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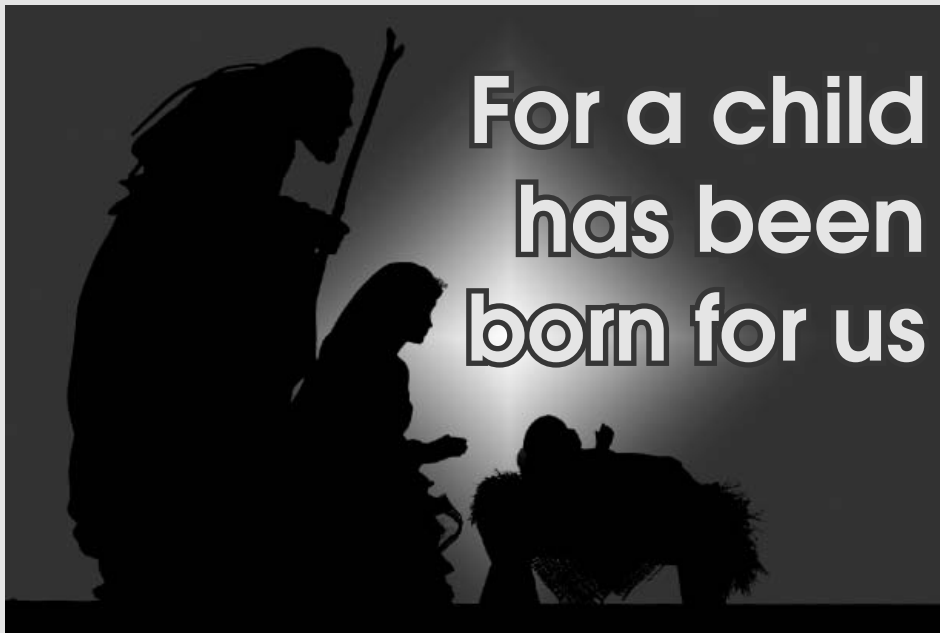
Saints Alive!

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For a child
has been
born for us

Advent Worship through Dec. 18

8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

Blue Christmas, Dec. 23

to bring joy to those in sorrow
Dinner, 6 p.m., Worship 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

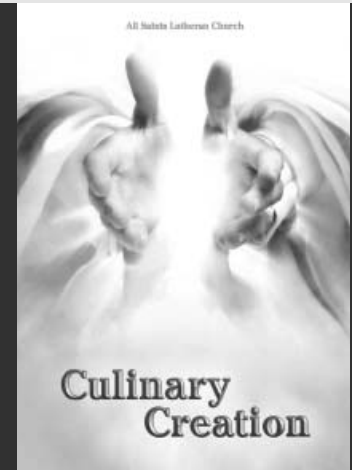
3 and 5 p.m.: Special Family Worship

5 p.m.: Service of Lessons and Carols

7, 9 and 11 p.m.: Worship with Holy Communion

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

10 a.m.



All Saints cookbooks

on sale now

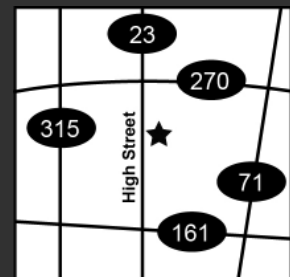
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Dec. 26, Jan. 2

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Advent a season of preparation

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5

"Prepare" is the perfect word for where we find ourselves this Advent Season, as we prepare for Jesus' coming. If you have the opportunity during this Advent season, I ask for you to see how the word "prepare" is used throughout Scripture. We hear the word in Psalm 23 where our Lord as our Good Shepherd "prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Music News

Bells are ringing!

The Bell Choir is ringing! Rehearsals are 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Sanctuary. We'd love for you to join us. The Bell Choir will offer an anthem during 5 p.m. worship Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

Advent Masterworks

The Chancel Choir, directed by Jan Arthur, will present its annual Advent Masterworks program during 9:30 and 11 a.m. traditional worship services Dec. 11. The choir will present "And the Glory of the Lord" and "All We Like Sheep" from "The Messiah" by Handel.



