To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of November 8, 2026

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Bishop White's Visitation this Sunday, November 8

Bishop Kristin Uffelman White will make her first official visitation to St. John's on Sunday, November 8. She will preach and preside at both 9:00 and 11:15 services, at which we will also celebrate several confirmations. Bishop White will join us for a festive coffee hour (i.e. cake) between services, then meet with the vestry over lunch. Please greet her warmly when she arrives!

Ways to Grow

Adult Formation: About the Eucharist

What does the Eucharist--also called communion, the Lord's Supper, or the mass--mean? How might poetry and art help us to grasp the mystery of Jesus' presence in the bread and wine? How do we do the Eucharist at St. John's, practically speaking? Gia will lead this two-part reflection on the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, which will include instruction on how to receive and administer communion. The series is open to all; anyone currently serving as, or interested in becoming, a chalice minister or Eucharistic visitor is especially encouraged to attend. We'll meet in Kilbourne Hall on Sundays, November 15 and 22, at about 10:20 a.m. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable are offered at the same time.

Kindred Spirits Group Activity, November 14

Gen X and Millenial women, join Kindred Spirits on Saturday, November 14 at Dayou International Market on Bethel Road at 12:30 p.m. We will have lunch in the food court and browse the market's offerings. Families are welcome to this event. Contact Jennifer Hughes for any questions.

Ways to Serve

Sacred Stitches Meeting, November, 5 at 1 p.m. in Atrium

Sacred Stitches will be meeting Thursday, November 5, from 1:00 till 3:00 p.m. in St. Johns' Atrium. Please join us to craft and chat, while we create Prayer shawls, warm scarves & hats for the children of The Giving Tree, Prayer squares to offer comfort for others, Baby blankets for baptisms, Mariners scarves, or whatever you're working on currently. We hope to see you there!

Giving Tree & Angel Tree Ministry Kickoff, November 15

Two Ministries, One Holiday Mission
The Outreach and Social Justice Committee (OSJ) invites you to share hope and joy with children and families through two holiday ministries: the Giving Tree and Angel Tree Christmas. Gift tags for both ministries will be available on the display in the atrium beginning November 15.

Giving Tree: Continue our holiday tradition of supporting our neighbors at Worthington Kilbourne Middle School. Gift tags will include wishes from students and their siblings, along with shopping instructions. Please select one or more tags and return the gifts to church by December 6. To make a monetary donation, place cash, or a check in one of the envelopes provided at the display, with Giving Tree indicated in the memo line, and put it in the collection plate or send it to the church office. You may also donate online through the St. John's website using the Giving Tree dropdown link. Please make all monetary donations by December 6.

Angel Tree Christmas: Under the leadership of Melissa Stanton, OSJ is expanding our holiday outreach this year to provide gifts for ten children of incarcerated parents. Through the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Christmas ministry, a simple gift of around $25 per child can spark hope and healing for children and their families. Angel Tree gift tags are included in the Atrium display beginning November 15. Please select one or more tags and return the gifts to church by December 6.

Friendship Dinner, Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 PM

Join your Worthington neighbors for an evening of good food and fellowship. We will be celebrating a modified Thanksgiving dinner.
Dinner Menu: Tossed Salad, Biscuits, Turkey Pot Pie, Pumpkin Pie
Vegan, vegetarian, and allergen friendly options available and a children's menu this month

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 (847) 254 1821

In the Garden Dinner, November 22

The OSJ committee is providing turkey and pumpkin pie for our annual Thanksgiving meal at Trinity Episocpal downtown. The menu will also include green beans, cranberry sauce, and potatoes, so we are still looking for volunteers for sides and serving at noon on 11/22. Sign-up sheet will be on the atrium table this Sunday and next Sunday.

Meal Ministry Coordinators Needed

Share the Leadership of "In the Garden"
Our monthly "In the Garden" meal ministry is seeking up to four passionate new coordinators, serving individually or as a team of co-leaders, to share in the leadership of this vital meal ministry. For years, this program has been a cornerstone of outreach at St. John's, bringing nourishing food and fellowship to our downtown community every fourth Sunday.

As a coordinator, you will help organize meal prep, manage the volunteer schedule, and oversee the monthly service day at Trinity Episcopal Church located at the intersection of Third and Broad. Current leadership will provide full training and a smooth transition! If you feel called to serve our neighbors in this meaningful way, please reach out to Lillian Balukjian (Thompson) via Email @ lillianbalukjian@sbcglobal.net.
~The Outreach and Social Justice Committee

The Food Pantry

When we celebrate Thanksgiving this year with family or friends, we will give thanks for the many gifts and blessings God has given us. However, we know that holiday time is financially challenging for many people. The holidays can bring loneliness and depression to the elderly, grieving, unemployed, singles, and others during the holidays. We can help by sharing God's love and sharing our bounty.

