

NEWS NOTES

June 1-2, 2024

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

8:15am: Steve Marcum, Dave Sweeley,
Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski,
Larry Peterson, Dan Yeater

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Layla Greer, Riley Millet

Contemporary Communion Prep

Rachel Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Judy Graessle
Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Emma Grossman, Cindy
Dye

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Volunteers Needed

8:15am: Jo Dimond, Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage, Brenda
Schultz

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Cindy Dye, Jennifer Shade

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Presented by Gary and Marilyn Smith in celebration of our 59th wedding anniversary and our 66th togetherversary.

BULLETINS: Given by Bill and Linda Diehl.

Lessons Today: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

THANK YOU, JAN MILLER, FOR 34 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE! At the end of May, after 34 years of service, Jan Miller retired from her position as St. John's Church Recorder and Administrative Assistant. We have been blessed to have Jan with us all these years. Not only has she performed her duties efficiently, intelligently, and reliably, she has also been a model of Christian faithfulness and servanthood, always willing to give members of St. John's her loving attention. Thank you, Jan, for being so willing to step in and help wherever you are needed, for being a great co-worker, and for being such a wise and loving support for so many people at St. John's. We love you and will miss you!

Expressions of appreciation for Jan are welcomed and encouraged! You can mail cards and gifts for Jan to St. John's. Please bring them to the church office or give them to one of the pastors. Jan has requested that monetary gifts be directed to the Good Samaritan Fund.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S: Thank you, once again, for choosing to share your love and generosity with our most vulnerable neighbors through your partnership with Lutheran World Relief. Through this act of faith, you are making the world a bit more how God created it to be. Grace and peace, Tim Krick, Lutheran World Relief, LWR.org.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

CHOIR SUNDAY: On Sunday, June 2, at the 8:15 and 11:00am traditional worship services, we are having a "Choir Sunday." The choir has voted on their favorite anthems this year and will be singing three of them at those services. In addition, the Men's and Women's Chorales will each sing one of their anthems. This is the final Sunday that the Chancel Choir will sing before their summer break. Plan now to hear this offering of music to the congregation.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP: Volunteers are needed to help clean up the cemetery on **Saturday, June 8 from 8:30 am until noon.** We will be spraying cleaner on tombstones, trimming bushes and trees, and making repairs. Contact Don Allman for more at 614-597-4395. This is a Thrivent Action Team sponsored event.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, 12:15 P.M.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am humbled to share the news that St. John's has recently received several bequests which come to more than \$2,400,000. These bequests are new, and are not connected with the large donations we received for the Accessibility Project.

These gifts are a testament to the deep appreciation that so many members of St. John's have for our church family. They are also God's resounding **yes** to what we are doing in Christ's name in this place. As we celebrate 175 years of ministry in Grove City, God is graciously providing us with all we need—beyond our dreams—to witness powerfully to His kingdom for generations to come. Praise be to God!

As we rejoice in these blessings, we are deeply aware of our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our resources. The church council has placed the bequests into special funds which are set up to (a) maximize their potential use over the long-term, and (b) require us to follow Bible-based principles in how we access and utilize them.

The church council, in concert with the families of our benefactors and in line with our recent completion of the new north entrance, suggests that we use a portion of these gifts immediately to attend to all remaining issues with our physical campus. Many parts of our aging building are in need of repair and, in some cases, reconstruction. With these bequests, God has given us the means to restore our entire church campus to excellent shape.

To this end, the church council is requesting the congregation's approval to engage the services of an outside professional firm who will:

- 1) do a comprehensive assessment of our building and grounds in order to identify all areas that need work (e.g. building footers, brickwork, HVAC, windows, electric, parking lot, drainage, etc.).
- 2) establish the priority level, and estimate the cost, of each job.
- 3) engage and direct the services of professional contractors for all the different projects, on behalf of St. John's.

We will be holding a special congregational meeting at **12:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 23rd** in the Family Life Center. The sole purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and vote on the council's motion to engage the services of a professional firm to do the assessment and organizational work described above, for a fee of up to \$60,000.

Please prayerfully consider this proposal, and come to the meeting on June 23rd! If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Pastor Seth, Pastor Patti, council president Aaron Clark, or Dan Yeater.

In Christ,

Pastor Seth Fersild

EAGLE DEADLINE is coming up! Please submit your article by noon on **June 10th**.

LAY READERS are needed for the 8:15 am and 11:00 am worship services from July through December. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions by phone at 614-270-3291.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, June 8th at 9am and on Tuesday, June 25th at 6pm in Rooms 103-4.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775.

