

# NEWS NOTES

May 1, 2022

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### SERVING TODAY

#### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater,  
Chad Whyte

#### Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter and Colton  
Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson  
MacKenzie Norman

#### Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

#### Greeters:

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz &  
Armand Arabian

11:00am: M/D: Shirley Blake  
N/D: Bonnie Swanson

#### Readers

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Glenda Allman

11:00am: Rick Butsko

Lessons Today: Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 21:19-31.

### **DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of our loved ones and in honor of our families. Given by Larry and Marilyn Peterson.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my dad. Given by Linda Vozel.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In celebration of Bob and Joy's 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, April 30, 1960. Given by Bob and Joy McClure.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

## **✧ PERSONAL NOTES ✧**

**WEDDINGS:** Congratulations to Matthew & Laura (Imbrock) Carpenter who were married here Saturday, April 30, 2022. May God bless your new life together!

**NOTES OF THANKS:** A heartfelt thank you to friends from St. John's and guests from the Grove City community who packed a **total of 11,526 MEALS in ONE HOUR** for the people of Ukraine. Over 100 people helped measure, pour, weigh, flatten, seal, and pack food to fill box after box, each of which was blessed and prayed over before shipment overseas. Thank you, St. John's, for generously showing the unfailing love of Jesus to our friends in Ukraine.



**PAUL OFFENBURGER** is celebrating the birthday of a century! Be sure to wish him a happy birthday as he will be turning 100 years old on May 7.

## **✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧**

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE** Today is the last day to order flowers for Mother's Day to support short-term mission teams. Order forms are located at the church entrances.

**SECURITY TEAM** We would like to add an additional person to the nightly security team. The job involves securing the church for the night - making sure the building is vacated, all doors are locked, lights turned off, and the alarm is set. Each team member works a two-week shift, coming in around 10pm each night. This is a paid position, and a background check is required. Interested in this opportunity? Please contact Mike Esposito at 614-875-2314, or mesposito@stjohnsgc.org.

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Please note there will be no youth or children's Sunday School due to the holidays of Memorial Day Weekend, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** or Independence Day Weekend, **July 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**EAGLE DEADLINE** is coming up soon. Please submit your article by noon on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!** The Altar Guild will meet on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** in the Chapel and would like to invite you to join us. Each week we work together as a team to prepare the Altar for worship. Training is provided and you will serve approximately once every 6 weeks. We hope you will join us on May 9<sup>th</sup>, or you can call Betty Lewis, 614-272-6696, or Karen Grossman, 614-578-3198, for more information.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next meetings on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** and on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am** 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. If you know of someone who might appreciate a shawl, call Nancy at 614-875-8155.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!** Join us for **Discovery on Adventure Island Vacation Bible School coming to St. John's on June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – noon**. If you are willing to volunteer or be a teacher for **VBS** this year we need you!! Registration will be opening soon, and the community will be invited to join us as well. All kids ages 3 (must be potty trained) to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcomed to join us, and middle and high school youth can contact Laurie Pecuch to sign up as a youth helper. Please contact Christina Allman by email at [christina.allman04@gmail.com](mailto:christina.allman04@gmail.com) or phone 614-519-8902 if you have any questions! Don't miss out on a great summer adventure!

**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.

**GREETERS NEEDED** for Saturday evening and both Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 6pm and 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted on the North Entrance bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to also contact Bonnie Swanson at (614)562-8002.

**USED EYEGASSES** 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.

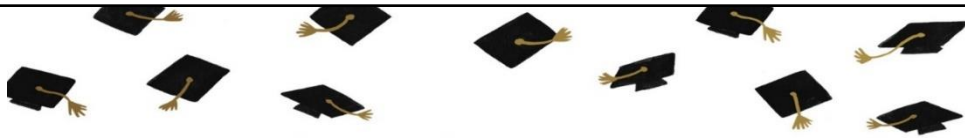
**SEE A MAINTENANCE CONCERN WITHIN OUR BUILDING?** Please fill out a “Church Maintenance Request” form and return it to the church office. Forms are available throughout the building, in the church office, and on the door of the Business Manager’s office, room #205.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon insert 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.

