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## Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

9633 E. OH-37, SUNBURY, OHIO 43074 • WWW.SAINTJOHNSUNBURY.ORG • 740-965-1358 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 15, 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

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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





Winter Session Registration is NOW OPEN! Don't miss out – there are limited spots available, so sign up today!

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



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
- 9633 OH-37, Sunbury, OH 43074



## CONTACT

PAUL STOKELL, EVANGELIZATION DIRECTOR, At Pstokell@saintjohnsunbury.org

Beyond the Fear: Parenting Teens in an Overwhelming Culture

Sunday, December 15th | 3:30 - 4:45 pm Faith and Family Center Rooms 9 & 10

#### Features

✓ Understanding the impact of social media and how to set healthy boundaries

 $\bigcirc$  Overcoming isolation through community





Led by parishioner Ricky Shoop from Lumin Counseling Group. Learn more at Lumin Counseling, lumin-therapy.com.

## Let us know you're coming!

Register at, saintjohnsunbury.org/parent-session

## DEACON CARL WILL BE ON ST. GABRIEL RADIO



TUNE IN! DEACON CARL WILL BE ON ST. GABRIEL RADIO AM 820 ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, ON THE SAINT GABRIEL CAFÉ SHOW FROM 8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM TO DISCUSS THE MISSION OF THE 72. DON'T MISS IT!



# Family of Faith

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



Consecration

to the Holy

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

## LIFE GROUPS at St. John Newnann

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



## 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.







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.

# 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
- Festivals
- Good Samaritan Ministry
- Hospital Team
- HUGS
- Knights of Columbus
- Liturgical Ministries
- Men's & Women's Groups
- SCRIP
- St. Vincent de Paul

### Outside the Parish:

- 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
- Respect Life
- Run the Race
- Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship

## **Hurricane Relief for North Carolina**

Representatives from St. Brendan have been traveling to North Carolina for hurricane relief. We are collecting 125 smoke detectors through December 19 to send with them. Please drop off donations in the Hall of Saints bin.

## MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY FOR MARY'S MEALS!

A generous donor will match all donations up to \$5,000 before the end of the year!

For just \$25.20, you can feed a child for an entire year. Help us reach our goal of funding a school with meals in Malawi.

WE'VE RAISED \$3,062.24 OF OUR \$14,314 GOAL, WHICH WILL PROVIDE MEALS FOR 568 STUDENTS.



TO CONTRIBUTE, VISIT SAINTJOHNSUNBURY.ORG/MARYS-MEALS AND CLICK THE "GIVE DIRECTLY" BUTTON OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

## **THANK YOU!**

MERCY IN ACTION

DUDIO IT TO ME." - MATTHEW 25

Big Walnut Friends Who Share would like to extend a heartfelt Thank-you for your outstanding support of their Food Drive, as well as for the generous donations of canned yams and frosting for the Family Christmas Meal. Thanks to your efforts, they have exceeded their goal! Thank you again for your incredible generosity.

<u>saintjohnsunbury.org</u> /outreach



# **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. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on December 20 at 11:00 am 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.

#### 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.

DECEMBER BAPTISMS On December 8, Father Jason Fox baptized six infants and children into our parish family, including two sisters. Please join us in welcoming: Jaxon Joseph Jee Ruty Lucitle Johnson Sophia (Ann Rettig

Madison Lynn Rettig

Isabelle Kanahele Tice

Blakely Abigail Weisenbarger

Let us keep these newly baptized in our prayers as they begin their faith journey within our community.

The next available Baptism dates are January 12 and February 9. Please contact Father Fox at frfox@stjohnsunbury.org for more information or to schedule a Baptism. To be fair to every family, we regret that we are unable to schedule private Baptisms.

## Christmas Angels

### Thank you!

On behalf of the Good Samaritan Ministry, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the generous parishioners who contributed gift cards to support families in need through our 4th Annual Christmas Angel Project. Thanks to your kindness, thirteen families received thoughtful and caring assistance from our St. John Neumann Parish Family. Your generosity will help make this Christmas less stressful and bring more joy to the adults and children in these families. Wishing you all the best, and may you have a **Blessed Christmas!** 

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to:

- Jacci Asbury: 614-395-6735 or jacciasbury@gmail.com
- Linda Stoverock: 614-306-4612 or lstoverock@gmail.com

Thank you again for your support and generosity!



