

*“Behold
a virgin will conceive and bear a son,
and she will call His name
Emmanuel”*
– Isaiah 7:14



THE SEASON OF ADVENT ♦ HOPE ♦ LOVE ♦ JOY ♦ PEACE ♦

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 22, 2024

PARISH OFFICE

(740) 965-1358

E-mail email@stjohnsunbury.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday: Closed

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON

Please send requests to kciacchi@stjohnsunbury.org.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

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

Weekdays: Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 11:00 am

First Saturday of the Month: 9:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is located in the Chapel, unlocked
hours are 7:00 am-7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:15-5:45 pm

First Fridays: 10:00-10:45 am

Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 pm. or by appointment

During the Season of Advent: 30 Minutes before Sunday
Masses

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father Fox at
frfox@stjohnsunbury.org.

WEDDINGS

Please call the Parish Office at least six months before
the proposed wedding date.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office at (740) 965-1358.

If after hours, select the Emergency Line by pressing ext. 1.


Mission Statement

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



Christmas

and Holiday Mass Times



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (live-streamed) - 11am Praise Ensemble, Contemporary with strings (guitar) *

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass - String trio, Carols (organ)

Wednesday, December 25

12:00 am Midnight Mass - 9am Choir, Traditional (organ) *

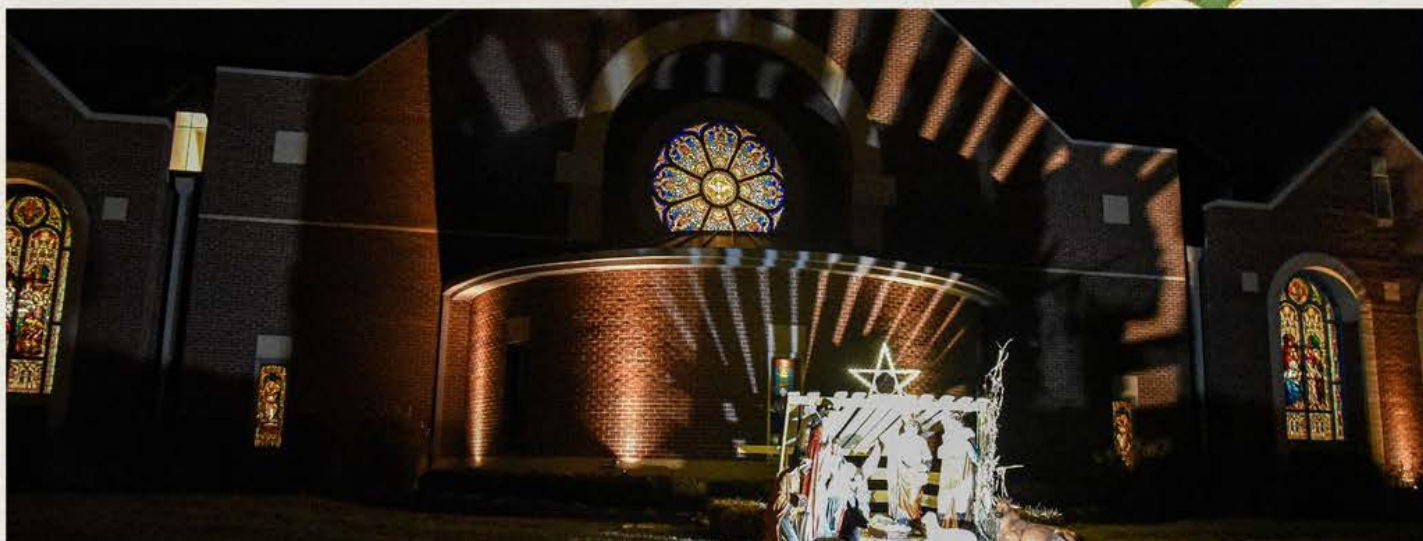
10:00 am Christmas Day Mass (live-streamed) - 4pm Choir, Carols (organ) *

Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Day

Vigil: December 31 at 6:00 pm *

January 1 at 11:00 am *

*denotes the use of incense



the
RESCUE
project

Winter Session Registration is **NOW OPEN!** Fewer than 100 seats remaining! Secure your seat now by registering yourself, your family, or your future Life Group before it's too late!

