

NEWS NOTES

February 14-15, 2026

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am MD: Sheryl Fraley

ND: Lynda Berry

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts, Esmé Wanner

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Karrie Clark

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich,
Jackie Rutan

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Steve Marcum

8:15am: David Sweeley, Hunter
Thompson

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, George
Gonsowski, Larry Sutton

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Ann Jones, Paul Wittenberg

11:00am: Lynda Berry, Caroline Koethke
Contemporary: Jackie Rutan, Brad and
Theresa Wahl

Lessons Today:

Exodus 24:12-18;

2 Peter 1:16-21;

Matthew 17:1-9.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

BULLETINS: In memory of Jane Stenerson. Given by Carl Patzer.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

NOTES OF THANKS

Pam Castle would like to thank the Prayer Shawl ladies for all the beautiful prayer shawls for Binns Elementary Students Grieve Group! We received about 20 beautifully made prayer shawls and the students absolutely loved them. Thank you so much for your hard work! Marilyn Weisenberger and Pam would also like to thank the ladies for the prayer shawls for their families during this sad time! It means so much to us.

“A very special thank you to everyone at St. John’s for keeping me in prayer during my surgery. Thank you for the get well cards, telephone calls, and offers to assist me. I am so blessed to be a part of St. John’s. Thank you, Christine Hank, for the beautiful poinsettia plant. You are a blessing.” ~ Shelia Holcomb.

Dear St. John’s Family: Thank you so much for all of your support for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** this year! We were able to collect \$635 in checks to go to LSS and \$1308.35 in cash to purchase food for the Grove City Food Pantry, for a grand total of \$1,943.35! We want to thank Lukas Althoff, who became our new student leader after our kickoff, for the tremendous job he did taking on his first student led service project! We can’t express all of the gratitude we have for our congregation and how much we were able to donate to help local food pantries. The students are always excited to go out and buy food for the food pantry with these donations and will do that soon as part of their service work. Lukas would like to thank all of the youth who held pots and collected money at all the services. Thank you for being a light in this dark world to help others see that God is with them even in a time of hunger. Blessings of thanks!

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Beverly Wilson**, who passed away on February 7, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞

PARABLES OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY start date has been postponed. Please keep your eyes on the News Notes for updates!

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP! Services this Wednesday, February 18th will take place in the Sanctuary at 12:00pm and at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

SHROVE TUESDAY CHRIS CAKES: Join us in celebration of Shrove Tuesday! There will be a tossing of pancakes by Chris Cakes in the Family Life Center from **5:30pm–7:30pm on Tuesday, February 17th** at a special dinner sponsored by St. John's Mexico Missions. The pancakes will be delicious and the fellowship fantastic! Presale tickets are available in the Café following Sunday services. Tickets are \$6.00, but the price goes to \$7.00 at the door. Get your tickets early and join us for this special event! Contact Christina at 614-519-8092 or Gini at grogers@stjohnsgc.org with any questions.

SOUP SUPPERS: Please join us for our Soup Suppers between 5:30-6:15pm on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center before our Lenten services starting on Wednesday, February 25. Come break bread together as a church community. If you would like to donate soup or bread and are willing to help serve, please contact Megan Grossman, 614-905-2629 or mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.

BLANKETS OF LOVE 2026: Blankets of Love is back! This year's student leader is Cordelia Wanner, a seventh grader with a caring servant's heart. During the month of February, we are asking groups or families to sponsor a Bed Brigade Blessing Bag (with the blanket, a sheet set, and a mattress cover), tie a blanket, or both! Then the Blessing Bags will be given to the Bed Brigade for their deliveries. If your group or family would like to participate, contact **Cordelia Wanner, Megan Grossman, or Christina Allman**. We would love to give the blessing bags to Bed Brigade by the first week of March. Thanks for helping make a child's winter snuggly and warm!

OWLS EVENT—FEBRUARY 20, 2026: Our program this month will sound familiar to some of you because we have had the pleasure of hosting our speaker a few times over the past few years. Teri Ruslander is Elder Services Coordinator for Grove City and is a part of the police department. She retired from the department a few years ago and is now an asset for our most vulnerable citizens. She will share the current financial scams making their way around the country, how to recognize and respond to these schemes and what to do if you become a victim. She is a very entertaining guest and is a true crowd pleaser. If you join us in February, you will not be disappointed. We hope you join us!

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

BIBLE PASSAGES AND QUESTIONS TO PONDER: Hello All! To deepen your walk with Christ, please consider reading these passages and pondering the questions before next Sunday. These will be our lectionary readings for Sunday, February 22.

