

Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 3, 2025
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WHO WE ARE



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Kennell, Pastor**



**Dcn. Timothy
Warner**



**Dcn. Earl
Mirus**



**Sr. Grace Ford,
Er. Dio - Principal**

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm

Sunday | 8:15am & 10:45am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:15am

Tuesday, Thursday | 5:30pm

First Saturdays | 9:00 Latin *Novus Ordo*

Adoration

First Fridays | 9am-5pm

Confession

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4:30-5:20pm

Saturdays | 3:00-4:15pm

Second Sundays | After Each Mass

To schedule a confession, email confession@saintjohnnpc.org. Emails are confidential and go directly to Fr. Kennell

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Receive text messages or emails for announcements & upcoming events

Register as a Member

Visit the parish office

To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office for a registration card

Parish Staff

Parish Office - 850-763-1821

saintjohnnpc@saintjohnnpc.org

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

Paige Morrone | Secretary

Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager

Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Coordinator of Family & Children's Catechesis

Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations

Me-Gan Vu | Director of Sacred Music

Bulletin Requests: Please email bulletin@saintjohnnpc.org.

Submissions are due by noon on Mondays for the following weekend

Finance Council

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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis

jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, & Living Liturgically (formation program for grades K-5)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Youth Ministry

youth@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

Adults | 18+

Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor

catholicism@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion

Visiting the Sick/Homebound - please call the parish office to set up a visit with a priest or lay person to bring communion or check on a homebound person

Anointing of the Sick - call the parish office at any time

Holy Matrimony - contact the parish office six months prior to your anticipated wedding date

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AUGUST

August is Council of Catholic Women Month!

This month, Bishop Wack calls our attention to the wonderful work and mission of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW). To join our parish's CCW, contact their president, Susie Prather, at 281-844-0844. Their fall monthly meetings will start back on Monday, August 25th at 5pm in the parish hall with an Ice Cream Social. Please stop by if you are interested in learning more about this dedicated group of women who serve our parish. To read the Bishop's letter on the DCCW, pick up a copy on our church entryway table.

Diocesan Second Collection Church in Latin America Collection

August 8 & 9

Next week, we will take up a second collection for the Church in Latin America Collection. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith. For more information, scan the QR code.



The Assumption of Mary

Mass Times

August 14 | 7pm

August 15 | 8:15am, Noon, 5:30pm



Note: This is a Holy Day of Obligation

A Letter from Fr. Kennell

Dear Parish Family & Friends,

This past week, on the 31st, we celebrated the Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. I have written about him in this column before, but he is worth coming back to, because the spirituality he developed is so conducive to the spiritual growth of the active person. In light of one line from the gospel from this Sunday, I would like to highlight a particular way of praying daily that can help us to find the Lord in the various moments of a certain set of time.

In today's gospel passage, Jesus describes a hypothetical conversation between a rich man and God, the father. The rich man has stored up for himself much treasure in this world, to the point of having to build extra buildings to hold all of it. But God says to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" In this case, the preparation of the rich man has been for the fulfillment and enjoyment of his earthly life with material possessions. But I think we can expand this line to include the whole of our lives, not just the acquisition of goods; have we been living lives pleasing to the Lord?

The particular way of praying that can help us to see whether or not we are living according to the Lord's will, is by praying a daily examen. This is not an examination of conscience, although an aspect of the prayer includes looking at our fault; this is more of a "consciousness" examination, meaning, were we aware of God's presence and his voice throughout the day, and did we follow it? I encourage you to look up this way of praying online. There are many resources out there to teach somebody how to do this.

Through consistency in praying this way, one can begin to see patterns in their life, come to know more how the Lord is trying to speak to them, and also help to see pitfalls one regularly drops into. Through it all, we can gain a better understanding of how we may be living our lives for the Lord or not. If our lives are demanded of us at any moment, we can be "prepared" because we have been living in a way that pleases God because we have come to know His promptings through examination, and we have responded well.

Peace.

-Fr. Kennell

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Summer Sale - St. Dominic Books & Gifts

August 10-16

Stop by St. Dominic Books & Gifts to draw your token and see your discount for 10%, 15%, 20%, 25% off your entire purchase.

Parish Hall Clean-Up & Clean-Out

August 16 | 8am

Attention everyone who has anything stored in the parish hall - in the kitchen, the storage rooms, the refrigerators, the closets, or the stage area is asked to come help clean and organize the parish hall on the morning of Saturday, August 16th as we prepare the hall for the 2025-2026 year. Thank you for helping us clean up and clean out the parish hall to make it a blessing for all! Those not present may find their items moved, organized into general use, or thrown out unless they make prior arrangements with the parish office.

