

# Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 5, 2025

# LIFE

*Our Sign  
of Hope*

A close-up photograph of a newborn baby's face, looking up with large, dark eyes. Water is being poured from a wooden spoon onto the baby's forehead. The baby is wearing a white cloth and a white identification band on its arm. The background is softly blurred.

St. John Neumann exists to lead people to a  
transformative encounter with Jesus Christ.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Closed Monday & Wednesday: 11:00-11:30 a.m. for Daily Mass

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## JOIN US FOR THE HOLY ROSARY!

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and we invite individuals, families, and life groups to help lead the Rosary following each Sunday Mass, including the Saturday Vigil, throughout the month.

Volunteers are needed and warmly encouraged to participate. If weather permits, we will gather at the Marian Grotto; otherwise, we will pray inside the church. A script with the basic prayers and structure of the Rosary will be provided to all leaders.

Join us in this beautiful devotion to Our Blessed Mother!

Sign up on the SJN Volunteer page or scan the QR code.



## Welcome to Our New Director of Parish Administration

### CHIP STALTER

*Director of Parish Administration*

We are pleased to welcome our new Director of Parish Administration, Chip Stalter, to the St. John Neumann parish staff.

Chip and his wife, Sue, have been devoted parishioners of St. John Neumann for nearly 25 years. Over the years, they have faithfully supported, prayed for, and witnessed the parish's remarkable growth. Recently retired from a 41-year career at White Castle, Chip was looking forward to enjoying retirement with Sue. However, through prayer, discernment, and what he describes as a few "supernatural nudges," he felt a clear calling to serve both God and the parish in this new role.

During his long and successful career, Chip advanced from a mailroom clerk to Director of Compensation and Business Services. In that position, he was responsible for developing compensation strategies, incentive and bonus plans, and overseeing employee benefits for the entire company. He also led the facilities maintenance team at the corporate campus, managed the café and event services, and supervised the reception desk. His experience also includes time in both the accounting and marketing departments.

Chip is excited and humbled to bring his years of professional experience to serve the parish he loves. He looks forward to supporting the mission of St. John Neumann and asks for your prayers as he begins this new chapter of service.





## LIFE GROUP

## OPEN HOUSE

OCT. 18 AND 19

AFTER ALL MASSES



All are welcome to visit our newly renovated meeting spaces in the lower level of the Faith and Family Center!

Come enjoy fellowship and light refreshments as you explore the new spaces.



## BE A LIGHT ON THE SIDEWALK.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

Planned Parenthood Surgical Clinic  
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Thursday, October 9

Sign up on the SJN website or scan this QR code



JOIN GCRTL AND ST. JOHN NEUMANN IN PRAYER AND ACTIVISM BY SIGNING UP TO PRAY FOR AN HOUR BETWEEN 7:00 AM AND 5:00 PM ON **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9.**



Learn more about 40DFL



## CALLING ALL DISCIPLE-MAKERS!

Do you feel called to serve our parish and help form the next generation of faithful disciples? We're launching a new model of youth discipleship, and we're looking for parishioners who are passionate about mentoring and walking with young people in their faith journey. Join us for a series of five training sessions this fall, designed to equip and inspire you for this important ministry.

## 5 SESSIONS

- October 5 – Module 1: What is Discipleship?
- October 19 – Module 2: Adolescent Culture
- November 2 – Module 3: Why Mentorship?
- November 16 – Module 4: Mentorship Practicals
- December 7 – Module 5: Structure and Resources

**THE AQUINAS ROOM**  
**SUNDAYS,**  
**6:00–8:00 PM**

Let's raise up the next generation—together.

RSVP to Brenda Schroeder at [bschroeder@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:bschroeder@stjohnsunbury.org) to reserve your spot or to learn more

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Reduce stress and enhance your mood. Singing can help!

THE CHOIR COMMUNITY PROVIDES SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGH PRAYER.

