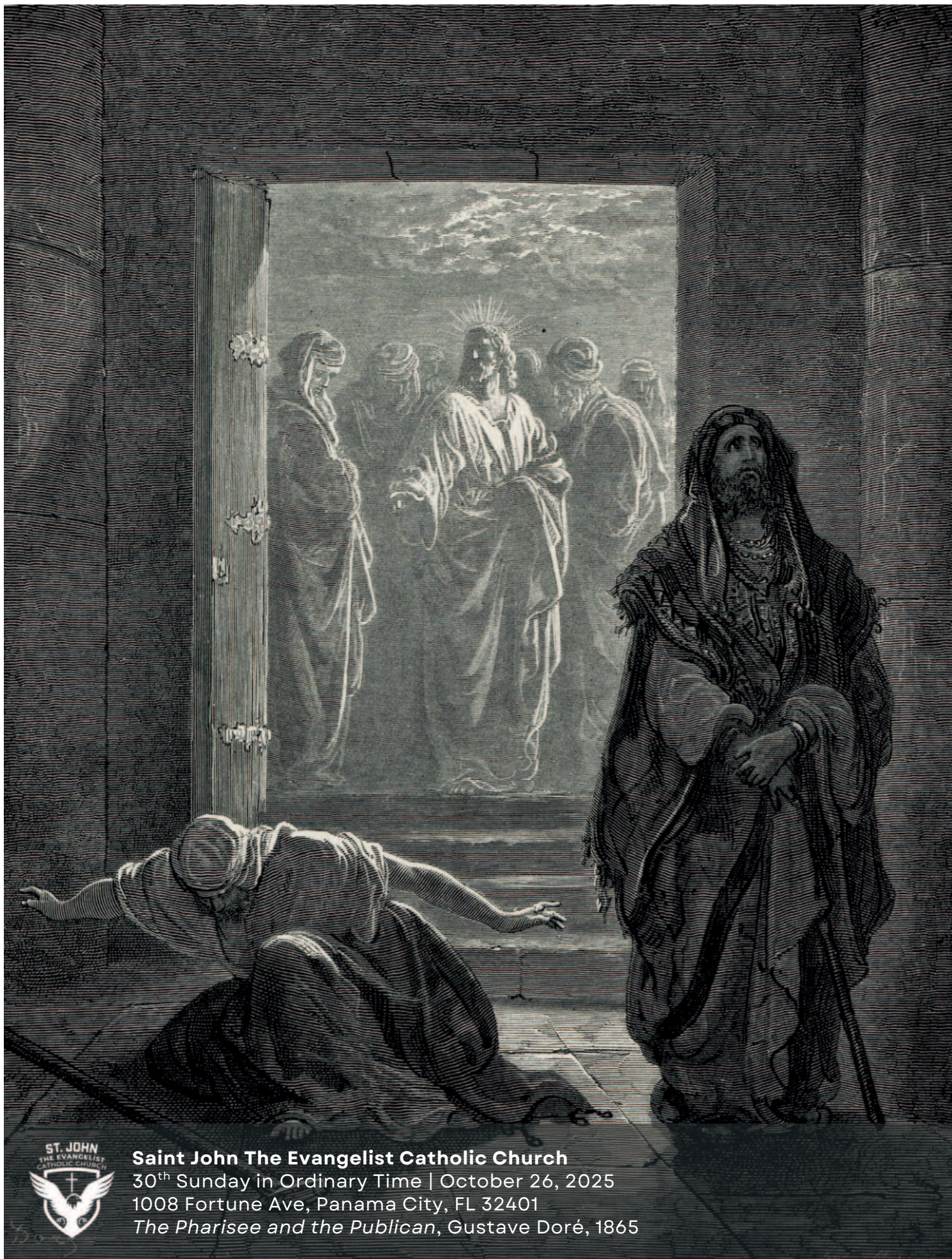




Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 26, 2025

1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401

The Pharisee and the Publican, Gustave Doré, 1865

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 message or email announcements

Parish Council

Christine Macejka	Diane Skoriak	Steve Shea
Olivia Clemons	Marilyn Percy	Rob Griffith
John Maceluch Jr.	Lonn Blankenship	

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

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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

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DINNER/DANCE FUNDRAISER REPORT AND THANKSGIVING

I would like to thank everyone who came and supported the fundraiser event last weekend. Because of your generous support we were able to meet our goal to purchase new altar linens.

A big 'thank you' to the Young Professionals group. You went above and beyond in helping. Thank you also to Heather, Cheryl, Susie, Melody, Dan, and Beverly. Your hard work made this fundraiser a great success. Without your help we would not have met our goal. And a huge thank you to the Warner's, Brudnicki's, Phillip's, Beverly Bland, and Christine Macejka. Your generous donations made all of this possible. May God bless all of you.