The six-week session will take place on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm, starting on **January 16th**, and will culminate in a final retreat on **Saturday, February 22nd**.

You can register at saintjohnsunbury.org or by scanning the QR code



LIFE GROUPS
at St. John Neumann

Life Groups are invitations to a relationship with God through friendship with others.



These small communities do life together intentionally with the common goal of friendship with Christ.

Mark 4:30-32

saintjohnsunbury.org/life-group



Can you hear that?



Neither do we.

This Advent season, consider spending some much-needed quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Never been? Come try! Just you, Him, and Silence.

Holiday Schedule:

The Blessed Sacrament has been reposed and will be exposed again on January 6 at 11:30 am. While you are always welcome to come and pray, your presence is not required during this time.

Hours Needing Coverage:

- Thursday: 3:00-4:00 PM
- Friday: 2:00-3:00 PM
- Saturday: 2:00-3:00 AM, 12:00-1:00 PM

Sign up for an hour or learn more at saintjohnsunbury.org/adoration-chapel or scan the QR code.



Family of Faith

Visit the Family of Faith website by scanning the QR code.



REMINDER, THERE IS NO MERCY COMMUNITY NIGHT IN DECEMBER.

The Month Ahead: January

- 1/7/25 – ROOT A: Attend Tuesday ROOT Session 1 with child, 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)
- 1/8/25 at 6:30 pm – First Reconciliation Service for MEND/NOURISH students (Church)
- 1/12/25 – NOURISH A: Attend Sunday NOURISH Session 1 with child, 10:30-11:30 am
- 1/14/25 – NOURISH B: Attend Tuesday NOURISH Session 1 with child, 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)
- 1/21/25 – ROOT B: Attend Tuesday ROOT Session 1 with child, 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)
- 1/28/25 – Attend MERCY Community Night (Grades 1-4), 6:00-7:30 pm

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If you do not have a student at a parochial school but would like to designate your tax dollars to support a school attended by parishioner families, here are the schools our parish families are enrolled in:

- St. Paul
- St. Michael
- St. Mary
- St. Francis de Sales (Newark)

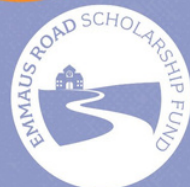
For high school, parishioners attend:

- Bishop Watterson
- St. Francis DeSales

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THE MISSION OF THE 72

A ministry of active Catholics reaching out to nonactive Catholics, inviting them to rediscover their faith and return to the Church.

Would you like to reach out and invite your family members back to God's Church, but aren't sure how? Are you hesitant to take that step, worried you might alienate them, or have you tried before without success? This session is for you!

Come and See: January 25

Join us on January 25 from 10:00 AM to Noon at St. John Neumann Church to learn about this ministry and how you can become a disciple in your own family. Discover ways to reach out and invite family members who have drifted away from the Church to return.

Visit saintjohnsunbury.org/mission-of-the-72 or scan the QR code to register.



Questions? Contact Deacon Carl Calcara at ccalcara@stjohnsunbury.org



SJN OUTREACH



HOW CAN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PUT MERCY INTO ACTION THIS ADVENT?

Visit our Volunteer Page, saintjohnsunbury.org/volunteer, for links to various opportunities.

Within the Parish:

- Adoration Sign-Up (We Adore Him)
- Caring Cooks
- Donuts & Coffee Volunteers
- Good Samaritan Ministry
- Hospital Team
- HUGS
- Knights of Columbus
- Liturgical Ministries
- Men's & Women's Groups
- Oktoberfest
- Respect Life
- Summer Community Festival
- SCRIP
- St. Vincent de Paul

Outside the Parish:

- Big Walnut Friends Who Share
- Buckeye Catholic
- Central Ohio Stand Down (Veterans)
- Columbus Catholic Social Services
- Common Ground Free Store, Delaware
- Damascus Mission Campus
- Delaware County Men's Shelter
- Mommies Matter
- OpenDoor Women's Recovery Alliance
- Red Cross Volunteer Opportunities
- Run the Race
- Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship

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NOVEMBER OUTREACH

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity!

