Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 19, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat, Isaac Claesz, 1614.

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 | 4:30-5:20pm
Saturdays | 3:00-4:15pm
Second Sundays | After Each Mass

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

John Maceluch, Jr. | Parish Council Chair

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
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Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager
Dot Wagner | Coordinator of Youth Formation

Bulletin Requests: Please email bulletin@saintjohnpc.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 MFrericks@Diocesan.com

St. John Catholic Academy

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Tim Wheeler	Sr. Grace Ford	Donna Couchigian

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

*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

ON THE COVER

Van Swanenburg's *Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat*

Isaac Claesz. van Swanenburg's *Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat* vividly brings Jesus' words in Matthew 13:24–30 to life. Rather than depicting a single moment, the artist unfolds the entire parable across one expansive landscape. In the foreground, laborers gather the harvest while, at the center, the master directs the weeds toward a blazing fire. To the left, the wheat is carried into the barn. This narrative composition invites us to linger, allowing the eye to move through the story just as the heart gradually comes to understand Christ's teaching.

Van Swanenburg's artistic choices deepen the Gospel's message. The master stands prominently at the center of the painting, calm and commanding amid the activity, reminding us that Christ alone is the true judge of every heart. Warm earth tones, broad skies, and the orderly rhythm of the workers emphasize that God's harvest is purposeful, not chaotic. Notice how wheat and weeds have grown side by side until the final separation. The artist resists portraying evil as overwhelming; instead, good quietly fills the landscape, reflecting Jesus' assurance that God's kingdom continues to grow even in a world marked by sin.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we are often tempted to judge before God does. Yet the Lord counsels patience, knowing that premature judgment can harm the wheat along with the weeds. Van Swanenburg's painting gently shifts our attention from the weeds to the faithful work of the harvest. Christ calls us not to fixate on the faults of others, but to remain rooted in Him, trusting that, in His time, He will reveal every hidden truth. Until then, our task is to become good grain, bearing fruit for the Kingdom.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

Discover Pathways | Family Faith Formation Open Houses

Pathways Open Houses
Sunday July 19
9:30–10:30 AM | Parish Hall

Parents of children ages 5+ are invited to discover Pathways, our new Family Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep program. Join us for a brief overview of the program, explore the materials your family will use throughout the year, ask questions, and register your family. We look forward to helping your family grow in faith together.

PATHWAYS
formation suite

Pathways launches August 26th. Come learn more or find info and registration online at saintjohnpc.org. Questions? Email Jera at jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org.

·SEEK·
FOR FAMILIES

4 *At-Church* Sessions
Wednesdays Beginning
August 26th

ROOT
FOR FAMILIES

Mix of *At-Church* & *At-Home* Sessions
September - December

January And On...

Continued Pathways Based on Your Family's Stage and Sacramental Readiness

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Summer Inquiry Series

Wednesday, July 22

It's not too late to join our Summer Inquiry Series! Whether you're exploring Christianity, curious about the Catholic faith, or returning to the Church after time away, you're warmly invited to attend. Led by Nick Labrie, each evening runs from 6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall and includes a brief presentation on the faith, an opportunity to ask questions, and a simple invitation into prayer.

Installation Mass

July 26

At the 10:45 Mass next Sunday, July 26, Bishop Wack will install Father Jacob Jaks as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist. A reception will follow in the parish hall. To allow for reception preparation, coffee and donuts will not be held next Sunday, July 26, but will resume the following weekend.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Upcoming Dates Announced

Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Oct 30-Nov 1 in Winter Park or Feb 12-14, 2027, in Tallahassee. For more information or for other scheduled weekends, please visit our website at wwme.org (or scan the code) or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com, or applications@FLCN-wwme.org.

Summer Youth Conferences

A Thank You from CSM

St. John Catholic Student Ministries would like thank all who have supported their summer missions through their contributions and prayers, and the CCW for their support. Our prayers continue for our parish's youth that their steps be guided by Our Lord.

Events this Week

Sunday, July 19

No OCIA class - upcoming dates announced soon
9:30am - Pathways Open House in the parish hall
9:30am - Coffee & Donuts after the 8:15 Mass only

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

6:30pm - Summer Inquiry Series in the parish hall

Sunday, July 26

No OCIA class - upcoming dates announced soon
10:45am - Installation Mass with Bishop Wack
Join us for a reception in the hall after the Installation Mass. **Please note, no coffee & donuts this day.**

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.

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.

