**Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church**
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | August 2, 2026
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# WHO WE ARE

**Rev. Jacob Jaks, 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 | 4:30-5:00pm
Saturdays | 3:00-4:00pm
Second Sundays | After Sunday Masses
*To confidentially schedule a confession, email Fr. Jacob at confession@saintjohnpc.org*

## Flocknote

**Text STJ to 84576**
Receive text message or email announcements

## Parish Council

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| Kelly Bernhardt | Kathy Kidd | Brett McCarty |
| Jim Blanchet | Jerry Kelly | Anita Thomas |

## Register as a Member

**Contact the Parish Office**
To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office.

## Parish Office

**Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm**
**850-763-1821 | saintjohnpc@saintjohnpc.org**
Jera Blanchard-Towns | Family & Children's Catechesis
Chris Dinote | Catholic Cemetery Administrator
Grace Griffith | Secretary
Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator
Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations
Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager
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@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**
Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

## Adults | 18+

**Fr. Jacob Jaks | 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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# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Learn More About Our 2026-2027 Offerings

Calling all parents! We have a lot of exciting new offerings starting soon for families, children, and teens. Want to learn more? Scan the code(s) below to receive news for the ministries you're interested in!

### Baptismal Prep

For infants through age seventeen.

### Family Faith Formation

Wednesday Night formation for the whole family!

### First Communion Prep

Classes begin August 26th for children ages five to seventeen.

### Catholic Student Ministry

Middle School and High School gatherings begin in September.

### Confirmation Prep

Classes begin August 26th for children ages five to seventeen.

**CSM Middle School**

**CSM High School**

# SERVE AT THE PARISH

## Interested in Getting Involved?

The celebration of the Mass is the heart of our parish life, and it takes many people serving faithfully behind the scenes to make our liturgies prayerful, beautiful, and welcoming.

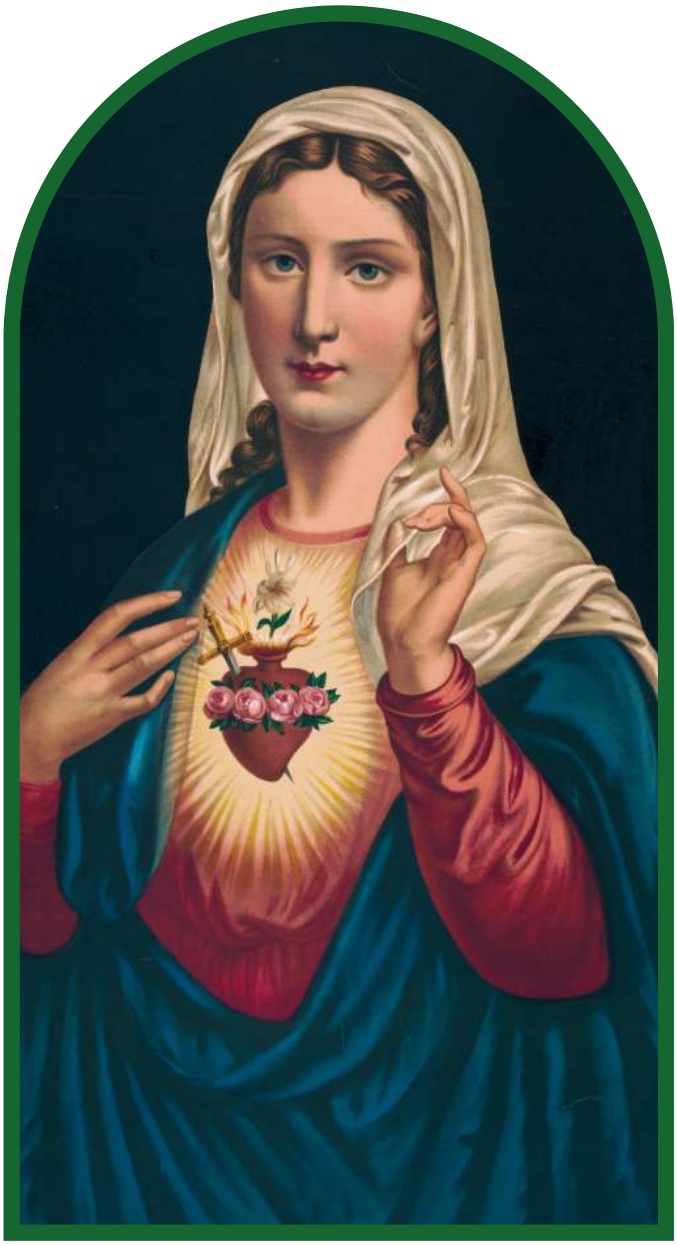
Whether you enjoy serving visibly or quietly in the background, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of our liturgical ministry teams. Training is provided, and we welcome both experienced volunteers and those who are serving for the first time. We work with each volunteer's availability to create ministry schedules that fit your life and commitments. If you are interested in serving or learning more, please email Nick Labrie at nick.labrie@saintjohnpc.org.