- Donna Harden

A Note From Father Kennell: As Donna said, thank you to all who came to celebrate and support. I am incredibly blessed by this community. It is an honor to be your pastor. I would also like to extend a great thanks to Donna herself who spearheaded this event. Your love and dedication to the parish is beautiful. Thank you Donna!

- Fr. Kennell

On the Cover | "The Pharisee and the Publican" by Gustave Doré

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus presents a striking parable that contrasts two very different approaches to prayer: one from a proud Pharisee and the other from a humble tax collector. The Pharisee, confident in his own righteousness, boasts of his religious observance, while the tax collector, standing at a distance, cannot even lift his eyes to heaven. Instead, he pleads, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Lk 18:13). Jesus ends the parable with a profound truth: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 18:14). This passage invites us to examine the posture of our hearts in prayer: are we seeking to impress God or to receive His mercy?

Gustave Doré's 19th-century engraving *The Pharisee and the Publican* masterfully captures this spiritual contrast in black and white. Doré, a prolific French illustrator and engraver, was known for his dramatic and deeply expressive Biblical illustrations, particularly in his work for *La Sainte Bible* published in 1866. The engraving medium, an intricate and precise art form, serves to sharpen the visual dichotomy: the Pharisee is elevated, eyes raised in proud confidence, while the tax collector is bowed low, wrapped in sorrow and humility. The starkness of the black-and-white image highlights the moral clarity of Jesus' teaching: true holiness is found not in outward displays, but in a contrite heart.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "humility is the foundation of prayer" (CCC 2559). Like the tax collector, we must recognize our need for God's mercy before we can truly encounter His grace. The Pharisee's prayer, while outwardly devout, is inwardly self-centered; he measures himself against others rather than against God's holiness. By contrast, the tax collector, despised in society, is justified before God because he places his trust in divine mercy. His prayer echoes the heart of the Jesus Prayer, a tradition in Christian spirituality: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Doré's engraving invites us not only to look at the figures but to locate ourselves in the scene. At different moments in life, we may resemble either the Pharisee or the tax collector. Pride can subtly infiltrate even our religious practices, making us believe we earn God's favor. Yet Scripture and tradition remind us that justification is a gift, not a reward. As St. Augustine once said, "God gives where He finds empty hands." It is the open, humble heart that becomes fertile ground for grace.

This week, let us take time in prayer to echo the words of the tax collector. Let us come before God not with self-assurance, but with trust in His mercy. As we approach the altar at Mass, may we do so in the spirit of humility, praying with confidence in the One who came "not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mk 2:17). And may Doré's powerful image remain with us, a visual call to deeper repentance, gratitude, and authentic prayer.

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Baby Bottle Drive

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Throughout October, Knights of Columbus will distribute baby bottles after weekend Masses. Fill a bottle with change, cash, or checks to support the Pregnancy Resource Center. Donations may also be made via the QR code:



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays 9:30-10:30am | 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

Return Boxes by end of October

Many thanks to all who picked up a Box of Joy. Filling that box for your special child is such a gift. Before closing your box feel free to add a card, letter, or coloring page along with a silent prayer for the child who will receive your goodie box. Please return boxes no later than the end of October. Our Box of Joy Committee will pack all boxes for shipping on November 4th.

Serve Saturdays

Next Date | Nov 8

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

CCW Holiday Candy Sale

Nov 8 & 9 | After All Masses

St. John CCW will be selling a variety of homemade candy with proceeds benefitting Hugs for the Homeless and Association of St. Jude. Samples of Martha Washington, white chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate fudge and chocolate covered peanuts will be available when orders are taken Nov. 8 & 9. Small boxes are \$12, and large boxes are \$20. Candy will be distributed after all Masses on December 7 & 8. Contact: Susie Prather (281) 844-0844.

Parish Picnic

Sunday November 30th

Mark your calendars now for this parish family event! If anyone has time, talent, or treasure to share as we coordinate the picnic, please let Heather know by calling the parish office at (850) 763-1821.

Events this Week

Sunday, October 26

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

9:30am - Coffee & Donuts after Masses in the parish hall

Tuesday, October 28

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

6:15pm - Encounter School in the church

Wednesday, October 29

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

6:00pm - YPF Bible Study in parish office

Saturday, November 1 - Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

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

9:00am - Latin Novus Ordo Mass

10:00am - 12:00pm - Women's Social in parish hall

Sunday, November 2

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

9:30-10:30am - Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club in the parish hall

Note About All Saints' Day:

Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025

There will be First Saturday Latin Novus Ordo Mass at 9am on Saturday, November 1st, but this is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Young Professional Fellowship

Upcoming Events

10/29 - Bible Study, "I Am Statements" at 6pm in the parish office

Serve the Lord at Mass

Audio-Visual Volunteers Needed!