Interested in joining a liturgical ministry?

Scan the QR code to express interest in being an Usher, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Lector, Audio/Visual, or Sacristan for our weekday or weekend Masses



St. Dominic's Needs Eucharistic Adorers

Immediate Needs

Sun. at 10am, 3am
Tues. at Midnight
Thurs. at 2pm
Fri. at 2am
Sat. at 5am

Additional Needs

Sun. at 11pm
Mon. at 8pm, 11pm
Tues. at 11pm
Wed. at 9pm, 11pm

Contact St. Dominic at 850-785-4574 to sign up

Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Every Monday | 7-7:50am

Starbucks on US-98 and R. Jackson

Join the men of St. John for a study on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This small group meets at the Starbucks on US-98 and Richard Jackson from 7am-7:50am, leaving plenty of time to get to work or on with your day. They are currently wrapping up a study of the First Book of Samuel and will start St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians in mid-August. They use the Exodus90 app/website to provide a daily reading, reflection, and prayer.

Questions? Contact Curt Simmons at 615-617-9119

Events this Week

Sunday, August 3

Donuts after the 8:15am Mass in the parish hall

9:30am - EMHC training in the church building

Tuesday, August 5

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in the parish office

Please pray for our students as they return to school

Wednesday, August 6

8:15am - First School Mass of the year - all are welcome! We just ask that everyone enter from the side door by the handicap drop-off rather than the main entrance to allow the students to enter

Thursday, August 7

6pm-8pm - EMHC Homebound Training in parish office

Saturday, August 9

8:30am - Fishers of Men's Breakfast at St. Dominic

Sunday, August 10

Donuts after the 8:15am Mass in the parish hall

We Need Audio/Visual Volunteers!

4:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass & 10:45am Sunday Mass

We need assistance running the slideshow and monitoring the sound board during our Vigil Mass and 10:45am Mass with an urgent need at the Vigil Mass. If you are interested in serving, please contact our A/V lead, Andy Pfefferkorn at 850-241-5131.

Young Adult Retreat (Ages 18+)

September 12-13 | St. Brennan Center for Evangelization & Spirituality, Pensacola

Join guest speakers Claire Gallagher, Dr. Luke Arrendondo, & Chez Filippini as they dive into the topic of living in a broken world. Tickets are \$30, including meals and an overnight stay at St. Brennan.



Register here

Food Packing Event #3

September 13 | 9-11:30am and/or 12:30-3pm

Walton County Fairgrounds, Defuniak Springs

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee with Cross Catholic Outreach invites you to help them raise \$30,000 to pack 100,000 meals to feed families and children in developing countries. Visit crosscatholic.org to volunteer or donate.

Questions? 850.624.6891 or joanwalker02@gmail.com

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This excellent career opportunity is perfect for energetic and enthusiastic specialists in early childhood education who have a passion for teaching and enriching the lives of our preschool students. Operational hours are between 7:30am and 5:30pm. This is a full time 40 hour per week position.

Email your resume to: chelsea.house@sjseagles.org or stop by the school office to fill out an application

Substitute Teachers:

Looking to make an impact? Become a substitute teacher at SJCA! Qualified substitute teachers (long term and as needed) will work in our elementary and middle school classrooms. Substitute teachers must have either an associate's degree or at least (60) sixty college credit hours. Please submit your resume and cover letter to employment@sjseagles.org or stop by the school office to fill out an application. Qualified applicants must pass DCF fingerprinting and Level 2 background checks. Safe Environment courses are required upon hire for all faculty and staff.



Scan the QR code for an application!

Join us in Prayer

If you would like to add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for one month unless otherwise requested.

Repose of the Soul

†Mary Kay Collins, †John Pluard, †Jim McCarthy, †Zoe Fidelis Labrie

Prayers for Healing

Richard & Isa Parker, Jimmie Carroll, Joe Cruz, Janet McMillan, Al Kidd

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass for a loved one, please call or visit the parish office

Saturday, August 2, 2025

9:00am.....†Tom Delatore

4:30pm.....†Jean Carr by the Wagner Family

Sunday, August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....People of the Parish

10:45am.....†Muriel & John Daly by Diane Skoriak

Monday, August 4, 2025

8:15am.....Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

5:30pm.....†Evelyn Burrows by Christine Macejka

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

8:15am.....†Col Paul Paustian by the CCW

Thursday, August 7, 2025

5:30pm.....Pope Leo XIV

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:15am.....†Art Stewart

Saturday, August 9, 2025

4:30pm.....†Lorraine Knight by Dee Jackson

Sunday, August 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....†Eleanor Curtis by Col Chet Cavoli

10:45am.....People of the Parish

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23;

Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13;

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13,

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday

Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9,

Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21;

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51;

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12;

Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40



This weekend's beautiful altar flowers are in loving memory of Muriel & John Daly by Diane Skoriak

ENCOUNTER SUMMER INTENSIVE

August 10-13 | 5:30-8:00pm

Church Building

For all adults and teens (with an adult guardian) of St. John the Evangelist & St. Dominic

August 10 (Identity): How do I live as a disciple in my daily life? What is my mission?