The Saturday 4pm Mass Choir rehearses Tuesdays 6-7:30pm. The Sunday 9am Mass Choir rehearses Thursdays 7-8:30pm.

For info and a free vocal evaluation, contact our Director of Sacred Music Rich Krehnovi at [rkrehnovi@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:rkrehnovi@stjohnsunbury.org) or 614-937-6683.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm

For children in Kindergarten through 6th grade



We're excited to announce this year's Children's Christmas Pageant, and we'd love your child to be part of it!

Auditions:

Sundays, October 5 & 19

2:00–3:00 PM in the church

Come ready to sign up, read a few lines, and sing a short song. We're looking for actors of all ages and solo singers!

Rehearsals Begin:

Sunday, November 16, 2:00–3:00 pm  
(weekly in the church)



TO SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE, CONTACT  
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## Interested in becoming Catholic?



## Order of Christian Initiation

OCI Sessions

Date: Sundays

Time: 12:15 pm

Location: Aquinas Room

Our ministry for those wanting to become Catholic, the Order of Christian Initiation, is ongoing.

People are formed in small groups and prepared for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Whether you're brand new to the Faith or just looking for a refresher, this is a great place to start.

### Sponsor Volunteers Needed

We're looking for Sponsors to accompany individuals exploring the Catholic faith through the OCI process.

As a Sponsor, you'll walk alongside a "potential new Catholic" during Sunday sessions, attend Mass with them during Lent, and celebrate their Sacraments together.

We currently have several Inquirers who need someone to journey with them. This is a meaningful way to welcome a new member into our community—and a powerful opportunity to deepen your own faith in the process.

If you're interested in serving as a Sponsor, please contact Paul Stokell.



[saintjohnsunbury.org/becoming-catholic](http://saintjohnsunbury.org/becoming-catholic)

## OCI - FALL SESSIONS

- Sessions begin September 2025
- Contact Paul Stokell, Adult Formation Director, at [pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org)



# THANK YOU



We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped beautify the spaces at our beloved parish. We would like to recognize two parishioners for their outstanding work over the past three years.

Sondra Yothers has put her design skills to work on almost every area of our campus. The parish office entryway, Neumann Server Sacristy, Family of Faith Center upgrades, Hall of Saints and Life Group Rooms: Sts. Carlo Acutis and Maria Goretti (Youth Room), St. Thomas Aquinas (Adult Faith Room), St. Martha (Hospitality Suite), St. Padre Pio, St. Mother Teresa, and our latest Life Group room, the St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Room.



Travis Tropp has done all the painting on all the above projects, as well as the parish offices.

If you are in need of decorating or painting services, we encourage you to consider supporting them:

Sondra Yothers of Cozy Home Interiors 614-327-8699  
Travis Tropp of TLT Services (Residential Painting) [ttropp@mac.com](mailto:ttropp@mac.com) or 888-586-2899

We are grateful for their continued support and dedication to our parish!



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Join thousands of others praying the Rosary  
in public across America and the world.

Join us Saturday, October 11, 2025  
at Sunbury Town Square,  
51 E. Cherry Street, Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

Prayer to begin at 12:00 pm.



XXIX  
ACTS

# Hallow





# SJN OUTREACH



## Scripture—and Father Dury's homilies—remind us of our call to love our neighbor and serve the poor.

At St. John Neumann, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) offers many ways to live out that call through the Vincentian pillars of spirituality, friendship, and service.

Our ministries include:

- Assistance Intake – Interviewing neighbors who call our Helpline for help with rent, utilities, and other needs
- Senior Groceries – Delivering food and household essentials to residents of two local senior apartment communities
- Jail Ministry – Leading Bible studies and programs at Delaware County Jail
- We also collaborate with Family Promise and Big Walnut Friends Who Share to serve those in need.

Thank you to all who already share your time, talent, and treasure through SVDP. Everyone is welcome to explore the Vincentian way of serving Christ in the poor.

