Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 16, 2026
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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 | 4:30-5:00pm
Saturdays | 3:00-4:00pm
Second Sundays | After Sunday Masses
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
Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations
Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager
Dot Wagner | Confirmation Coordinator

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Bulletin Ad Requests: To publish an ad in the back of our bulletin, contact Mary Frericks at MFrericks@Diocesan.com

St. John Catholic Academy

850-763-1775 | office@sjeagles.org
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Finance Council

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Jackie Fowler	Dcn. Earl Mirus	Sean McNeil
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

Nick Labrie | Youth Formation
nick.labrie@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

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Learn More About Our 2026-2027 Offerings

Calling all parents! We have a lot of exciting new offerings starting soon for families, children, and teens. Find information below and online at saintjohnpc.org.

First Communion Prep

First Communion preparation for **children ages 5–17** begins **August 26**. Children typically receive their First Communion beginning at age seven. Current six-year-olds will receive First Communion in summer 2027, while current five-year-olds will begin a two-year formation process. **All sacramental preparation is incorporated into our Pathways Family Faith Formation program** (see below).

Confirmation Prep

Confirmation preparation for **children ages 5–17** begins **August 26**. With our diocese's move to Restored Order, children typically receive their Confirmation beginning at age seven. Current six-year-olds will receive Confirmation in summer 2027, while current five-year-olds will begin a two-year formation process. **All sacramental preparation is incorporated into our Pathways Family Faith Formation program** (see below).

PATHWAYS
formation suite

Pathways Family Faith Formation

Pathways is St. John's family faith formation program for families with children ages 5–17. Families gather at the parish on **select Wednesdays, beginning August 26th,** for dinner, teaching, prayer, and age-based formation, then continue the journey at home through simple, guided at-home sessions. Pathways is the primary way families grow in faith together at St. John and includes preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Learn more or register online now at **saintjohnpc.org/pathways**.

Catholic Student Ministry | Grades 6-12

Catholic Student Ministry (CSM) is St. John's youth ministry for students in grades 6–12. Middle school students gather for **Middle School Youth Nights**, while high school students meet for the **Dead Theologians Society**. Both groups meet bi-weekly on Sundays from 5–7pm beginning in September. Each gathering includes food, prayer, and intentional formation to help young people grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Learn more or register online at **saintjohnpc.org/ministries**.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | Coming Soon!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to Catholic faith formation. St. John will soon be offering a Level 1 Atrium for children ages 3 through 6 - a specially prepared space where children encounter Scripture, the liturgy, and the person of Jesus through prayer, hands-on materials, and quiet reflection. Please pray for our catechist team who are currently in formation and preparing the Atrium. More information and registration details coming soon.

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August 06, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

It is my pleasure to once again call your attention to the wonderful work of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW). Through their faith, generosity, and dedication to the Church, these women continue to be a tremendous blessing to our Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Their prayer, leadership, and service enrich the life of our parishes and our local Church.

I am pleased to recognize August 2026 as Council of Catholic Women Month in our diocese and encourage all of the faithful to join me in celebrating the many contributions of these devoted women.

The DCCW is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), and I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve as the liaison from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to this outstanding organization. Founded in 1920 at the request of the bishops of the United States, the NCCW continues to support, empower, and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service.

I warmly invite every woman in our diocese to consider becoming involved in her parish Council of Catholic Women. Membership in a parish council also includes membership in the diocesan, state, and national organizations, providing opportunities for fellowship, formation, and service while strengthening the mission of the Church.

May the work of our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women continue to inspire us to respond generously to the needs of our communities and to witness joyfully to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

With every best wish and the assurance of my prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ William A. Wack, CSC

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Bishop Bill Wack

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sessions Begin on August 18

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? OCIA classes begin again on August 18th, at 6:15pm in the parish hall. Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more.

St. Dominic Books & Gifts

Summer Sale

Visit St. Dominic Books & Gifts this week between August 16-22 to draw a token for savings of 10%-25% off your total purchase price.

