfort and a sense of care to siblings of seriously ill children and help provide a meal to the guests staying at the RMH.

### **Look for the display in the Atrium beginning March 1!**

#### **1. Sibling Support Backpacks Donation Drive March 1 to the 15**

Please donate items to help siblings feel seen, supported, and included during a challenging time.

Our goal is to collect 40 of each item: a coloring book and crayons, a puzzle book, a card game, and Play-Doh. The donated items should be dropped off by March 15 in the Atrium.

You can also make an on-line donation through the St. John's website using the Sibling Backpacks dropdown link. All monetary donations should be made by March 15.

#### **2. SAVE THE DATE: March 22, RMH “Fill the Backpacks” in the Atrium**

Fill a backpack with our donated items for siblings of children staying at the House. On March 22 during Coffee Hour and after the 11:15am service, parishioners will gather to assemble Sibling Support Backpacks.

We will also have a table to decorate Coffee Sleeves with encouraging words or cheerful illustrations to brighten someone's day. These decorated coffee sleeves will be distributed to families staying at the House.

#### **3. TEAM CUISINE LUNCH**

Come help prepare and serve LUNCH to guests staying at the RMH. We will be preparing a delicious meal under the guidance of their professional chef, Chef Blair. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Atrium.

Making a meal at the House will give you the opportunity to make a tangible impact on the families!

- Date: Tuesday, March 24
- Time: 9:30am to 1:00pm
- Place: 711 East Livingston Avenue- car pooling from St. John's is an option



### **Property Committee Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30pm**

During the Meet the Candidate's forum last Sunday, there seemed to be a lack of knowledge of the Property Committee's three-year plan in place for the needed renewal of the St. John's facilities and grounds. If you would like to know more of what the Property Committee has on its agenda, please join us at our next Property Committee meeting and get informed on our three-year plan. If you plan on attending, please email [jbross53@gmail.com](mailto:jbross53@gmail.com) or text (847) 254-182, so we can make sure we have seating and copies of our agenda for you.

Some additional information on how you can get involved: A grant application will be submitted in the next week to the National Fund for Sacred Places, which would help subsidize the cost of many of St. John's most costly repairs if we receive a grant. However, we have many projects that don't fall under the guidelines of the grant, and many of these projects could be completed by church volunteers donating time to help the Property Committee to save on the cost of repairs to the St. John's facilities. In 2025, volunteers replaced the window and sills by the south entrance. The estimate for the repairs was over \$12,000, and we got the job done for under \$3,000. The gutters needed repair/replacement on the east patio at a cost of \$6,000. The repair was made by volunteers for \$36. The removal and prep for the replacement of the playground was priced at \$30,000, but St. John's volunteers along with a subcontractor got the job done for \$10,000. We have several projects scheduled for 2026 that could have a savings of well over \$50,000 -- all we need is committed people power to get this work done. Please consider volunteering some of your time -- not all the projects require brute strength; several of them are painting projects. We can match you to a project that fits. ~John Ross

### **Sacred Stitches**

Sacred Stitches will be meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Please Join us for tea, talk and to knit, crochet, and other needle arts. We use our skills to provide items for baptisms, the Giving Tree and other charitable causes.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. in St. Johns' atrium. We hope to see you there!

## **BREAD Network Meeting**

St. John's BREAD Network Meeting will be on Sunday, March 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. This is for all Network Members and friends of BREAD, or anyone interested in learning more about it. Meet our new community organizer, receive updates on current BREAD issues, and help us make plans for the upcoming Nehemiah Action event on May 12. This year's issue of focus is a livable wage. No need to RSVP. Hope to see you there! Remember: BREAD rises!

## **Friendship Dinner on Thursday, March 12**

Come join your Worthington neighbors for good food and conversation. We will be serving Tossed Salad, along with Shepherd's Pie, Vegetable, and dessert. We will also have our Allergen / Vegan/ Vegetarian alternative menu as well as reinstating our children's menu since we are seeing more families attend the dinner. We need 9 volunteers (3) for Prep food, (3) for Set-up, and (3) for Clean-up, a Sign-up sheet is in the atrium. Thank you to all the volunteers that went the extra mile while I was recovering from surgery, please continue to support the friendship dinner. If you have any questions text or email [jbross53@gmail.com](mailto:jbross53@gmail.com) or text me at (847) 254-1821.

## **St. Patricks Day Potluck Dinner March 14**

Kilbourne Hall | 6:00pm

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your Social Events Committee. We will be providing Corned Beef and Cabage, music, and knowledge of the Irish challenges as we celebrate the green. Two sign-up sheets will be in the Atrium, an attendance sign-up so we know how many servings to buy for as well as setting up tables as well as what sides you would like to share, and the second is for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up. This has always been a well-attended event, and we look forward to a large group. If you have any questions or suggestions text or email [jbross53@gmail.com](mailto:jbross53@gmail.com) or text me at (847) 254-1821.

