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September 15, 2024 — **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Clergy

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

Consecrated Life

Sr. Grace Ford, Er Dio

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:15 & 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*

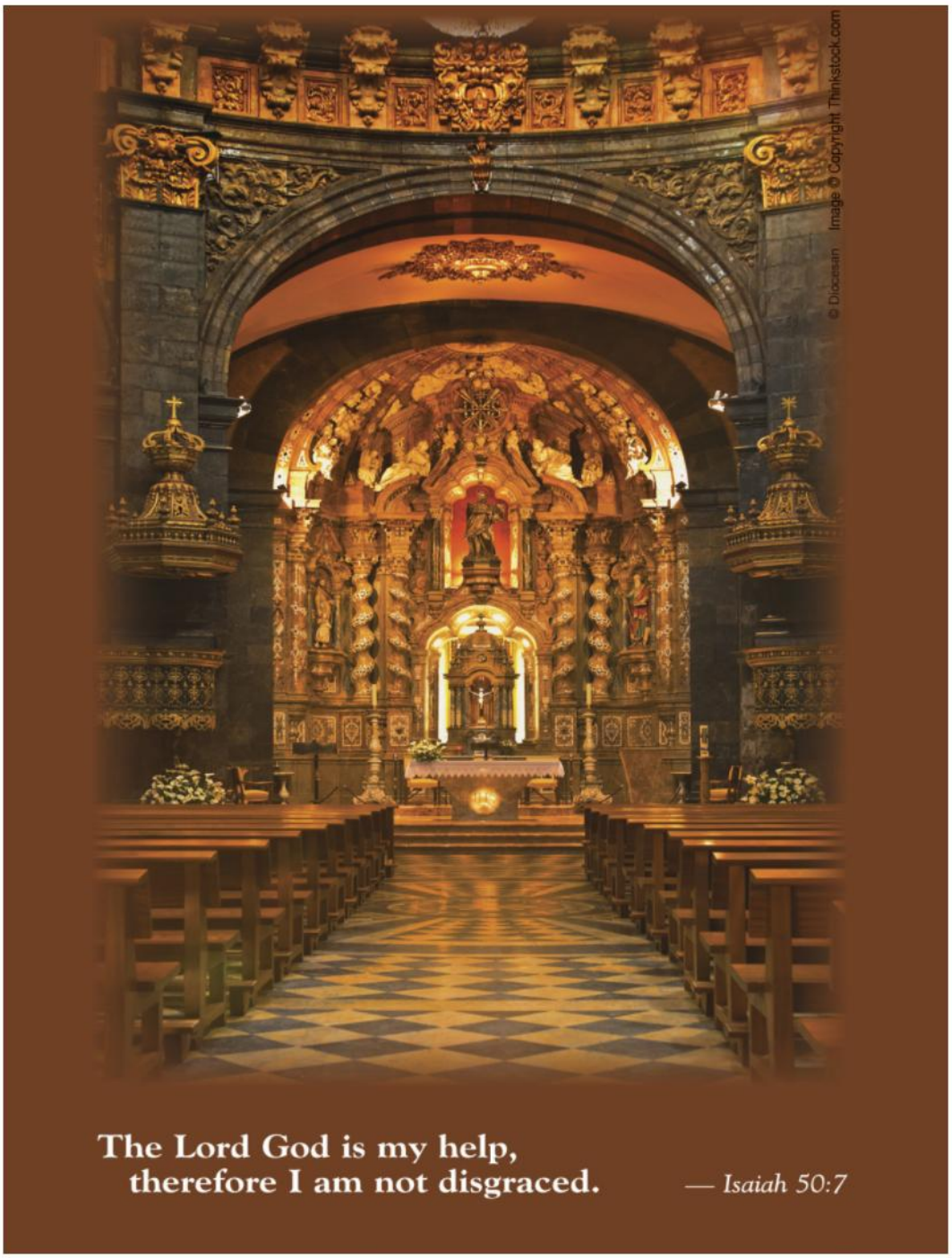
Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil: 7:00pm
Day: 8:15am, Noon, 5:30pm

Adoration

First Fridays: 9am - 5pm

Confession

Tuesdays and Thursdays
4:30 - 5:20pm
Saturdays: 10:00 -11:00am
3:00 - 4:15pm
and Second Sundays after Masses
or request an appointment at:
confession@saintjohnpc.org.
Email goes directly to Fr. Kennell.



