

Parish Staff

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Deacon	Rev. Mr. Darrell Diem <i>deacondarrell@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	722-7929 x353
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Skip Graffagnini	464-7262
School Principal	Mrs. Sherry Lewis <i>slewis@stjohnb.com</i>	722-0772
Youth Ministry	Greg Thompson <i>gthompson@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	325-7596
Music Director	Andrew Tygielski <i>atygielski@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	772-4028
Office Administrator	Terry Hecker <i>thecker@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	722-7929 x100
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Nursery Coordinator	Elizabeth Servidio	722-0130
Building Security	Gary Pietrzyk	722-0130
Master of all Trades	Bill Moeller	722-0130
Total Faith Formation:		
PreK-8 th	<i>religiousED@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	325-8580
High School, 9-12 th	Greg Thompson <i>gthompson@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	325-7596
Adults	Christina Semmens <i>csemmens@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	722-7929 x102

Welcome,

New Parishioners!

Registration Forms and Welcome Packets can be picked up at the **Welcome Center**, located in the church vestibule, before or after weekend masses, or stop by the parish office during the week.

The parish offices of the church are located in the Parish Administrative Building, located adjacent to the Church. Offices are open Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Membership at St. John's is usually determined by:

- Registration at the parish for at least six months;
- Attendance at Mass every weekend;
- Use of your financial stewardship envelopes;
- Where possible, participation in at least one parish ministry, activity, program or organization.

Active membership status is required to serve on parish councils and commissions and to have parishioner status at St. John's School.

Baptisms: Parents must attend a formation session prior to scheduling a baptism. Baptism preparation classes are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00am in the All Purpose Room.

Holy Communion for Sick or Homebound: Hospitals and nursing homes do not notify the parish or reveal names of patients due to confidentiality laws. Please call the parish to arrange visitation.

Weddings: Arrangements must be made at least six months before the wedding. Couples must complete a marriage preparation program. Contact the church office with queries.

Councils, Commissions & Committees

Councils	Point of Contact	Phone
Pastoral Council	Kora Davis	716-0646
Finance Council	Annette Gass	721-5608
St John's School	Sherry Lewis, Principal	722-0772
School Board	Arlene McCormick	837-6199
PTO	Betsy Lashley	722-0772
Education Foundation	John Simmons	772-8344
Liturgy Commission	Tom Szoka	830-5037
Sacristan		
Ushers	Joey Pharo	658-0540
Lectors	Kevin Healy	509-1499
Special Ministers of Holy Communion	Peggy Shirley	430-0587
Music Ministry	Andrew Tygielski	772-4028
Altar Servers	James Clark	837-9407
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Cheri Furno	772-0449
Arts and Environment Committee	Thea Schouten	895-0866
Eucharistic Adoration	Maura Edwards	837-0385
Intercessory Prayer Group	Miguel Rodriguez	464-5866
Wedding Coordinator	Kim Balzer	464-5270
Total Faith Formation Commission		
Religious Education (Pre-K-8 th grade)		325-8580
Sacramental Preparation		325-8580
RCIA	Christina Semmens	603-0225
Adult Education	Christina Semmens	603-0225
Just Faith	Cathie Buechler	325-4606
Bereavement Ministry		
Religious Goods Store	Kay Lawler	325-3256
Tues Morning Bible Study	Lynne Downs	830-9425
Women Sharing the Word	Sharon Boirun	890-4000
Mother's Ministry	Sinead Turner	417-8886
Married Fellowship	Gene & Lynne Downs	830-9425
Mommy and Me	Gricelda Benfield	722-9515
Men's Group	Eric Hawkes	325-7282
Small Faith Sharing Communities	Terry Trinko	325-3259
Ladybug Rosary Group	Rita Nieves	325-3121
Youth Commission		
High School (HSYM)	Greg Thompson	325-7596
Jr. High School (JRYM)	Greg Thompson	325-7596
4 th -6 th Grade (PTYM)	Greg Thompson	325-7596
XLT Scripture Group	Greg Thompson	325-7596
Pop Warner Football	Steve Koubek	726-8723
Scouting: <i>Girl Scouts: Joan Kammer 837-5572; Troop 350 David Johnston 830-1871</i>		
<i>Cub Pack 350: Mike Fazah 722-9614 Venture 007: David Abell 830-2779</i>		
<i>Ship 42: Greg Thomas 772-1968</i>		
Parish Life Commission		
Women's Club	Elizabeth Rattliff	721-0474
Funeral Receptions	Michelle Driggs	325-9721
Care & Compassion (Meals to the Sick)	Robin Kutsor	721-0422
50+ Ministry	Ann Marie Crosswhite	726-9204
Hispanic Ministry	Miguel Rodriguez	464-5866
Singles & Single Again	<i>See Parish Website</i>	
Welcome Committee	Denise Shrontz	971-1363
Social Concerns Commission		
Social Justice Committee		
Interfaith Mission Service (IMS)	Jane Davis	233-8928
Disciples for Life	Anne Bauer Jenkins	890-0445
Habitat for Humanity	Wayne Sovocool	722-8073
Meals on Wheels (MOW)	Blanche Irby	461-0399
The Giving Tree	Sue McConnell	230-6714
CASA	Monette Gordon	772-0022
Facilities and Grounds Commission		
Building (Future) Committee	John Shrontz	971-1363
Landscaping and Grounds Committee		
Maintenance Committee		
Communication Commission		
Communications Committee	Irene Garroppo	830-5989
Newsletter Committee (occasional)	Irene Garroppo	830-5989
Website Committee	Denise Lehman	721-0613
	Robyn Crochet	859-7160
Other Organizations and Ministries		
Knights of Columbus	Danny Garcia	721-9938
St Vincent de Paul	Gene Wrobel	837-7133
Marriage Encounter	John & Teresa Simmons	772-8344
Cursillo Ultraya	John Kutsor	721-0422
Legion of Mary	Chris Sharp	461-0602
Junior Legion of Mary	Wayne Bordelon	830-9464

