

Parish Staff

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St. John's Parish School		
Principal	Mrs. Sherry Lewis <i>slewis@stjohnb.com</i>	722-0772
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St. John's Pastoral Council

Damian Bianca	Mona Hoppmeyer	Michael Monis	Desirée Possell
Kora Davis	Don Mandeville	Robert Plummer	Miguel Rodriguez

Councils, Commissions & Committees

Councils	Point of Contact	Phone
Pastoral Council	Miguel Rodriguez	464-5866
Finance Council	Joe Newberry	325-0690
St John's School	Sherry Lewis, Principal	722-0772
School Board	Christopher Smith	508-3908
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	Keith Fury	508-7573
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-12 th grade)	Kathleen Butler	325-8580
Sacramental Preparation	Kathleen Butler	325-8580
RCIA	Christina Semmens	603-0225
Adult Education	Christina Semmens	603-0225
Just Faith	Cathie Buechler	325-4606
Bereavement Ministry	Mary Ellen Roberts	721-5563
Religious Goods Store	Dave & Noa Vorhis	513-9256
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	Elaine Harrah	325-0204
Small Faith Sharing Communities	Terry Trinko	325-3259
Ladybug Rosary Group	Rita Nieves	325-3121
Youth Commission		
High School (HSYM) Gr. 9 th -12 th	Greg Thompson	325-7596
Jr. High School (JRYM) Gr. 6 th -8 th	Greg Thompson	325-7596
Pre-Teen (PTYM) Gr. 3 rd -5 th	Greg Thompson	325-7596
XLT Scripture Group	Greg Thompson	325-7596
Pop Warner Football	Bill Myers	777-8806
Scouting: <i>Girl Scouts: GSNCA 883-1020; 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	Linda Rickabaugh	325-6681
Funeral Receptions	Michelle Driggs	325-9721
Care & Compassion (Meals to the Sick)	Erin Percy	864-3216
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	Bill Moran	585-4961
Marriage Encounter	John & Teresa Simmons	772-8344
Cursillo Ultreya	John Kutsor	721-0422
Legion of Mary	Chris Sharp	461-0602

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 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



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. ~Lk 14:1,7-14

Saturday, August 28

5:30pm Mass Intention: Thomas Hart, Sr. †
Sunday, August 29
 7:00am Mass Intention: For All Parishioners Living and Deceased
 8:30am Mass Intention: Mark Richards †
 8:30am Religious Education for Pre-K (S)
 10:00am Religious Education for Youth and Adults (S/PH)
 11:30am Mass Intention: Margaret Cushing †
 3:00pm JRYM (YR)
 4:00PM PARISH PICNIC (until 7:00pm)
 5:30pm Mass Intention: Lidwina Zeigler †
 6:45pm HSYM (YR)

Monday, August 30

8:00am Light Weight (APR)
 8:30am Mass Intention: Intentions of Kathleen Freestone
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (PH)

Tuesday, August 31

6:15am Mass Intention: Intentions of Joyce Rigsby
 6:45am Men's Cursillo Reunion (PL)
 8:00am Ladybug Rosary (C)
 8:30am Mass Intention: Sam Melsheimer †
 9:15am Mother's Ministry (PH, APR, PL, MPR)
 9:15am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (APR)
 12:30pm St. Joseph the Worker Job Networking Club (APR)
 6:30pm Sunday PM Choir Practice (CHR)
 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group (MPR)
 7:00pm SVDP (APR)

Wednesday, September 1

8:30am Mass Intention: Intentions of Betty Graffeo
 9:15am Women's Bible Study
 10:00am Mommy & Me (N)
 6:00pm Confessions (until 6:20pm)
 6:30pm Intention: Tinh Le †
 7:15pm Mass Sunday AM Choir Practice (CHR)
 7:15pm Men's Cursillo Reunion (MPR)
 7:15pm Rosary & Faith Sharing (C)
 7:15pm Scripture Study (PL)
 7:15pm JustFaith (APR)

