



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 28, 2025

1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401

The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, Italian, 1618-1628

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. 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

Grace Griffith | Secretary

Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager

Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Family & Children's Catechesis

Dot Wagner | Coordinator of Youth Formation

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

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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

Dot Wagner | Youth Formation

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

*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

Respect Life: Annual Life Chain

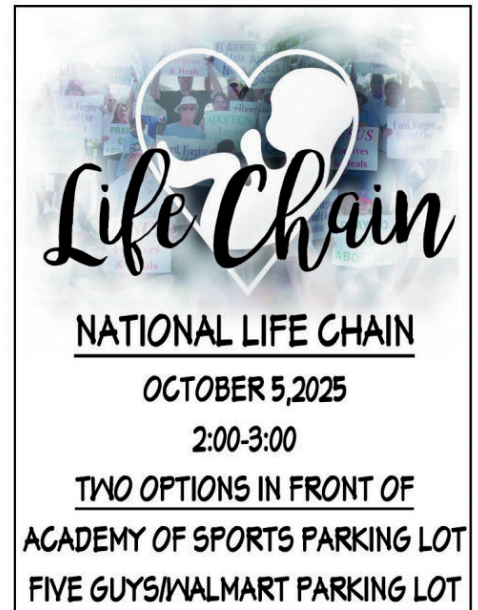
Respect Life Sunday will be October 5th this year. Participation in the National Life Chain is a great way to show our respect for human life. The Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful, witnessing to the community and each other that we, as Christians, believe in the sanctity of life!

Join us as we gather with other local parishioners around 1:45pm on Sunday, October 5th in front of either the Sports Authority or the west end of the Wal-Mart parking lot near Five Guys, both on 23rd street.

Participate by holding a sign such as “Life the first Inalienable Right”, “Pray to end Abortion”, “Lord Forgive us and our Nation”, and many other messages. Choose a spot on the sidewalk and let the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit do the rest!

This is a family event! Bring the kids, an umbrella, sunscreen, and help save lives! It’s only one hour, from 2-3 pm. So little to save so much.

For more information, text or call Mike Gagnon at (850) 832-9595 or lifechainer@yahoo.com.



On the Cover | The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man

This Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 16:19–31) presents us with the striking story of Lazarus and the rich man, a teaching of Jesus that has echoed through the centuries. To help us reflect more deeply, we can turn to a 17th-century painting from the workshop of Italian artist Domenico Fetti. His *Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man* (c. 1618–1628) captures the contrast between the lives of these two men: one feasting in splendor, the other suffering in rags at the gate. The work, now in the National Gallery of Art, was part of a series of parable paintings meant to inspire meditation and moral reflection in the viewer.

The painting draws our attention to details the Gospel emphasizes. The rich man, clothed in fine garments, dines lavishly, surrounded by wealth and comfort. Lazarus, afflicted with sores, longs simply for crumbs, accompanied only by dogs. Fetti’s workshop paints this contrast in vivid color and composition, placing the suffering poor man at the margins while opulence dominates the scene. The viewer is invited to ask: whose presence do we notice, and whose do we ignore?

Historically, this parable has been central in Christian preaching and art because it makes visible the eternal consequences of our choices. After death, the situation is reversed: Lazarus is carried to the bosom of Abraham, while the rich man, who failed to show compassion, finds himself in torment. Tradition even gave the wealthy man the name “Dives,” from the Latin word for “rich.” The Church Fathers often pointed out that his fault was not active cruelty but blind indifference. His sin was omission, failing to love his neighbor when he had the means to do so.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “the Church’s love for the poor is a part of her constant tradition” (CCC 2444). It also warns that neglecting those in need is not a neutral act but a grave matter. Like the rich man, we too can fall into the sin of omission, failing to see Christ in the hungry, the sick, or the lonely (CCC 1867). Both the parable and this painting challenge us to open our eyes to the Lazaruses at our own gates. Who in our community goes unseen? What needs around us are we overlooking?

As we hear this Gospel proclaimed, we are invited to conversion. Our resources, time, and talents are not ours to hoard but gifts entrusted to us for love and service. To “feast sumptuously” while ignoring the suffering around us is to risk eternal separation from God. But to notice, to respond, and to share is to live in the light of Christ. May this week’s Gospel, illuminated by Fetti’s painting, inspire us to see with compassion and to act with mercy, so that we may one day join Lazarus in the eternal banquet of heaven.

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Faith? Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more!

Boxes of Joy

Christmas Drive

October 4-5, CCW will distribute boxes after all Masses. Fill the box with toys, school/hygiene items, hard candy, apparel. The filled Box of Joy allows underprivileged children to experience love and a nice Christmas. We ask for \$9.00 for shipping. In your box, insert cash or check payable to: St. John's CCW. Return your box by the end of October. Pick up a pamphlet to learn more about the program! Thank you!

Serve Saturdays

Oct 18, Nov 8, & Dec 13

Bring your teen, kids, or just yourself to help a neighbor. These Saturday morning events are 8-11am in Bay County. They're opportunities to serve and love our neighbors. Got a skill you can share? Email Dot so we can connect your talents to the needs of others: youth@saintjohnnpc.org

Events this Week

Sunday, September 28

9:30-10:30am - OCIA Class in parish office

Donuts after Mass in the parish hall

Monday, September 29

6:00pm - CCW meeting in parish hall

Tuesday, September 30

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

6:15pm - Encounter School in the church

Wednesday, October 1

9:30am - Women's Bible Study in parish office

Friday, October 3

9:00-5:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church

Saturday, October 4

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

9:00am - First Saturday Mass

10:00am - Women's Social in the parish hall

Sunday, October 5

9:30-10:30am - OCIA Class in parish office

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club in the parish hall

Discipleship Small Groups

Catholic Student Ministries

Middle & High School small groups are now meeting! Contact Dot at youth@saintjohnnpc.org.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

Meeting of Council of Catholic Women

Monthly Meeting | September 29

The CCW will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, September 29th, at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Contact CCW President Susie Prather at (281) 844-0844 for more info and to get involved!

