Welcome

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December 15, 2024 — **Third Sunday of Advent**

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Rev. Thomas Kennell, Pastor
Dcn. Earl Mirus
Dcn. Timothy Warner

Consecrated Life
Sr. Grace Ford, Er Dio

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:15am & 10:45am
*Livestream: 10:45am Mass on our YouTube channel

Daily Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:15am
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:30pm

First Saturdays: 9:00am
Latin *Novus Ordo*

Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil: 7:00pm
Day: 8:15am, Noon, 5:30pm

Adoration
First Fridays: 9am - 5pm

Confession
Tuesdays and Thursdays
4:30 - 5:20pm
Saturdays:
3:00 - 4:15pm
and Second Sundays after Masses

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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Parish Information

PARISH OFFICE HOURS | 9:00AM - 3:00PM | Mon - Thurs

MEMBERSHIP: We are delighted you have chosen to become a member of our parish family! Contact the parish office to register.

For up-to-date information: Sign up for **Flocknote**!
Receive text messages or emails about schedule changes & upcoming events.
Text STJ to 84576 to sign up.

Care to the Sick

Communion: We have a Care Ministry team that is available to bring communion to those that are homebound or hospitalized.

Anointing of the Sick: Are you or a loved one sick or hospitalized? This beautiful sacrament of healing is offered to bring strength to those suffering from a serious illness or condition.

Contact the parish office to arrange a visit.

Bulletin Submissions

Please submit bulletin requests to bulletin@saintjohnpc.org by noon each Monday for the upcoming weekend's bulletin.

Request a Flower Arrangement

Make any occasion extra special by placing a flower arrangement on the altar. Your flower request will be placed in the bulletin on your special day. A full arrangement is $85 with checks made out to the CCW. Contact the parish office for inquiries.

Sacramental Preparation

Children | Through 5th grade

Baptism & First Communion & Reconciliation preparations are all offered through our religious education program

Living Liturgically (Grades Kinder-5) This ministry offers liturgical formation to children to help them to grow in their faith and understanding of God's love

Contact our Religious Education Director, Charlotte Dickey, to get involved: charlotte.dickey@saintjohnpc.org

Youth | Grades 6-12

Catholic Student Ministries (CSM) offers year-round activities for middle & high school students

Confirmation prep is done through our youth program starting in 8th grade

Spring youth group is Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Dominic starting Jan. 15th

Contact our Youth Ministers, Nic & Dot Wagner, for the latest calendar or for info on confirmation: youth@saintjohnpc.org

Adults | 18+

Interested in the Catholic faith? Join our OCIA classes for an introduction to Catholicism & for sacramental prep

Holy Matrimony Contact the parish office at least 6 months before your wedding to start marriage prep

Email catholicism@saintjohnpc.org for all questions related to adult sacraments & the Catholic Faith

A Letter From Sr. Grace Ford

Third Week of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - Rejoice!!

The anticipation of Christmas is in the air at our Academy! Our 230 students and 32 teachers and aides are filled with excitement as we prepare the way of the Lord. Last Friday, we set aside our usual routine for a full-day Advent Retreat. Organized by our Mission and Catholic Identity Committee, the retreat focused on the four themes symbolized by the Advent wreath: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Through various activities, students deepened their understanding of the good news of Christ's coming and how to prepare their hearts as a home and manger for Christ.

As the largest pastoral ministry of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Academy is blessed with a dedicated faculty and staff. They are committed to our mission of preparing students for academic success and forming them as disciples of Christ for life. Each teacher nurtures their own relationship with Christ, enabling them to guide our students closer to the Lord. Please continue to pray for our teachers as they fulfill their vocation to serve our community's children.

Children are the source of so much joy during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Their innocence and excitement can help us to remember the many gifts we are offered each day: the gift of salvation, the sacramental life, and the blessing of being part of a worshipping community.

As we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, we are called and reminded to "Rejoice always," to be kind, and to let go of anxiety. How? Through prayer, petition, and thanksgiving. These lead us to true hope, peace, and joy. Just like children eagerly awaiting Christmas morning, we too can embrace the peace and joy of knowing that Christ is coming, has come, and will come again.

We are a pilgrim people, strengthened by faith to remain steadfast through the trials of life because we know that darkness is not the end of the story. The light of Christ is coming, and even now, we can rejoice!