We hear from the prophet Isaiah 40:3 with the reference to John the Baptist who will be the voice who "cries out" In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." This text from Isaiah is used in the three gospels of Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3 and Luke 3:4, again referring to John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord.

We have a most powerful text from John 14:2-3 that Jesus will "go to prepare a place for you"

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

In 1 Peter 1:13, we hear from Peter calling all of us to "prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed."

Throughout scripture, we receive the powerful texts of how Jesus prepares for us a table and a place for all of us and how in return we are to prepare for Jesus' coming, preparing our minds for action and discipline and setting all of our hope on the grace that Jesus has given to us when he is revealed.

May God richly bless us as we "prepare" for Christ's coming!

Pastor Bonnie Gerber

Please return stewardship materials

Thank you for participating in this year's stewardship campaign "Onward".

If you've not done so already, please share with us your intention to support All Saints by returning your commitment card to the church office. We urge even those who are unable to pledge at this time to return the card or e-mail their intentions to gloriab@saintsonhigh.org, as it helps in planning our 2012 budget.

We appreciate you and look forward to our continued service together through Jesus Christ.

As of November 25

Responses: 240 families
Commitment total: \$580,741

Ministry Forms

All Saints mailed 2012 Ministry Opportunity forms along with the pledge cards the week of October 17.

The forms list All Saints ministries in which you may wish to participate. Please take the time to find a way you will serve. If you didn't receive a form, please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org to request one.

If you have not completed and returned your form, it's not too late. Please send it in today!

Remember that we've all been called to be servants of Christ.

Council seeks funds for logo, Web plans

During its regular business meeting Nov. 14, Congregation Council forwarded a proposal to the Support Committee to update the current church logo and Web site.

Council asked the committee to see whether resources were available for the dual projects, totaling \$4,000.

Communications made the request to provide for a 50th anniversary logo for the congregation in time for the anniversary celebration Feb. 12 and to create a more navigable Web site for the congregation and potential visitors.

Some Council members expressed concern about the timing of the request but acknowledged that for work to be done in time for the Feb. 12 celebration, the request needed to be decided.

If the Support Committee can identify a funding source for the projects, All Saints will partner with Alex Ford of Crater Creative,



which produced the logos and associated materials for our Youth Ministry.

In other business, Council:

- Received a report on the 2011 Stewardship campaign, which as of Nov. 14 had raised more than 200 pledges, with 104 families increasing from the preceding year. "We felt successful," said Pastor Mike Weaver. The goal was to keep the theme of "Onward!" simple and focused.
- Received a report on a Council request to update the church's sign to include

service times. Pastor Bonnie Gerber said that she consulted with Director of Administration Gloria Bock, Communications director Stacy Wendt and Facilities Director Tom Oswald. All agreed that the cost of extending the sign was not the best use of resources at this time. Instead, the team will look at ways to make the current sign more visible through landscaping changes.

- Heard information on the Feb. 12 celebration of the congregation's 50th anniversary. The day will focus on ministry with the theme of "called and sent." During the year, All Saints will hear from several sons and daughters who have found themselves called to ordained ministry. However, the focus also includes those who take their ministries into the community on a day-to-day basis, said Pastor Gerber.

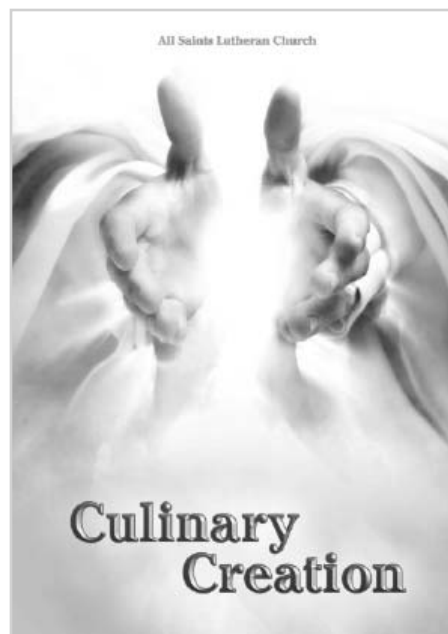
All Saints cookbooks for sale

A perfect Christmas gift is the All Saints Culinary Creation cookbook, featuring recipes from our congregation and friends.