Thursday, September 2

8:30am Mass Intention: Jean Burk †
 9:15am Mother's Ministry (PH, APR, PL, MPR)
 6:30pm Mass Intention: Tricia Claus †
 7:00pm Mother's Ministry (APR)
 7:15pm Knights of Columbus (PH)

Friday, September 3: First Friday

8:30am Mass Intention: Jimmy Hataway †
 9:00am Centering Prayer Group (MPR)
 9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 9:00pm)

Saturday, September 4: First Saturday

8:30am Mass Intention: For Deceased Clergy & Religious †
Followed by Holy Hour Adoration
 8:30am Legion of Mary (APR)
 3:30pm Confessions (until 5:00pm)
 4:00pm Saturday PM Choir Practice (CHR)
 5:30pm Mass Intention: John Charles †

Sunday, September 5

7:00am Mass Intention: For All Parishioners Living and Deceased
 8:30am Mass Intention: David Aiello †
 11:30am Mass Intention: Gene Hood †
 5:30pm Mass Intention: Bill Gough, Jr. †

Monday, September 6: Labor Day - Parish Offices Closed - SJS No School

9:00am Mass Mass at 9:00am

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

Readings for the Week August 22- August 29

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11 Heb 12:18-19,22-24a Lk 14:1,7-14
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15,20-21 Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6 Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6,12-17 Phlm 9-10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS:

Sara Aguilar	Joan Easton	Bernadette Mayer	Stephanie Schultz
Michael Alindogan	Graca Flanagan	Caroline McKaskle	Kevin Searcy
Anita Arenas	Kathleen Freestone	Joan Merriman	Ted Seiler
Helen Barber	David Frew	Dan Merriman	Michelle Siminski
Tracy Billingsley	Christian Grajeda	Martha Miller	Andrew Skarupa
Don Brown	Raymond Haidar	Kate Newberry	Flora Belle Skinner
Mary Burke	Kimberly Hammon	Judy Osmon	Don Stock
Peggy Brown	Sandy Harrison	Joanne Perry	Doug Sutter
Sam Campis	Christopher Hicks	Beryl Pitchford	Ellen Sweeney
Wilda Cook	Katie Hoebbel	Sevi Rast	Ronnie Thomas
Larry Cleary	Lan Hopkins	A.J. Revera	Emmanuel Tsikalas
Catherine Connors	Elizabeth Howard	Baby Jaxson Ridout	Virginia Tullius
Sue Corsetti	Catherine Jordan	Evelyn Reibold	Theresa Kim Vu
Josephine Cusack	Patrick Karigan	Ed Risher	Bob Walker
Louis Despres	Albert Kerstiens	Joyce Rigsby	Frank Wessling
Patricia Dietrich	Joyce Kummer	Clarence Rogier	Larry White
Leon Durant	Joe Leahy	Christina Rubio	Theresa White
Grayson Edwards	Stacey Malegni	Dagmara Ryavec	Becky Williams
	Eva Marshall		Jeff Wrobel

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The July Finance Council minutes are posted on the church website.

Offertory	Donations	2010 Goal
Aug 21/22	\$26,757.52	\$28,846 wkly
Year to Date 2010	\$1,010,136.98	\$1,500,000 yrly
Building Fund	Donations	2010 Goal
Aug 21/22	\$9,758.39	\$11,538 wkly
Year to Date 2010	\$404,644.00	\$600,000 yrly
Burse Club	Donations	
	\$819.00	

Thank you for using your envelopes.

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 Spetmeber12th. For children older than 4 years old, please contact the Religious Education Department at 325-8580.



The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are October 15-17 in Nashville, TN and November 5-7 in Huntsville, AL. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: wwmealabama.org or call (800) 540-WWME (9963).



Upcoming Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend dates are: Sept 10-12, Oct 22-24, and Jan 7-9, 2011. All weekends are held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman, AL. For more information and to register online please visit our website at www.birminghamcee.org.

Social Concerns

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs your help! We are low on a number of items: canned fruit, apple sauce, canned (peas, carrots, mixed veggies, spinach), stuffing, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant (women and men), soap, dish detergent, hand soap, and laundry detergent. Items can be put in the SVDP box outside the SVDP Pantry in the Church Hall or on the cart in the back of the Church next to the religious articles store. Where possible, please purchase items in plastic containers. Thank you for your help.