Daily Readings for Week of Dec 15-22

Sunday	**Third Sunday of Advent** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33-2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday	**Fourth Sunday of Advent** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Events this Week

Sun 15
Coffee & Donuts **after the 8:15am Mass**
9:30am - Living Liturgically

Mon 16
6:30pm - Men's Club Meeting in Parish Office

Tues 17
6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery
6:15pm - Young Professionals Bible Study
6:30pm - OCIA

Wed 18
9:30am - Women's Bible Study
6:30pm - Men's Bible Study

Thurs 19
6pm - Advent Penance Service
Note: There will be no 4:30pm Confessions or 5:30pm Mass this day

Coffee & Donuts
Sundays after the 8:15am Mass
outside the parish hall

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: For Prilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14, 2024
4:30pm.....†Bill Cordell
Sunday, December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent
8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am.....†Jeanne Quirk by Anne Vogel
Monday, December 16, 2024
8:15am.....Those who have taken their lives
Tuesday, December 17, 2024
5:30pm.....The Family of Elisa Davis
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
8:15am.....†Kathryn Waterfield
Thursday, December 19, 2024
6:00pm.....†George Walters by John & Jacque Wyatt
Friday, December 20, 2024
8:15am.....†Richard Dinote by Christopher Dinote & the Dinote Family
Saturday, December 21, 2024
4:30pm.....†Claire Skoriak & the deceased members of the Skoriak Family by Diane Skoriak
Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:15am.....†Helen Tesero by Teresa Loanzon & Family
10:45am.....People of the Parish

Mass INTENTIONS

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

We are now taking Mass intentions requests for 2025

Offertory Donations for November 2024

Monthly Offertory Budget	$65,000
Offertory Received	$65,006

Advent Penance Services

St. Dominic
Monday, December 16th at 6pm

Our Lady of the Skies
Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm

St. John
Thursday, December 19th at 6pm

There will be no 4:30pm confessions or 5:30pm Mass at St. John on Dec. 19th due to the Advent Penance Service

Christmas Mass Schedule

4pm, December 24th
6pm, December 24th
12am Midnight, December 25th
10am, December 25th

Announcements/Upcoming Events

St. John Catholic Academy

PRESCHOOL
SEATS AVAILABLE

We currently have the following openings in our preschool:

- **2 year old room: 4 spots**
- **3 year old room: 7 spots**

Visit www.stjohncatholicacademy.org under the admissions tab, select inquiry and fill out the form. We will call you to schedule a tour of our preschool!

Questions? Contact us!

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Phone Number: 850-763-1775

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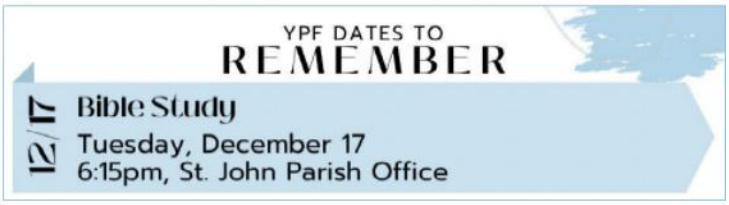
St. Dominic's Needs Eucharistic Adorers!

AN ADDITIONAL ADORER NEEDED AT THESE TIMES

Sun	Midnight, 3am	Thurs	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am
Mon	Midnight, 1am, 2am	Fri	Midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, 5am
Tues	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am	Sat	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am
Wed	Midnight, 1am, 2am		

Scan the qr code to signup or contact the St. Dominic parish office at 850-785-4574



The Third Option
SESSION 5
DECEMBER 17

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6 to 8pm in the Msgr. Crowe Community Center

The Third Option is a great program for couples & individuals that helps relationships flourish. This 14 session program runs biweekly with one topic covered per session. You can enter the program at any time & you can attend as a couple or alone!

The Third Option has a suggested donation of $10.00 per person per class

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A GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Couples...want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 14-16 in Tallahassee, or April 4-6 in Titusville, or July 25-27 in St. Johns. For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at wwme.org.

Kids Corner

Pointing the Way to Jesus

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.

How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

Answers to Crossword Puzzle:
Across: 1.peace 3.shall 5.thanksgiving 9.near 11.all 13.sisters 15.Christ Down: 1.petition 2.again 4.have 6.kindness 7.guard 8.God 10.your 12.Lord 14.it 15.to

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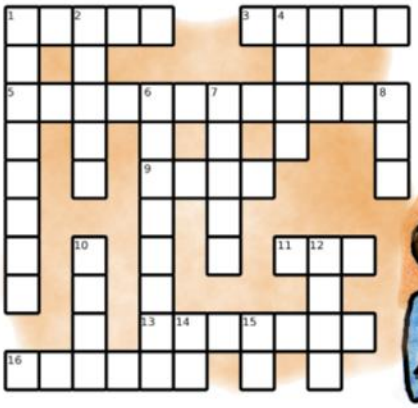
Philippians 4 Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle. a=across d=down

Brothers and _____(13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____(3a) say ___(14d) _____(2d): rejoice! Your _____(6d) should be known ___(15d) all. The Lord is _____(9a). _____(4d) no anxiety at ___(11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____(1d), with _____(5a), make _____(10d) requests known to ____(8d). Then the _____(1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____(7d) your hearts and minds in _____(16a) Jesus.

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Ongoing Events & Ministries

Fishers of Men

All men are invited to join the Fishers of Men's fellowship for a twice monthly breakfast on the **first and third Saturdays** of each month from **8:30-10:30am**. The next breakfast will be **Dec. 21st** at St. Dominic's MC3 building.

