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**Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 8, 2026**  
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401  
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# 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@saintjohnpc.org](mailto:confession@saintjohnpc.org). Emails are confidential and go directly to Fr. Kennell*

### Flocknote

### Text STJ to 84576

Receive text message or email announcements

### Parish Council

Steve Shea, Chair	Brett McCarty	Kathy Kidd
John Maceluch, Jr.	Kelly Bernhardt	Jerry Kelly
Anita Thomas	Jim Blanchet	

# SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

### Children | Through 5th Grade

**Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis**  
[jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org](mailto: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

**Dot Wagner | Youth Formation**  
[youth@saintjohnpc.org](mailto:youth@saintjohnpc.org)

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

### Adults | 18+

**Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor**  
[catholicism@saintjohnpc.org](mailto: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

\*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

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Dear Parish Family & Friends,

I am pleased to share an update on our Parish Council here at St. John's. This fall we have continued the important work of re-establishing the council, and I am grateful to welcome our new members: Kelly Bernhardt, Jim Blanchet, Jerry Kelly, Kathy Kidd, Brett McCarty, and Anita Thomas. I thank them for their willingness to serve our parish with generosity and prayer.

I am also deeply thankful to the parishioners who helped get the council up and running again. Our continuing members include Olivia Clemons, Rob Griffith, Christine Macejka, John Maceluch Jr., Marilyn Percy, and Steve Shea, with Steve serving as Chair during this transition period. John Maceluch Jr. will complete his term alongside the new members. Our plan is for new and outgoing members to meet together through the spring to ensure a smooth transition as the new council finds its footing and elects officers. We've already had one successful meeting together in January.

I encourage you to get to know our Parish Council members and to feel free to share your thoughts, hopes, and experiences with them. Your voice matters, and the council exists to help ensure those voices are heard. Please keep all of our council members—new and continuing—in your prayers as they serve. I am grateful for their generosity and for the many ways God continues to bless our parish through their service and collaboration.

Peace,

Fr. Kennell



## LENTEN FORMATION SERIES | FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

### Lenten Dinner

#### February 20th | 5:30-6:15pm in the Parish Hall

Join us the Fridays of Lent for a simple soup supper from 5:30–6:15pm, followed by formation and prayer for all ages.

### Lenten Formation Series

#### February 20th | 6:15-7:15pm in the Church

Join us after dinner for a special evening of formation and prayer from 6:15–7:15pm.

On the first Friday of Lent, we will gather in the church for a brief teaching on the **Stations of the Cross**, followed by praying the Stations together as a parish community. This evening is designed to form and encourage our parish family to enter more deeply into this traditional Lenten devotion and to equip you to pray the Stations throughout Lent, whether with us as a community on Fridays at 5pm or at home as a family.

In the weeks that follow, our Friday evenings will continue as a school of prayer, with a brief, practical teaching on methods of prayer followed by extended Eucharistic Adoration.

Age-appropriate formation will take place simultaneously each Friday for K-5, middle school, and high school students, along with childcare for our youngest parishioners.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### Wednesday Feb. 18th



### MASSES

**8:15am**

**12:00pm**

**5:30pm**

# UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

## St. John's Is Hiring

### Director of Facilities

The Director of Facilities is responsible for the oversight of all facilities for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Academy. This role manages the facilities team, oversees maintenance and landscaping operations, and leads all capital improvement, renovation, and expansion projects. Skills and experience include project management, planning, budgeting, and coordination with contractors and stakeholders to support long-term growth. To inquire or to apply, please email [jobs@saintjohnpc.org](mailto:jobs@saintjohnpc.org).

## CCW Bake Sale

### After all Masses | Feb 7 & 8

CCW is holding a Bake Sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Enjoy baked goods with proceeds benefitting Catholic Relief Services.

## Piece Makers Crafting Group

### Feb 14 | 10am

We meet in the parish hall to craft items for a later parish fundraiser. Contact: Susie Prather at (281) 844-0844. Ages 18+.

## Peru Mission Trip

### Planning Now for May 1-9

Adults, and high schoolers with an adult, are invited to serve the poor in Pamplona, Peru. Requires good physical health and ability for manual labor. Contact: Seminarian Jose Cortez at [jose@saintdominicpc.com](mailto:jose@saintdominicpc.com)

## CCW Scholarship for Peru Mission Trip

### Submissions Due Feb 20

Council of Catholic Women is offering one \$1000 scholarship for any adult or teen parishioner participating in the Peru Mission Trip. To apply, submit a short essay on your desire to participate and what you expect to learn and experience, by Feb 20 to [cmccor456@gmail.com](mailto:cmccor456@gmail.com).

## Finishing Life Faithfully

### A Catholic Workshop

The Diocese is holding a new workshop opportunity on Catholic end-of-life preparation. Topics include cremation, Last Rites, advance directive, and funeral planning. The workshop is for lay faithful, caregivers, legal guardians, family members, and pastoral ministers. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch. Workshops will be held Feb 21 in Tallahassee, and April 18 in Gulf Breeze. For more details and to register, please scan the code, or visit <https://ptdiocese.org/evangelization-and-mission>.