The Worthington Resource Pantry's recent newsletter shared this message: "As we head into the holiday season, **we need your support more than ever**. Neighbors will continue to count on us for their everyday groceries while also trying to make room in their budgets for holiday meals. We need to keep our shelves stocked and be ready to meet that need. A financial gift helps us purchase food and respond as needs change. Donating food or organizing a food drive helps keep our shelves filled with items neighbors can bring home. Volunteering your time helps get that food onto our shelves and into our neighbors' hands."

We can help stock the pantry shelves by including a **Thanksgiving dinner item** along with our regular food pantry contribution each week during November. Extras such as sweet potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cornbread or muffin mix, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin pie filling, nuts, or mashed potato mix would be greatly appreciated.

You can help feed our neighbors by offering a **financial gift** instead at **www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate**, and the food pantry can amplify the impact of every dollar donated. Your own Thanksgiving celebration will be more meaningful if you know you have generously shared your bountiful blessings with others.

November 1 – cereal or oatmeal; toothpaste, & Thanksgiving item
8 – peanut butter; conditioner, & Thanksgiving item
15 – tuna; deodorant, & Thanksgiving item
22 – rice, pasta; feminine pads, & Thanksgiving item
29 – baby food, formula; diapers 4-6

Mary Bailey



Worthington Resource Pantry

Around St. John's

Special Parish Meeting Results

The Vestry called a special meeting of the parish on Sunday, October 25, to consider two amendments to St. John's bylaws. Both amendments passed. The first amendment changes the way St. John's elects wardens: every year beginning in 2027, we will elect one warden to a two-year term; this warden will serve as junior warden for the first year and as senior warden for the second year. The other amendment will gradually reduce the size of the vestry from 12 members to 9, so that beginning in 2027, we will elect 3 new vestry members each year rather than 4. The Vestry appreciates the parish's thoughtful discussion of these two amendments.

Singles Night Out, Wednesday, November 11 at 6 p.m.

Our November Singles Dining Out will be at **Outback Steakhouse** on **Wednesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day), at 6:00 pm**. Outback Steakhouse is located at 2020 Polaris Parkway, Columbus OH 43240. (This is on the north side of Polaris Parkway, a little past the turnoff for Polaris Grill.) You can view the mouth-watering Outback menu at **https://www.outback.com/menu/polaris/category/0**. Please **RSVP to Donna Deremer-Hissrich at 614-203-3562 or donna.hissrich@gmail.com** so she can let Outback know the size of our group. It is important to let her know by 12 noon on November 9 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 will join us for good food and good company at Outback Steakhouse on November 11! ~Mary Bailey

Flowers Donors

We had a Flower Donor for Sunday, October 25, 2026. Sarah Iles Johnston and Fritz Graf gave flowers in Thanksgiving for all their children and grandchildren.

We have a Flower Donor for Sunday, November 8, 2026. Greg and Kathy Hayes are giving the flowers in loving memory of their parents George and Janice (Woodward) Stokes and Clyde and Orianna (Merchant) Hayes.

Registration Open for Diocesan Convention, November 20-21

The Diocese of Southern Ohio's 152nd annual convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, and this year it's in our neighborhood at the Hilton Polaris. All Episcopalians in Southern Ohio are invited to attend workshops and the convention Eucharist (with former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preaching) on Friday, the business session on Saturday, and/or the exhibit hall on both days. The convention is free; registration is required. For more information or to register, visit the diocesan website, **www.diosohio.org**.

The diocese is also seeking volunteers to help with way finding, setup, takedown, etc. If you would like to offer a few hours, please email Canon Julie Murray at **jmurray@diosohio.org**.

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

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12:16
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Readings for Next Sunday

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

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

We pray for:

Bella
Kenneth & Elizabeth
Jeff
Ruth
E'Raya
Shawna
Amya
Donna
Roger
David
Jean
Kathy
Isa
Rita
Spencer
Miguel
Kevin
Bill

Silver Rail Elementary School
Kathy
Karen and Gary
Grace and Chris
Ned and Marquell
Jolie
Karen
Aaron
Justine
Mary and Michael
Celia

For our service men and women and all first responders

For those who are unemployed or underemployed

For all who experience fear or exclusion

For those in prison or bondage – in body or spirit

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
Stephen Sollars
Donna Somerville
Heather and Melissa Stanton and family

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Christ Church, Xenia
Beloved Community Commission

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

The Departed
Jo Anne Nay
Lloyd Hackman

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