



**Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 24, 2025

1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401

*Saint John the Evangelist, Mathias Stomer, 1600-1650*



# WHO WE ARE



**Rev. Thomas 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](mailto: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](mailto:saintjohnnpc@saintjohnnpc.org)**

**Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm**

Grace Griffith | 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](mailto:bulletin@saintjohnnpc.org).*

*Submissions are due by noon on Mondays*

*Bulletin Ad Requests: To publish an ad in the back of our bulletin, contact Mary Frericks at 404-771-2564 or [MFrericks@Diocesan.com](mailto:MFrericks@Diocesan.com)*

## Finance Council

Chris Brooks | Finance Council Chair

Jackie Fowler

Dcn. Earl Mirus

Sean McNeil

Tim Wheeler

Sr. Grace Ford

Donna Couchigian

# SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

## Children | Through 5th Grade

**Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis**

**[jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnnpc.org](mailto: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

**Dot Wagner | Youth Formation**

**[dorothy.wagner@saintjohnnpc.org](mailto:dorothy.wagner@saintjohnnpc.org)**

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

## Adults | 18+

**Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor**

**[catholicism@saintjohnnpc.org](mailto: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

\*The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee encourages anyone who may have been abused by any clergy person, employee, or volunteer in ministry with the Church, or who knows of such abuse, to contact local law enforcement or the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) and Shannon D. Mullen, Ph.D. CSAT at 229-233-8009. Español - Dcn. Santiago Molina, 850-222-6482

# SUNDAY AUGUST 24th

## CATHOLIC STUDENT MINISTRIES LAUNCH

### Parent Orientation

Confirmation Prep | Middle & High School Youth Ministry

5:00pm in the Church | Come learn about our new offerings for Middle & High School Youth Ministry as well as details on our Confirmation Prep program for all current 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Middle School Kick-Off

5:00pm-6:30pm | All current grades 6-8 students are encouraged to attend! Icecream, games, music and fellowship!



### High School Kick-Off

7:30pm-8:30pm at the Cold Stone Creamery (by Hobby Lobby).  
Bring a bible and a friend, our treat!



#### A Letter from Fr. Kennell | Confirmation & Restored Order

Dear Parish Family & Friends,

As you may know, Bishop Wack has called every parish in our Diocese to implement the restored order of the Sacraments of Initiation by Fall 2028. This means our children will receive the Sacraments in their original, traditional sequence—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—bringing them into the fullness of the Holy Spirit's grace earlier in their lives.

Here at St. John the Evangelist, we will be making this transition gradually over the next three years so that families, catechists, and students can be well-prepared for this important change.

#### Our Parish Plan

- **Fall 2025:** Our current 9th graders will be Confirmed as previously scheduled.
- **2025/26 school year:** Students currently in 6th-8th grade will prepare for Confirmation, to be celebrated on September 26th, 2026.
  - Note that a **parent info meeting** will be held **this Sunday (8/24) at 5pm** in the Church for this year's program.
- **2026/27 school year:** Students then in 4th-6th grade will prepare for Confirmation (date TBD).
- **2027/28 school year:** Students then in 2nd-4th grade will prepare for Confirmation (date TBD).

I've also posted a short video with more information on the history of restored order and these changes which you can view on our youtube channel or by scanning the QR code here.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion.

Peace.

Fr. Kennell

learn more



# UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

## New Parish Hall Furniture In Honor of Al Kidd

Thank you to the numerous donors who helped us replace the aging furniture in the Parish Hall. Donations were given in memory of Al Kidd and his dedication to the St. John community and mission.

## Fall Bunco

### Sponsored by St. John CCW

**September 12 | 6pm Parish Hall**

6pm - Light appetizers & refreshments

7pm - Bunco starts

Tickets on sale after all Masses on Aug 30 & 31, and if tickets remain available on Sept 6 & 7.

Proceeds benefit the Burse Club.

Limited number of tickets, so get yours early!

Contact: Chris McCormick (314) 574-3070

## Diaper Drive

### Support Pregnancy Resource Center

St. John is collecting donations of diapers to support the Pregnancy Resource Center during August.

Please bring donations to the church entryway.

Newborn and size 1 diapers are the most needed, but they are also asking for all sizes. Thank you for your generosity!

SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

YOU'RE INVITED

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & WELCOME BACK MEETING

MONDAY AUGUST 25TH  
6PM IN THE PARISH HALL

OPEN TO ALL LADIES & FRIENDS OF  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH.

COME SOCIALIZE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS,  
& FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE  
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN.



## Events this Week

**Sunday, August 24**

Donuts after Mass in the parish hall

**5pm** - Confirmation & Youth Ministry Parent  
Meeting in the Church

**5-6:30pm** - Middle School Kick-Off Event

**Monday, August 25**

**6pm** - CCW Ice Cream Social in parish hall

**Tuesday, August 26**

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

**Sunday, August 31**

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

## Young Professional Fellowship August Calendar

**Social: Potluck & Pool**

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

## Daddy Daughter Dance: Rachel's Bags of Love Raising awareness for childhood cancer

**September 5th 6-8pm | St. Dominic**

Dancing, dessert, & raffles for a cause!

Register at [rachelsbagsoflove.org](http://rachelsbagsoflove.org)

or scan the QR code. \$20 per couple.

