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#### 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@saintjohnpc.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 saintjohnpc@saintjohnpc.org Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

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# SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

#### Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.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@saintjohnpc.org

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

#### Adults | 18+

# Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor catholicism@saintjohnpc.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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# 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!

### The Assumption of Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times
August 14 | 7pm
August 15 | 8:15am, Noon,
5:30pm

There will be no 5:30pm Daily Mass on August 14th. Confessions will continue as scheduled at 4:30pm.



#### 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.

#### On The Cover | Michaelangelo's The Last Judgement

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls His disciples to a life of readiness: "Gird your loins and light your lamps... be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding." (Luke 12:35–36). The passage urges vigilance and faithful living in anticipation of Christ's return, a return that will come at an unexpected hour. Few works of art convey the gravity of this moment as vividly as Michelangelo's *Last Judgment* (featured on the cover of this weeks bulletin), the monumental fresco behind the altar of the Sistine Chapel.

Painted between 1536 and 1541, *The Last Judgment* presents Christ at the center, not in quiet repose, but in dramatic action. His right arm is raised in judgment, His face focused and intense. Mary, usually seen as intercessor, sits quietly beside Him, emphasizing that the time for mercy has passed. This is the final hour, the moment of truth. It captures the essence of the Gospel warning: when the Lord returns, we will either be found ready or not. There will be no time left to prepare.

The composition swirls with movement. Angels sound trumpets as the dead rise from their graves; saints hold the instruments of their martyrdom. St. Bartholomew even holds his flayed skin, thought to be a self-portrait of Michelangelo. The blessed ascend toward heaven with peaceful expressions, while the damned are dragged downward, some resisting, some despairing. Each figure, each gesture, tells a story of a soul's readiness or refusal.

One striking feature is the emotional intensity of the figures. Unlike many serene religious images, Michelangelo's work confronts the viewer with raw human emotion: joy, fear, defiance, hope. It is as if we, too, are being asked to choose our path. Will we live with watchfulness and faith, or allow ourselves to drift into complacency?

As Catholics, we are not called to live in fear, but in faithful preparation. Christ is the Bridegroom returning, and He longs to find us ready with hearts open and lamps burning. Like Christ in today's Gospel, Michelangelo's *Last Judgment* invites us to examine our readiness. Are we living with our hearts turned toward the Lord, alert to His presence, and faithful in our daily duties? The Last Judgment reminds us that eternity is not far off, it is always just one moment away. Blessed are those servants whom the Master finds prepared.

# **UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY**

#### **Diaper Drive**

#### Support Pregnancy Resource Center

St. John will be collecting donations of diapers to support the needs of the Pregnancy Resource Center throughout the month of August. Please bring diaper donations to the entryway of the church, and they will be taken to the center. Newborn and size 1 diapers are the most needed, but they are also asking for all sizes. Thank you for your generosity!

#### 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.

# Now Hiring Preschool & Substitute Teachers St. John Catholic Academy is hiring!

To apply to the preschool positions, email your resume to: chelsea.house@sjseagles.org.

To apply to become a substitute teacher, submit your resume and cover letter to employment@sjseagles.org. Applicants may also visit the school office to complete an application.

#### 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 10

Donuts **after the 8:15am Mass** in the parish hall 2nd Chance Sunday **after all Masses** 

**6pm** - Encounter Intensive in the church

#### Monday, August 11

**6pm** - Encounter Intensive in the church

#### Tuesday, August 12

**6pm** - Encounter Intensive in the church **6:15pm** - Catholic in Recovery in the parish office

#### Wednesday, August 13

**6pm** - Encounter Intensive in the church

#### Thursday, August 14

**6:30pm** - Knights of Columbus Meeting in the hall **7pm** - Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Mary \*No regularly scheduled 4:30pm Confessions or 5:30pm Daily Mass this day\*

### Friday, August 15 - The Assumption of Mary

Masses at 8:15am, Noon, and 5:30pm

#### Saturday, August 16

8am - Parish Hall Clean-Up & Clean-Out

#### Sunday, August 17

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

#### Young Professional Fellowship August Calendar

**Bible Study** 

August 19 at 6:30pm | Location TBD in Groupme

Social: Potluck & Pool

August 30 at 4:00pm | Panama Flats Apatments PCB

### 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









# ENCOUNTER SUMMER INTENSIVE

RSVP / here





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

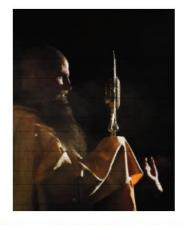
**August 10 (Identity):** How do I live as a disciple in my daily life? What is my mission?

**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.





# PARISH HALL CLEAN UP & CLEAN OUT

August 16 | 8am

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

# COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

#### 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 or scan the QR code.



#### Join us in Prayer

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

#### Repose of the Soul

†John Pluard,†Jim McCarthy, †Zoe Fidelis Labrie, †William Cammack, †Al Kidd

#### **Prayers for Healing**

Joe Cruz, Janet McMillan



#### Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday, August 11, 2025

8:15am.....Seminarians by the CCW

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

5:30pm......†Tom Hails by Ed & Christine Macejka

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 8:15am......†Zoe Fidelis Labrie

Thursday, August 14, 2025

7:00pm......Donna Randazzo by John Camden

Friday, August 15, 2025 8:15am......Mary Hamlin

12:00pm.....†Roseann Peiffer by the Blomquist

Family

5:30pm......†Maureen Nygard by John Nygard

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:30pm......Angela & Charles Vannatter

Sunday, August 17, 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....†Helen Sabo by the Turner Family

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







For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 10, 2025

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

Monday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20;

Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday** Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12;

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17,

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17;

Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday Solemnity of the Assumption of the

**Blessed Virgin Mary** 

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-

7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;

Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27;

Lk 1:39-56

**Saturday** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11,

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18;

Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53



#### The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary, body and soul in Heavenly glory, highlights the power of God and Christ's victory over sin and death for Mary's soul. Learn about this great mystery in Mysteries of the Rosary.





## **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

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 *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

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
Typically on the first Saturday from 10amnoon 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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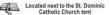
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