Choose Life's annual "Walk for Life" fundraiser will be 9am Saturday, September 18th at Big Spring Park. Sponsor forms are in the church office. All parishioners are invited to participate.

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St. William 40th Annual Festival: Saturday, September 4th beginning at 10:30am at Civitan Park in Guntersville. Enjoy Creole-style gumbo and boiled spicy Cajun shrimp as well as fresh crawfish, fried catfish, and bbq chicken. Drive-thru opens at 7:30am to pick up gumbo by the quart and boiled shrimp by the pound. Raffle tickets will be on sale (\$2 each or 6/\$10) to win \$1000 cash, tickets to Alabama/Auburn game, and a set of 4 tires! More details and directions can be found at www.stwilliamchurch.com/festival.



Catholic Young Professionals (CYP) is a group of single and married Catholics in their 20s & 30s seeking to share faith, have fun, and serve Christ together. CYP invites anyone interested in being a part of our ministry to join. Call Allen (256-479-3380), Eric (256-679-8998), or Jeff (256-431-9300) or check out our website for more information (<http://www.catholicyoungprofessionals.com>). CYP is a ministry of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. We look forward to fellowshiping and serving Christ with you!

Catholic Women's 8-week study at Redstone Arsenal Chapel on Pope John Paul's Apostolic Letter: Mulieris Dignitatem: On the Vocation & Dignity of Women in which he meditates on the anthropology of man and woman, God's intention for their relationship and the result of original sin. www.endowonline.com. Wednesday morning, 0930-1100, 1Sep-27Oct. Contact: DianaRuzicka53@aol.com.



End of Summer Social and Picnic

**Sunday, August 29th
4:00pm - 7:00pm
On the Parish Field**

Bring your TENTS, bring your COOLERS, and bring a FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER JOB NETWORKING CLUB: For those seeking employment or those wanting to help those seeking employment, the St. Joseph the Worker Job Club meets weekly **Tuesdays** from **12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall**. For more info: contact Maureen Chemsak, 830-4610, maureenjchemsak@gmail.com and <http://www.stjohnbchurch.org/JobClub/JobClub.html>.



High School Youth Ministry is in need of volunteers! We need help providing food for our weekly meetings as well as volunteers to help plan and run meetings for the teens. There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00pm in the Youth Room. Anyone interested should come to learn more!

Upcoming Youth Protection Classes

These classes are required for all adults and high school students who volunteer with the youth of our parish. This training must be renewed every 3 years.

Adult Class Schedule

9/9/10	6:00-8:00PM	ST. JOHN'S	RSVP: 722-0772
9/20/10	6:30-8:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT	RSVP: 882-2316



The prayer ministry of Moms in Touch International (MIT) which prays for children and the schools they attend will be starting up again before you know it. MIT - has several groups that meet in homes throughout the area for anywhere from kindergarten through college and career children. MIT is interdenominational, non political and the emphasis is strictly on prayer. Area Coordinator, Marilyn Merkel, 256-325-1800 can provide info to those interested in finding the group for their child's school. More information is available at www.momsintouch.org.

Parish Life



Calling All Girls!!! Join Girl Scouts!!! Girl Scout Troops forming at St. John's!! Are YOU interested in becoming a Girl Scout? **Come to the Girl Scout Registration Clinic on Tuesday September 14th from 5:30-7:30 in the Parish Hall.** For more information contact: Liz Hutson, (256) 325-1286 or gssu37t45@yahoo.com or Shawana Ariel at the Girl Scouts Office, (256) 883-1020, x1232 or sariel@girlscoutsnca.org.



The Care & Compassion Ministry of St. John's is called on to provide meals for those families who need relief from daily meal preparation due to illness, bereavement or other unforeseen circumstances. If you would like to become involved in this meaningful ministry, please contact Erin Percy at 256-864-3216



Men's Softball: Men's Church League Softball (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) will begin Fall League very soon. Parishioners interested in playing, please contact Joe at joseph.b.raymond@gmail.com or call 256.797.7919.