Men's Club

August Meeting

The St. John Men's Club will hold their monthly meeting in the parish hall on Monday, August 17th at 5:45pm. New or prospective members are welcome to attend. Thank you to all who gathered for our August Fellowship Breakfast, and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry Drop-Off

Every Tuesday at 6:15pm | Parish Office

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry of St. John the Evangelist supporting those seeking recovery within a faith-based framework. For more information, contact Wayne at (850) 532-0421.

Events this Week

Sunday, August 16

9:30am - Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall

Monday, August 17

5:45pm - Men's Club Meeting in the parish hall

Tuesday, August 18

6:15pm - OCIA meeting in the parish hall

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

Sunday, August 23

9:30am - Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall

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

For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Fall 2026 Kick-Off

Interested in becoming involved?

The St. John CCW's annual ice cream social will be held Monday, August 31, at 6pm in the parish hall. This marks the beginning of our next season of activities and service.

We welcome new members, and if you are new to CCW or interested in learning more, please join us for the ice cream social. CCW supports the parish and community in many ways, and all ladies of the parish are invited to become part of our mission.

Some of our upcoming events will include Bunco, participation in the National Life Chain, Box of Joy Christmas drive, hosting coffee & donuts monthly after the Sunday Masses, our annual holiday candy fundraiser, and more.

We strive to serve the Lord and our neighbors joyfully, using the gifts He has given us. For more information, please call Cheryl at (706) 341-2579.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study

Starting September 2nd

Join us for our fall semester of Bible Study, starting on September 2. We will be studying *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* by Edward Sri. We meet in the parish office on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

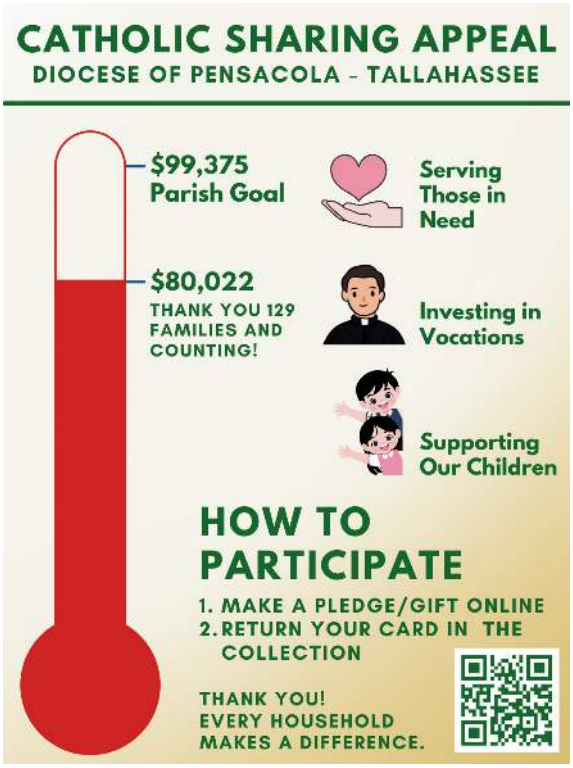
Now on Summer Break

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.

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

†Michi Brown, †Teena Lang, †Jerry Radtke, †Terral Matherne

Healing

Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto, Sally Harlowe, Marie Good, Dan Mixdorf, Dean Tucker, Don C.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, August 15, 2026
4:30pm...†Mike Warrell by Anita Warrell Thomas
Sunday, August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....†Al Kidd by the St. John Men's Club
10:45am..People of the Parish
Monday, August 17, 2026
8:15am....†Darlene Samuelian
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
5:30pm....†Jack Nelson
by James & Laura McManus
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
8:15am....†Jimmie Carroll by Margaret Carroll
Thursday, August 20, 2026
5:30pm....†Juan Luis Echaniz
by Juan & Tessie Goicoechea
Friday, August 21, 2026
8:15am...†Penny Nelson
by James & Laura McManus
Saturday, August 22, 2026
4:30pm...Bishop Wack
On the Anniversary of His Ordination
Sunday, August 23, 2026
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....People of the Parish
10:45am..†Lorraine Knight by Patricia Philo

Scripture Readings, Week of August 16, 2026

Sun **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Mon Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tue Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wed Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Th **Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**
Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Fri **Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope**
Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Sat **Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mt 23:1-12

Sun **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-20

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.....812-455-1234

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

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 on September 2nd.***

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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