Recipes range from appetizers to crock pot meals to desserts and come conveniently in a plastic-comb binder easy to keep open while cooking.

Books are \$16 and available for sale Sunday mornings in the Gathering Area and during regular hours -- 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the church office.

Proceeds benefit our High School Ministry's planned trip to the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Pick up your cookies, candy

If you ordered cookies and/or candy, your order will be available for pick up from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10 outside the Parish Hall.

If you are unable to pick up your order that morning, please make arrangements to pick them up in our church office. Contact 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org.

Thank you to all who ordered! You've made a difference for our High School Ministry's trip to the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

December Service Opportunities

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| Dec. 1 – Dec. 4 | Christmas with Dignity Collection |
| Dec. 4 8 a.m.-1 p.m. | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| Dec.4 | Fair Trade Coffee Sunday |
| Dec. 10 | Christmas with Dignity Giveaway, Ironton |
| Dec. 10 – Jan. 13 | Coat Drive |
| Dec.16 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry |
| Dec. 18 | Laurels Nursing Home Worship |



Help Lawrence Co. families this season

With our partners at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ironton, we will, on Dec. 10, distribute 650 food boxes to families in need in Lawrence County. All Saints plans to contribute 500 of those boxes, which will require \$15,000 in donations. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will assist with \$1,600.

Providing even the most basic necessities of life is a struggle for many families in Lawrence County. Christmas with Dignity will provide food for families in need by giving away food boxes. Each box costs only \$30 but contains enough nutritious food to feed a family of four for about a week. Fresh produce and bread provided through Lutheran Social Services mobile food pantry will supplement the box of frozen food.

In addition to sponsoring the purchase of boxes, our congregation can support the effort by donating cookies or by traveling to Ironton for the giveaway on Dec. 10. Please contact Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or kayl@saintsonigh.org for additional information.

Our "Giving Tree" is in place, decorated with ornaments labeled with amounts from \$10 to \$300 and totaling \$15,000. Those who choose to donate may select a tag for whatever amount they are able to share. As long as tags remain on the tree, we will not have reached those 2,000 family members who have come to view Christmas with Dignity as a blessing in their lives.

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Urgent needs

- Sugar-free items for diabetics
- Low-sodium items
- Diapers, all sizes
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Coffee in small jars, or 1- and 2-lb. cans
- Powdered drink mix with sugar
- Tea bags, individually wrapped or small boxes
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Jelly
- Pasta or rice side-dishes
- Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise

Guidelines

- Place food in the collection cart at the Lay Ministry Supply Room (near office).
- No opened boxes of food.
- Please do not bring clothing donations to All Saints.
- Call Furniture Bank of Central Ohio (614-272-9544) for home pick-up of furniture, appliances, and household items.

