Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Divine Mercy Sunday | April 27, 2025
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Original Divine Mercy Image by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski, 1934

WHO WE ARE

Rev. Thomas Kennell, 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 schedule a confession, email confession@saintjohnpc.org. Emails are confidential and go directly to Fr. Kennell

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Receive text messages or emails for announcements & upcoming events

Register as a Member

Visit the parish office

To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office for a registration card

Parish Staff

Parish Office - 850-763-1821
saintjohnpc@saintjohnpc.org
Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

Paige Morrone | Secretary
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Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator
Charlotte Dickey | Religious Education Director
Nic & Dot Wagner | Youth Ministry
Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations

Finance Council

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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Charlotte Dickey | Religious Education
charlotte.dickey@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, & Living Liturgically (formation program for grades K-5)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Nic & Dot Wagner | Youth Ministry
youth@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM) -
CSM meets Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Dominic Middle School - text pcCSM to 84576 to get info on summer socials

Adults | 18+

Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor
catholicism@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion - Classes on becoming Catholic are on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the parish office

Anointing of the Sick - please 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 Dr. James Gagnon, MSW, LCSW at 850-877-0205.

EASTER

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Congratulations Neophytes!

Congratulations to those who entered into the Catholic Church through the process of full initiation (referred to as neophytes) at our Easter Vigil Mass. Please pray for Charlotte, Cheryl, Collin, Gabriella, and Hailey as they continue their walks in the faith.

Weekly Coffee & Donuts

Join us in the parish hall on Sundays after the 8:15am Mass for fellowship with coffee and donuts. On First Sundays, join us for a fellowship breakfast hosted by the Men's Club.

Liturgical Ministries Fair | May 4th
Outside the Parish Hall - 9:30-10:30am

Interested in learning more about our liturgical ministries? Stop by to talk with lead ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, altar servers, audio/visual aides, and sacristans and become a part of these ministries. Enjoy the fellowship breakfast happening simultaneously in the hall.

Mother's Day Blessing | May 10 & 11th

All mothers will receive a special Mother's Day blessing during all weekend Masses.

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27th at 3pm
Holy Hour & Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Church Building

May Crowning
May 2nd & 4th
After 8:15am Masses
Honoring Mary in this month of May through a ceremonial crowning

Feast of the Visitation
May 31st at 9am
Mass, Women's Holy Hour following (fellowship for men and children on the playground)

On the Cover: The Divine Mercy Image & Devotion

The Divine Mercy image and devotion stem from the mystical experiences of The Divine Mercy image and devotion stem from the mystical experiences of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who reported a series of revelations from Jesus in the early 20th century. One of the most significant occurred on February 22, 1931, when Jesus appeared to her wearing a white robe, one hand raised in blessing and the other touching His chest. From His heart flowed two rays: a pale one, symbolizing the water that justifies souls (linked to Baptism and Reconciliation), and a red one, symbolizing the blood that gives life to souls (representing the Eucharist). At Jesus's request, the words "Jesus, I trust in You" are inscribed at the bottom of the image. Although St. Faustina couldn't paint, she described her vision in detail to an artist under the guidance of her spiritual director, resulting in the original image painted by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski in 1934.

The devotion to Divine Mercy includes several core practices. One is the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a prayer Jesus taught St. Faustina to be said on regular rosary beads, offering His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to the Eternal Father in atonement for the sins of the world. Another key element is Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 2000 during Faustina's canonization, this feast offers unique graces to those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace. Devotees also honor the Hour of Mercy at 3 PM, the time of Jesus's death, by pausing to pray or reflect on His Passion. Jesus further asked that the image of Divine Mercy be spread and venerated, promising graces—especially at the hour of death—to those who honor it with trust.

At the heart of this devotion is a simple but profound message: God's mercy is infinite. As Jesus told St. Faustina, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, 723)

I invite you, here and now to pause for a moment and call to mind the places in your heart in most need of God's Mercy. With them in mind, allow Christ to see these places and gently touch them. Let this be an invitation to experience His mercy and to encounter it personally through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

ASJ Mothers & Babies Drive

April 26-May 10

The Association of St. Jude will be holding our annual Mothers and Babies Drive from April 26-May 10. Bags/fliers will be passed out April 26-27 after all Masses.

Donations may be left in the green wagon in the foyer of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church until May 9th. **Donations brought Saturday, May 10th must be brought to the Parish Hall by 8:30am for our potluck meeting and sorting**. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for supporting our mission of helping the mothers and babies of Bay County, FL!