**Liturgical Ministry Opportunities**

- A/V Ministry
- Altar Servers *(male only)*
- Choir
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)
- Lectors
- Sacristans
- Ushers

# THE MONTH OF AUGUST

## Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Throughout the Church's liturgical year, certain months have long been dedicated to particular mysteries of our faith or to the lives of the saints. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, inviting us to contemplate the heart of the Blessed Virgin as the perfect model of faith, love, and discipleship. Mary's heart was wholly given to God, pondering His Word, trusting His providence, and remaining steadfast at the foot of the Cross. In honoring her Immaculate Heart, we are not worshipping Mary, but asking her to lead us more deeply into the heart of her Son, Jesus Christ.

Images of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are rich with spiritual symbolism. Her heart is often shown pierced by a sword, recalling Simeon's prophecy that "a sword will pierce your own soul" (Luke 2:35) and pointing to the profound suffering Mary endured as she united herself to the saving work of her Son. The heart is frequently encircled with roses, a sign of her purity, beauty, and the joy of her virtues. Flames rising from the heart symbolize her ardent love for God and for all humanity, while the radiant light surrounding it reminds us that Mary's heart was completely filled with God's grace from the first moment of her conception. Together, these symbols reveal a heart that loved perfectly, suffered faithfully, and remained entirely devoted to God's will.

The Scriptures offer us glimpses into Mary's interior life. St. Luke tells us that Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Her heart was a place of attentive listening, prayerful contemplation, and complete surrender to God's will. Even amid uncertainty and suffering, Mary remained faithful because her heart was firmly anchored in the Lord. The Catechism reminds us that Mary is the Church's preeminent member and model of faith (CCC 967), showing every Christian what it means to receive God's grace and respond with trust.

This month provides an opportunity to grow in devotion to Our Lady by praying the Rosary, meditating on the mysteries of Christ through Mary's eyes, or consecrating ourselves more fully to Jesus through her maternal care. As our spiritual mother, Mary continually intercedes for us, helping us to become more faithful disciples. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspire each of us to cultivate hearts that are humble, obedient, and filled with love for God, so that, like her, we may joyfully proclaim, "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

## Want to grow in your understanding/relationship with Mary?

***33 Days to Morning Glory*** **- Fr. Michael Gaitley |** A devotional to help grow closer to Jesus through Mary.
***Hail, Holy Queen*** **- Scott Hahn |** Discover how Mary fits into the story of salvation.
***Redemptoris Mater*** **- St. John Paul II |** A beautiful reflection on Mary's faith and how she leads us to Christ.
***Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*** **- Brant Pitre |** See how the Bible reveals the Church's Marian teachings.
***Behold Your Mother*** **- Tim Staples |** A clear and engaging explanation of what Catholics believe about Mary.

# UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

## Installation Mass

**With Appreciation**

Many thanks to everyone who attended Father Jacob's Installation Mass with Bishop Wack last Sunday and to all who made our reception celebration beautiful and welcoming.

## Fellowship Breakfast

**This Sunday | 9:30am**

The monthly fellowship breakfast hosted by the St. John Men's Club returns this Sunday, August 2nd. Enjoy a complete breakfast with your parish family. Donations support parish ministries. The Men's Club warmly welcomes new or prospective members to their fraternal organization. If interested, please speak to any member at the breakfast.

## First Friday

**August 7**

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Friday, August 7th, from 9am-5pm. The sign up sheet for Adoration will be available in the narthex this weekend. Come spend time with Our Lord.

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Inquire Now**

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

## 2026 Liturgical Ministers Retreat

The Office of Liturgy is hosting a day of reflection for all liturgical ministers: sacristans, ushers, greeters, altar servers, readers, music ministry, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We will spend the day reflecting on the Eucharistic liturgy and Sacraments, as well as the dignity of our ministries in service to all encountering Jesus. Updates will be provided for new guidelines for communion ministry.