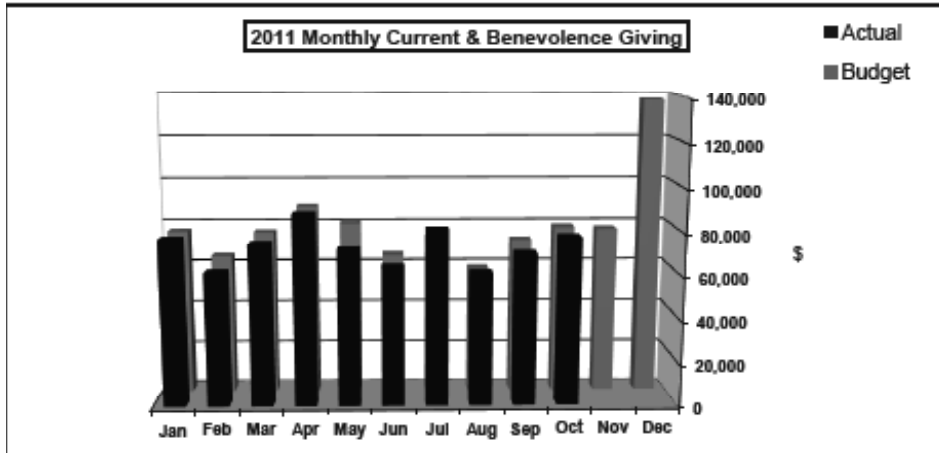
Other projects

Donations

- Eyeglasses: Lions Club
- Used printer cartridges (ink or printer toner, copier toner cannot be accepted): Benefits Mid-Ohio Food Bank
- Campbell Soup Labels: Benefits Oesterlen Services for Youth. UPC code from any Campbell's product.
- Pop Can Tabs: Benefits Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital

On the Numbers

October Financial Report



We're grateful for the financial support of our congregations, and pleased with where our contributions vs. our expenses have fallen this year.

As a reminder: According to IRS rules, year-end giving must be received or postmarked on or before Dec. 31 to be included on 2011 giving statements. Financial gifts/contributions received after Dec. 31 will be posted as of 2012.

The church office will be closed Dec. 26. We will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 27 through 30.

October income came in 99 percent of budget: \$76,716 vs. \$77,398. Year-to-date income is at \$727,427 vs. \$735,272 as projected.

In 2010 total income received was \$747,172. The difference in income from 2010 to 2011 of \$19,745 represents a decrease of 2.6 percent.

October expenses came in at \$68,598 which is lower than the budgeted amount of \$69,161. Total expenses through October are \$718,451 vs. \$754,926 as projected. In 2010 we had expenses of \$765,490 which is \$47,824, 6.2% higher than this year. Year to date income exceed expenses by \$8,976.

Your financial support is important and necessary to the continued ministry at All Saints. We appreciate you considering supporting our many ministries.

| | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
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| Income | \$727,427 | \$735,272 | (\$ 7,845) |
| Expenses | \$718,451 | \$754,926 | (\$36,475) |
| Net | \$8,976 | (\$19,654) | \$28,630 |

Needed: Holiday Volunteers

We need volunteers for Christmas Eve, Christmas morning and New Year's morning worship services.

There are opportunities to serve as ushers, greeters, deacons, lay readers, acolytes, crucifers, sacristans and nursery staff. Please sign up on the sheets at the Narthex desk or on the Instant Sign-up form in the bulletin.

Help neighbors in need of warmth this winter season

All Saints is partnering with the Worthington Food Pantry and Resource Center to give away warm winter wear to our neighbors in need.

Good used coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens are needed for men, women, boys and girls. We will collect these items Dec. 10 through Jan. 13.

We will distribute the collected items Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Worthington Food Pantry and Resource Center at 445 E. Dublin-Granville Road, building G.

Yoga/Pilates

All Saints' own Jane Karras offers yoga and Pilates courses. Here is the schedule.

Yoga

6 p.m. Mondays. Final class of year is Dec. 12.

5:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Final class of year is Dec. 7 (no class Dec. 14).

Gentle Yoga

9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Final class of the year is Dec. 15.

Pilates

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Final class of the year is Dec. 14.

Classes will resume their regular schedule in January.

All classes are drop-in and open to everyone regardless of fitness level and meet in Parish Hall. The cost is \$5 per session.

Weather policy: If Worthington Schools are canceled, all classes are canceled. Morning delay cancels morning classes; early dismissal cancels evening classes.

Thank You

To the members and staff of All Saints,

I want to thank all of you for all the effort you put in to making my ordination happen. The service of ordination was wonderful, and the reception was amazing.