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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.

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.

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.

Prayer Ministry

If you or someone your know would like to be added to the prayer chain or would like to meet with our healing and deliverance team, please email Dcn. Earl at earlmirus@outlook.com or call 850-774-6275

Bulletin Submissions

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

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

Fall youth group is on Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Dominic

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

Contact our Parish Office for information on Adult Formation: saintjohnpc@saintjohnpc.org

A Letter From Fr. Kennell

Dear Friends,

The two dates this weekend, September 14/15, are the traditional feast days of the Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows. The two go hand-in-hand, for one gives rise to the other. The Cross is the instrument by which the human race is saved by the death of the Messiah – Jesus of Nazareth, God incarnate. Yet it is a triumphant sign, not one of defeat. We exalt the Cross for the fact that the God-Man laid down his life upon it, but also because we have the opportunity to embrace it in our own lives and to lift it up as a sign of victory for ourselves. Nonetheless, the Cross is also a clear sign of suffering and difficulty. Indeed, Mary was tormented by watching her Son die so terribly. She was sorrowful at the foot of the Cross. This was predicted by Simeon in the Temple when the baby Jesus was brought there. Mary was told that her own heart would be pierced by a sword. But this would be "so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"(Luke 2:35).

The Cross manifest in each of our lives through the various sufferings we must endure can be met with two fundamental responses: acceptance or rejection. There is a third middle ground that is one of passive willingness to endure, but it doesn't represent a whole-hearted embrace. The call of Christians is to embrace what comes with Jesus. To be able to see the sufferings in life as opportunities to be united with the Lord in his own suffering makes it so the Cross can be exalted. For it is always through the Cross that we have the Resurrection. Yet it is difficult. And so we have a Mother who knows this place; however, she teaches us to remain steadfast, and in doing so, we will come to have great wisdom.

The readings for this Sunday point to the necessity of making a clear choice for God, Cross and all. With Mary's intercession and the grace that God provides, we can persevere and learn to exalt the Cross as it comes to us. We listen to the last words Jesus speaks in the gospel today, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it" (Mark 8:34,35).

God bless you.

-Fr. Kennell

Daily Readings for Week of Sep 15-22

Sunday	**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
Monday	**Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	**Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday	**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14, 2024
4:30pm.....Reparations for the Sins of the Clergy
Sunday, September 15, 2024
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am.....†Lee Hefner by JoAnn Hefner
10:45am.....People of the Parish
Monday, September 16, 2024
8:15am.....†Rhonda Mayo by Dee Jackson
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
5:30pm.....†Beverly Wicks by Angie Cirabisi
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
8:15am.....†Andrew Dinocola by Teresa Loanzon
Thursday, September 19, 2024
5:30pm.....†Michael Stephen Mulick by Stephan Mulick
Friday, September 20, 2024
8:15am.....†Joy Wilson Noble by Kara Lindholm Davis
Saturday, September 21, 2024
4:30pm.....†David Harden
Sunday, September 22, 2024
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am.....Kellard & Pamela Jansen
Happy 5th Anniversary!

This week's beautiful altar flowers are from Stephan Mulick in loving memory of Michael Stephen Mulick.

Events this Week

Coffee & Donuts
Sundays after the 8:15am Mass
Join us weekly after Mass for fellowship or to grab a quick donut to start your day!

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September: For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Diocesan Second Collection
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Collection

This weekend, we will be giving a portion of our offertory to the Seton Fund Collection, which benefits our Catholic schools and religious education programs. Your sacrificial contribution will help pass on the light of faith to future generations.

Offertory Donations for August 2024

Monthly Offertory Budget	$65,000
Offertory Received	$52,589
Church in Latin America Collection	$375

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!

Email: Office@sjseagles.org
Phone Number: 850-763-1775

Scan here to submit an application for enrollment:

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

Be a Lifesaver!

Mark your calendars! This years Life Chain is going to be on Sunday October 6th, from 2 pm till 3 pm. The Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful, witnessing to the community and each other that we, as Christians, believe in the sanctity of life! We will meet at the parking lot near the Chick-fil-A at 900 West 23rd street and a second pickup spot near Five Guys burgers across the street. As usual all you do is show up, we supply the signs. Please join your fellow parishioners in this exciting event!