Schedule at a Glance

Saturday, August 1

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Loretta Kerstiens †

Sunday, August 2

7:00am Mass

Intention: For All Parishioners Living and Deceased

8:30am Mass

Intention: Joseph Romandetti †

11:30am Mass

Intention: Lola Agrusa †

3:00pm

JRYM (YR)

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Jeanette Letendre †

6:30pm

JustFaith Informational Meeting (PH)

6:45pm

HSYM (YR)

Monday, August 3

8:30am Mass

Intention: Moses Urquidez †

9:30am

Women's Cursillo Reunion (MPR)

10:00am

Youth Protection I (SC)

12:45pm

Small Faith Sharing Group (MPR)

1:00pm

Youth Protection II (SC)

6:00pm

SJS School Board (SCR)

6:00pm

Youth Protection I (SC)

7:00pm

Boy Scouts (PH)

8:00pm

Men's Group (PL)

Tuesday, August 4

6:15am Mass

Intention: Aidan William Vitiello †

6:45am

Men's Cursillo Reunion (PL)

8:30am Mass

Intention: Mary Richards †

9:15am

Tuesday AM Scripture Study (APR)

10:00am

Ladybug Rosary (C)

6:30pm

Scripture & Communion Service

6:30pm

Intercessory Prayer Group (MPR)

7:00pm

SVDP (APR)

7:00pm

Sunday PM Choir Practice (CHR)

Wednesday, August 5

6:15am

Women's Cursillo Reunion (PL)

8:30am

Scripture and Communion Service

10:00am

Mommy & Me (N)

6:00pm

Confessions (until 6:20pm)

6:30pm Mass

SJS New Parent Orientation (S)

7:15pm

Intention: Matt Crane †

7:15pm

Sunday AM Choir Practice (CHR)

7:15pm

Summer Fare (PH)

7:15pm

Men's Cursillo Reunion (MPR)

7:15pm

XLT High School Scripture Study (YR)

7:15pm

JustFaith (APR)

Thursday, August 6

8:30am Mass

Intention: Nancy Potter †

6:00pm

Mothers' Ministry

6:30pm

SJS Kindergarten Parent Orientation (S)

7:15pm

Saturday PM Choir Practice (CHR)

7:15pm

Knights of Columbus (PH)

Friday, August 7: First Friday

8:30am Mass

Intention: Greg Jernigan †

9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 9:00pm)

