

# St. John's Weekly VOICE

November 30, 2025

1<sup>st</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 1

Mon	12/1	~ 8:30a - 2:30p
Tue	12/2	~ 8:30a - 2:30p
Wed	12/3	~ 8:00a - 11:00a
Thurs	12/4	~ 8:00a - 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!!

Your St. John's Dartball team went on the road to St. James - Bradner last Monday and came away with 2 wins! We scored 8 runs in game 1 to win 8-3. The middle game was back and forth, but we came up on the short end, 5-7. The 3<sup>rd</sup> game came down to the 9<sup>th</sup> inning, but we won 6-3. We are playing away again tomorrow night, traveling to Bowling Green to take on the always formidable Nazerene! 🍀 🍀



### Time to Order

\$10.00/plant

Order forms are on the desk in the Narthex.

Orders due  
Sunday 12/7!

## Help us decorate the Sanctuary!

Thursday,  
December 4  
6:30 PM

Many hands make light work!



### Next Week's Readings 12/7/25

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 4 – *Decorate the Sanctuary* @ 6:30 PM
- 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*



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



### CHURCH INFORMATION:

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Dessert Auction last Sunday. We raised \$2700 for our 4<sup>th</sup> family! The generosity of St. John's members and friends is amazing!!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY, November 30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
 10:00 a.m. Worship  
 Noon – 4 p.m. Private Event (PH)

### MONDAY, December 1

Practice in the Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m. JJAAM  
 7:30 p.m. Stones of Praise  
 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Away)

### TUESDAY, December 2

10:45 a.m. Advent Study (L)  
 Noon Prayer via Zoom  
 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings #1

### WEDNESDAY, December 3

Church Office closing at 11 AM today.

7:00 p.m. Festival Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, December 4

6:30 p.m. Decorate the Sanctuary  
 8:00 p.m. AA (PH)

### FRIDAY, December 5

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Panera

### SATURDAY, December 6

10:00 a.m. Shared Bounty (PH)

### SUNDAY, December 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Poinsettia orders due

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

## LAST WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Attendance Sunday Worship: 105  
 Offerings through November 23, 2025  
 General Fund Income (Year-to-Date):

Budget	Actual
\$227,013	\$211,671

Benevolence Fund (Year-to-Date):

Budget	Actual
\$24,750	\$14,362

Improvement: \$10,037 (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.