For more info call or text Mike Gagnon at 850-832-9595
or go to LifeChain.Net or Lifechainer@yahoo.com

to those that participated in person and/or provided financial support for the
CROSS CATHOLIC FOOD PACKING EVENT
On Saturday, September 7th
enough money had been donated to prepare **72,576 meals**!
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"

Sponsored by
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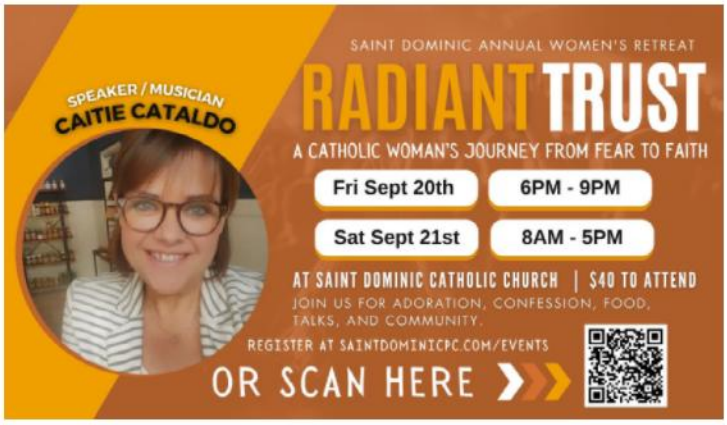
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

FALL BUNCO

Friday, September 27, 2024
Parish Hall * Tickets: $10.00
6:00 p.m. - Light Appetizers & Refreshments
7:00 p.m. - Bunco starts
Limited number of tickets so get yours early!
Tickets on sale after all Masses on
September 14, 15 & 21, 22, 2024

Proceeds to Burse Club & Masses for Diocesan Priests and Seminarians

For more information call
Chris McCormick at 314-574-3070



Young Professional Fellowship

9/17
Bible Study: Romans
Tuesday, September 17
6:15pm St. John Office

9/24
Guest Speaker: Civic Engagement & Catholicism
Tuesday, September 24
6:30pm St. John Office

Kids Corner

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 Sep. 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 Oct. 4-6. The next Spanish retreat is Sep. 13-15.

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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Weekly 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.

Weeding Wisdom

Planter Maintenance Fellowship Group
Meeting Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm

Meet in front of the church with gloves and other tools to help reclaim the flower beds!

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A workshop that meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings of every month in Lynn Haven for all couples or individuals looking to improve their relationship.

Morning Rosary

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

Sunday, September 15, 2024

EAGLE NEWS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 10th - 3-5th Grade Registered Football Participant Practice Begins
Friday, October 11th - Early Release Day @ 12PM
Monday, October 14th - Columbus Day, No School
Monday, October 14th - Parent Conferences 12:30 - 3:30pm
Friday, October 25th - 1st Quarter Report Cards

DISCIPLE of CHRIST
EDUCATION IN VIRTUE™

THIS WEEK'S VIRTUE IS:

Generosity

DEFINITION OF GENEROSITY
Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others

GENEROSITY LOOKS LIKE:
Thinking of others first

GENEROSITY SOUNDS LIKE:
I will push you on the swing first.

We participate in

Wednesday GIVING

Bring a canned food item on Wednesdays to share with the Catholic Charities food pantry.

Feeding the hungry is a Corporal Work of Mercy.

Save the Date

All Saints Fest

November 1st, 2024

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

***It takes a village**...join SJCA as a volunteer and share in the joy of campus life.*

3 STEPS TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS

In cooperation with the Safe Environment requirements of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, the mandatory process for volunteers while school is in session includes the following steps:

1. **Complete the Fingerprinting process. Please note that fingerprints are valid for 5 years. Cost of fingerprinting is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and must be paid via cash or check in the school office prior to scheduling your fingerprinting appointment:**
   - **Elementary/Middle School Only: Payment via cash or check of $65**
   - **Preschool requires a second set of fingerprinting for DCF compliance. The total fee for both sets of prints is $130.75**
2. **Complete and maintain the VIRTUS Training.**
3. **Digitally Sign the Pledge to Promote Safe Environment in VIRTUS.**

Fall Photo Retakes

Wednesday, October 2nd
Wear Chapel Uniforms

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YOUTH MINISTRY.....Nic & Dot Wagner

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