4:00pm

SJS Back to School Night (S)

Saturday, August 8

8:30am

Legion of Mary (APR)

9:00am

Men's Cursillo (PH)

12:00pm

Men's Cursillo (APR)

3:30pm

Confessions (Until 5:00pm)

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Mary Katherine Johnson †

Sunday, August 9

7:00am Mass

Intention: For All Parishioners Living and Deceased

8:30am Mass

Intention: Theresa Laurita †

10:00am

Baptism Preparation Class (APR)

11:30am Mass

Intention: Sharon Fleming †

1:00pm

Catechist Reflection & Training (APR/PH)

3:00pm

JRYM (YR)

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Jay Louis Eacret †

6:30pm

Knights of Columbus (PH)

6:45pm

HSYM (YR)

6:45pm

Young Singles (APR)

(APR) All Purpose Rm.
(C) Church
(CCR) Church Conference Rm.
(CHR) Choir Room
(KC) Knights of Columbus Rm.

(MPR) Mini Purpose Rm.
(PH) Parish Hall
(PL) Parish Hall Library
(S) School
(SC) School Cafeteria

(SCR) School Conference Rm.
(SG) School Gym
(SL) School Library
(YR) Youth Rm.

Sunday, August 2, 2009 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus is the bread of life.
~John 6:24-35*

Readings for the Week August 2 through August 9

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Ps 78:3-4,23-25,54 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:1,3-7,12-13 Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35 Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
Friday: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16,21 Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4,47,51 Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS:

Charles Adams	Lan Hopkins	Joyce Riggsby
Anita Arenas	Shirley Houser	Robin Rizen
Tracy Billingsley	Deborah Jennsen	Andrea Schieber
Marie Brennan	Catherine Jordan	Stephanie Schultz
Lois Chandler	Patrick Karigan	Dolly Stone
Tricia Claus	Michael J. Kennedy	Iva Sutter
Josephine Cusack	Albert Kerstiens	Ellen Sweeney
Rebecca DeSpain	Daniel Lebas	Bill Weaver
Frank Dugan	Joan Merriman	Frank Wessling
Joan Easton	Dan Merriman	Charles White
Claire Eubanks	Dean Peavey	Larry White
Fr. Jim Fitzgerald	Jeanine Pesto	Aileen Yates
George Fleming	A.J. Revera	Blake Young
Gloria Hophan	Mark Richards	

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send all bulletin announcements to Terry Hecker at thecker@stjohnBchurch.org. Submissions are due each Friday by 9:00am

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 1:00pm

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	Donations	2009 Goal
July 25/26	\$26,289.00	\$28,846 wkly
Year to Date 2009	\$820,654.75	\$1,500,000 yrly
Building Fund	Donations	2009 Goal
July 25/26	\$11,823.11	\$11,538 wkly
Year to Date 2009	\$370,429.11	\$600,000 yrly

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Around the Faith Community

Sacramental Life

BAPTISMS: On the second Sunday of each month Deacon Dan Laurita conducts a Baptismal Preparation class which meets in the All Purpose Room at 10:00AM. In order to have a child baptized at St. John's, parents need to be registered members of St. John's and attend the Baptism class. The next class is scheduled for August 9th.

BAPTISMS FOR OLDER CHILDREN: If your child is 4 years old or older, and has not previously been Baptized, please contact the Religious Education Department at 325-8580. Special age-appropriate programs are available to prepare your child to receive this special Sacrament.

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are August 21-23 in Huntsville, AL; October 2-4 in Nashville, TN and November 6-8 in Cullman, AL. Dates fill fast, early registration is recommended. For more information visit our website at: wwmealabama.org or call (800) 540-WWME (9963).

Parish Life

"Loaves & Fishes" Parents of Our High School Youth: We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal each week at our High School Youth Group which meets after the Sunday evening 5:30pm Mass. The meals are served in the Youth Room and could be prepared at home and delivered around 6:30pm. Something simple is all we ask. Pray about it and consider the possibility, then give Greg a call at 325-7596.

Seminary Bound! Please join us in bidding farewell to Ben Butler as he leaves for the Pontifical College Josphinum Seminary in Columbus Ohio in August. Ben has been active here for the past two years at St Johns in the Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus, RCIA as well as other activities. We will hold a Farewell Reception for Ben on Sunday, August 16, in the Parish Hall from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come and wish Ben all God's blessings as he answers God's call to the priesthood.