OWLS EVENT—JUNE 17, 2024: Just in case you don't know – OWLS are Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors. The children and grandchildren of our OWLS have probably attended a school that is part of South-Western City Schools. And that means that many of the OWLS have been involved in various school activities over the years. Probably too many to count! But there is one program that you might have heard about but don't really understand a lot – Career Technical Education (CTE).

From digital electronics to early childhood education, welding, pre-nursing, culinary and everywhere in between. CTE helps students learn skills for the future. By the time they graduate, they will have earned an education founded on rigor career certifications and on-the-job experience. These programs prepare students for two-year and even four-year colleges. The OWLS would like to invite you to come to our meeting and hear more about the culinary program which runs a restaurant that is open to the public, the cosmetology program that runs a full-service salon and an automotive program that offers vehicle maintenance and repair.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

GROVE CITY FOOD PANTRY is in short supply of the following: jelly, boxed potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper, and tuna fish. There is a bin in the Link where you can donate. Thank you.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



ILLINI 4000: From June 7 to June 9, St. John's will host this lovely group of youth overnight as they travel cross-country raising awareness for the fight against cancer. Their mission statement reads, "The Illini 4000 is a non-profit organization dedicated to documenting the American cancer experience, raising funds for cancer research and patient support services, and spreading awareness for the fight against cancer through annual cross-country bike rides." They will be arriving Friday, June 7 and be leaving early Sunday, June 9 before worship services

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Thursday, June 20th** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: *StJohnsGC*.

GREETERS NEEDED for both Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted on the Parish bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to contact Linda Diehl at 614-906-1408.

SEE A MAINTENANCE CONCERN WITHIN OUR BUILDING? Please fill out a "Church Maintenance Request" form and return it to the church office. Forms are available throughout the building, in the church office, and on the door of the Facilities Manager's and Intern's office, room #205.

USED EYEGLASSES are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the North Entrance and in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

PRAYER REQUESTS should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the South Hall between the Sanctuary and first stairwell if you have lost or found any items in the church. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks.

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Articles are due by 9am each Wednesday. Please send your article via email, secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Mark your calendars!!! Start the Party Vacation Bible School is coming to St. John's **June 24th-27th from 9:00am to noon**. All children ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade are welcome. Please note that all children must be potty trained in order to attend.



Online registration is now available! Contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 or at christina.allman04@gmail.com if you want to volunteer or have any questions. Keep an eye out for the snack donation boards coming soon to the Family Life Center and the North Entrance!!

A carnival-themed poster with a red and white striped background and yellow tassels. The text reads: 'FUN IN THE SON CARNIVAL IS BACK!!' in bold, red, serif font. Below that, a yellow sign with a black border and red dots contains the text 'THURSDAY JUNE 27, 2024'. Underneath the sign, the time '5:30-8:00pm' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says 'More details to come!!' and 'If you would like to help with our carnival please mark the salmon sheet or contact Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org or (614) 905-2629.' The background is decorated with colorful confetti and streamers.

YOUTH NEWS

If you requested a **SUMMER FAMILY FAITH BAG**, it will be available **June 9—13** for pick-up in the new entrance (enter doors and turn left, go down the hallway, the bags will be on tables at the end of the hallway). Your family name will be on your bag. Connect with Laurie Pecuch if you prefer delivery to your home. 😊

JOYFUL PAUSE is Thursday, June 13*! Join us when you can and leave when you must. Choose what you'd like to do (i.e. free play, arts and crafts, kitchen fun, visiting with others, games). We have special themes for each month. June is our beach theme! Pizza will be served around 11am and 6:30pm. We will meet this summer on **June 13***, July 18, and August 15. Come between 9am and noon and/or 5:30—8:30pm. Grandparents and faith-webbing adults are welcome to join us! **Please note June 13 is a different date when first published in the Summer Brochure. We hope you're still able to join us!*

SUMMER FUN! Each evening will be full of fun, faith, and friendship! Snacks included, of course! Join us on Sunday, June 30, July 28, and August 11, 6:30—8:30pm. This is for those who just completed grades 4 through 6. If you're an older student and would like to be a leader for Summer Fun, please connect with Laurie.

FAITH IN ACTION is July 8 – 11, Monday through Thursday. Grades 7 – 12 meet from 11am – 3pm. Grades 4 – 6 meet from 5:30 – 8:30pm. Lunch and Dinner provided by our St. John's faith web. Grades are what you just completed. We will be putting our faith into action and making a difference for Jesus' sake. We will have a variety of service experiences throughout the week. RSVP with Diana Imbrock asap.

