

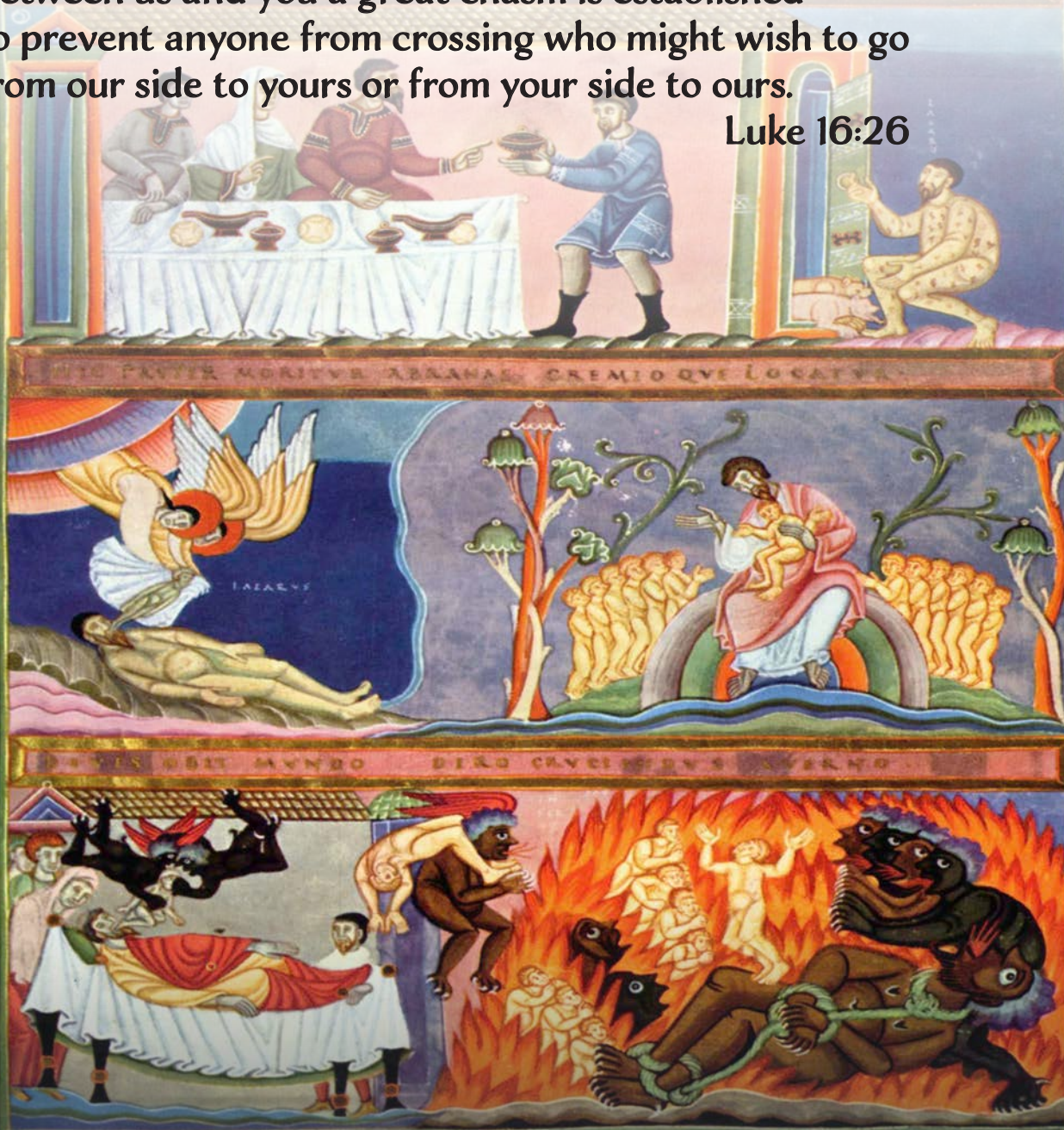
Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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from our side to yours or from your side to ours.

Luke 16:26



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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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 or 614-937-6683.



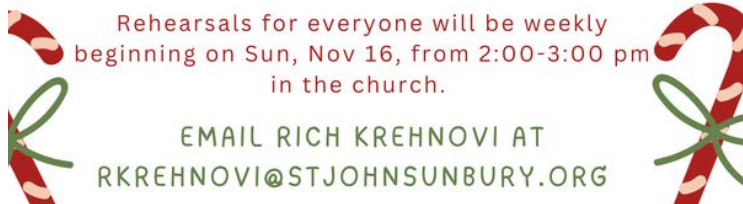
SINGERS NEEDED (GRADES K-6) CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We're inviting kids in grades K-6 to sing in our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 pm. There are also opportunities for solos and small speaking parts.