Top Golf Fun Day & Fundraiser

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Join us September 19th from 10am-12pm at Top Golf in Pier Park for a family event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets cover 2 hours of Top Golf games for $70 each, or $125 for two tickets. Proceeds will benefit the Vestiarki Religious Sisters in Sunny Hills.
To sign up or for more information, please contact
John Andersen - phone: (850) 319-5770
email: johnboy1227@gmail.com; or,
Tom Fagan - phone: (678) 908-2530
email: tfagan456@gmail.com.
Please RSVP as soon as possible for event planning.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry Drop-Off

Located in the Narthex

Thank you to all who give to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. The green wagon in the Narthex is the drop-off point, with donations collected weekly.

Altar Flowers

July 18-19

This weekend's Altar Flowers are placed in honor of the Baptism of Henry Andrew Hunter by his sister, Abigail Hunter.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of July

For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

BACKPACK DRIVE

Society of St. Vincent de Paul | St. Dominic Conference

Join Catholics from across Panama City in providing backbacks and school supplies for families in need in Bay County. The estimated cost to fill each backpack is $60. In 2025 we served 120 students. With your help, we can do it again!

Drop Off Dates: July 4th-26th
Drop Off Locations: St. John Narthex & St. Dominic Community Center
Need a bag for your child(ren)? Call 850-955-4219 (bilingual)

Needed Supplies

Backpack at Least 18”	Ticonderoga #2 Pencils	Cap Erasers
Pink Block Erasers	Pencil Sharpener	Pens (Black, Blue, Red)
Crayola Crayons 24 ct.	Highlighters	Washable Colored Markers
Permanent Markers	Colored Pencils	Expo Markers
Scissors	Rulers	Index Cards (3x5, 4x6, 5x7)
Loose-leaf Paper Wide & College Ruled	3-Prong Plastic Folders with Pockets (Yellow, Green, Red, Blue, Black, Purple, Orange)	Spiral Notebooks (Red, Black, Green, Blue, Yellow)
Dividers (5 & 8 Tab)	Sticky Notes	Binders (1½”, 2”)
Wired Headphones	Plastic Sheet Protectors	Pencil Box/Pouch

BIBLE STUDIES

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.

Women's Bible Study

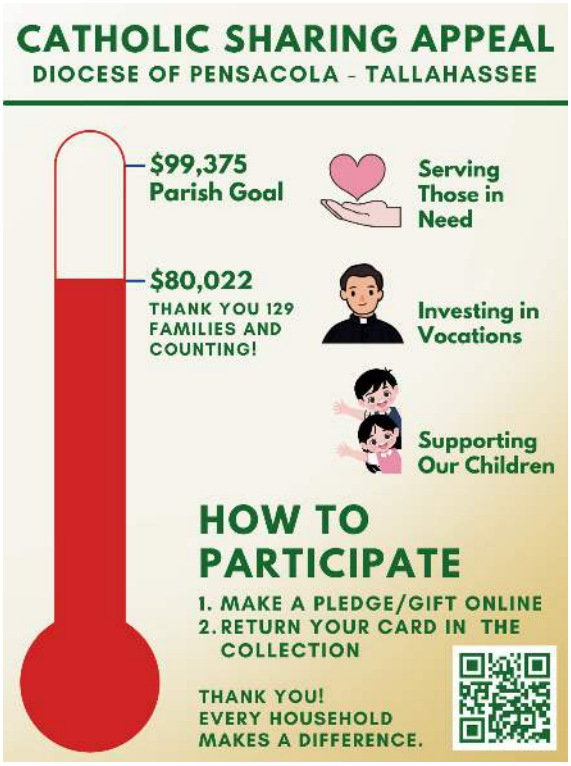
Now on Summer Break

Thank you for the wonderful spring semester of Bible Study. Please join us again after summer break (dates will be announced). 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, reflection, and 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. 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, Phi Doane, Dean Tucker, Don C.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, July 18, 2026
4:30pm...†William Thomas Brown by Anita Thomas
Sunday, July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....People of the Parish
10:45am..Fr. Jacob & Diocesan Clergy by CCW
Monday, July 20, 2026
8:15am....†Robert Garcia
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
5:30pm....†John Alexander Cartier
by Jan & Olga Cartier
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
8:15am....†John Pluard, Jr. by Chris Stott
Thursday, July 23, 2026
5:30pm....†Joan Tatum
Friday, July 24, 2026
8:15am...†Gregory Allen Ake
Saturday, July 25, 2026
4:30pm...†Helen Sabo by the Turner Family
Sunday, July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....†Margarita Hefner
10:45am..People of the Parish

Scripture Readings, Week of July 19, 2026

Sun **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Mon Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tue Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wed **Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**
Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thur Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

Fri Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Sat **Feast of Saint James, Apostle**
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Sun **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

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

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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 after summer break.***

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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