

January 18, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**Sign up for 2026 Altar Flowers!**

2 bouquets for JAN 25

2 bouquets for all Sundays in FEB



The 2026 order forms are now 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 January:

**Food** • sweetened cereal

**Pantry**: • boxed au gratin and scalloped potatoes

The Food Pantry is currently serving 65 families.

**Shared Bounty**: • dish soap  
• laundry detergent

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



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 January 19**

Mon 1/19 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p  
Tue 1/20 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p  
Wed 1/21 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p  
Thu 1/22 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p

**OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED FRIDAYS**

**Next Week's Readings 1/25/26**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



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!!**

Your St. John's Dartball team hosted the team from St. Mark BG last Monday. Our darts were hot the first game - taking a 10-6 victory. Unfortunately, those darts cooled off quickly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, which went into extra innings with a score of 1-1. A homerun in the bottom of the 11<sup>th</sup> clinched it for our opponents. We started scoring again late in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, but too little too late; we lost 4-6. We travel to BG tomorrow to take on the Trinity United Methodist team. ☘ ☘

**Attention St. John's Committees**

We need help with Cookie Hour for **February**. A sheet is hanging on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a Sunday to sponsor this fellowship!

**New Bible/Book Study**  
focusing on grief

Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20 & 27 at 10:45 a.m. in the Lounge

We will discuss several books on grief and learn more about Stephen Ministry

**SOAR** is collecting soup, crackers, and packets of hot chocolate during January. Please place these items in the baskets under the glass tree in the Narthex. Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 19 - Crafting Group - 1 PM - Lounge
- Jan 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting after worship service (11:30 AM)
- Feb 6 - Men's Breakfast @ Panera on Rt. 20 - 9 AM
- Feb 11 - Lunch Bunch @ Luckies on Navarre Ave. - 11:30 AM
- Feb 15 - Hilltop Dayschool Open House 12:30 - 1:30 PM
- Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday - 7 PM
- Feb 25 - Wed. Lenten Service - 7 PM

### SAVE THE DATE !!

Build-A-Bed is coming back!

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Watch for more info to come!

## Mark Your Calendar

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 25 @ 11:30 AM



## A PRAYER FOR OUR CALL COMMITTEE

We pray for our Call Committee, and for those in our Synod's leadership whose work is supporting their efforts. Help us to remember that St. John's is one part of your body, and not the whole of it. Amen.

## CHURCH INFORMATION:

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY, January 18

9:00 a.m.	Christian Education
10:00 a.m.	Worship
3:00 p.m.	Scouts (PH)

### MONDAY, January 19

1:00 p.m.	Crafting Group (L)
Practice in the Sanctuary	
6:30 p.m.	JJJAM
7:30 p.m.	Stones of Praise
7:30 p.m.	Dartball (Away)

### TUESDAY, January 20

Noon	Prayer via Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Executive Committee (L)
7:00 p.m.	Church Council (L)
8:00 p.m.	AA (PH)

### WEDNESDAY, January 21

### THURSDAY, January 22

6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (L)
8:00 p.m.	AA (PH)

### FRIDAY, January 23

### SATURDAY, January 24

### SUNDAY, January 25

9:00 a.m.	Christian Education
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Scouts (PH)

## LAST WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

**Attendance** Sunday Worship: 99

**Offerings** through January 11, 2026

**General Fund Income** (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$ ---	\$ 7,162

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

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$---	\$ 593

**Improvement:** \$185 (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.