Thank you for making everything so easy for me to just show up and figure out those last minute details. I want to especially thank Gary Snyder, Arlene Belter, Tom Gerke, Fran West, Kay Labosky, Pastor Weaver, the Chancel Choir, Pastor Gerber, Neil and Sandy Brady, Terry and Ann Courter, Gretchen Glasgow, Debbie Lichtenberg and everyone else who helped make the ordination and reception happen.

It was a truly amazing and humbling event.

I also want to thank this congregation for all your financial support in my years at seminary. It would have been tough to make it through without you. All Saints has been my home congregation since my family moved to Columbus in 1986.

While it has been impossible to get to know everyone or even half of the congregation, my experiences and everyone at All Saints helped to form me in my call to pastoral ministry.

Thank you for all you have done. I will always take that experience of Christ I have had at All Saints with me to whatever Church I may serve.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Adam Ruschau

Blood drives save lives like Madeline's; please donate Dec. 4

All Saints prayed for a little girl named Madeline on Sunday mornings during recent months. This is Madeline -- a darling little girl who is here today because of blood products and the caring nature of people like you!

YOU can make a difference and help ensure Central Ohio patients have the blood they need by making an appointment to give blood between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday Dec. 4 pm.

Make your appointment on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering



Area or by contacting Kay Labosky @ 614-885-0112 or kayl@saintsonhigh.org

You are the key to children, like Madeline, being here today. Your gift is time and effort that gives life!

Young Retireds

The Young Retireds will have its annual Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 at Brookside Country Club. Please note the change from our usual Wednesday meetings.

The Worthington Christian High School Choir will present its

Christmas program. This is always a popular event sure to get you in the spirit of the season.

The cost is \$25 per person, and reservations and payment should be made by Monday, Dec. 5. Contact aslc@saintsonhigh.org for more information.

Cross Training

The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

"Imagine the holy land, over 2,000 years ago, a time shrouded in darkness and uncertainty. A young woman named Mary and her husband, Joseph, travel many miles to the village of Bethlehem. To passers-by, they would seem all but ordinary. Now imagine the sheer, almost unfathomable magnitude of the secret task carried by this young couple. This is the journey of the people whom God selected for a most sacred purpose -- to bring the Son of God, our Messiah, into the world."

Join us at 9:30 a.m. Sundays for "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem," in which Adam Hamilton shines fresh light on this vital story, integrating historical and archaeological information, and interweaving personal reflection to illuminate this most pivotal moment in history. Look deeper into the life and birth of Christ and gain insight into your own journey with the Lord, as you follow in the sacred footsteps of Mary, Joseph and others on the journey to Bethlehem."

From: <http://www.christianbook.com/the-journey-walking-the-road-to-bethlehem/adam-hamilton/9781426714252/pd/714252>

Fun, fellowship, fundraising

Tailgate/Silent Auction: Nov. 12

The New Orleans Bound gang would like to thank you for all of your support with the Silent Auction/Tailgate. It was such a fun day of fellowship, and your support is truly appreciated.

Your efforts will go a long way to helping our High School youth to reach the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Above: The Buckeye Blend kept the crowd lively!

Left: The atmosphere in the crowd watching the game was tense at times. Sadly, Purdue defeated the Buckeyes, 26-23, in overtime.

Below: Our New Orleans-bound Saints were in the spirit of the day.



Preschool News

The Preschool will begin registering children of church members, currently enrolled students, siblings, and the church Mom's Day Out Groups for the 2012-13 school year beginning Jan. 9. Registration for the community will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23.

