

Parish Staff

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Deacon	Rev. Mr. Skip Graffagnini	464-7262
School Principal	Mrs. Sherry Lewis <i>slewis@stjohnb.org</i>	722-0772
Director of Liturgy & Music	Greg Thompson <i>gthompson@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	325-7596
Assistant Music Minister	Andrew Tygielski <i>atygielski@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	772-4028
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Building Security	Gary Pietrzyk	722-0130
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Director of Adult Religious Education & Formation

Adult Ed, RCIA, Spirituality

Christina Semmens	<i>csemmens@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	722-7929 x102
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Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry*

PreK-12th Grade

Greg Thompson	<i>gthompson@stjohnbchurch.org</i>	325-7596 <i>*Interim 2009-'10</i>
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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	Kathy Colton	216-6033
Education Foundation	John Simmons	772-8344
Liturgy Commission	Tom Szoka	830-5037
Sacristan	Rose Basinski	430-0423
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		
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	Carolina Mata	830-8961
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 Cub Pack 350: Mike Fazah 722-9614 Venture 007: David Abell 830-2779 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 Garoppo	830-5989
Newsletter Committee (occasional)	Irene Garoppo	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

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 Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Friday from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

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.

Schedule at a Glance

Saturday, October 24

5:30pm Mass Intention: Josephine Ferrante †

Sunday, October 25

7:00am Mass Intention: For All Parishioners Living and Deceased
 8:30am Mass Intention: Larry Dransfield †
 8:30am Religious Education for Pre-K (S)
 10:00am Religious Education for Youth and Adults (S/PH)
 11:30am Mass Intention: Harold Hill †
 3:00pm JRYM (YR)
 5:30pm Mass Intention: Robert Mathe †
 6:45pm HSYM (YR)
 6:45pm JustFaith (PL)
 6:45pm Young Singles (APR)
 7:00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting (SC)

Monday, October 26

8:30am Mass Intention: Mary Costello †
 9:30am Lightweighth Bible Study (APR)
 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (CCR)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (PH/APR)

Tuesday, October 27

6:15am Mass Intention: Quang Van Le † and Ninh Van Chu †
 6:45am Men's Cursillo Reunion (PL)
 8:00am Ladybug Rosary (C)
 8:30am Scripture and Communion Service
 9:15am Tuesday AM Scripture Study (APR)
 9:15am Mother's Ministry (PH)
 12:30pm St. Joseph the Worker Job Networking Club (APR)
 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group (MPR)
 7:00pm SVDP (APR)

Wednesday, October 28

6:15am Women's Cursillo Reunion (PL)
 8:30am Scripture and Communion Service
 9:00am Women Sharing the Word Bible Study (APR)
 10:00am Mommy & Me (N)
 12:00pm Disciples for Life (PL)
 5:15pm Religious Education for Youth and Adults (APR/S)
 6:00pm Confessions (until 6:20pm)
 6:30pm Mass Intention: Joseph Baranik †
 7:15pm RCIA (PH)
 7:15pm Sunday AM Choir Practice (CHR)
 7:15pm Men's Cursillo Reunion (MPR)
 7:15pm XLT High School Scripture Study (YR)
 7:15pm JustFaith (APR)

Thursday, October 29

8:30am Mass Intention: De Van Vu †
 9:15am Mother's Ministry (PH/PL/APR/MPR)
 6:00pm Mother's Ministry (APR)
 6:30pm Mass Intention: Rebecca DeSpain †
 7:15pm Sunday PM Choir Practice (CHR)
 7:15pm Cursillo Ultreya (PH)

Friday, October 30

8:30am Mass Intention: Lucy Czermak †
 9:30am SJB Homeschool Co-op (PH/APR/PL/MPR/N)
 9:30am Women's Cursillo Reunion (CHR)

Saturday, October 31

8:30am Legion of Mary (APR)
 8:30am Mass Liturgy Day Workshop (C)
 3:30pm Confessions (Until 5:00pm)
 4:00pm Saturday PM Choir Practice (CHR)
 5:30pm Mass Intention: Larry Dransfield †