Thanks to your support, the November Outreach total reached \$10,567.78.

As a result, both SVDP and GSM have each received \$5,283.89. Your contributions make a meaningful impact in our community—thank you for helping us make a difference!

saintjohnsunbury.org/outreach





Knights of Columbus

Consecration to the Holy Family: December 29

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to once again host the Consecration to the Holy Family this year, continuing this meaningful tradition. In preparation, we will be distributing prayer cards and brochures before Christmas to help guide parishioners in their spiritual preparation for the Consecration.

The Consecration will culminate with the final prayer at the conclusion of the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 29, coinciding with the Feast of the Holy Family.

We invite you to join us in this special devotion as we dedicate our families to the care and protection of the Holy Family.

Join Our Blood Donation Drive

Saturday, December 28, 2024
The Faith and Family Center

www.redcross.org
use code: sjnp



February 15, 2025

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Ohio Expo Center – Kasich Hall



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Sarah Swafford



Fr. John Riccardo



Mary Guilfoyle



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Breakfast & Lunch † Faith Organizations

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

www.CatholicMensMinistry.com





Order of Christian Initiation

Have Questions about the Church?

Many in our parish—spouses, adult children, and relatives—join us in worship but have not yet been fully initiated into the Church. Others are Catholics seeking to deepen their faith beyond their younger years.

On Sunday afternoons, we gather to discuss various topics related to our faith and provide resources to help you make a decision for Christ and the Church. Check our online schedule and join us for an upcoming meeting; we would love to welcome you!



<https://saintjohnsunbury.org/becoming-catholic>



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Christmas Flowers

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Thank you to all those who donated flowers for the Christmas Masses.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

IF YOU NEED HELP...

Everyone deserves a safe and welcoming place to worship.

All of us—Clergy, Servers, Lectors, ministers, and even those in the pews—deserve not just a sacred, but a safe space. This includes freedom from distractions, interruptions, and anything that could be harmful.

Our parish works hard to ensure safety, from when we arrive on the grounds to when we leave. We are blessed with dedicated people who provide spiritual and material support, both behind the scenes and during Mass.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for help, guidance, or spiritual support - be it Confession, questions about Sacraments, or so on, whether on Sundays or during the week. We're here for you.

Would you like to learn more about the Mass? Do you have questions about how the Mass or the Sacraments are celebrated in our Church?

Reach out to us at pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities for individuals and Life Groups to deepen their understanding of Catholic Liturgy!



SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24 to January 1. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from December 20 to January 6.

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (Frances DiBlasi †)

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (People of the Parish)

12:15 pm Sign Language Class - Parish Office Rooms 4&5

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass (Robert Girardi †)

Monday, December 23

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Mike Friess †)

6:00 pm SVDP Monthly Meeting - Mother Teresa Room

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

The Parish Office Closes thru January 1st

4:00 pm Mass (Bob Hetterscheidt †)

5:30 pm Rosary

6:30 pm Mass (Dorothy Natter †)

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

12:00 am Mass (Rafael & Magdalena Leon de Vazquez ††)

10:30 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass (Nathan Myers †)

Thursday, December 26

5:15 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass ("That we may have empathy for the poor.")

Friday, December 27

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Maryann Sherba †)

Blessed Sacrament Reposed

Saturday, December 28

8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive - FFC

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass (Cindy Gall †)

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (Paul DiBlasi †)

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (Grandparents of The Costello Family)

12:15 pm Sign Language Class - Parish Office Rooms 4&5

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish)

JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM

and other Flocknote email groups

This group receives periodic notifications about opportunities to pray for parish ministries, programs, and events.

Go to [SaintJohnSunbury.flocknote.com/PrayerSupportTea](https://saintjohnsunbury.flocknote.com/PrayerSupportTea) to join or scan the QR Code.



Not receiving our weekly email?

Join the newsletter group - go to: saintjohnsunbury.flocknote.com/NewslettersfromS



Check out other groups and ministries open for all!



To register: SaintJohnSunbury.flocknote.com/register

OFFERTORY

Thank you for supporting St. John Neumann's mission. Your generosity is vital to the success of our community. To donate online, please scan the QR code below. We truly appreciate your continued contributions.

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