Monday, February 16

Take a moment to reflect on yesterday's readings, sermon, and service. What stood out to you? What is God calling you to as a result?

Tuesday, February 17—Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Why do you think Eve said she must not even touch the tree? Do we often add extra rules to what God has already commanded us?

Ash Wednesday, February 18—Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Please come to one of our services today. We would love to have you worship the Lord with us.

Thursday, February 19—Reading: Romans 5:12-19

How has the fall of Adam affected humanity to this day?

Friday, February 20—Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

What appeal would each temptation have?

What is your greatest temptation to sin right now? How do you resist this temptation?

Saturday, February 21

Please take a moment to pray for our children's ministry and for our services this weekend.

Lord, please guide our pastors and vicar this weekend. Help them to speak clearly and to have clear thoughts. Please also guide our helpers and volunteers in our Sunday School and midweek ministries. Help us to guide Your children. Use godly men and women to teach your children and please move the rest out of the way. In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE February 8 - 276

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

☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

Friendly reminder: youth groups will NOT meet if South-Western City Schools are cancelled for inclement weather.

ADVENTURE CLUB (age 4—4th graders) and FAITH TREK (5th—6th graders) WILL NOT meet this Thursday, Feb. 19th to allow time for families to attend Chris Cakes and Ash Wednesday services. We will meet again on Thursday, Feb. 26th.

EXPLORERS (7th—8th graders) and ENERGIZERS (High Schoolers) WILL NOT meet this Wednesday to allow families to attend Ash Wednesday services. We will meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

Children's Choir WILL NOT meet this Thursday, Feb. 19th. They will meet again on Thursday, Feb. 26th.

IQA for High Schoolers. Join Gini for IQA Bible Study on Zoom every Monday from 7:30-8:30pm. We would love to see you there!

Join us for LEGO CLUB! The next meeting date is Sunday, February 15. Come have lunch with us, hear a story from the LEGO Bible, and play and build with LEGO blocks! We'll meet in the FLC at 12pm and stay until 2pm. Lunch is provided! If you're able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Jen Mitchell, Stephanie Potokar, or Christina Allman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

MEN'S CHORALE: Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Gospel of Mark, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rm 102 / Parenting Topics, Amy Wanner, Rm 103-4.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-4 years old, Rm 003 / age 5 & Kindergarten-Grade 2, Rm 310 / Grades 3-4, Rm 307 / Grades 5-6, Rm 303 / Grades 7-8, Confirmation Rm, 304 / Grades 9-12, High School Rm, 311.

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

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS

Shrove Tuesday February 17, 5:30-7:30pm
Pancake Dinner with Chris Cakes

Ash Wednesday February 18, Worship at 12 & 7pm

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP Feb. 25—Mar. 25, 12 & 6:30pm
Soup Supper 5:30pm

February 25 In Isolation

March 4 In Barren Places

March 11 In Want

March 18 In Thirst

March 25 In Prayer



FAMILY EVENTS

Sunday, March 22 Easter Egg Stuffing, 12:30pm

Saturday, March 28 Easter Family Fun Day, 10am

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

March 28 Traditional Worship, 4pm

March 29 Traditional Worship, 8:15 & 11am

Contemporary Worship, 11am

Maundy Thursday April 2, Worship at 7pm
with Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar

Good Friday April 3, Worship at 12 & 7pm

EASTER

Saturday, April 4 Traditional Worship, 4pm

Sunday, April 5 Easter Morning Breakfast
Traditional Worship 8:15 & 11am
Contemporary Worship 11am

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School Hour
- 10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)
- 1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 9:30am BSF Leaders (Zoom)
- 11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc, FLC)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 5:00pm Call Team (204)
- 6:00pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
- 6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
- 7:00pm Council (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
- 7:30pm IQA Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SHROVE TUESDAY

- 7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 5:30pm **Chris Cakes Pancake Dinner (FLC)**
- 6:00pm Friends of the Library (102)
- 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FH)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)
- 7:00pm Life-to-Life (Lib)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

LENT BEGINS

- 9:30am BSF
- 12:00pm **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
- 1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
- 7:00pm **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
- 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:30am Life-to-Life (103-4)
- 1:00pm Small Group (Café)
- 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
- 10:00am Life-to-Life (FLC)
- 11:30am OWLS (FLC, Kit)
- 2:00pm Private Event (101)
- 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 5:30pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
- 6:00pm Prayers and Pins (off-site)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 8:30am Council Retreat (off-site)
- 12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (FLC)
- 12:30pm Private Event (FH, FH Kit)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School Hour
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
- 6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!