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Day - Daylight Savings Time Ends

7:00am Mass Intention: For All Parishioners Living and Deceased
 8:30am Mass Intention: Ursula Vergien †
 8:30am Religious Education for Pre-K (S)
 10:00am Religious Education for Youth and Adults (S/PH)
 11:30am Mass Intention: Nanajan Nazlou †
 3:00pm JRYM (YR)
 5:30pm Mass Intention: Francis Murphy †
 6:45pm HSYM (YR)
 6:45pm JustFaith (PL)
 6:45pm 30+ Singles (PH)

(APR) All Purpose Rm. (MPR) Mini Purpose Rm. (SCR) School Conference Rm.
 (C) Church (PH) Parish Hall (SG) School Gym
 (CCR) Church Conference Rm. (PL) Parish Hall Library (SL) School Library
 (CHR) Choir Room (S) School (YR) Youth Rm.
 (KC) Knights of Columbus Rm. (SC) School Cafeteria

Sunday, October 25, 2009 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus heals Bartimaeus.

~Mark 10:46-52

Readings for the Week October 25 - November 1

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2,4,6-7,20-21 Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31 Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29 Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18 Lk 14:1,7-11
 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

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

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS:

Charles Adams	Joan Easton	Kate Newberry
Sara Aguilar	Sr. Mary Edwardine	Jeanine Pesto
Anita Arenas	Fr. Jim Fitzgerald	Sevi Rast
Tracy Billingsley	George Fleming	A.J. Revera
Don Brown	Kathleen Freestone	Mark Richards
Chasity Browden	Christian Grajeda	Kim Richardson
Betty Busing	Sandy Harrison	Joyce Rigsby
Mary Cashion	Lena Hagale	Christina Rubio
Lois Chandler	Lan Hopkins	A.J. Ryder
Tricia Claus	Catherine Jordan	Stephanie Schultz
Catherine Clower	Patrick Karigan	Ted Seiler
Catherine Connors	Michael J. Kennedy	Ellen Sweeney
Samantha Costello	Albert Kerstiens	Ronnie Thomas
Josephine Cusack	Joan Merriman	Frank Wessling
William Davis	Dan Merriman	Charles White
Frank Dugan	Stuart Miller	Larry White

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The Finance Council minutes and the Seven Goals for the parish are posted on the church website.

Offertory	Donations	2009 Goal
Oct. 17/18	\$24,772.18	\$28,846 wkly
Year to Date 2009	\$1,144,231.12	\$1,500,000 yrly
Building Fund	Donations	2009 Goal
Oct. 17/18	\$10,036.47	\$11,538 wkly
Year to Date 2009	\$511,748.37	\$600,000 yrly
Propagation of the Faith	Donations	
	\$10,998.45	

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Around the Faith Community

Sacramental Life



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 November 8th. For children older than 4 years old, please contact the Religious Education Department at 325-8580

TODAY IS WORLD PRIEST DAY! Worldwide Marriage Encounter thanks all of our priests for their loving service to God's people. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are October 2-4 in Nashville, TN and November 6-8 in Cullman, AL. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: wwmealabama.org or call (800) 540-WWME (9963).



Attention Parents: St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL is hosting a **"Men in Black"** high school vocation retreat, Nov. 13-15, 2009 for young men who believe God is calling them to the priesthood and/or religious life. It is a good time to get away from the ipod, tv, pc and cell phone and text messaging in order to discern, listen and understand the call of Jesus Christ. Call toll free (800)722-0999 x7138 or use email: brbenedictosb@yahoo.com to register or obtain more information. To take a virtual tour of the Abbey, go to: www.stbernardabbey.com.