Fellowship Breakfast

May 4 | After the 8:15am Mass
Parish Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship over breakfast hosted by the Men's Club. There is plenty of time to enjoy the fellowship of our Parish family for those who attend the 10:45 Mass and still be in compliance with the one hour rule. A minimum donation of $5 a person is requested but not required. All donations over the breakfast expenses go to Church missions. We will have the full menu of scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, and sweet rolls. We will have coffee, milk, orange and apple juice.

Council of Catholic Women - May Events

Corporate Communion | May 4th at 8:15am
CCW members will gather as a group and receive a pastoral blessing.

CCW Meeting | May 5th at 6pm in the hall

Cinco de Mayo Bunco | May 9th in the hall
Doors open at 6pm for food and fellowship. Bunco begins at 7pm. Tickets on sale after Masses April 26 & 27. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities

Events this Week

Sunday, April 27
- Coffee & Donuts **after the 8:15am Mass**
- **3pm** - Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour

Tuesday, April 29
- **6:15pm** - Catholic in Recovery
- **6:30pm** - OCIA in the parish office

Wednesday, April 30
- **9:30am** - Women's Bible Study in the parish office
- **6:30pm** - CSM (Grades 6-12) at St. Dominic

Friday, May 2
- May Crowning **after the 8:15am Mass**
- **9am-5pm** - Exposition & Adoration in the Church Building

Saturday, May 3rd
- **8:30am -** Fishers of Men's Breakfast at St. Dominic
- **9am** - First Saturday Latin *Novus Ordo* Mass
- **10am -** Women's Social in the parish hall

The Third Option - Session 11

HIS WAY HER WAY

May 6 | 6 to 8pm
St. Dominic's Community Center

This week's topic - Conflict Resolution: How to Fight Fair. The Third Option is a great program for couples & individuals that helps relationships flourish. Questions? BayThirdOption.com | info@saintdominicpc.com

High School Summer Camp

June 22-28
Covecrest Camp

For students who will be in grades 9-12 for the 2025-2026 school year. Only 12 spots available! Cost is $650 (we will help you learn to fundraise). Must register by May 1st with deposit online. *We must have 10 students registered or the trip will be cancelled.* Camp includes zip-lines, rock walls, whitewater rafting, down time to chill, and Jesus!

Questions? sranna@saintdominicpc.com

Middle School Summer Camp

August 3-9
Life Teen Camp Hidden Lake

For students who will be in grades 6-8 for the 2025-2026 school year. Only 12 spots available! Cost is $650 (we will help you learn to fundraise). Must register by April 30th with deposit online. *We must have 10 students registered per trip or the trips will be cancelled.* Adventure! Faith-building! Friends! Lake swims, blobs, zip lines, and more!

Questions? sranna@saintdominicpc.com

Summer Camp Sign-Ups

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta. This week, please offer up your prayers for the repose of his soul. Bishop William Wack issued a letter with the following excerpts on April 21st:

> Pope Francis will no doubt be forever remembered for several things, including his famous invitation for those of us in ministry to have "the smell of the sheep" - in other words, to strive to be among the people we serve, and not isolated and apart... He was "the pope of mercy", calling a special Jubilee which highlighted God's infinite mercy and love, and urging us to receive it with open hearts.
>
> I invite all the faithful in the diocese to offer prayers, Masses, and any hardships for Pope Francis as he continues his journey to everlasting life. Let us also pray for our church in this time of transition, particularly for our cardinals, who will meet shortly to elect a new pope. And let us thank God both for the witness of this humble apostle, as well as His promise to be with us always, even until the end of time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

To read the full letter, scan the qr code or pick up a copy of the letter on our resource table in the church entryway.

Join us in Prayer

If you would like to add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for one month unless otherwise requested.

Prayers for Healing

Jim & Vicky Smith, Bill Boyce, Connie Nieciecki, Phyllis Boss, Michelle Linza, Patrick Troy, Bill Adams, Thomas Derbes