For questions, contact Ady Pitts at

850-640-8514 or email: [bagsoflove@gmail.com](mailto:bagsoflove@gmail.com)



## Opportunity to write to Seminarian Joseph Elmore He appreciates your letters!

Joseph is from St. John and is studying for the Priesthood. His mailing address is

St. Joseph Seminary

75376 River Road

St. Benedict, LA 70457

## Hiring Preschool & Substitute Teachers St. John Catholic Academy

To apply to the preschool positions, email your resume to: [chelsea.house@sjseagles.org](mailto:chelsea.house@sjseagles.org).

To apply to become a substitute teacher, submit your resume and cover letter to [employment@sjseagles.org](mailto:employment@sjseagles.org). Applications may also be completed by visiting the school office.

## 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](http://crosscatholic.org) to volunteer or donate.

Questions? 850.624.6891 or [joanwalker02@gmail.com](mailto:joanwalker02@gmail.com)

volunteer



donate



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## HELP US KEEP THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL

St. Johns is seeking those who enjoy the quiet art of cleaning to help with keeping our Church beautiful.

### We need help on these days:

- **Cleaning After the Weekend:**  
Sunday after Mass/Confession  
*or* Monday after Mass (9:00-10:30)
- **Cleaning after the School Mass:**  
Wednesday after Mass (9:30-11:00)
- **Cleaning Before the Weekend:**  
Friday after Mass (9:00-10:30)  
*or* Thursday before Confession on First  
Fridays (3:00-4:30)

### We need help with these tasks:

- Vacuum Nave carpet and Narthex rugs
- Sweep Narthex to Family Room
- Clean Glass and Dust

Interested? Call the Church office at 850-763-1821 or contact Lynn Sokoloski, Facilities Manager, at [lynn.sokoloski@saintjohnnpc.org](mailto:lynn.sokoloski@saintjohnnpc.org)

*Aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs,  
and to work with your hands.*  
1 Thessalonians 4:11

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August

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

### Mass Intentions

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

#### Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:30pm.....†Mike Warrell by Anita Warrell  
Thomas

#### Sunday, August 24, 2025

##### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy  
by CCW

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

#### Monday, August 25, 2025

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

#### Tuesday, August 26, 2025

5:30pm.....†Brenda Gorbail by the Tierney  
Family

#### Wednesday, August 27, 2025

8:15am.....†James Fischer by Cindy Vitter

#### Thursday, August 28, 2025

5:30pm.....The Labrie Family by Kelly & Tom  
Bernhardt

#### Friday, August 29, 2025

8:15am.....Josh Jones by Connie Bane  
Happy Birthday!

#### Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:30pm.....†Virginia and James McCarthy by  
Celeste & Perry Benson

#### Sunday, August 31, 2025

##### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....†Audrey DeNoyer by her family  
10:45am.....People of the Parish

### Join us in Prayer

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

### Repose of the Soul

†William Cammack, †Al Kidd, †Thomas Towns,  
†Elisabeth Ryals

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of August 24, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
<b>Monday</b>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday</b>	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
<b>Sunday</b>	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



August 25, 2025



# EAGLE NEWS

"St. John Catholic Academy prepares and educates students for academic success and forms disciples of Christ for life."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 1st - Labor Day (Campus closed  
Preschool -8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Day Lunch  
Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - Fall Pictures (Chapel wear)

## FRIENDLY DISMISSAL REMINDERS:

- The front office closes for dismissal prep at 2:20.
- No front office pick-ups After 2:20 p.m. (Including preschool.)
- With 240 students and two carlines beginning at 2:50, we are not able to check out students during this time.

Your support in minimizing requests during these 30 minutes helps us keep students safe and organized for carline.

## The Virtue of Prudence



### DEFINITION OF PRUDENCE:

Enables one to reason and act rightly in any given situation. "Right reason in action."

### PRAYER FOR PRUDENCE:

Dear Jesus, You know what is best in every situation. Please help me to grow in the virtue of prudence, so I can know what I should do in each circumstance I face today. And once I know it, help me to do it for love of You. Amen.

### PRACTICING PRUDENCE:

- Seeking advice from reasonable and trustworthy persons.
- Carefully considering all circumstances before making a decision.
- Praying about what the Lord would have you do before making a decision.



## Raised in Grace

### Last call for joining our Parent Learning & Support Group!

Parents will share valuable insights and practical strategies for cultivating emotional resilience through virtue formation, Raised in Grace.

**Please email [office@sjseagles.org](mailto:office@sjseagles.org) if you're interested in joining the group!**



Scan here for more information about Raised in Grace!

## GRANDPARENTS DAY 2025 LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: Friday, September 5th, 2025

K - 2nd Grade 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

3rd - 8th Grade Lunch: 11:30 AM-12.15 PM

Grandparents are cordially invited to a special lunch. Students should bring their usual lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents to enjoy lunch with their grandchildren attending SJCA!

### RSVP Required

**Deadline to RSVP: Thursday, August 28, 2025**  
Please use the QR code below to confirm your attendance.

Scan here to RSVP



"Grandparents are a blessing from God, a living reminder of His love passed down through generations." - Anonymous

Contact Us:

850.763.1775



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# 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  
*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@saintjohnnpc.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@saintjohnnpc.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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