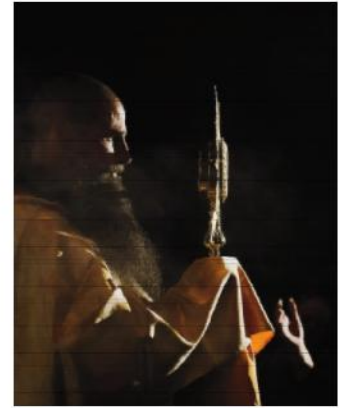
August 11 (Hearing God's Voice): What is prayer? How do I grow in hearing God's voice in my daily life?

August 12 (Power & Healing): How do I pray for others? Does God still heal people miraculously?

August 13 (Inner Healing & Freedom): How do I live in true freedom? How do I experience the transforming power of Jesus in my life and family?

Come for any or all nights! Light refreshments provided.

**RSVP
here**



WELCOME, JERA!

Meet our New Coordinator of Family & Children's Catechesis

We are thrilled to welcome Jera Blanchard-Towns as our new Coordinator of Family and Children's Catechesis.

A child of a military family, Jera grew up with a love for the universal Church and a heart for building faith-filled homes. She comes to us from St. Louis King of France Catholic Church in Austin, Texas, where she served as the Adult and Family Minister.

With a deep devotion to the domestic church and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Jera is passionate about creating spaces where wonder, joy, and holiness meet. She is especially eager to accompany families and children as they grow in love for Christ and His Church.

In her free time, Jera enjoys reading, baking, and spending time with children. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome and in praying for her new ministry among us!



FAMILY, CHILDREN, & YOUTH FORMATION

2025-2026 Announcements Coming Soon

We are brewing up some exciting things for the 2025-2026 calendar for family and children's formation, along with some exciting new offerings for middle and high school youth ministry. Keep posted to the bulletin and announcements for more information coming soon about our September launches and opportunities to serve.



DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Adoration (St. Dominic)

St. Dom Parish Office....850-785-4574
St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel. Contact their parish office for the door code or to sign-up for a weekly hour

Association of St. Jude

Don Rauscher.....850-271-3365

Carmelites

Angie Cirabisi.....317-526-8614

Catholic in Recovery

Diane.....850-541-3326
Wayne.....850-532-0421
Open for all who are in recovery from any form of unhealthy attachment

Council of Catholic Women

Susie Prather.....281-844-0844

Fishers of Men (St. Dominic)

Stephen Butler.....850-832-6434
Twice monthly breakfast on the **first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:30am** at St. Dominic's MC3 building. The next breakfast will be on **August 9th**.

Knights of Columbus

Mike Tierney.....850-319-1945

Lending Library

Located in the parish office (M-Th 9-3)

Men's Club

Lee Fry.....850-867-3916

Men's Bible Study

Warren Phillips.....850-896-0801
Al Kidd.....850-257-4149
Check back in September for updates!

Ministry to the Sick

Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to anyone who is sick or homebound

Mission 850

850mission@gmail.com
Provides disaster relief services and hosts service projects every 2nd Saturday of the month

Morning Rosary

Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 7:30-8am (before Mass)

Music Ministry

Me-Gan Vu.....music@saintjohnpc.org
Scan the code to fill out the interest form for joining the choir/music team. Email Me-Gan directly for minors interested in joining.



Natural Family Planning

Melissa Cornman.....407-415-6575

Rachel's Vineyard

904-221-3232.....rachelsvineyard.org
Retreats for women and men looking to renew hearts broken by abortion

The Third Option

A program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish. Fall schedule coming soon.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747
Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619
Starting September 3rd in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am studying "Luke in the Land" by Kristi McLelland

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
Typically on the **first Saturday from 10am-noon** in the parish hall - next social will be on **September 6th**.

Young Professional Fellowship

Scan the QR code to join the GroupMe to stay up-to-date on bible studies & gatherings



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