DON'T MISS OUT! Students who just completed grades 7 – 12 have several awesome opportunities this month. A "Friends and Faith Barbecue", a "Just For You" event, and "Catching the Vision" on Sunday mornings. Connect with Gini Rogers for more details.

TEEN HELPERS FOR VBS! If you've completed grades 7 through 12, you can be a teen helper for VBS! Training is Sunday, June 23, 9:30 – 10:30am in the confirmation room. VBS is June 24 – 27, 9am to noon. Tell Diana, Laurie, or Gini if you'd like to help!



Graduation 2024

Advice gathered for our graduates from their church family May 5, 2024

DON'T BE AFRAID TO...

...love and give; try new things; be yourself; get out there and try it; fail big; try something different; take risks (pray about it!); love; pray often and always; try; ask for help when needed; praise and thank God daily; reach out for support if you need it; "storm the castle"; and dream.

BE PREPARED TO...

...help others in Christ's name; try new things; put in the work; work hard; receive contradictions and compliments; embrace life; **for** beauty, kindness and grace that will surprise you!; change and adapt; not always succeed; be criticized; work hard and sacrifice for your goals; and "do or do not. There is no try."

ALWAYS KEEP...

...a smile; your head up; trying new things; God in your heart; trusting God; God first; learning and pursuing truth; friends that support you; promises; joy in your heart in all you do; strong in faith; God in your life; smiling; your eyes on the Lord; "courage, dear heart"; your faith and a firm grounding.

DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO...

...pity yourself; not to try new things; quit; be swayed in your convictions; lose faith or stop watching awesome movies; fall behind or get persuaded by others; become jaded by the world; give up; get discouraged; forget Christ; despair; be less than you want; follow the wrong crowd; think negative thoughts; or stray from His path.

HOPE YOU NEVER FORGET...

...to pray; God is with you always!; all the sacrifices your parents have made; how loved you are!; God and your friends.

BE OPEN TO...

...the love of others; trying new things; the opinion of others; suggestions and change; new suggestions; new experiences; surprises; the ideas of those who care for you; new adventures; change, new ideas, and the Holy Spirit; new ideas; new experiences to share God's love; "a nice MLT"; and change and new things.

HOPE YOU ALWAYS...

...keep your faith in Christ; try new things; stay true to yourself; be yourself; do well; succeed; remember that God loves you; know you are always loved by God; know you are loved; enjoy life; are blessed in your life; have common sense; have a great career; have loving thoughts for others; have a willingness to learn and grow; "choose wisely"; have hope and your faith.

HOPE YOU DON'T...

...ever lose that faith; not try new things; sell yourself short; lose sight of your goals; not do well; give up or fail; forget who you are; suffer too much; and "go against a Sicilian when death is on the line!"

HOPE YOU FOCUS ON...

...you; your life goals – you will get there; your long-term goals; the Lord's will for your life; the little things and the good times.

MY LAST PIECE OF ADVICE IS:

Love God and each other.	Try new things.	Get involved.
Keep shining.	Read your books!	Enjoy this phase of life.
When in doubt, go to the library.	Be you.	Enjoy yourself!
Enjoy – remember bad times don't last for long.		Good luck – you got this!
Never give advice if you aren't asked.		Remain faithful as God's chosen.
Enjoy all these experiences.	Take one day at a time – you've got this!	
	Keep a sense of wonder about God and His creation.	
	Remember that Jesus and your St. John's family love you!	

***Any quoted phrases above are movie quotes; we had a very creative family giving advice! 😊

Special advice from members of the 5th/6th grade Sunday School class:

Hope you keep learning.	Be open to God.	Hope you always have faith.
Hope you never forget your textbooks.		Don't allow yourself to lose hope.
Hope you focus on God.		Don't be afraid to try new things.

Our last piece of advice is: love and serve others.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance

May 26 - 245

How to give to St. John's:

- + Place your offering in the collection basket during worship services.
- + Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123.
- + St. John's website – www.stjohnsgc.org – online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.
- + Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
- + Through the Vanco Mobile app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 John, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-3 years old, Rm 003 / 4-5 years old, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 and 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 and 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 306 / Grades 7 and 8, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:30pm Private Event (SH [FLC])
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, JUNE 3

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
- 7:00pm Respect Life (102)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
- 2:00pm GriefShare (103-4)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])
- 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

ILLINI 4000 REST LOCATION

- 9:30am Small Group (103-4)
- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 4:00pm Private Event (SH)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

ILLINI 4000 REST LOCATION

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
- 10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (SH [FH])
- 11:00am Private Event (FLC)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

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