Our Conference meets monthly on the 4th Monday at 7:00 pm in Room 3 below the Faith and Family Center.

To learn more, contact Conference President Angela Ray at [aeray5@msn.com](mailto:aeray5@msn.com).

## Give to Our Outreach Ministries

If you're looking for meaningful ways to care for others, please consider supporting our Outreach Ministries, which benefit both St. Vincent de Paul and the Good Samaritan Ministry.

The Good Samaritan Ministry (GSM) assists individuals and families in our community who are facing financial or material hardships. Through our Request for Funds form, those in need can apply for help. Each request is thoughtfully reviewed, verified, and voted on by our team, with funds disbursed for approved needs.

Your generosity directly supports this mission of compassion, hope, and practical help.

Ways to Give:

- Online: Visit [saintjohnsunbury.org/give](http://saintjohnsunbury.org/give) and use WeShare
- In Church: Use the all-blue envelopes available in the pews
- Mobile: Scan the QR code





# Pies, Pies, and More Pies!



Join us for pie-making for the  
Holiday Bazaar in the FFC  
kitchen every Monday in October  
from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. 

We're aiming to make over 100 delicious pies to sell, including apple, peach, berry, pumpkin, and pecan. No experience is necessary—just come ready to have fun and make new friends!

**STARTING OCTOBER 6 AT 9:00 AM**

Bring your own rolling pin if you have one, and let's get baking!

## Holiday Bazaar Basket Raffle: Donations Needed!

We're seeking donations for the popular Basket Raffle at our Holiday Bazaar!

Suggested items include new goods, gift cards, themed or heritage baskets, sports tickets or memorabilia, health and beauty items, and more.

Please consider donating by Monday, November 3. All contributions are appreciated—proceeds support the spiritual and social programs at our parish.

To donate, contact Florence Kieffer at 740-965-5134 or [flock123@centurylink.net](mailto:flock123@centurylink.net). Thank you for your generous support!



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# Family of Faith

Our desire is to help all members of the family to grow as disciples of Jesus.

## Renewing the Grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony

Our parish is renewing its efforts to help couples fully receive and live out the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Many couples married civilly—but not in the Catholic Church—have recently begun the process of Convalidation, where they exchange vows before a priest or deacon and two witnesses. Through this simple yet profound step, they become sacramentally married in the Church.

If either spouse was previously married and the former spouse is still living, a Declaration of Nullity from the Diocesan Tribunal is required beforehand. For help navigating prior marriages, please contact Paul Stokell, our Adult Formation Director at [pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org).

If you are civilly married and interested in Convalidation, reach out to John Pratt, our Marriage and Family Life Coordinator at [jpratt@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:jpratt@stjohnsunbury.org), to take the next steps.

## Calling All Disciple-Makers!

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RSVP to Brenda Schroeder at [bschroeder@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:bschroeder@stjohnsunbury.org) to reserve your spot or to learn more.

## Family of Faith Juniors: October 12

### Family of Faith (Kids 0 – K)

Family of Faith Juniors supports parents and young children through informal gatherings that focus on connecting young families and our parish community. A brief period of catechesis is included at these monthly meetings, but children and parents alike will enjoy the food and fellowship with other families with young children.

Join us Sunday, October 12, from 10:10 am to 10:45 am at the pavilion and playground.

## OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

### 10/4 (Sat)

- Baptism Preparation Class 9:45 – 10:45 am
- Engaged Couples Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 pm

### 10/5 (Sun)

- Middle School Youth Group 3:00 – 4:30 pm
- Youth Discipleship Facilitator Training 6:00 – 8:00 pm

### 10/12 (Sun)

- FoF Juniors 10:10 – 10:50 am
- SEEK A First Communion Prep Session 10:15 – 11:15 am
- Baptisms 12:15 pm
- Confirmation Class 3:00 – 4:30 pm

### 10/14 (Tues)

- SEEK B First Communion Prep Session 6:30 – 7:30 with Pizza at 6:15 pm

### 10/19 (Sun)

- MEND A First Communion Prep Session 10:15 – 11:15 am
- Middle School Youth Group 3:00 – 4:30 pm
- Youth Discipleship Facilitator Training 6:00 – 8:00 pm

### 10/21 (Tues)

- MEND B First Communion Prep Session 6:30 – 7:30 with Pizza at 6:15 pm

### 10/25 (Sat)

- Confirmation Retreat 2<sup>nd</sup> Years Only at Recreation Unlimited 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

### 10/26 (Sun)

- Baptisms 12:15 pm

### 10/28 (Tues)

- Family of Faith Community Night (1-4) 6:00 – 7:30 pm

### 10/29 (Wed)

- High School Youth Ministry All Saints Party 6:00 – 8:00 pm



## Little Liturgical Lessons

# About that Prayer Pope Leo Wrote (Not that Leo... and not that one, either)

By Paul Stokell

**"Why do we say that prayer to the Archangel Michael after we're dismissed from Mass?"**



*Great to know you're reading this! These Little Liturgical Lessons respond to feedback from parishioners and Parish Staff. If you have questions about the Mass or other Sacraments—here or elsewhere—feel free to reach out!*

Not long ago, we began our Inquiry sessions for OCI, where people prepare to enter the church. Many SJN parishioners came as possible Sponsors or Godparents for these Inquirers (we could use some more, by the way!). One of them asked me, "Why do we say that prayer to the Archangel Michael after we're dismissed from Mass? I don't hear it anywhere else!" First, it's important to know *where* that prayer came from.

Remember 1870? What a year! America was starting to heal from Civil War. Our British neighbors to the north had recently organized as modern Canada, and Europe had a minor dispute that erupted into the *Franco-Prussian War*. That conflict – which ended the First Vatican Council early, and set the stage for World War I – became so intense that some nice Italian named Garibaldi got a few thousand friends together to grab territory from what was then called the *Papal States*. Garibaldi wanted to unite Italy as a modern nation, but as the name implies, the owner of that desired land – Pope Leo XIII – got a bit nervous. In an attempt to bring peace to Europe (not to mention his own backyard), Leo took prayers first written by Pope Pius IX and asked the Universal Church to include them at the end of Sunday Masses. This included three Hail Marys, the *Salve Regina*, a verse and response, a prayer for the conversion of sinners and the liberty and exaltation of the Church, and finally the invocation of the Archangel Michael.

Fast forward to 1929. The unified Italians (under some nice guy named Mussolini) signed the *Lateran Treaty*, which created what is now the sovereign Vatican City State. The head of the "new, improved" territory – Pope Pius XI – chose not to end the use of the *Leonine Prayers* but changed the intention, for "the conversion of Russia" so that the Soviet Union might again permit freedom of worship, for oppressed Catholics and Orthodox alike. These prayers remained as a part of regular Catholic practice until they were officially suppressed (ended) in 1965, as a result of the Second Vatican Council (*Inter Œcumenici*, 48 j).

So...how did this prayer end up in present-day Sunbury? Like the Universal Church, the devotional behavior of this community after the celebration of Mass has evolved. Practices – always well-intentioned – came and went. A recent pastor thought it well to end Sunday Mass with the now-familiar remnant of the Leonine Prayers, and ending our Daily Masses with the *Divine Praises*, itself written for traditional evening prayers and often used for worship of the Holy Eucharist outside the context of the Mass.

As for Leo XIII, he became better known for a letter he wrote about the poor condition of laborers in the midst of the Industrial Revolution, *Rerum Novarum* ("The New Things," 1891). This began what is now modern Catholic Social Teaching, inspiring a Chicago-born Robert Cardinal Prevost to take his name upon being elected Pope earlier this year. But the *original* Leo – Leo the Great (440-461) may have been a better inspiration, having saved Europe from a much *more* destructive power than Garibaldi – a non-Italian named Attila the Hun!