Repose of the Soul

†Lorraine Knight, †Charles Timm

Scripture Readings For the Week of April 27, 2025

Sunday	**Sunday of Divine Mercy** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	**Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	**Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	**Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday	**Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, April 26, 2025
4:30pm.....†Bill Haupt by The Crowley Family
Sunday, April 27, 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday
8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am.....†Sarah Dickerson by John & Jacque Wyatt
Monday, April 28, 2025
8:15am.....†Roy Loanzon by Teresa Loanzon & Family
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
5:30pm.....†George Smith by The Blomquist Family
Wednesday, April 30, 2025
8:15am.....†Doug & Merle Stringer by Dottie Stringer
Thursday, May 1, 2025
5:30pm.....†John Macejka, Sr. by Ann Harnage
Friday, May 2, 2025
8:15am.....Sanctification of Priests
Saturday, May 3, 2025
9:00am.....†Emilio Moreno by Manny & Susan Llorca
4:30pm.....†Eloise Warrell by Anita Thomas Warrell
Sunday, May 4, 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter
8:15am.....CCW for their Corporate Communion
10:45am.....People of the Parish

Florida PURPLE STAR CAMPUS

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Sunday, April 27, 2025

EAGLE NEWS

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

May Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary

Save the Date:
May 2, 2025

Our Heartfelt Gratitude for Pope Francis

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

Most Holy Father,

With hearts full of love and thanksgiving, we write to express our deep gratitude for your faithful witness, humble leadership, and unwavering devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your words have brought comfort, your example has inspired mercy, and your commitment to the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten has renewed our call to serve with compassion and courage. As a shepherd of the universal Church, you have reminded us time and again to be people of joy, peace, and hope.

At St. John Catholic Academy, we give thanks for your fatherly presence and spiritual guidance. You have encouraged us to care for creation, walk with humility, and always return to the tenderness of God. Your papacy has left a lasting mark on our hearts and in the life of the Church.

May the Lord reward your years of faithful service and grant you eternal rest in His presence. We remain united in prayer and gratitude.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master." – Matthew 25:23

You're Invited to Our Gratitude Mass

Join us in a special celebration of thanksgiving for the many blessings within our school community.

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Time: 8:15am

This Mass will be offered in gratitude for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, and also on behalf of all of our many benefactors who support the mission of Catholic education at St. John Catholic Academy. Please join us for school mass as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving as we honor those who help form hearts, minds, and souls in Christ.

"I give thanks to my God always for you..." – 1 Corinthians 1:4

We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 2nd -	May Crowning
Friday, May 2nd -	PK4 Mother's Day Tea
Monday,May 5th to May 9th-	Teacher Appreciation Week!
Friday, May 9th -	Kindergarten - Muffins with Moms
Thursday, May 15th -	8th Grade Graduation Mass - 10am in the Chapel - No school mass on Wednesday, May 14th.
Friday, May 16th -	Kindergarten - Donuts with Dads
Monday, May 19th-	PowerSchool Closes for Q4
Thursday, May 22nd -	PK4 Graduation Ceremony - 10am in the Parish Hall 12pm dismissal
Thursday, May 22nd -	Last day of school / Early Release at 12pm - No aftercare available

THIS WEEK'S VIRTUE IS: Loyalty

DEFINITION OF LOYALTY: *Accepting the bonds implicit in relationships and defending the virtues upheld by Church, family, and country*

PRAYER FOR LOYALTY: *Dear Jesus, help me to be steadfast in my relationships and faithful to the duties those relationships entail, even when this may be difficult.*

LOYALTY LOOKS LIKE: *Being faithful to God*
LOYALTY SOUNDS LIKE: *Lord, help me to follow your commandments.*

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St. Dom Parish Office....850-785-4574
St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel that is open to everyone 24/7! Contact their parish office for the door code and to sign-up for a weekly adoration hour

Association of St. Jude
John Daly.....850-527-1143

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Angie Cirabisi.....317-526-8614

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
Susie Prather.....281-844-0844

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. The next breakfast will be on **May 3rd**.*

Knights of Columbus
Mike Tierney.....850-319-1945

Lending Library
Located in the parish office (M-Th 9-3)

Men's Bible Study
Warren Phillips.....850-896-0801
Al Kidd.....850-257-4149
Meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm in the parish office.

Men's Club
Lee Fry.....850-867-3916

Ministry to the Sick
Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to anyone who is sick or homebound

Mission 850
850mission@gmail.com
Provides disaster relief services and hosts service projects every 2nd Saturday of the month

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

Natural Family Planning
Melissa Cornman.....407-415-6575

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. This fall & spring, meetings will be on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm** at St. Dominic. Join anytime!*

Women's Morning Bible Study
Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747
Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619
*Meets weekly on **Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30am** in the parish office. Currently studying the book of Acts through a Bible Study guide called "Gospel on the Ground"*

Women's Socials
heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
*Typically on the **first Saturday from 10am-noon** in the parish hall for women of all ages. The next social is May 3rd.*

Young Professional Fellowship
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