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Please email secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office. Articles for next weekend are due by 9am on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 1 Thessalonians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 001 / Mark, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.**  
**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ages 2-3, Rm 003 / Ages 4-5, 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.**





## **Graduation 2022**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!**

**Darby Beavers from the Ohio State School of Cosmetology.**

**Brittany Bennett from the Mt. Carmel College of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.**

**Allison Brace from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Management.**

**Lilli Daniels from The Ohio State University with a degree in Microbiology.**

**Rachel Dougherty from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition.**

**Eleanor Jersild from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability.**

**Victor Jersild from The Ohio State University with a degree in Marketing.**

**Jackson Koethke from the Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in Intelligence and Security.**

**Olivia Lambert from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Agriculture in Animal Science with an emphasis in Bioscience.**

**Marissa Nighbert from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Arts & Sciences in Psychology.**

**Carson Price from Indiana University with a major in Hospitality & Tourism and a minor in Safety.**

**Ryan Spoon from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.**

**Sarah Wittenberg from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies with Psychology emphasis.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**who have worked diligently and have successfully finished strong! Come join us Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, as we honor them from 9:30-10:30 with a celebratory reception in the FLC. Send them off with prayers, blessings, and good wishes!!!**

***Jazmin Baldree  
Aiden McClure***

***Will Brace  
Grant Potts***

***Jeremy Butsko  
Reagan Straub***

***David Haack  
Lauren Wahl***



MAY 1, 2022  
THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



*In Jesus the Lamb, we praise what the world rejected.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 21:1-19</b>	<b>Jesus appears to the disciples</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 9:1-20</b>	<b>Conversion of Saul</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Revelation 5:11-14</b>	<b>Heavenly vision</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>John 1:29-34</b>	<b>Lamb of God</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Revelation 4:6b-11</b>	<b>Song of praise to the Creator</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 53:1-12</b>	<b>What God's servant did for us</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 30</b>	<b>God turns mourning into dancing</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 10:22-30</b>	<b>Jesus promises life to his sheep</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"* **Revelation 5:13 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, like the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, give us courage and faith to be sent out to follow you and tell the good news of Jesus and his resurrection. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God of all things, bless us and strengthen us with this food to go out and shepherd others in love through Christ our Lord, the Lamb who was slain. Alleluia. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lamb who was slain and begins his reign bless you with joy.



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**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES**



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Why is being popular so appealing?
- What influences people to seek riches and power and why do they want it?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Revelation 5:11-14.

The Revelation of John the Seer engages in active resistance to current powers. In John's day, it would have been the Roman Empire that saw itself as godlike and worthy of immortal praise. John upends that view and the powers that are still around us. When we think of words like power, wealth, wisdom, and honor, it is hard not to think in terms of what we see on social media, hear on the radio, and watch on screens. We are regularly given visions of "success" in terms of personal and national victories, not a crucified God. Revelation announces that our only real loyalty is to the cross of Christ and his resurrection. This final New Testament book acknowledges the truth of God's power revealed in Jesus, who is slain like a sacrificed lamb and yet reigns supreme. In this scripture reading we are encouraged to sing and give praise for the eternal blessings, honor, glory, and might of *"the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb"* (v. 13).

*Discuss:* Glory and power reside in the Lamb, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In what ways are you reminded of this in your daily life?

*Pray:* God of glory and might, refresh our memories with vivid sights and sounds of your eternal love for us and for all creation through Christ, the Lamb who was slain. Amen

**SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you pray for God's power and strength to help someone you know?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing. The fish has been used as a Christian symbol from the earliest days of the church. The Greek word for fish is *ichthus*. In Greek, the letters making up the word form an acrostic for Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. Early Christians practiced their faith and worshiped secretly in their homes. A fish painted on the door of a house let Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside. Draw an *ichthus* symbol to display at the entrance to your home as a sign of your faith in Jesus as your Savior



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

# ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**Attendance:** April 24 – 298

<u>March 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$56,691	\$171,265	\$55,703	\$177,452
Benevolence	\$ 3,883	\$ 13,311	\$ 107	\$ 13,289

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

# ☞ CALENDAR ☞

## SUNDAY, MAY 1

### **LAST DAY TO BID - SILENT AUCTION**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Chr Rm)  
 9:30am Graduate Blessing (FLC, Kit)  
 9:30am SJYM Parenting Hour (103-4)  
 10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

## MONDAY, MAY 2

9:30am BSF Leaders  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)  
 6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)  
 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## TUESDAY, MAY 3

Scrip Orders due today  
 Voting in FLC  
 9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
 9:00am Private Event (Lib)  
 11:30am OWLS PIng (102)  
 12:30p, Small Group (102)  
 7:00pm SW Hist. Soc. (103-4)  
 7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (SH)  
 7:30pm AI-Anon (202)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:30am BSF  
 1:00pm Small Group (101)  
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
 7:15pm Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanc)

## THURSDAY, MAY 5

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 1:00pm Small Group (102)  
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)

## FRIDAY, MAY 6

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
 8:30pm AA (FH)

## SATURDAY, MAY 7

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

## SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 9:30am SJYM Parenting Hour (103-4)  
 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)  
 10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)