## Events this Week

### Sunday, February 8

**Second Chance Sunday** - Confessions after Masses  
9:30am - OCIA in the parish office  
9:30am - Coffee & Donuts - In parish hall after both Masses

### Tuesday, February 10

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in parish office  
6:15pm - Encounter School of Ministry in church

### Wednesday, February 11

9:30am - Women's Bible Study in parish office  
6:00pm - Confirmation Preparation in parish office  
6:30pm - Men's Bible Study in parish office

### Saturday, February 14

9:00am - Audio-Visual Training in the Church building  
10:00am - Piece Makers Craft Group in parish hall

### Sunday, February 15

9:30am - OCIA in the parish office  
9:30am - First Communion Class in parish office  
9:30am - Coffee & Donuts - In parish hall after both Masses

## Audio-Visual Volunteers Needed

### Serve the Lord at Mass

This role projects the text during Mass by following the Mass and clicking a mouse. If interested, please speak with our music director, Me-Gan, the A/V tech after Mass, or contact the parish office. Training will be held on Saturday, Feb 14 at 9am in the church. Ages 14+.

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

### Sundays 9:30-10:30am | Parish Office

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

## First Communion Preparation

### For Grades 2-5

Classes have begun! Contact Jera at [jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org](mailto:jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org) for more details and to register.

## Confirmation Preparation

### For Grades 6-8

Confirmation classes have begun! Next meeting is Feb 11. Contact: Dot at [youth@saintjohnpc.org](mailto:youth@saintjohnpc.org).

## Tax Statements

### Available by Request

St. John sends end-of-year donation statements by request only. Please call or email the parish office.

## Catholic Charities Food Pantry

### Your generosity helps local families!

Thank you to all who have given and continue to give! Food items may be placed in the wagon in the church entryway. Please scan the code for more details.



# BIBLE STUDIES

## Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30pm | Parish Office

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 for more information. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Come join us.

## Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Join us weekly on Wednesday mornings for our new study based around *Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This*. Join us to read, discuss, and grow closer to the Lord. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

## Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Mondays | 7-7:50am

Join men from St. John at Starbucks on US-98 & R. Jackson for spiritual growth and fellowship. We use Exodus 90, a spiritual program with a phone app that provides a daily Bible reading and reflection and offers practical guidelines for living as a Christian man. Contact Curt Simmons (615) 617-9119.

## Join us in Prayer

To add anyone to the prayer list, please visit [saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request](http://saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request). Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.

## Mass Intentions

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

### Saturday, February 7, 2026

9:00am....†Susan Peterson  
by Manny & Susan Llorca  
4:30pm....†Muguette Hardee by Connie Bane

### Sunday, February 8, 2026

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:15am....†Anna Yaniec by Ann Harnage  
10:45am...People of the Parish

### Monday, February 9, 2026

8:15am....Pope Leo XIV

### Tuesday, February 10, 2026

5:30pm....†Muguette Hardee by Connie Bane

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

8:15am....†Pamela M. Trompeter

### Thursday, February 12, 2026

5:30pm....†Muguette Roy Hardee  
by Fred & Mona Thornburgh

### Friday, February 13, 2026

8:15am....Bishop Wack

### Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:30pm....†Jimmie Carroll  
by John & Jacque Wyatt

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:15am....People of the Parish  
10:45am...†Ginnie Maceluch  
by John & Jacque Wyatt



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## Repose of the Soul

†Terry Jack, †Dolores Del Monego, †Jack Donlon

## Healing

Robert Bazemore, Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto, James Moloney, Judy Pluard, Patricia Schenk

## Scripture Readings, Week of Feb 8, 2026

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
<b>Mon</b>	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin</b> 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wed</b>	1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Th</b>	Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Fri</b>	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</b> 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



# EAGLE NEWS

February 9, 2026



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> -

Presidents' day (Academy closed, Preschool Closed)

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> -

Ash Wednesday | School wide retreat | Lent begins

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> -

Terra Nova testing window

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> -  
Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> -



Spring Picture Day - PK4 & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cap and Gown photos will be taken as well as individual photos



**The virtue of**

## Courtesy

### DEFINITION OF COURTESY:

Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness

### PRAYER FOR COURTESY:

Dear Jesus, help me to show respect toward others in my words, manners, and body language.

### COURTESY LOOKS LIKE:

- Letting others go first
- Making eye contact
- Holding the door for another

### COURTESY SOUNDS LIKE:

- You can go ahead of me.
- You can ask your question first.
- Let me hold the door for you.



### When to say, "Thanks"

When someone gives you something, someone arranges something for you, or you are invited into someone's home.



Contact Us:

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## TERRA NOVA TESTING WINDOW

February 17<sup>th</sup> thru March 6<sup>th</sup>

Please help your child prepare by ensuring plenty of rest the night before, a balanced breakfast, and arrival at school on time.

Happy St. Valentine's Day

February 14, 2026

St. Valentine was a priest who showed great love for God and others, reminding us that true love is rooted in kindness, faith, and caring for one another.



Our Lost and Found is filling up. Please stop by the school office to check for any missing jackets, sweaters, or personal items, and remember to label all belongings to help them make their way back home.



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## 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

Kim Epperson.....850-455-1234

## 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.*

## 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

## Ministry to the Sick

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

## Morning Rosary

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

## Rachel's Vineyard

904-221-3232.....rachelsvineyard.org

*Retreats for women and men looking to renew hearts broken by abortion*

## 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.



## The Third Option

*A program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish. For more details, please visit baythirdoption.com.*

## Women's Morning Bible Study

Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747

Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619

*Meets in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am, now studying "Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This".*

## Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org

*Typically on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon in the parish hall. The next social is February 7<sup>th</sup>.*

## Young Professional

### Fellowship

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