



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of July 5, 2026

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Ways to Grow

Adult Formation: All About Collects

One of the most common types of prayer in the Episcopal church is the collect – we use them multiple times at every worship service. But what are they and how they formed? Join us at 10:15am on Sunday, July 5th in Kilbourne Hall where David will lead a class on collects – and show us how to write our own collects!

Ways to Serve

July 9th Friendship Dinner

 FRIENDSHIP DINNER - Thursday, July 9th | 6:00 PM

Join your Worthington neighbors for an evening of good food and fellowship.

Dinner Menu

- Tossed Salad
- Corn Bread
- St. Louis BBQ Ribs
- Corn on the Cob
- French Fries
- Cherry Cheese Cake

Alternative Menu

- Tossed Salad
- Corn Bread
- Grilled Portabella Mushroom
- Corn on the Cob
- French Fries
- Vegan Cherry Cheese Cake

Children's Menu

- Tossed Salad

- Chicken Nuggets
- Corn on the Cob
- French Fries
- Cherry Cheese Cake

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking 9 volunteers:

- 3 for food preparation
- 3 for setup
- 3 for cleanup

Sign up sheet available in the atrium

Questions? Email or text: [✉ jbross53@gmail.com](mailto:jbross53@gmail.com)

 (847) 254 1821

LSS Faith Mission Donation Drive Until July 19

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee is coordinating a Donation Drive for the LSS Faith Mission residents. LSS is a faith-based, health and human services organization that addresses homelessness, housing, domestic violence, and hunger. They help thousands of people every day with programs that serve the whole person. Please consider donating one or more of the much-needed items which will help provide them with a dignified and empowering environment.

- New men's underwear (all sizes)
- Full size combo body lotion/body wash (gender neutral)
- Baby wipes

Donated items should be dropped off by **July 19**.

For more information about LSS please visit <https://lssnetworkofhope.org/>

Family Friendly Service Opportunity-Lunch packing!

Help us pack 80 lunches for Faith Mission Shelter on 7/19 in between services in the Undercroft. We need 10-20 volunteers to make sandwiches and pack the lunches, and several more people to help by bringing in needed items to make the lunches with. Please see the Signup Genius below or sign up in the Atrium with your email. Families may bring their children to help! The lunches will be delivered to the shelter on Monday morning. You must sign up by July 18 to volunteer and by July 12 to bring items so we can make sure that we have the needed supplies. Thanks for considering! It is sure to be a fun event. Use QR code or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A44A8AF23A13-64646095-make#/>

Around St. John's

Singles Dining Out

Singles Dining Out will enjoy dinner at Stone Bar & Kitchen on Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00 pm. Stone Bar & Kitchen is located at 1045 Bethel Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220. You can find their eclectic menu at stonebarandkitchen.com/food-menu/, with everything from Octopus to Quinoa Kale Salad and from Chilean Sea Bass to Truffled Portobello Pizza. Please RSVP to Mary Bailey at mphbailey.3@gmail.com or 614-619-1803 so I can let Stone Bar & Kitchen know the size of our group. It is important to let me know by July 20 if you plan to attend. 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 for intriguing fare at Stone Bar & Kitchen on July 22! ~Mary Bailey

Social Events for 2026 / 2027

St. John's Social Events Ministry Team has decided to focus its attention on the gatherings that draw the most attendees and volunteers. We are open to supporting additional events as long as other people lead and organize them. Please talk to John Ross (jbross53@gmail.com, text 847-254-1821) if you would like to host a social event.

2026-27 social events are as follows:

Annual Parish Picnic -- October 11, 2026 @ 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper -- February 9, 2027 @ 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Easter Brunch -- April 4, 2027 between services

Pentecost Ice Cream Social -- May 23, 2027 between services

Volunteers are essential to social events, especially the Parish Picnic! One person can't do it all themselves. When the signup goes out a few weeks before the picnic, please volunteer to help with setup and cleanup.

Flowers

Flowers this week are given by Ellen Stukenberg in thanksgiving for the life of John Stukenberg.

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

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-15
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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 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:

Pat
Alan
Ruth
Amya
the Breidenthal family
Vivian
Kyme
Nancy
Jerry and Heather
Eileen
Susan
the Wrigley family
Margaret
Elizabeth
Jodi
Paul
Brenda
Katie
Jim
Jenny
Mara
El Rye-ah
Kristen
Jeff
Sarah
Ana
Scott
Dennis, Cecilia, and Jenny

Susan
Mike
Tori
John & family
Kerstin

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, Venezuela and all places of conflict in the world.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Kristina and Leland McCandless and family
Rebecca McCauley
Ruth McCauley

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Trinity, London

Episcopal Retirement Services

We Give Thanks

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

The Departed

The Reverend Fred Shirley
Jane Winston

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