**Read more Little Liturgical Lessons like this:**

<https://saintjohnsunbury.org/little-liturgy-lessons>



## SCHEDULE

### Sunday, October 5

#### PRDC-Baby Items

#### SCRIP

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (People of the Parish)

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (Kathy Holman †)

12:15 pm Baptisms

2:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal

3:30 pm Confirmation Class- FFC

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass (Jeff Brader †)

6:00 pm High School Facilitator Training Mod 1

### Monday, October 6

9:00 am Women of SJN- Pie Making

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Rita Altier Lawrence †)

### Tuesday, October 7

5:00 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Catherine Leisring-Beard †)

6:30 pm OCI Information Session Adults/Children (In FOF)

### Wednesday, October 8

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Mickey Ryan †)

6:00 pm Good Samaritan Ministry

7:00 pm Damascus-Youth Leadership Institute

### Thursday, October 9

#### 40 Days for Life

5:00 pm Confession

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Charles Janki †)

6:30 pm The Rescue Project

### Friday, October 10

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Gladys Hudson †)

### Saturday, October 11

#### Offertory Drive Kick-Off

11:00 am Memorial Mass-Stretanski

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass (John Wallace †)

### Sunday, October 12

#### Offertory Drive Kick-Off

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (Virginia Bregel †)

10:15 am SEEK A - FFC A & B

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (Kaye Schuller †)

OCI-Rite of Entrance and Welcome

12:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally - Sunbury Square

12:15 pm Baptisms

2:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal

3:30 pm Confirmation Class- FFC

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish)

## CONDOLANCES

We offer our condolences to, and our prayers for, the Zack, Schuluga, Mortley, Blubaugh, and Schaffer/Sutton families. Parishioner Mike Zack, husband of Elaine, passed away on September 10th. Andy Schuluga passed away on September 12th. Gina Mortley passed away on September 15th.

Parishioner Ken Blubaugh passed away on September 25th.

Rick Schaffer, brother of SJN staff member Jackie Sutton, passed away on September 25th.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## SACRAMENTS & PARISH REGISTRATION

### Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office at 740-965-1358. After office hours, you will select Option 1.

### Bulletin Requests

Monday at Noon Deadline. Contact Krissy Ciacchi - kciacchi@stjohnsbury.org

### Becoming Catholic

Contact Paul Stokell - pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org

### Confirmation (2-year prep)

Contact Sarah Gantz - sgantz@stjohnsunbury.org

### First Communion (2-year prep)

Contact Amanda Westrick - awestrick@stjohnsunbury.org

### Funeral Planning

Contact Lynne Stelmach - lstelmach@stjohnsunbury.org

### Marriage Prep / Weddings / Baptism

Contact John Pratt - jpratt@stjohnsunbury.org

### Parish Registration

Contact Julie Bando - jbando@stjohnsunbury.org

## ADORATION, CONFESSION AND MASS TIMES

### Confession

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:00-5:50 pm

First Fridays: 10:00-10:50 am

Saturdays: 3:00-3:50 pm or by appointment

Sundays: 8:30-8:50 am, 10:30-10:50 am, 4:30-4:50 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Adoration is located in the Chapel. Unlocked hours: 7:00 am-7:00 pm. To sign up, visit: [saintjohnsunbury.org/adoration-chapel](http://saintjohnsunbury.org/adoration-chapel)

### Mass Times

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 11:00 am

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month: 9:00 am

## WEDDING BANNS

Kobe Swackhammer and Brianna Dado  
to be wed on November 8, 2025

## OFFERTORY

Thank you for supporting St. John Neumann's mission. Your generosity is vital to the success of our community. The offertory for September 28, 2025 was \$26,771. Thank you for your commitment. To donate online, please scan the QR code below.





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