Rachels Vineyard Ministries
(904) 221-3232
rachelsvineyard.org
Email:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com

Rachel's vineyard offers retreats for women looking to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next English retreat is Jan. 31 - Feb. 2.

Perpetual Adoration

St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel that is open to everyone 24/7! To maintain this chapel, they need people to devote an hour each week to adoring our Lord. Call St. Dominic's parish office at (850) 785-4574 for more info.

Men's Bible Study
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm
St. John's Parish Office
Contact Warren Phillips at 850-896-0801 or Al Kidd at 850-257-4149 for more info.

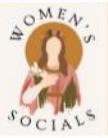
Women's Morning Bible Study
Weekly Wednesdays at 9:30-10:30am
St. John's Parish Office
Join us as we watch & discuss *The Chosen* Season 4. For more info, contact K. Kidd at 850-814-7747 or M. Cordell at 850-814-4619.

Young Professional Fellowship
Scan the QR code to be added to the YPF GroupMe to stay up-to-date on young adult bible studies & gatherings.

MISSION 850 DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Mission 850 provides disaster relief services and hosts service projects every 2nd Saturday of the month. To serve or request help for yourself or a neighbor contact: 850mission@gmail.com

Catholic in Recovery is open to all those who identify as being in recovery from any form of unhealthy attachment. **CIR** meets in the **St. John Parish Office, each Tuesday evening, at 6:15pm.** For more information, please call or message Diane at 850-541-3326 or Wayne at 850-532-0421.



St. John Women's Socials are held typically on the 1st Saturday of the month in the parish hall. Women of all ages are welcome! The next social will be on January 4th from 10am-Noon.

the third OPTION Bay County **BayThirdOption.com** **HELPING MARRIAGES FLOURISH**

The Third Option is a program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish! Attend all 14-sessions or enter the program at any time. This fall & spring, meetings will be on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm at St. Dominic.

Morning Rosary

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

Sunday, December 15, 2024

EAGLE NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 18th - Class Picture Day (Chapel Uniform)

Thursday, December 19th - Aftercare closes no later than 4:30pm for Faculty and Staff Holiday Dinner

Friday, December 20th - Christmas Program 10am (In the Church) Chapel Wear Required

Friday, December 20th - Early Release 12PM / End of Second Nine Weeks / PowerSchool Closes Teacher Workday *(No Aftercare)*

Monday, December 23rd - First Day of Christmas Break for Academy and Preschool Students

DISCIPLE of CHRIST
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THIS WEEK'S VIRTUE IS: **Patience**

PRAYER FOR PATIENCE:
Dear God, Help me to wait without complaining, to see You in my neighbor, and to let Your grace enter this moment so that I may not lose my patience.

DEFINITION OF PATIENCE:
Awareness that all our gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others

PATIENCE LOOKS LIKE:
Raising your hand and waiting calmly for the teacher to answer your question

PATIENCE SOUNDS LIKE:
I will wait for my turn.

WALKATHON 2024

A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers! It was a beautiful day and we hope you found joy in sharing the experience with the children. We are grateful for all that you do!

Shout out to our students! Their enthusiasm for participating in the Walkathon was so heartwarming.

Last but not least, thank you to all our benefactors for your unwavering commitment and generosity. You are a vital part of our St. John Catholic Academy community.

Thank you!

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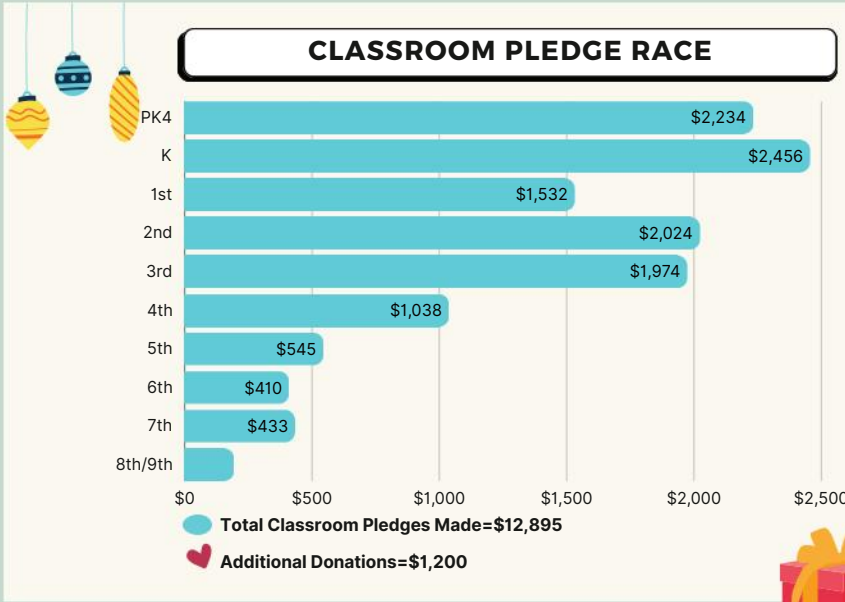

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