Our A/V volunteers display text for participation at Mass. Training is provided, and it is all done through the click of a button. Contact Andy at (850) 241-5131. Opportunity open to teens!



BIBLE STUDIES

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.

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!

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.



NOW HIRING

EXPERIENCED PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Do you have a heart for children and a gift for teaching? We're looking for an experienced preschool teacher to join our community.

Share your skills, creativity, and love of learning while helping little ones grow in knowledge and faith.

- Preschool/early childhood teaching experience required
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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

†Ginny Maceluch, †Muguette Roy Hardee

Healing

John Camden, Lyn Okolish, Kevin Kiple, John Caister, Richard LeFils

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, October 25, 2025

4:30pm.....†Mike Skoriak by Diane Skoriak

Sunday, October 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, October 27, 2025

8:15am.....†Thomas Derbes by Karen McElheney

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

5:30pm.....†Mary Kay Collins by
John & Jacque Wyatt

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

8:15am.....†Zoe Fidelis Labrie by
Chris & Ed McCormick

Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:30pm.....†Al Kidd by
Christine & Edward Macejka

Friday, October 31, 2025

8:15am.....†Gary Rosek by Joyce Dewey Soares

Saturday, November 1, 2025

9:00am.....Richard & Lucy Rodriguez,
Happy Anniversary!

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

Sunday, November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:15am.....†Deceased Parishioners

10:45am.....Clergy and Religious of St. John's

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 26, 2025

Sun Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18;

Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18;

Lk 18:9-14

Mon Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
Lk 13: 10-17

Tues **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**
Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wed Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thurs Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;
Lk 13:31-35

Friday Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Sat **Solemnity of All Saints**

Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1

Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sun **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or

Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40



This week's altar flowers are placed in loving memory of Mike Skoriak.



October 27, 2025



EAGLE NEWS

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

HELPFUL REMINDER: PLEASE PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS BY THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH! PRE-ORDERING YOUR TICKETS WILL MAKE THE TIME MORE ENJOYABLE FOR ALL!

SJCA All Saints Festival

OCTOBER 31, 2025 2:00PM - 5:00PM

Parents are invited to meet their student at the field starting at 2:00 p.m., no later than 3:00 p.m.

Students registered to be picked up in carline will remain on campus until 2:50 p.m.

Food will be served starting at 3pm!

PRE-BUY TICKETS NOW FOR FOOD, GAMES, BOUNCE HOUSES, AND MUCH MORE!



Macaroni Cups	\$2.00
Hot Dogs	\$1.00
Berry and Feta Salad	\$2.00
Chips	\$1.00
Cotton Candy	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Coke, Sprite, Water	\$1.00
Bounce House Tickets	\$1.00

PLEASE SEND AN YOUR PRE-ORDER FORM AND AN ENVELOPE OR ZIPLOC BAG WITH YOUR STUDENT CONTAINING THE EXACT CHANGE NEEDED TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN BUNDLES OF 5, 10, AND 20. CASH OR CHECK ONLY — NO LOOSE CHANGE, PLEASE.

Friday, October 31st -

All Saints Fest 2 pm to 5pm
No Aftercare Available

Monday, November 10th - Veterans Day Program at 1pm followed by a military family reception in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day Observance (Campus Closed - Preschool Closed)



Thanksgiving Break starts Monday, November 24th



SITTING POSTURE

Sit with your back to the chair.
Pay attention to your hands.
Don't cross your arms.

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVE(D)
GRATEFUL FOR THEIR COURAGE



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025
1PM TO 2PM IN THE CHURCH

MILITARY FAMILIES AND THEIR STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM

SCAN HERE
TO RSVP YOUR
MILITARY FAMILY:



The virtue of Industriousness

DEFINITION OF INDUSTRIOUSNESS:

Careful and persistent work or effort

PRAYER FOR INDUSTRIOUSNESS:

Heavenly Father, Help me to use my time well. Give me the grace to do all for Your greater glory.

INDUSTRIOUSNESS LOOKS LIKE:

- Diligently completing your homework
- Working to complete your duties

INDUSTRIOUSNESS SOUNDS LIKE:

- I need to stay focused and finish my homework.
- I will finish studying for my test.



Contact Us:

850.763.1775



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@stjohncatholicacademy



StJohnCatholicAcademy.org
Office@SJSEagles.org

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.



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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