Adult Education and Spirituality

Christina Semmens, 603-0225
csemmens@stjohnbchurch.org

RCIA sessions begin on Wed. Sept 8th

For all those interested in inquiring more about the Catholic faith, those who wish to become Catholic, or those adults who have yet to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, RCIA is the place for you! Sessions begin on Wed., Sept 8th, 7:15-8:45pm in the parish hall. For more information check the St John's website and click on "Our Faith" or contact, Christina Semmens, 256-603-0225, csemmens@stjohnbchurch.org.

JustFaith groups being finalized now!

If you are interested in participating in the JustFaith process this year, you need to register THIS WEEK as the group(s) begins the week of Sept 6th. Contact Cathie Buechler for more info, 256-724-0480, ciebuechler@hotmail.com.

All other Adult Education and Spirituality groups are NOW IN SESSION! Groups are open to ANY adult who is interested in participating...

For the most accurate days/times/locations on any Adult Education opportunities, go to: www.stjohnbchurch.org & click on "Adult Ed and Spirituality"



Religious Education

Kathleen Butler, DRE
kbutler@stjohnbchurch.org



91 Catechists and aides have answered call to participate in the faith formation of our young Parishioners

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sundays

3&4 YR OLD Pre-school 8:30 AM

K-12th grade 10 -11:15 AM

WEDNESDAYS:

4 yrs old—9th grade 5:15-6:30

Registration continues for grades K-12

CONFIRMATION CLASS THIS WEEK

Sunday Aug 29 –10-11:15 AM in the school cafeteria

All 9th grade parishioners who attend Pope John Paul School, Public School and Home Schools are required to attend these classes the last Sunday of the month for the school year.



Youth Ministry

Greg Thompson
gthompson@stjohnbchurch.org

SJYM...

Preteen Ministry (Grades 3-5) Coordinators: Betsy Lashley & Tara Marshall... Our next meeting will be Sunday September 19th from 12:45-2:15pm.

Junior High Ministry (Grades 6-8) meets every Sunday from 3:00-5:00pm Coordinators: Arlene McCormick & Pat Lampton... This Sunday, August 29th, **in lieu of youth group**, we'll be going to the Parish Picnic welcoming Sr. Susanne from 4:00-7:00pm! Next week, September 5th, we'll be OFF for the Labor Day weekend... We'll meet again on Sunday September 12th for a trip to the Botanical Garden to see the JRYM Scarecrow Trail entry: "Arachnophobia"!

High School Ministry (Grades 9-12) meets every Sunday from 6:45-8:30pm Coordinators: Paula Diteon & Amanda Stremel... This Sunday, August 29th,, we'll be going to the Parish Picnic to welcome Sr. Susanne from 4:00-7:00pm, with maybe a little extra fun afterwards! Next week, September 5th, we'll be OFF for the Labor Day weekend... We'll meet again on Sunday September 12th! Join us for our XLT Scripture Study each Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm in the Youth Room!

Stay up to date for all the Youth Ministry plans by checking the parish website at www.stjohnbchurch.org



St. John's School

Sherry Lewis, Principal
slewis@stjohnb.com

Upcoming School Events

- ◆ Aug. 31—1:30 dismissal, BASC open
- ◆ Sept. 1—School pictures, in uniform
 - ◆ Sept. 6—Labor Day, no school
 - ◆ Sept. 13—PTO Meeting, 6:30pm



The St. John's Crusader Club looks forward to another successful year for our student athletes. Our Fall athletics program is in full swing, and the St. John's soccer explosion continues with 142 participants and 16 teams formed for students in grades PreK-8. Our girls volleyball program has 50 participants and 6 teams formed for grades 5-8. Games are already underway!



The extracurricular athletics program at St. John's School, sponsored by the Crusader Club, would not be possible without the dedication of the many parents and volunteer coaches who give of their time so willingly. We thank all of our parent volunteers for their commitment to our wonderful athletics program!