Auditions will be on Sunday, October 5 & 19, from 2:00-3:00 pm in the church. Stop by and sign up, and try a bit of dialogue and singing a song.

Rehearsals for everyone will be weekly beginning on Sun, Nov 16, from 2:00-3:00 pm in the church.

EMAIL RICH KREHNOVI AT
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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

OCI - FALL SESSIONS

- Sessions begin September 2025
- Contact Paul Stokell, Adult Formation Director, at pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org



Family of Faith

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

Elementary Community Night - This Tuesday!

Calling all 1st-4th Grade Families of Faith!

Join us for our first Community Night of the year on Tuesday, September 30. 6:00 pm—Family Mass in the church, followed by pizza and a service project. We'll be organizing donated playground and craft supplies for Run the Race.

Our popular Knowledge Stations are back, too, with chances to earn tickets for the Stop 'N Shop!

Full details have been sent via Flocknote. Not receiving Flocknote? Contact Julie Bando at jbando@stjohnsunbury.org. Other questions? Email Amanda Westrick at awestrick@stjohnsunbury.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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. Join us for five sessions beginning October 5th.

RSVP to Brenda Schroeder at 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.

SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS

9/28 (Sun)

- Baptisms - 12:15 pm
- Confirmation Class - 3:00-4:30 pm

9/30 (Tues)

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

OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

10/4 (Sat)

- Baptism Preparation Class 9:45 - 10:45 am
- Engaged Couples Dinner 5:00 PM - 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 2nd Year's 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)

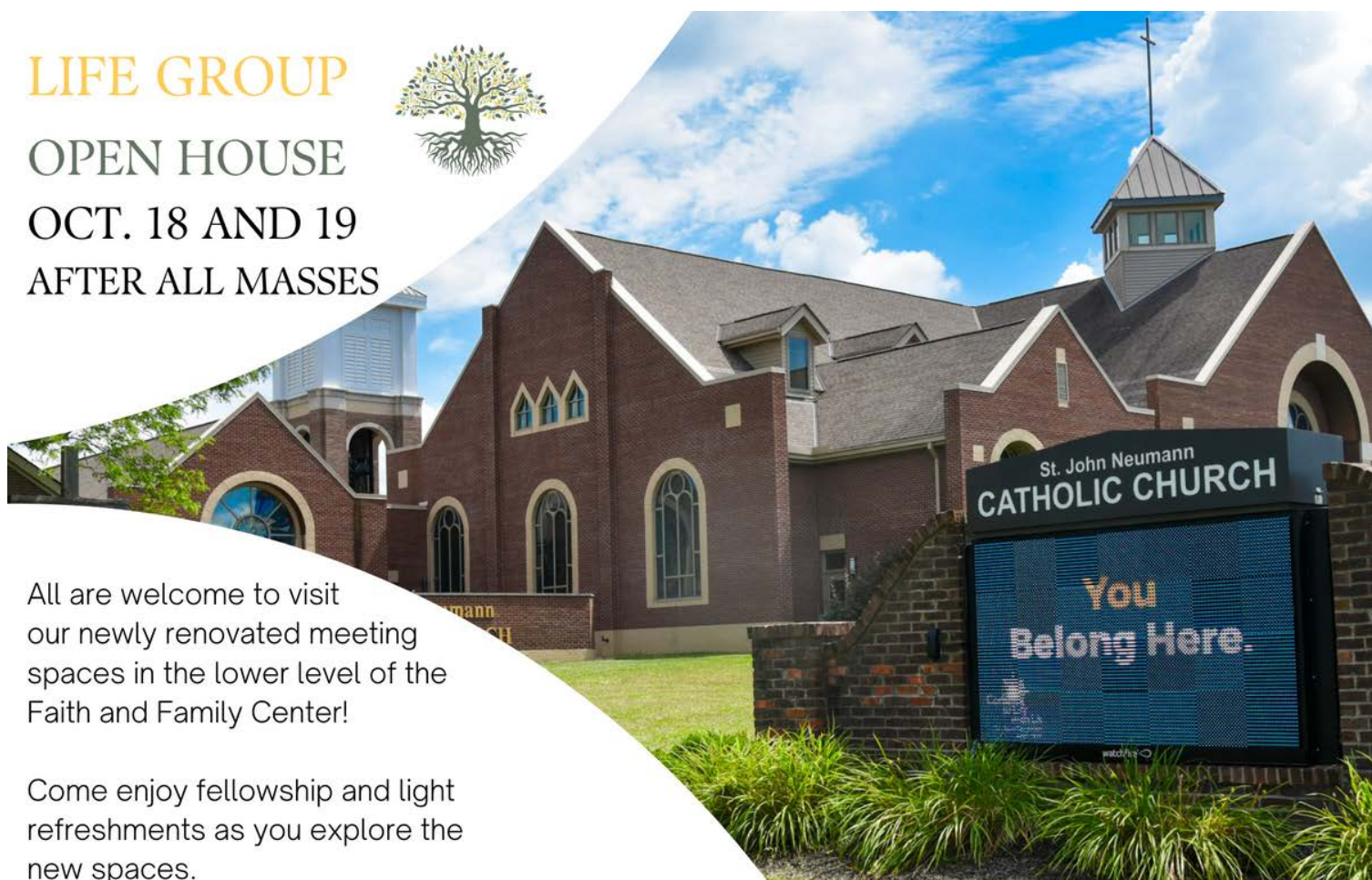
- High School Youth Ministry All Saints Party 6:00 - 8:00 pm