Upcoming **CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:** January 8-10, February 5-7, March 5-7, April 16-18. Contact by e-mail at: register.ceebirmingham@gmail.com or visit the website at www.birminghamcee.org or contact by phone Stephen and Kristi AuBuchon, 256-230-0483

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The **Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW)** invites all ladies with a **MILITARY, RETIRED OR CIVILIAN I.D.** to join **OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** at the Bicentennial Chapel meeting room the **FIRST FRIDAY, 6 November**. Social starting at 0900; Short Business meeting at 0930. Come hear about the amazing SE Region MCCW Conference held in Cullman, AL. Refreshments will be served. (Optional Holy Hour at 1100, Mass at Noon). Contact Phyllis @ 842-2175 or Diana @ 852-5519.



As **St. John the Baptist Catholic School** completes its third self study for re-accreditation, a revision of the mission and beliefs statements is surfacing. We would love to have the parishioners input in this effort. Please email Sherry Lewis at slewis@stjohnb.com if you would like to receive and respond to information regarding the new mission and belief statements.

Are you a couple yearning to get more involved in a Parish Ministry but haven't found the "right" one yet? Do you have one Friday night, Sunday afternoon, or one weekend a year that you could commit to support our young adults? If so, you may be the couple we have been looking for to help us in the Catholic Engaged Encounter ministry. For more information, contact Stephen and Kristi AuBuchon, 256-230-0483

Social Concerns

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Please join area Catholics in prayer and peaceful public witness at 612 Madison St, Huntsville abortion center Sept. 23 - Nov. 1, 2009. Please contact Isabel Killian at 325-6635 for more information.

Parish Life



The **St. John's Pop Warner Cheerleaders** traveled to Pulaski, TN on October 17 for the Middle Tennessee/North Alabama cheerleading competition. The Flag, Mighty Might and Jr. PeeWee cheerleaders each performed a routine and did a wonderful job. The Jr. PeeWee squad brought home the 1st place trophy for their division. They will travel to North Carolina over Thanksgiving weekend to compete in the Regional Pop Warner Cheerleading Competition. Congratulations to Samantha Avila, Courtney Bedingfield, Brianna Burks, Madeleine Cardamone, Alyssa Horrocks, Natalie Johnson, Ashley Langwinski, Abby Patterson, Samantha Switek, Emily Vadasy, Katherine Welch, and Abigail Woods for an outstanding performance.

Help needed! Is there anyone who lives in, or near, Heritage Plantation who would be willing to bring a gentleman to Sunday Mass? This man is no longer able to drive. He prefers the 8:30am Mass but says he is flexible and open to any Mass time and would be most grateful for your help. Please call Sr. Virginia at 722-8590 if you can help.



50+ Group News: LUNCH AT OL' HEIDELBERG CAFE, University Drive, Huntsville on **Thursday, October 29th** Please join us for lunch (pay for your own) at 11:00 a.m. at the Ol' Heidelberg German restaurant. We have made reservations for 30. Please call Mary Pietrzak at 772-3979 for more information and to reserve your seat. Come out and make new friends, see old friends, and celebrate Oktoberfest!



John Paul II Catholic High News

Catholic High School Open House will be held Sunday, November 8, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the school, 4810 Bradford Drive. Prospective students and their parents, as well as members of the community, are cordially invited to meet faculty members and students, ask questions, and tour the school. For more information, please call the school office at (256) 430-1760.

Catholic High School Gala and Raffle: The CHS Parent Association invites you to its 2009 Gala, "A Night to Remember," on Saturday, November 14, at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Event tickets, \$50 each, include dinner and complimentary wine and beer. Activities include auctions, bingo, casino, Treasure Chests, dancing and more. This year's raffle Grand Prize is a 2009 Honda CR-V LX, sponsored by Jerry Damson Honda; second prize is a beautifully handcrafted quilt, and third prize is a mountain bike. Raffle tickets are \$100 each; forms are available in parish offices. (You need not be present to win.) For tickets or information, please call a Gala Co-Chair: Ileana Gonzalez-Tablada at 653-0102 / Julie Kellogg at 721-0723 / Cindy Prylinski at 882-7807 / Cindy Tygielski at 656-4523.

Catholic High School seeks a Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach. Please email résumé to Wes Robertson, Athletic Director, at wrobertson@chsfalcons.org.