Interested parents are encouraged to make a visitation appointment to learn more about the Preschool program. Preschool office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and

8:30 a.m. to noon Friday. Contact the preschool at 614-846-6080. You can also learn more about our program by visiting our Web site, www.littlesaintsonhigh.com or by contacting the Director Mary Lou Koloff at marylouk@saintsonhigh.org. Next year's classes:

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| AM 3's | T-TH | 9-11:30 A.M. |
| PM 3's | T-TH | 12:30-3 P.M. |
| AM 4's | M-W-F | 9-11:30 A.M. |
| PM 5's | M-T-W-TH | 12:30-3 P.M. |
| EXTENDED AM 4's | M-W | 9 A.M.-1 P.M. |
| | F | 9-11:30 A.M. |

All Saints Preschool offers:

- An experienced staff
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Continued opportunities for staff training in the latest Early Childhood Practices
- Continued implementation of Ohio State Standards for Preschoolers
- Child Portfolio, provided for each child, and given to parents at the end of the school year



Youth Ministry



Beginnings Ministry: Birth through age 3

4 p.m. Dec. 4

Sunday School Christmas Program. Join us for "The Light Before Christmas," a "scientific" and "enlightening" tale that shares the story of Jesus' birth.

A cookie reception will follow.

10 a.m. Dec. 10

Breakfast with Santa at church. Great food, great fellowship, great fun and pictures with Santa! The cost is \$5 per child. Families are asked to bring a dish to share. Sign up on the Children's Ministry

bulletin board near the Preschool entrance.

For more information on Beginnings Ministry, contact 614-885-0112, Kay at kayl@saintsonhigh.org or Pam at pamw@saintsonhigh.org.



Children's Ministry: Preschool through 5th grade

Children's Ministry

Merry Christmas! Advent is known as a season of waiting and preparing. As a child, I was never good at waiting. (Those who know me today would say I'm still not good at it.) I was always ready for things to happen, especially Christmas. As an adult, it seems like the Christmas season flies by, and before I know it, it's January.

As you are running around to all

the various events this season, remember to take the time to pause and teach your children why we celebrate Christmas. Imagine the excitement that fills a child's eyes on Christmas morning when they see the tree for the first time. Giving gifts of love and seeing your child's reaction is wonderful!

Now, imagine if those same eyes would light up just as much at the thought of Jesus in the manger. "For God so loved the world, that

He gave His Son..." Prepare the way of the Lord during this time of waiting. His gift is the only one we will be able to leave earth with.

I pray that this holiday season is filled with wonder, love, peace and joy for you and your family.

Blessings,
Pam

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Children's Ministry: Preschool through 5th grade

Sunday School Christmas Program

Our Children's and Middle School Sunday School children will perform "The Light Before Christmas" at 4 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Sanctuary. A cookie reception will follow.

Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, Dec 3. Students with speaking parts should arrive at 9 a.m.; Kindergartners through 5th graders should arrive at 10 a.m., and preschoolers at 11 a.m. Rehearsals for all will end at noon.

If you would like to help with the reception or program, please contact Pam Wachtel at pamw@saintsonhigh.org.

First Communion

Our 5th-graders will celebrate their First Communion during Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. April 5. The congregation will host a dinner for those receiving First Communion and their families prior to the worship service.

Classes to prepare for First Communion will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Sundays Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4 and April 1.

More information will follow as the dates get closer. If you would like to sign your child up for these classes, please contact Pam Wachtel at pamw@saintsonhigh.org.



Above: JAM-in: Our 3rd- through 5th-graders enjoyed a bouncy time in November during a visit to SkyZone in Lewis Center.

Breakfast with Santa

We'll celebrate from 10 a.m. noon Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Parish Hall. RSVP on the Children's Ministry bulletin board by the Preschool entrance by Dec. 7. Cost is \$5 per child. Families are asked to bring a breakfast item to share.

Family Worship Services

Experiencing worship with your children is important as a parent.

Deuteronomy 6 tells us to love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul and strength. It goes on to say, "Impress (the com-

mandments) on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (vs.7) As a church, we want to make sure we provide opportunities for children to be able to worship with not only their parents, but other brothers and sisters in Christ.

We will not offer Sunday School on the following dates to allow our families to worship together. The dates: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4, April 1 and May 13.

For more information on Children's Ministry, contact Pam Wachtel at 614-885-0112 or pamw@saintsonhigh.org.



Youth Ministry



Middle School Ministry: Grades 6 through 8

Here is news on upcoming events this year and into next!

