

St. John's Weekly  
**VOICE**

December 7, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



**Sign up for 2025 or 2026  
Altar Flowers!**

2 bouquets for DEC 28 and  
JAN 18 & 25



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  
December:

- Food** • candy canes
- Pantry:** • sweetened cereal
- Little Debbie Christmas treats

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 December 8**

Mon 12/8	~ 8:30a - 2:30p
Tue 12/9	~ 8:30a - 2:30p
Wed 12/10	~ 8:30a - 2:30p
Thur 12/11	~ 8:30a - 2:30p

**OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED FRIDAY**

We are in need of empty Cool Whip containers for flower delivery or leftovers. If you have some to share, ease place them in the box in the coatroom. 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!!**

We went to play at the BG Nazerene last Monday and came away with 1 win. In the 1<sup>st</sup> game we were tied at 4 runs each going into the bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup>, but our opponents scored 5 runs. We managed to get only 3 runs in the top of the 9<sup>th</sup> so the final score was 7-9. We scored another 7 runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, but that was enough to take the win. The 3<sup>rd</sup> game our darts went cold. We lost 1-3. We are at home tomorrow night, taking on the Bethlehem #1 team. ☁ ☁

**Time to Order**

**\$10.00/plant** Order forms are on the desk in the Narthex. Orders due Today!

The tags from the tree are now online at Sign Up Genius.

Scan this QR code to access the website!



Please return your wrapped packages with the tags attached by no later than next Sunday, December 14.

**Next Week's Readings 12/14/25**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10  
 Psalm 146:5-10  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:7-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 7 – Poinsettia orders due
- Dec 10 – **Lunch Bunch** @ Country Farmhouse in Wayne, OH
- Dec 24 – **Christmas Eve Worship**  
6 PM – Contemporary Service  
9 PM – Traditional Service  
*Special Music 30 minutes prior to each service.*
- Dec 25 & 26 – **Church Office Closed**
- Jan 1 & 2 – **Church Office Closed**



### CHURCH INFORMATION:

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### **SUNDAY, December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent**

*Poinsettia orders due*

9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
 10:00 a.m. Worship

### **MONDAY, December 8**

11:30 a.m. Potluck/Tie Comforters  
 in Parish Hall

Practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. JJAAM  
 7:30 p.m. Stones of Praise  
 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)

### **TUESDAY, December 9**

10:45 a.m. Advent Study (L)  
 Noon Prayer via Zoom  
 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings #2

### **WEDNESDAY, December 10**

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch @ Country  
 Farmhouse in Wayne, OH  
 7:00 p.m. Festival Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, December 11**

8:00 p.m. AA (PH)

### **FRIDAY, December 12**

Morning Poinsettia Delivery

### **SATURDAY, December 13**

### **SUNDAY, December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent**

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: 90  
**Offerings** through November 30, 2025  
**General Fund Income** (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$231,140	\$214,416

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

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$25,200	\$14,417

**Improvement:** \$11,097 (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 (or scan the square with your phone) and locate the Give Generously button.

