

# St. John's Weekly VOICE

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent



## Sign up for 2026 Altar Flowers!

2 bouquets for each Sunday in March



The 2026 order forms are posted. You can also sign up for 2026 flowers on Sign-up Genius. Use the QR code to access it!

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

We are collecting the following for March:

- Food**
- boxed au gratin or scalloped potatoes
  - cereal (any kind)
  - canned creamed corn
  - individual snacks for summer boxes

The Food Pantry is currently serving 65 families.

- Shared Bounty:**
- shampoo
  - conditioner

Please place in containers in the Coat Room. Thank you!



Volunteers are ready to pray for the needs of others. Contact Clyde at 419-874-8175 or the church office at 419-837-5115.



## Dartball News!!

The darts were having a difficult time finding their targets last Monday night as your St. John's Dartball team hosted the team from St. James, Bradner. In the 1<sup>st</sup> game there were very few hits and only 1 run scored as St. James beat us 0-1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> game was only slightly better. Your home team took that one 3-2. The same can be said for the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, as we entered the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning down 1-2. Then with 1 runner on and 2 outs, our manager, Earl Hagg, buried a dart in the center of the board for a walk-off 2-run homer which gave us another 3-2 win!! We have only 3 regular season games left to play. Tomorrow night we host the BG Nazarene team. ☘ 🍀



Going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister can help you or someone else. To learn more, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders — Joe Nycz @ 419-575-3895 or Nancy Nycz @ 419-349-1932

## Church Office Hours Week of February 23

Mon 2/23 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p  
 Tue 2/24 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p  
 Wed 2/25 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p  
 Thu 2/26 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p

OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED FRIDAYS

### Next Week's Readings 3/1/26

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 1-4a  
 Psalm 121  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 Gospel: John 3:1-17

## UPCOMING EVENTS

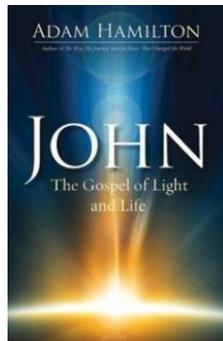
- Feb 25 - Wed. Lenten Service - 7 PM
- Mar 4 - Wed. Lenten Service - 7 PM
- Mar 6 - Men's Breakfast @ Panera on Rt. 20
- Mar 11 - Wed. Lenten Service - 7 PM

### LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays @ 10:45 AM in the Lounge. (or at 5 PM on ZOOM)

FEB 24,

MAR 3, 10, 17



**Stop by the table in the Narthex and vote for the Fellowship activities you would like to see us schedule in the next few months. We want to know what you would be interested in attending!!**

**Thanks!!**

FYI - A Spring Painting Party is already being planned!



**Saturday,  
April 25  
8:30 AM  
North Parking  
Lot**

**Mark your calendar and join us for this incredible mission opportunity!!**  
Donations may be designated on your offering envelopes or online.

### CHURCH INFORMATION:

Phone: 419-837-5115 Fax: 419-837-5578

Mail: St. John's Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 279 (must use P.O. Box for mail)

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Pastor Cindy Ritter's email:

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Pastor Howard Abts email:

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Office Administrator's email:

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Find us on FB: [facebook.com/StJohnsOH](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsOH)

Website: [www.StJohnsStonyRidge.net](http://www.StJohnsStonyRidge.net)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY, February 22

9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
4:00 p.m. Scouts (PH)

### MONDAY, February 23

Practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. JJAAM  
7:30 p.m. Stones of Praise

7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)

### TUESDAY, February 24

Noon Prayer via Zoom  
6:00 p.m. Personnel (L)  
8:00 p.m. AA (PH)

### WEDNESDAY, February 25

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Service

### THURSDAY, February 26

8:00 p.m. AA (PH)

### FRIDAY, February 27

### SATURDAY, February 28

7:30 a.m. Food Pantry (PH)  
9:00 a.m. PH Reserved - 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class

### SUNDAY, March 1

9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Private Event (PH)

## LAST WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

**Attendance** Sunday Worship: 101  
**Offerings** through February 15, 2026  
**General Fund Income** (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$36,239.58	\$32,057

**Benevolence Fund** (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$3,938	\$1,920

**Improvement:** \$1,750 (Y-T-D)

## ELECTRONIC GIVING



We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up a giving plan. To set up a recurring or one-time giving schedule, visit us online at [stjohnsstonyridge.net](http://stjohnsstonyridge.net) (or scan the square with your phone) and locate the Give Generously button.