



NEWS NOTES

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☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

THANK YOU: I would like to thank everyone for all the nice cards I have received and for your prayers. God bless all of you." -*Mary Fail.*

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION will continue on Sundays from 10:30-11:30am as long as we are having online services.



FOR UP-TO-DATE COMMUNICATIONS, please visit our church website at www.stjohnsgc.org or our St. John's Lutheran, Grove City Facebook pages. Please note that we have both a **public** Facebook page and a **private** (member's only) Facebook page. Worship services are posted on the public Facebook page and the church website.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotional booklets are still available for April through June. You can find them in the Link. Access is available from 9am to noon, Monday-Friday.

LENTEN BIBLE PROJECT: "Thank you St. John's family for all you did for our Lenten Bible Project. With your help and prayers we were able to raise \$2,173. We met and surpassed our goal. We are excited to deliver bibles to bed brigade once it gets up and running again. With your help we will be able to put Jesus' word into other people's hands that need it during this time. Thank you again for supporting us." – *Love, Brooklyn Cress and The Lenten Bible Project Team*"

"Dear Congregation of St. Johns: Thank you for your generous donation, every dollar will help buy a bible for bed brigade. I am sure that every kid will be blessed and will be able to learn about God. They will greatly appreciate it so THANK YOU!!!!" - *Sincerely, Brayden Gottshall*

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE IS STILL ON. Support Missions and enjoy some beautiful flowers! See insert for order form and details. Note the information highlighted in yellow, if we are still under quarantine. Questions, contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669.

YOUTH GROUPS are meeting weekly through a virtual meeting app call **GoToMeeting**. Text Laurie at 614-620-2669 to get your GoToMeeting id # for Children's Connection, Explorers, Energizers, Confirmation Sunday School, High School Sunday School, and High School IQA! *We hope you can join us! ☺ It's always great to see you! Diana, Laurie, and Gary*

THE GRAD SUNDAY CELEBRATION for upcoming high school seniors is going to be moved to a later date when we can all come to church and celebrate and pray over our high school seniors! We are so proud of the class of 2020! Looking forward to blessing them as soon as we can!

If you would like to recognize your *post-high graduate*, from a school of higher learning, in an upcoming news note (bulletin, Eagle), please send the following information to Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org: student's name, name of school, degree and major.

PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS: It's time to start thinking about confirmation for your son or daughter. Confirmation begins in August of a student's 7th grade year. If you plan on your son or daughter joining the catechism program, please get your email address to Gary Pecuch. He has some "save-the-date" information for you. His email is gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE LUTHERAN COLLEGE TUITION GRANT for fall semester should be filed by **May 15th** with the church office. If you're a member of St. John's and attending a Lutheran affiliated school then your school likely offers a matching grant up to \$500. Get your application from the church office.

EVERY APRIL, we are asked to **RECONNECT TO THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**. You can also join today! Once connected, every time you shop at Kroger and show your Kroger Plus card for discounts, Kroger gives back to the community! It costs you nothing and your St. John's youth program benefits. You can reconnect your card to St. John's (or join the program) at <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. **St. John's code number for the Kroger Rewards Program is EY530.**

SCRIP GIFT CARD UPDATE: During our at-home-stay, we will **not** be ordering physical cards from SCRIP. **But you can order SCRIP on-line!** *Talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch on how to order on-line and/or put more monies on an existing SCRIP card.* The first Tuesday of the month that we're not on a stay-at-home order, we will be back on for ordering physical SCRIP CARDS. In the meantime, consider ordering SCRIP on-line!

USE AMAZONSMILE and they will give back .05% of your order to St. John's! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. When you use AmazonSmile, the church will receive .05% of what you order on selected Amazon items. Start shopping at **smile.amazon.com** and link up to St. John's. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from a list of eligible organizations. We are listed as: **St Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church**. Contact Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org if you need assistance in linking your Amazon orders to St. John's. *Thank you!*

☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL ☞

Go to our website at www.stjohnsgc.org

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: over 381 views on our Facebook feed for the service on Easter Sunday!
Drive-through communion on April 19th was 154 + children who received a blessing.

<u>March 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$71,279	\$177,782	\$54,508	\$177,203
Benevolence	\$ 3,800	\$ 16,099	\$ 7,432	\$ 17,564
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,928	\$ 5,767	\$ 2,918	\$ 13,127

Loan Balance as of 3/31/2020 \$33,698.85

How to give to St. John's:

1. Offering plate at worship services
2. Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
3. Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
4. 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.
5. Through the **GivePlus** 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.

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

Many thanks to all who have signed up for online giving or mailed in their offerings!