A reminder to all adults who work or volunteer with the youth of our parish: it is a Diocesan requirement for all adults to take a Youth Protection course once every 3 years. Two sessions of Youth Protection 1 will be offered on Monday, August 3rd in the school cafeteria: 10:00am and 6:00pm. If your training needs renewed or you need first time training, please RSVP to the Parish Office at 722-0130.

St. John's Music Ministry Choirs will be singing at all Masses next weekend. We need more members, so we would like to invite all those who sing or play an instrument to consider making a regular commitment to our Music Ministry. Our choirs meet for regular weekly rehearsals on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. We serve the weekly Masses, parish seasonal prayer services, and contemporary worship concerts and celebrations! Interested? Ask a choir member after Mass or call Greg Thompson at the Church Office.

The Knights of Columbus Speakers Program is pleased to announce that Madison Mayor, Mr. Paul Finely has accepted our invitation to come and speak on Thursday evening August 6th. The Mayor will begin his talk at 7:30pm in the Church basement. The council would like to invite everyone who is interested in hearing what the Mayor has to say about our community to please join us. Light refreshments will be served.

St. John's regular blood drive will be held on Saturday, August 15th, from 9:30 to 2:30. The drive will be held in the Parish Hall. Now is the time of year to get into a schedule with school and Fall sports starting back up. Please try and make donating blood one of the items on your 'to do' list.

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MEN'S CURSILLO ... Finding it difficult in today's world to live out your faith? The Cursillo Movement offers the tools, mentality, strength, and support to live a fuller Christian life. The next Men's Cursillo weekend will be held September 10-13, 2009 at the Benedictine Retreat Center in Cullman. Candidates must apply by August 20, 2009. For further information contact John Kutsor at 256-721-0422.

Bulletin Advertising: Our Ad Sales Representative from Pastoral Solutions will be calling area businesses the week of August 10th. If you would like to support the bulletin while advertising and marketing your business and/or product, please call Ken Perkins at 1-800-876-7000 x 241.

Project Linus needs your help! As part of the Interfaith Mission Service's "Day of Service and Unity", quilts and blankets are made that are distributed to organizations such as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Huntsville Women and Children's Hospital, Crestwood Hospital, Crisis Center, Harris Home, AGAPE, First Responders, and more. To prepare for this project, there is a great need for donated fabric, flannel, batting, nearly new blankets, or even store bought blankets. We especially need fabric big enough for backings (simple and plain pieces of fabric or flannel), and batting. If you are able to help, donations can be dropped off at Quilter's Combo and 1st Christian Church on Whitesburg Dr.

Kitty's Miracle Fund is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser with raffle prizes Aug. 15th from 4-8pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 per person (Children 5 and under are free!) and take out will be available. Tickets can be purchased at the door and at the SJS Back to School night in the school cafeteria. To volunteer or purchase tickets please contact Anne Tuggle at 722-8501 or ajtuggle@juno.com. Come join the fun and support a good cause.

Trip to the Holy Land - Spring 2010: Deacon Dan is putting together some preliminary plans to take a group to the Holy Land in Spring of 2010. If you would be interested in participating or learning more, visit: www.deacondanpilgrimage.blogspot.com or please contact Deacon Dan through email at deacondan@stjohnbchurch.org

Catholic High News

Challenge Gift Announcement: Demonstrating her continuing commitment to Pope John Paul II Catholic High School, Mrs. Linda Smith, and the Linda and Mark Smith Family Foundation have issued a challenge gift of up to **\$1,000,000**. Mrs. Smith is the former Honorary Chair of the Capital Campaign and is a current member of Fr. Bazzel's Construction Committee. Mrs. Smith's Challenge Gift will match Campaign donations and pledges ranging from \$100.00 to \$25,000.00 and is designed to stimulate our Catholic Community to put forward a final push to build Pope John Paul II Catholic High School. Watch for further information or contact Connie Gerlach: 430-1760, Ext. 150 or cgerlach@chsfalcons.org. To view an update of site preparation pictures visit: www.chsfalcons.org and click on more photos.