LIFE GROUP

OPEN HOUSE

OCT. 18 AND 19

AFTER ALL MASSES



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



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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.

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your spot or to learn more



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**Join us for food
and fellowship
after the 11:00 am
Mass!**

- SEPTEMBER 29
- OCTOBER 20
- NOVEMBER 17
- DECEMBER 8



Fellowship
LUNCH

**All are welcome to enjoy a
free lunch in the Faith and
Family Center following the
11:00 am Mass. We look
forward to seeing you there!**



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Join thousands of others praying the Rosary
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Join us Saturday, October 11, 2025

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Prayer to begin at 12:00 pm.



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Thursday, October 9

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CONTACT:

Jackie Sutton in the
Parish Office at
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Our parish has started a ministry partnership
with Catholic Social Services of providing
companionship to those homebound in our
community.

This ministry, **Super Neighbor**, provides a
homebound person with a companion.

There is **no cost to participate** - all you have to
do is contact us!

Who can receive visits?

- Seniors living alone
- Individuals recovering from illness
- Anyone in need of encouragement at home

Let us come to you — offering comfort,
connection, and community.



SCRIP Gift Cards Next Weekend

Happy Fall! 🍂

SCRIP will be available after all Masses on
October 4 & 5.

We've got hardware store gift cards perfect
for your fall lawn and home projects—plus
our regular selection of gift cards for
restaurants, grocery stores,
and clothing retailers.

Stock up and support our parish
while you shop!

See you next weekend!

Pregnancy Resource Center Drive: October 4&5

Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County
– Current Needs

We are collecting the following items to
support local moms and babies:

- New infant car seats (for babies under 30 lbs)
- Diapers – sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Boys' clothing
- Aveeno or Eucerin lotions – for mom and baby
- Infant board books
- Hooded towels (infant size)
- Swaddles

Your donations make a difference—
thank you for your generosity!

Thank You for Supporting the Friends of the Poor Walk!

The Walk was a great success! Deacon Carl and Fr. Elias Udeh
joined us in supporting this meaningful cause.

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Thanks to your participation, we raised over \$2,600 to
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with rent, utilities, and other essential needs for those
in our community.

Your kindness makes a real difference.

Thank you!



SPEND TIME WITH THE ONE WHO IS LOVE

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." – St. Padre Pio

We are in need of filling two hours:

Saturday 2:00–3:00 am
and 4:00–5:00 am

Learn More or Sign up for an hour here:

saintjohnsunbury.org/adoration-chapel



FIRST FRIDAY

October 3

Confessions

10:00 am

Rosary

10:30 am

Mass

11:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet

11:30 am



FIRST SATURDAY

October 4

Mass

9:00 am

Rosary

9:30 am

Blessing of the Animals on
Saturday, October 4th at 10:30 am

Celebrating the Life of St. Francis



Join us at the Grotto with your animals!

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, pets from around the country receive a blessing this month—as well as confirmation for their owners that all of God's creatures are cherished and beloved.



**PIES, PIES, AND
MORE PIES!**
STARTING OCTOBER 6 AT 9:00 AM



Join us in the Faith and Family Center kitchen every Monday in October from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm as we roll up our sleeves and bake over 200 homemade pies for the upcoming Holiday Bazaar!

We'll be making classic favorites like apple, peach, cherry, pumpkin, and pecan—and we need your help! Whether you're a seasoned baker or a total beginner, everyone is welcome. No experience necessary—just bring your enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and if you have one, your own rolling pin!