## ST. JOHN NEUMANN **GIVING TREE**

## Thank you!

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent gift-giving efforts, thanks to your generosity and hard work!

This year, we provided gifts to 27 families, benefiting a total of 156 people. In all, we distributed over 400 gifts, including three bikes, a desk, chair, and even a Christmas tree!

We are also incredibly grateful to the 16 amazing families who volunteered their time and energy to make this possible. Their dedication and hard work were truly inspiring, and the impact of their efforts was nothing short of awesome. Thank you again for your incredible support 🛓 in making this holiday season brighter for so many!

> The 28th Annua CATHOLIC CONFERENCE



MEN: ON MISSION Saturday February 22, 2025 Kasich Hall Ohio Expo Center, Columbus







Adoration † Reconciliation † Holy Mass Breakfast & Lunch + Faith Organizations



**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!** www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

## Reduce your Ohio taxes with one click

...and help make an authentic Catholic education affordable and accessible for all!

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

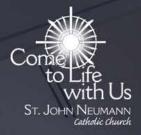
Your support helps provide a Catholic education to our parish community!



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https://emmausroadscholarship.org/gift



## WHEN WE ARE SENT...

At the conclusion of Mass, we are sent forth with the call to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or to "glorify the Lord with your life." This isn't just a ritual phrase—it's a real commission!

The Word has been proclaimed to us, and the Real Presence of Christ, having been on the altar, now goes with us into the world. It's our turn to carry Jesus Christ beyond the church and into our daily lives. (And to think some people say Mass is "boring"!)

## **REFLECT FOR A MOMENT:**

What Word will you carry with you when you leave Mass? What will stay with you when you get home? What message will you share with others throughout the week? The Gospel is not meant to stay within the walls of the church. It is a living, breathing message we are called to spread—like pollen in springtime! More importantly, when we receive Holy Communion, we become living tabernacles of the Blessed Sacrament. We are not merely receiving Christ; we are becoming vessels of His Real Presence. This calls us to a higher standard of discipleship. We become Tabernacles—so let's show it! Let our actions, words, and lives reflect the sacredness we now carry within us.

As we leave Mass, remember: our mission is just beginning. We are called to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, bringing Him to everyone we encounter. Embrace this mission with joy and dedication, knowing that we are never alone. Christ is with us, guiding and empowering us to be His disciples in every aspect of our lives.

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

Sunday, December 15 Bambinelli Sunday 8:30 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass (Mary Breen †)

10:00 am Life Group Mentor Meeting 10:30 am Confessions 11:00 am Mass (Marjorie May †)

12:15 pm OCI - FFC Room C Sign Language Class - Parish Office Rooms 4&5 3:30 pm Beyond the Fear Parent Session 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Monday, December 16 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Catalina Perez "Happy Birthday") 6:30 pm K of C Christmas Party - FFC

Tuesday, December 17 9:45 am Mommy & Me - FFC Nursery 5:15 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass (Gloria Hathaway †)

Wednesday, December 18 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Adam Bogushevski †)

Thursday, December 19 5:15 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass (Bill † & Diane Steller †) 6:30 pm Orientation for Leaders/Volunteers (Pt. 1)-FFC 9/10

Friday, December 20 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Dominic Borghese) Blessed Sacrament Reposed

Saturday, December 21 Blessed Sacrament Reposed 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass (Carol Sherbourne †)

Sunday, December 22 Blessed Sacrament Reposed 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 †)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW THE FULL CALENDAR



WEDDING BANNS



Chandler Donaldson and Anna Walcutt to be wed on January 3rd, 2025

### 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. The offertory for December 8, 2024 was \$65,905. Thank you for your ongoing commitment! To ensure your gift is processed by the end of the year, **please submit it by December 20.** 





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