St. John's Catholic Community ~ Looking Ahead:

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
August 2	7:00am Mass 8:30am Mass 11:30am Mass 3:00pm JRYM 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm Just Faith Informational Meeting HSYM	August 3	8:30am Mass 9:30am Women's Cursillo Reunion 10:00am Youth Protection Training I 12:45pm Small Faith Sharing Group 6:00pm SJS School Board Meeting 6:00pm Youth Protection Training I 7:00pm Boy Scouts 8:00pm Men's Group	August 4	6:15am Mass 6:45am Men's Cursillo Reunion 8:30am Mass 9:15am Tuesday AM Scripture Study 10:00am Ladybug Rosary 6:30pm Communion Service 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm SVDP 7:15pm Sun. PM Choir Practice	August 5	6:15am Women's Cursillo Reunion 8:30am Communion Service 10:00am Mommy & Me 6:00pm Confessions (until 6:20) 6:30pm SJS New Parent Orientation Meeting 6:30pm Mass 7:15pm Men's Cursillo Reunion 7:15pm Sun. AM Choir Practice 7:15pm Just Faith 7:15pm XLT High School Scripture Study	August 6	8:30am Mass 6:00pm Mother's Ministry 6:00pm SJS Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting 7:15pm Knights of Columbus 7:15pm Sat. PM Choir Practice	August 7	<u>First Friday</u> 8:30am First Friday Mass 9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 9:00pm) 4:00pm SJS Back-To-School Night	August 8	8:30am Legion of Mary 9:00am Men's Cursillo 3:30pm Confessions (until 5:00) 5:30pm Mass
August 9	7:00am Mass 8:30am Mass 10:00am Baptism Preparation Class 11:30am Mass 1:00pm Catechist Training 3:00pm JRYM 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 6:45pm HSYM 6:45pm Young Singles	August 10	SJS Students Return 1:00pm Dismissal 8:30am Mass 9:00am Women's Cursillo Reunion 12:45pm Small Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts	August 11	<u>SJS 1:00pm Dismissal</u> 6:15am Mass 6:45am Men's Cursillo Reunion 8:00am Ladybug Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:15am Tuesday AM Scripture Study 6:30pm Catechist Training 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Scout Leader's Meeting 7:00pm SVDP	August 12	6:15am Women's Cursillo Reunion 8:30am Communion Service 9:30am Lightweight Orientation Meeting 10:00am Mommy & Me 6:00pm Confessions (until 6:20) 6:30pm Mass 7:15pm Sun. AM Choir Practice 7:15pm XLT High School Scripture Study	August 13	8:30am Mass 7:15pm 4th Degree 7:15pm Sat. PM Choir Practice	August 14	8:30am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass	August 15	<u>Assumption</u> 8:30am Mass 8:30am Legion of Mary 9:30am Red Cross Blood Drive 3:30pm Confessions (until 5:00)
August 16	7:00am Mass 8:30am Mass 11:30am Mass 12:45pm PTYM 2:00pm Ben Butler's Seminary Reception 3:00pm JRYM 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm HSYM	August 17	8:30am Mass 9:00am Women's Cursillo Reunion 9:30am Lightweight Bible Study 12:45pm Small Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm Finance Council 7:00pm Boy Scouts 8:00pm Men's Group	August 18	6:15am Mass 6:45am Men's Cursillo Reunion 8:00am Ladybug Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:15am Tuesday AM Scripture Study 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm SVDP 7:15pm Sun. PM Choir Practice	August 19	6:15am Women's Cursillo Reunion 8:30am Communion Service 10:00am Mommy & Me 5:15pm RE PreK-12 & Adults 6:00pm Confessions (until 6:20) 6:30pm Mass 7:15pm Sun. AM Choir Practice 7:15pm XLT High School Bible Study 7:15pm Men's Cursillo Reunion 7:15pm Adult Religious Ed	August 20	8:30am Mass 6:00pm Youth Protection I 7:15pm Knights of Columbus 7:15pm Sat. PM Choir Practice	August 21	8:30am Mass 5:00pm Married Fellowship	August 22	8:30am Legion of Mary 3:30pm Confessions (until 5:00) 5:30pm Mass