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December 8, 2024 — **Second 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

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

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

A Letter From Sr. Grace Ford

Shabbat Shalom = Peaceful Sabbath

When I send emails I often begin with the phrase 'peace be with you', before getting into the 'work' of the email. Jesus would greet his disciples by saying 'Peace be with you' both before and after his resurrection. The Greek and Hebrew root words are describing a 'wholeness' of self, a peace that comes from being whole and grounded in the peace that passes understanding. This week we light the second candle, representing Peace, as we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. The Hebrew phrase Shabbat Shalom is rich in meaning and it calls us deeper into the Sabbath, our day of rest and communion with the Lord and one another.

As we worship together this week, may God grant us all a deeper experience and understanding of Shabbat Shalom. May we be touched by His love as we participate and worship, as we light this second candle representing peace, and meditate on the only true place of stability, Jesus, whose coming was foretold by his cousin John the Baptist and may our Advent pilgrimage be guided by the peace of Christ.

Daily Readings for Week of Dec 8-15

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Monday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Events this Week

SUN 8
9:30am - 2nd-5th Grade Sacramental Prep begins in parish office
12-1:30pm - Confirmation Orientation Make-Up

TUES 10
6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery
6:30pm - OCIA

WED 11
9:30am - Women's Bible Study
6pm - CSM (6th-12th grade)*

THURS 12
6:30pm - Knight of Columbus Meeting in Hall

SAT 14
8-11am - Middle School Advent Retreat*
8:30am - Association of St. Jude Potluck Breakfast & Food Drive Sorting in Hall
11am - High School Serve Saturday

All items marked * are held at St. Dominic

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 7, 2024
4:30pm.....†Rhonda Mayo by the Kichura Family
Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
8:15am.....†Bill Warner by John & Jacque Wyatt
10:45am.....People of the Parish
Monday, December 9, 2024
8:15am.....Conversion of the USA
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
5:30pm.....†Bill & Kate Warner
Wednesday, December 11, 2024
8:15am.....†Kathryn Waterfield
Thursday, December 12, 2024
5:30pm.....†Jim Keel
Friday, December 13, 2024
8:15am.....†John Macejka, Jr. & Bernice Macejka by Ann Harnage
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

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

Advent Penance Services

St. Bernadette
Wednesday, December 11th at 6pm

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

Offertory Donations for October 2024

Monthly Offertory Budget	$65,000
Offertory Received	$61,937

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:

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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast Day is celebrated on Monday, December 9th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation; however our bishop has abrogated the obligation. Everyone is encouraged to attend Mass at 8:15am that day but it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation in our diocese.

CCW NEWS

Catholic Charities Angel Tree – Thank you from Catholic Charities to everyone that picked an angel and returned an unwrapped gift for a child. Your generosity will bring many smiles. May God bless you and your precious child.

Holiday Candy Sale – orders can be picked up after all Masses in the Parish Hall the weekend of December 7 & 8.

2025 CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

FOR BAPTIZED TEENS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 8-12

THIS ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR ANY TEEN WHO DESIRES CONFIRMATION IN 2025

SUNDAY 12/8 | 12:00PM-1:30PM

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

*PARENT MUST ATTEND WITH TEEN

**DID YOU MISS THE ORIENTATION IN NOVEMBER? THIS IS YOUR MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITY!

Middle School Advent Retreat Day

December 14th at St. Dominic

8:00am Mass
8:30am-9:30am Breakfast & Advent Activity
9:30am Advent Reflection
10:00am Organized Fun
11:00am Parent Pick Up
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE

REGISTER HERE

HIGH SCHOOL SERVE Saturday Caroling & Cookies

at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital
December 14th 11:00am-12:30pm
11:00am Meet in lobby at Ascension Sacred Heart
Bring cookies to share
We will provide song sheets

RSVP

St. Dominic's Needs Eucharistic Adorers!

ADDITIONAL ADORERS NEEDED

Sun	8pm, 9pm, 10pm	Thurs	7pm, 8pm, 11pm
Mon	9pm	Fri	11pm
Wed	6pm	Sat	10pm, 11pm

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

THE ASSOCIATION OF ST. JUDE

Holiday FOOD DRIVE

Place your donation of non-perishable food items in the green wagon in the St. John Church Foyer. Donated items will be split between the Shelia Kreppein food pantry at Catholic Charities and the Family Services Agency of Bay County

DONATIONS ACCEPTED NOVEMBER 16TH-DECEMBER 13TH

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE ASJ FOR A SORTING PARTY & POTLUCK BREAKFAST ON DECEMBER 14TH AT 8:30AM IN THE PARISH HALL

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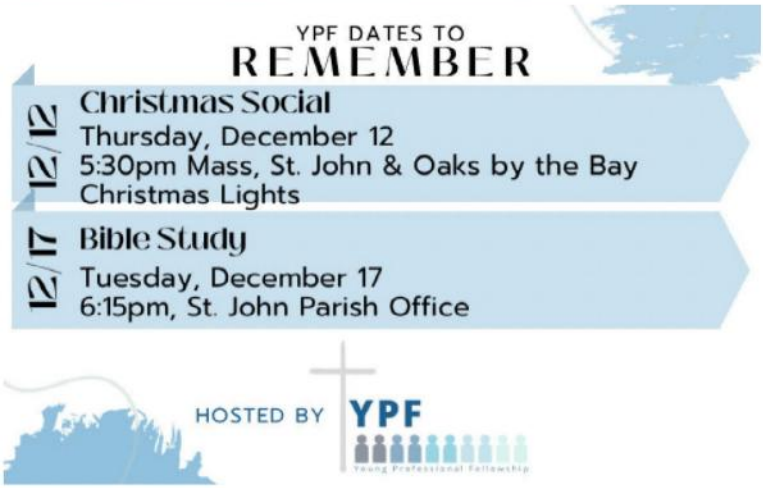
Announcements



Kids Corner

Immaculate Conception Word-Find

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E H E A R T F R E E Y

See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.

Answer to Immaculate Conception Word-Find: HAIL MARY

This year, December 9th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.

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 8, 2024

EAGLE NEWS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 18th - Class Picture Day (Chapel Uniform)
Friday, December 20th - Christmas Program 10am (In the Church)
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

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THIS WEEK'S VIRTUE IS:

Humility

PRAYER FOR HUMILITY:
Dear Jesus, You said, "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). You are God, yet You became little out of love for me. I desire to become little for love of You. Help me to be honest about my strengths and weaknesses.

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

HUMILITY LOOKS LIKE:
Smiling when someone else gets a good grade

HUMILITY SOUNDS LIKE:
You are really good at that! Great job!

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

Colder weather is here. Please make sure that your child is wearing a labeled coat and long clothing on cold weather days!

Classroom totals will be published in next week's Eagle News! As we embrace this beautiful season of giving, we sincerely invite you to continue supporting the spirit and mission of St. John Catholic Academy, particularly through your prayers. A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers! The time you invest in our students is truly priceless, and we are grateful for all that you do!

We also wish to extend our deep appreciation to our dedicated family members, parishioners, and friends of SJCA.

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