We look forward to continuing to watch our youth grow in their connection with Christ as they move closer to confirmation.

Confirmation

Saturday Sessions for Confirmation run from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The remaining sessions are Dec.

3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, April 14 and May 5

8th-grade retreat: April 14 and 15
Confirmation Sunday for 8th-graders is May 20.

Service Events

7th Grade: Dec. 10, Breakfast with Santa

8th Grade: Dec. 3: Babysitting Night

Club 678

Dec. 18 – Christmas Party

Jan. 11 - Lazer Craze

Feb. 4 - OSU Hockey Game

Feb. 12 - Pancake Breakfast

For more information on Middle School Ministry, contact Lisa Brooks at 614-885-0112 or lisab@saintsonhigh.org.



High School Ministry: Grades 9 through 12

As the holidays of thanksgiving and celebration are upon us, I can't help but be in a constant state of thanksgiving while serving our youth. We have such a great group of young people here, and I ask for your continued prayers for them and for this ministry.

~Lisa

Sunday Evenings

Join us every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., as we learn and grow together. We are completing our second four-week series, "Dug Down Deep," which asks us to take a look at those things on which we have built our foundation. Come, join us!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming youth events and look for details closer to each event:

Dec. 17 – Living Christmas Tree at Grace Brethren. We'll meet



Above: High Schoolers gather before a Reformation Sunday concert by Lost and Found at Capital University.

for dinner at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall before heading to Grace.

Dec. 23 – Blue Christmas

Jan. 15 to 16 - Overnight at Jacob's Porch

Feb. 4 - OSU Hockey Game

Feb. 24 and 25 – 30-hour Famine

For more information on High School Ministry, contact Lisa Brooks at 614-885-0112 or lisab@saintsonhigh.org.

A Thank You from Jan Arthur

Last month, All Saints celebrated Jan Arthur's 30th anniversary as director of the Chancel Choir.

How can I possibly find words to describe the gratitude I feel toward all you people, my friends, my choir, my family?

What kept you going all these years?

Thirty years is a long time. Some people have asked me what kept me going so long? (I think they really wanted to give me a compliment, but I was never quite sure). My answer has always been pretty much the same: The short answer is: "Because I totally love what I do."

What specific experience most influenced your desire to do what you do?

When I was a boy of 12, I was asked to be the staff pianist at Lake Koronis Bible Camp, near Paynesville, Minn. I found out I loved to be in front, helping to lead the worship services. Little did I know how much was really involved at that point: My job was easy; I didn't even have to prepare in advance for the hymns with which I would accompany the choir and the audience in the huge auditorium night after night. Then in my home church in Barrett, Minn., I was asked to become the church organist at 13.

Another event?

The choir director at the summer camp, Gordon Carlson, a student at the University of Minnesota and I became very close buddies and later traveled together doing concerts night after night for 40 nights each summer in churches and auditoriums throughout the upper North Central states like Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Michigan. He was an incredible baritone, and I still pull out some of the audio tapes we made together on the road. But

Gordon had an enormous impact on my life because he seemed to respect my ability to accompany him on the piano in ways that he said no other accompanist had done. So, that's how my story gets shortened. I found out that to be completely true to myself, I was made to be a part of worship: piano and organ work, improvisation, which I used to reharmonize familiar hymns and later developing my own personal style at the instruments.

How about your early choir history?

My choir experiences in college days at North Park University in Chicago, taught me the basics of choral conducting and doing this has excited me and fulfilled me ever since. During college, I played the organ at two different Sunday morning services.

Was there a worship experience that impacted you?

A worship event which made a huge difference in my life was when at that same summer camp I was just talking about, my mother went with me during the invitation down to the front to kneel and commit her life to Christ, as I had done the summer before. I learned then the miracle of redemption and of God's grace and goodness.

Did you have any experiences which taught you what not to do?