Women's Bible Study Fall 2025

9:30 - 11am Wednesdays | Parish Office

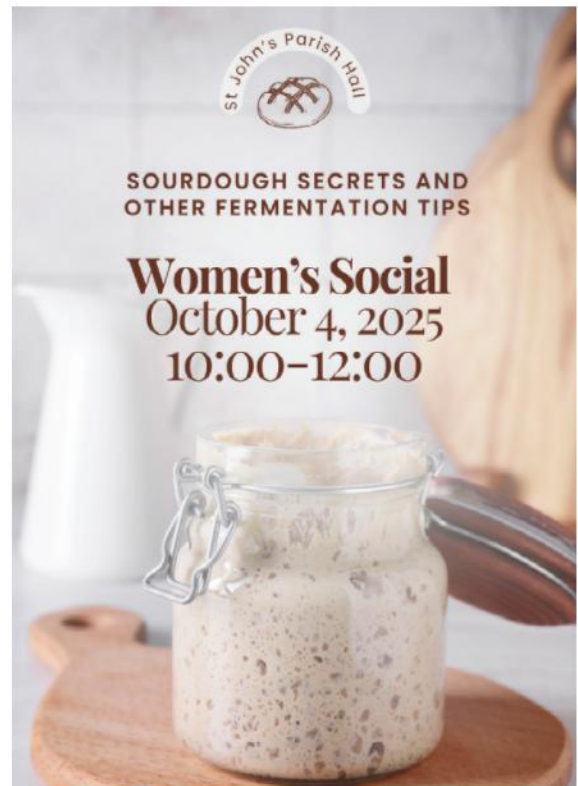
Contemplate the Life of Jesus through our 4-5 week book series on Luke In the Land, followed by Season 5 of the "The Chosen".

Contact Kathy Kidd (850) 814-7747 or Martha Cordell (850) 814-4619 for more info!

CCW Seminarian Saturday

Oct 4 | Sts. Peter & Paul

Join the women of the CCW on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for a day of reflection. The day will include Mass at 11am and two talks by Seminarian Jose Cortez. Light lunch at 12 pm. No cost - bring a friend!



MEN'S MINISTRIES

Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Mondays | 7-7:50am

Starbucks on US-98 & R. Jackson

Join the men of St. John for fellowship and Bible Study before the workday starts! For more information, contact Curt Simmons at (615) 617-9119.

Men's Bible Study Fall 2025

In the Parish Office

Men's Bible Study is starting up again for the Fall. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801.

St. John Men's Club

New Members Welcome!

The Men's Club is an active group with a heart for supporting the parish and its various ministries. Contact Dr. Lee Fry at (850) 867-3916 for more information and to join this group of men dedicated to service and brotherhood!



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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

†Thomas Towns, †Elisabeth Ryals, †Jimmie Carroll,
†Richard Parker, †Ginny Maceluch

Healing

Michelle DeAbate, Joseph Cruz, John Camden,
Anita Thomas

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:30pm.....Seminarians

Sunday, September 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, September 29, 2025

8:15am.....Fr. Pete Zalewski by the Blomquist Family

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

5:30pm.....†Mary Kay Collins

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8:15am.....†Gwendolyn Schatti

Thursday, October 2, 2025

5:30pm.....Sanctification of Priests

Friday, October 3, 2025

8:15am.....The Cause of the Martyrs
of La Florida

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00am.....Deacon Earl Mirus (Happy Birthday!)
by Chuck & Charlotte Dickey

4:30pm.....People of the Parish

Sunday, October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....†Eugene DeNoyer by His Family

10:45am.....†Virginia Quiroga by Lucy Rodriguez

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 28, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

Mon Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tues Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wed Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thurs Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Sat Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10



September 29, 2025



EAGLE NEWS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 10 th -	Early Release, End of First 9 weeks - Parent Conferences No Aftercare Available
Monday, October 13 th -	Columbus Day - Academy and Preschool Closed
Friday, October 17 th -	1st Quarter Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
Friday, October 31 st -	All Saints Fest 2 pm to 5pm No Aftercare Available

Be on Time

Know when you are expected, plan accordingly, and communicate if you know you're not going to make it on time.

MANNER OF THE WEEK

The virtue of RESPONSIBILITY

DEFINITION OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Fulfilling one's just duties; accepting the consequences of one's words and actions, intentional and unintentional

PRAYER FOR RESPONSIBILITY: Dear Jesus, please help me to be faithful in all the duties You have entrusted to me this day, fulfilling each with great care and love!

RESPONSIBILITY LOOKS LIKE:

- Keeping your room clean
- Bringing your folder to school each day
- Taking your homework home

RESPONSIBILITY SOUNDS LIKE:

- I cleaned my room.
- I remembered to bring my folder to school.
- I brought my homework home.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual WALKATHON Holy Steps, BIG HEARTS

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- Psalm 119:105

November 21st

Interested in becoming a sponsor?
Please email
Development@sjseagles.org!



JOIN US

All Saints Fest

Friday, October 31, 2025
2 pm to 5 pm

Join us on the PE Field for a safe and enclosed celebration filled with food, fun, and community spirit.

Bounce Houses
Games
Food
Music

Want to help?
Email development@sjseagles.org.

Contact Us:

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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@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 **October 4th**.

Young Professional Fellowship

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



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