All minors must be accompanied by an adult.
Light breakfast and lunch included.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church**
5622 Julie Dr, Panama City, FL 32404
9:00am – 1:00pm (local time)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
Scan the QR code
or visit https://ptdiocese.org/liturgy

For more information, contact Dr. Christopher Gawel
(850) 304-7580 • gawelc@ptdiocese.org

## Events this Week

**Sunday, August 2**
**No OCIA class** - upcoming dates announced soon
**9:30am** - Fellowship Breakfast in the parish hall

**Tuesday, August 4**
**6:15pm** - Catholic in Recovery in the parish office

**Friday, August 7**
**9:00am - 5:00pm** - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

**Sunday, August 9**
**Second Chance Sunday** - Confession available after the Sunday Morning Masses
**No OCIA class** - upcoming dates announced soon
**9:30am** - Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall

## Altar Flowers

**August 1 & 2**

This weekend's Altar Flowers are placed by Diane Skoriak in loving memory of John & Murial Daly.

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of August

**For Evangelization in the City**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

## From the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**With Thanks**

Thank you for your generosity toward our backpack project. With your help, we were able to fill almost 100 backpacks for school children this year. The excitement on their faces when they opened their backpacks was priceless. The parents were so very grateful for the help in getting their children ready for school.

## Confirmation 2026

**Grades 5-12**

The new date for Confirmation at St. John the Evangelist is Sunday, October 4 at 10:45am.
For more information and to register your child for Confirmation preparation, please contact Dot as soon as possible at youth@saintjohnpc.org.

## We're Hiring

**Housekeeping & Childcare Ministry**

St. John is searching for a full-time housekeeper to keep our school and parish beautiful, and part-time childcare providers for Wednesday nights beginning in late August. Interested or know someone who is? Email us at office@saintjohnpc.org for more information.

# BIBLE STUDIES

## Women's Bible Study

**Starting September 2nd**

Join us for our fall semester of Bible Study, starting on September 2. We will be studying *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* by Edward Sri. We meet in the parish office on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

## Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**Now on Summer Break**

Thank you to all who participated this semester. We look forward to continuing Bible Study following our summer break. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 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, reflection, and practical guidelines for living as a Christian man**.** Contact Curt Simmons (615) 617-9119.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## Join us in Prayer

*To add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.*

**Repose of the Soul**

†Steve McNeil, †Sylvia McNeil, †Nelson Chavarro, †Dorothy Ott, †Jim Johnson, †Michi Brown, †Teena Lang, †Jerry Radtke

**Healing**

Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto, Sally Harlowe, Marie Good, Dan Mixdorf, Dean Tucker, Don C.

## Mass Intentions

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

**Saturday, August 1, 2026**
9:00am...†Zoe Labrie by Her Family
4:30pm...People of the Parish
**Sunday, August 2, 2026**
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:15am....Fr. Jacob & Diocesan Clergy by CCW
10:45am..†John Alexander Cartier by Jan & Olga Cartier
**Monday, August 3, 2026**
8:15am....†Linda Capps
**Tuesday, August 4, 2026**
5:30pm....Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood
**Wednesday, August 5, 2026**
8:15am....Paeter Labrie by Nick Labrie
**Thursday, August 6, 2026**
5:30pm....†Charles Timm by Beth & Dale Owen
**Friday, August 7, 2026**
8:15am...Sanctification of Priests
**Saturday, August 8, 2026**
4:30pm...†Helen Sabo by the Turner Family
**Sunday, August 9, 2026**
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:15am....People of the Parish
10:45am..†Maureen Nygard by John Nygard

## Scripture Readings, Week of August 2, 2026

**Sun** **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

**Mon** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

**Tue** **Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest**
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wed** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thur** **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**Fri** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

**Sat** **Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest**
Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20

**Sun** **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

# 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**
Kim Epperson.....812-455-1234

**Carmelites**
Angie Cirabisi.....317-526-8614

**Catholic Cemetery**
Chris DiNote.....(850) 786-2965
cemetery@saintjohnpc.org

**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**
Cheryl Wilson.....706-341-2579

**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*

**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. **We look forward to starting Bible Study again on September 2nd.***

**Women's Socials**
heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
*Typically on the **first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon** in the parish hall. **Socials are on a summer break and will resume in the fall.***

**Young Professional Fellowship**
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