Adult Education and Spirituality

Christina Semmens, 603-0225
csemmens@stjohnbchurch.org

For more information on Adult Ed events go to:
www.stjohnbchurch.org/amre/amre.htm

Year for Priests—10/25 Pray for Fr. Gray Bean

Sun Adult Ed—10/25, 10:05-11:05am

This week: Liturgy of the Hours/All Hallows Eve-Fr Mark
NEXT Week (11/1): Saints and Spirituality

Wed Adult Ed—10/28, 5:25-6:25pm

Topic: Overview of Eucharistic Prayers—Deacon Dan
Next week (11/4): Discussion of Week 6 Bible Study

RCIA—Wed evenings, 7:15-8:45pm, Parish Hall

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Christina Semmens, 603-0225, csemmens@stjohnbchurch.org.

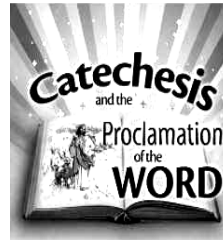
Want to learn more about the faith? Check out the St John's Adult Ed & Spirituality webpages...

The adult ed web-pages on St John's website not only provide information about ongoing activities, but also are a way to learn more about the faith. Check out the audio files for both the Sun & Wed Adult Ed sessions and links to a variety of resources about the Catholic faith, too.



Religious Education

religiousED@stjohnbchurch.org
325-8580



Are you smarter than a "Middle Schooler"? Throughout the year we will be offering you a chance to answer just a few of the questions that are covered in our Parish RE Program...

This Week's Question:

Name the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary...
What day of the week do we pray these mysteries?

(from the Diocesan Test Study Guide for 6th Graders)

Did you know... The Medieval piety in the West developed the prayer of the rosary as a popular substitute for the Liturgy of the Hours. In the East, the litany called the *Akathistos* and the *Paraclesis* remained closer to the choral office in the Byzantine churches, while the Armenian, Coptic, and Syriac traditions preferred popular hymns and songs to the Mother of God. But in the *Ave Maria*, the *theotokia*, the hymns of St. Ephrem or St. Gregory of Narek, the tradition of prayer is basically the same. CCC #2678

The St. John's RE Office @
722-7929 (x108 or x113).



See the website at
www.stjohnbchurch.org



Youth Faith Formation

Greg Thompson
gthompson@stjohnbchurch.org

SJYM Works in the "Mission Field"!

THIS Week October 25th...

JRYM - Weed Pullin' and Sundae Makin' Fun

HSYM - Slight change of plans... CASINO NIGHT!

**CONFIRMATION PARENT & SPONSOR MEETING
TONIGHT OCT. 25TH AT 7:00PM!!!**

NEXT Week November 1st
All Saints Day Parties at both JRYM & HSYM!

THIS WEEK... Halloween Fun!

"Trunk or Treating" for kids of all ages Wednesday night October 28th 6:00 - 8:00pm in the small gym parking lot. Like "trick-or-treating", the kids dress up and go car to car for loads of fun! We need volunteer trunk and treats, so consider helping us out, and decorate your car trunk, and bring a few treats to share! **E-mail Betsy at blashlev@knology.net**

"Haunted Corn Maze for the JRYM and HSYM Groups" This Wed. night October 28th 6:30 - 9:00pm. Get details at Youth Group!

Contact Greg at 325-SJYM or gthompson@stjohnbchurch.org



St. John's School

Sherry Lewis, Principal
slewis@stjohnb.com

Upcoming School Events

- ◆ Nov. 11 Veterans' Day—no school
- ◆ Nov. 17 Wendy's Night
- ◆ Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday



Art News... Congratulations to fifth grader Andrew Hataway for having a winning design for the Huntsville Botanical Gardens Galaxy of Lights Holiday Card display. Andrew's picture is of a happy elf dancing in front of the Christmas tree. The design will be transferred to a 6'x8' board, and Andrew will be painting in the details.

We also congratulate eighth grader Taylor Durant for being recognized at the Madison Street Festival Student Art Display. Taylor created a henna design on paper.