## **Thank You From The LSS Mission**

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee made the call and you answered in a big way! Thank you to the people of St. John's for rallying with short notice and donating nearly 100 coats to our winter coat drive! The LSS Mission expressed sincere gratitude for your generosity. Jackets, sweatshirts, and coats are also being donated to guests at our Street Church ministry. Thank you for caring and sharing with our neighbors in need!



## Around St. John's

### Celtic Service

Please join us in St. John's Atrium at 4 pm this Sunday, March 1st. This will be a Lenten service, leading our thoughts and prayers and actions to the many needs and sorrows of our fellow sojourners in this world. This is a contemplative, lay-led service, based on the Iona Abbey Worship Book, which lasts about 40 minutes and includes music, meditation and thoughtful prayer. A time of hospitality follows our service. We will be happy to see you there!

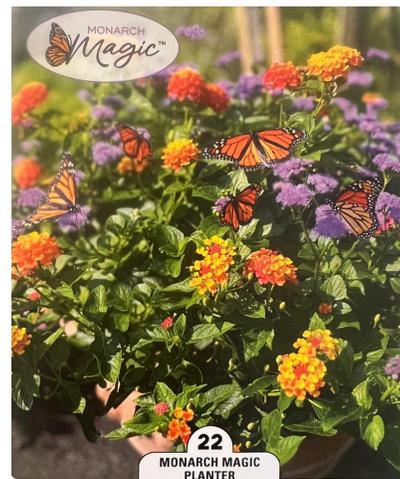
The Celtic Fellowship

### Stations of the Cross Available during Lent

The Stations of the Cross are a way of walking with Jesus from his trial to his burial-- a method of meditative prayer that's especially appropriate during Lent. A set of five stations, created by St. John's Arts and Crafts Ministry, are placed in the windows of the nave during Lent for your personal prayer. You are welcome to pray the stations before or after Sunday or Wednesday services, or at another time during the week (call the parish office to set up a time). Begin at the northwest corner of the nave, closest to the intersection of High and 161, where a handout to help you pray the stations is available.

### Spring Flower Sale

This week, the Early Education Center's Spring Flower Sale has opened. This is our school's largest fundraiser. We are selling annuals, perennials, beautiful hanging baskets, herbs and more! The deadline to order is March 13th. Flowers will be delivered to the church on May 5th between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you cannot pick them up at that time, we will save them for you so that you can pick them up on Sunday. **Brochures** will be available in the Atrium or you can follow the link to



order online. Thank you for your support! Carrie Troester, Director

## Annual Meeting & Parish Voting

Our 223rd Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 15 between services in the nave. The meeting will also be livestreamed. Voting for our new Vestry members and Senior Warden will take place the next two Sundays, March 1 and March 8, before and after all services. If you require an absentee ballot, you may call or email the church office to receive this ballot electronically or via mail. Completed ballots must be dropped off in the office or lockbox outside the south steps by noon on Sunday, March 8. We look forward to seeing you on March 15!

## Singles Dining Out

Our March Singles Dining Out gathering will be at 101 Craft Kitchen on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:00 pm. 101 Craft Kitchen is located at 7509 Sawmill Rd., Dublin, Ohio 43016. You can find 101 Craft Kitchen's intriguing menu at [101craftkitchen.com/dublin](http://101craftkitchen.com/dublin). Please RSVP to Scarlett Winters 812-340-0937 or [silver3wings@gmail.com](mailto:silver3wings@gmail.com) so she can let 101 Craft Kitchen 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 101 Craft Kitchen on March 18! ~Mary Bailey

### 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 This Sunday

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17  
Psalm 121

### Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42  
Psalm 95

[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](mailto: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 Mary Bailey (614-619-1803 or **mphbailey.3@gmail.com**) or Jo Pascoe (614-306-7983 or **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, **DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org**. 220 area code is a local number.

## People for whom prayers have been asked

### And we pray for:

Lynn  
Daniel  
Annette  
Jean  
People of Minnesota  
Immigrants and refugees  
Roger  
Aryeah  
Kailee  
Mike  
Kitty  
Loyd & Roselin  
Chris  
Nancy  
Rick, Terri & the Western  
Family  
Diane  
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, Venezuela and all places of conflict in the world.**

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### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Joe and Laura Factor  
Marilyn Fawcett  
Mindy and Wes Feurtado and family

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Mark's, Dayton  
Chaplains to Retired Clergy and Spouses

### We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries

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