Another outstanding worship event occurred one summer at Lake Chautauqua in New York State, when I had been invited to play the organ for a huge service there. I was so excited and humbled to be asked. So when I got there, the pipe organ was being deconstructed so I had a little Hammond electric organ, which is how I learned to improvise and change my plans: in this case, my repertoire, but that was the day I

learned to adapt with the circumstances. And those who know me well are generally aware of this quality of flexibility, which I am so thankful for. Tom and I talk about this gift, which we both enjoy, and share, quite often. So we talk about the fact that there are so many opportunities in our field, to exercise this quality.

Did you always enjoy major choir literature as much as you do now?

I grew up with the shallowest church music you could imagine. "What a Friend we have in Jesus" was nice, but its limitation also defined the deepest I could get. I didn't grow with it.

So what changed?

Then, when I lived on the East coast in the shadow of the Twin Towers, across the Hudson in Montclair, New Jersey, for several years I got in the habit of scanning consistently the New York Times' music section to see what major works were being presented by other choirs and their directors.

I couldn't wait until the day would come when I would be able to see if I could possibly similarly present some of these "masterworks" of sacred music. This dream came to pass when my ministry at All Saints began. My pastors David Ulery and Liz Eaton so appreciated classical music, especially sacred music and both advocated for the use of this medium and encouraged me to take some risks with the choir and present some more challenging works. I couldn't believe my dream from so much earlier was beginning to come true.

My first venture into this chapter was through All Saints members Susan and Paul Isaac, when with their help I located an obscure work composed by Giocamo

Jan

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Puccini at age 19, his GLORIA for choir and orchestra. For several years thereafter, the Chancel Choir and I repeated this memorable work, and soon it became our signature masterwork. I promise we'll repeat it again someday.

The question I'm often asked by singers is, "Jan, when you first introduce a new work to us, how can you possibly see the potential within us, especially as we remember how shaky we were at that first introduction to the work?"

They continue, "Often we've thought that this time you've

taken your risk with us too far! But amazingly, you bring out the best in us, and we conquer the impossible." That seems to reinforce the trust that is so necessary for anyone teaching something new.

I still love taking risks with my groups, and they've never failed me. I think they count on my believing in them. That is what truly fulfills my purpose in life. Truly, that has been the magnet that kept drawing me toward this mission all these years.

This All Saints family so shaped my musical life more than any other.

Thank you.

Men's Ministry Advent Breakfasts

Join us for these always popular breakfasts for food, fellowship and fun. Breakfasts are 9:30 a.m. beginning Nov. 26 and continuing through the season of Advent.

Parish Directory

Baptisms

Dominic Edward Gengo, Nov. 6; Cole Rudolf Mueller, Nov. 6; Elizabeth Amanda Albert, Nov. 6; Allyson Josephine Shafer, Nov. 6; McKenzie Gail Lynn Yearly, Nov. 9; Nora Lynn Kuzio, Nov. 20; Kennedy Catherine Paul, Nov. 20; Evelyn Kennedy Reynolds, Nov. 20

Sympathies

Expressed to Tom and Linda Lehman on the death of Tom's mother, Jan Riley, on Oct. 27; Drew and Charlotte Bobay on the death of Charlotte's brother, Carl Swanson, on Nov. 3; Ron and Janet Lasten on the death of Janet's mother, Wanda Marquart, on Nov. 25.

Married 50 years or more

Each month we will recognize those couples whose wedding anniversary falls in that month and who will celebrate 50 years or more of marriage.

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| Dec. 1 | Bob & Peg Murphy | 68 years |
| Dec. 15 | Orrin & Clara Buckley | 61 years |

This information is taken from the information we have on our computers. If we have forgotten any couple whose anniversary falls in the month of December, we apologize and would ask that you notify the church office, 614-885-0112, to let us know.

Our Mission

All Saints strives to:

- Give Glory to God;
- Share the Good News of Christ;
- Grow in Expression of Faith and Discipleship.

Sunday Worship

Traditional, Sanctuary
8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
The Gathering, Parish Hall
11 a.m.

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