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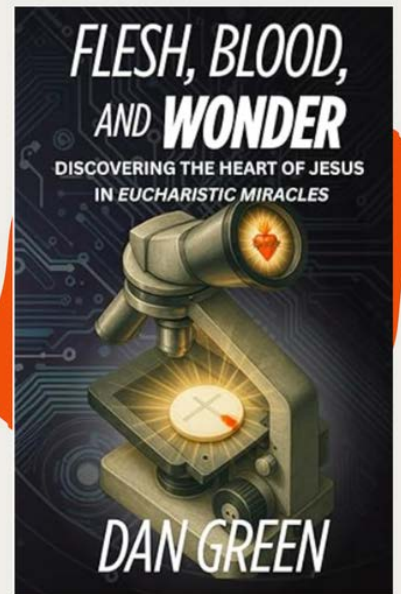
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BOOK RECOMMENDATION

St. Catharine parishioner Dan Green has recently published a new book titled, *Flesh, Blood, and Wonder: Discovering the Heart of Jesus in Eucharistic Miracles*. Drawing inspiration from the life and legacy of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the book explores Eucharistic miracles through the lenses of history, theology, and science, inviting readers into a deeper understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

All proceeds from the book will be donated to support The Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibition, created by Blessed Carlo Acutis.




You can purchase the book on Amazon or Scan the QR Code



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LITURGICAL LESSONS



WHAT DO I DO WITH MY HANDS? (PART TWO)

BY PAUL STOKELL

Keeping one's hands to one's self during the Lord's Prayer at Mass was our focus last time. Of course, there are other moments where our hands play a role: the Sign of Peace, and the reception of Holy Communion. Both are important in our celebration of the Mass, the "source and summit of the Christian life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1324).

Shaking hands or giving a gesture of greeting to our neighbors requires interior reverence and "turning inside out" to others in the Assembly. In the early Church, this was done in different ways, including a real "kiss of peace"!

Christ's command to "take and eat" (Matthew 26:26) reveals an invitation **to**, and the responsibility **of**, each of us as communicants. St. Paul himself warns, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 11:27), emphasizing the need for *intentional* spiritual preparation. The Church requires sacramental Confession for those conscious of grave (mortal) sin before receiving the Eucharist (Code of Canon Law, 916). Fasting for at least *one hour* before Communion is also prescribed (c. 919), symbolizing our spiritual hunger and reverence.

The Fourth Century saint Cyril of Jerusalem described those receiving the Eucharist in the hand with reverence: "Make your left hand a throne for the right, which will receive the King. And having hallowed your palm, receive the Body of Christ, saying 'Amen.'" This gesture was not casual, but deeply symbolic. By the Middle Ages, reception on the tongue became a norm, partly to safeguard the Host. St. Thomas Aquinas affirmed this in his *Summa Theologiae*: "Out of reverence towards this Sacrament, nothing touches it but what is consecrated" (IIIIa Q82 a3), referring to the priest's fingers. In the Church today, the Sacrament can be given by *Ordinary Ministers* of the Eucharist, who are either in Holy Orders or instituted Acolytes – those who receive that ministry from a bishop after some training, usually in Seminary formation. *Extraordinary Ministers* are also trained to do this, in Church and with others who cannot be present at Mass.

Today, the Church permits *both* methods of receiving, provided they are done with reverence. The communicant should make a deep bow before receiving, affirm belief with "Amen," and consume the Host *immediately*. To receive with your tongue, be sure to stick out your tongue far enough (and for enough time) so the minister can give you the Host. To receive with your hands, place your dominant hand (the one you write with) directly under your other hand, making sure both are flat and facing the ceiling. After saying "Amen," step aside and consume the Host. Kneeling remains a traditional posture, although standing is now common and permitted.

Whether in the hand or on the tongue, kneeling or standing, the posture is one of the heart: open to grace, united with Christ, and in communion with the Church. As St. Augustine wrote, "Be what you see; receive what you are," the Body of Christ.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 28

Yams for Catholic Social Services - 500 cans

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (Ted & Jane Avins †)

12:15 pm OCl

Baptisms

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (People of the Parish)

3:30 pm Confirmation Class- FFC

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass (Gino D'Andrea †)

Monday, September 29

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Anna Cashman †)

11:30 am Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, September 30

5:00 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Robert Soltis †)

6:30 pm Family of Faith Community Night

Wednesday, October 1

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Ron Citterberg †)

Thursday, October 2

5:00 pm Confession

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Jay Bellamy †)

6:30 pm The Rescue Project

Friday, October 3

10:00 Confession

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Bill Bierberg †)

11:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, October 4

PRDC-Baby Items

SCRIP

9:00 am Mass (Sheree Dyke)

9:30 am K of C Highway Cleanup

9:45 am Baptism Preparation Class-Mother Theresa Rm

10:30 am Blessing of Animals

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass (Ron Myers †)

5:00 pm Engaged Couples Dinner-FFC Rm C

Sunday, October 5

PRDC-Baby Items

SCRIP

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (People of the Parish)

12:15 pm Baptisms

2:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (Kathy Holman †)

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

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

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

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