

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024

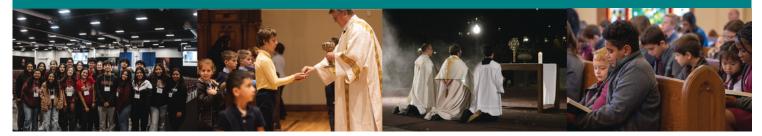
I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. - John 15:5

Parish Office Hours M-Th, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Closed M & W: 11:00-11:30 am for Daily Mass

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

THE REASON FOR THE APPEAL



The Appeal supports essential ministries and services that constitute the core of our faith community. **Your gift matters.**

Evangelization: Supporting families, parishes, and schools in missionary disciple formation is vital to fostering evangelization.

Appeal dollars will support marriage preparation classes and couple enrichment programs that include opportunities for ongoing formation that will help encourage greater participation and engagement in parish life. Funding will also provide resources and training to revitalize parish life towards a eucharistic way of living through a whole family catechetical approach in parish formation based on applying the catechumenal model.

Catholic Education & Tuition Assistance: Catholic schools are a ministry of the Church and lay the foundation for evangelization.

Appeal funds will support efforts to make Catholic education more affordable and available to families who want to immerse their children in a faith-filled environment. The Appeal will also help with the cost of continued education and formation opportunities for teachers.

Vocations: Through continued efforts in evangelization, our diocese is blessed to be experiencing increased awareness and interest in vocations.

Effective evangelization tools in parishes and schools have blessed us with increased discernment for the priesthood. The Appeal will help support increasing seminarian costs, including tuition and room and board, as well as ongoing discernment and formation activities and experiences for priests and deacons.

Social Needs: All God's children deserve love, mercy, and kindness.

Appeal funds will directly impact vital work in serving mothers and their children and defending life at every stage and condition. Support will also be provided for the coordination of the prison ministry to serve the spiritual needs of inmates in the twelve correctional facilities in the diocese. The Appeal will help the work of dedicated chaplains as they remind those in hospitals, prisons, and schools of God's presence.

Furthermore, Appeal funds will support agencies affiliated with Catholic Social Services as they serve the needs of the vulnerable members of the community by providing essential services such as food, clothing, care for families, assistance to newcomers, services for seniors, and behavioral healthcare for children. **Make a Gift Today** by visiting the Diocesan website or scanning the QR code.





The Appeal Supporting Catholic Ministries ------ 2024 ------





JOIN OUR FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER TEAM!



With opportunities for over 500 volunteers, there's a role for everyone! Secure your spot by May 20 to grab a complimentary Festival T-shirt. Plus, all volunteers will be treated to tickets for a mouthwatering dinner at Deacon Calcara's Italian Ristorante or Jet's Pizza Pavilion.

Interested?



Visit our parish website to sign up and be part of the excitement! Just scan the QR code to get started.

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SOME TASKS WE NEED HELP WITH:

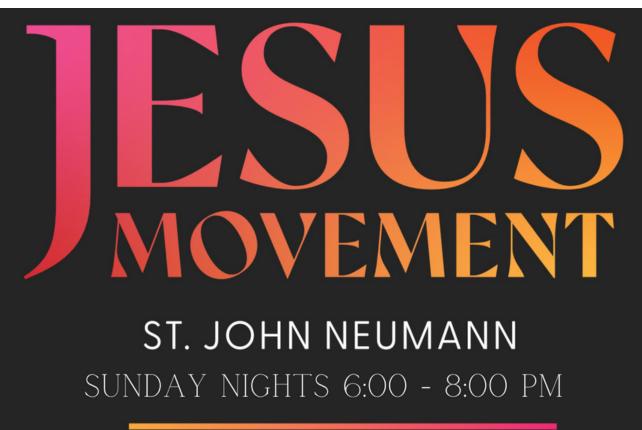
- Adult and Kids Games
- Food Prep and Servers
- Sweet Shoppe Bakers
- Volunteer Check-in
- Cashiers & Ticket Sellers
- Festival Setup & Teardown

Parish-wide Marian Consecration April 9 to May 12

The prayer of consecration will be said by Bishop Fernandes at the Mass of Dedication for the Marian Grotto on Mother's Day, May 12, at 5:00 pm.







Attention all high school students! You're invited to join us for our High School Youth Group gathering on Sunday, April 28th, at 6:00 pm. Come and join us right here at SJN for a fun and meaningful time together. We look forward to seeing you there!

FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES 1-4

Growing in Faith Together

Family of Faith is a unique program where parents and children come together to deepen their faith. Each month, families unite to worship at Mass, delve into the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and explore our Catholic Faith together.
We're thrilled to announce that we recently conducted a survey among parents participating with their children in the program. The response has been overwhelming, with over 100 surveys completed! This is truly a testament to the blessings our community receives. Take a moment to celebrate the abundance of fruits pouring forth from our endeavors!

Our family meetings have provided a foundation for spiritual growth together. Through these weekly family meetings, we've deepened our understanding of our faith, strengthened our family bond through shared experiences and discussions. Overall, these family meetings have enriched our lives and helped us grow together in our faith journey. Rick Stephens

83% ARE HAVING MORE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH AS A FAMILY

46% ARE PRAYING TOGETHER MORE AS A FAMILY

> 30% ARE ATTENDING MASS MORE

GROTTO Dedication

MARIA, GRATIA PLENA

Let's celebrate and honor our dear Mother Mary this Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2024.

Mass of Dedication

Don't forget to arrive early for the 5:00 pm Mass of Dedication and May Crowning at the Grotto, where we'll be joined by Bishop Earl Fernandes.

Dedication Celebration

Hot dogs and Hamburgers provided by K of C 🗸

BYOB and bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share 🗸

Live Music by The Usual Suspects 🗸

Firework display 🗸



MILITARY SURVEY



Do you or a loved one serve in the military, are a veteran, or have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country? We're here to support you. If you'd like prayers or assistance, please let us know.

Please take a moment to complete a brief survey by visiting the Military Support Group page on the website or by scanning the QR code above.

Additionally, we're creating a service board featuring pictures of active military members. If you'd like to contribute, please send your pictures to jsutton@stjohnsunbury.org. Thank you for your service.

Discover a variety of meaningful gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Mother's Day at the Marian Gift Shop!



Marian Gift Shop

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Religious Gifts for Every Occasion

Crucifixes • Religious Jewelry • Rosaries • Sacred Art Bibles • Catholic Books • Devotionals • Inspirational Gifts

> Sunday: 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Monday: ClOSED Tuesday: 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm Wednesday: 9:15 am – 12:30 pm Thursday: 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm Friday: 9:15 am – 12:30 pm Saturday: 9:15 am – 12:30 pm

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St. John Neumann Fellowship Lunch

Join us for lunch and fellowship right after the II:00 am Mass on Monday, April 29th. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Have any questions? Feel free to reach out to us via email at jkfleser@gmail.com.

SJN OUTREACH



The Appeal

We kindly ask for your support in reaching our goal. Your pledge, no matter the amount, makes a significant impact. Together, let's work towards our shared mission. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our community. Make a gift today by visiting the Diocesan website or scanning the QR code.

Knights of Columbus Measure Up (Off-site in Sunbury)

As you're out and about in Sunbury around Highway 36/37 or 3C on Friday evening, May 3, or Saturday, May 4, keep an eye out for the Knights of Columbus. They'll be conducting their annual Measure Up Campaign, collecting donations roadside to support various charities and organizations serving the developmentally disabled. Locally, they're aiding The Shane Center of Therapeutic Horsemanship. Your generosity in supporting these important causes is deeply appreciated. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support!

Bottoms Up - World's Largest Diaper Drive

This year's goal is to collect 1 Million donated diapers in May! Starting the weekend of May 4 and 5, we'll be accepting disposable diapers of all sizes in the Hall of Saints. Bottoms Up Diaper Bank is a non-profit organization founded in 2018 by Tim and Jo Welsh with a mission to provide clean, dry diapers to families in need in Central Ohio. The organization was born out of Tim and Jo's love for each other, their faith, and their desire to make a difference in their community. For more information about Bottoms Up, please visit www.bottomsup.life.



March Outreach: Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of the Outreach to the Poor ministries at SJN! In March, our total outreach gift amounted to \$12,089.24, which greatly benefits St. Vincent de Paul and the Good Samaritan Ministry.



You can contribute to St. John Neumann Outreach using blue envelopes, checks or give online via WeShare at <u>https://saintjohnsunbury.churchgiving.com/</u> or simply scan the QR code provided. Your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

INTERESTED IN DOING MISSION WORK?

Are you between the ages of 18-25 desiring to minister to the youth? This Come and See Weekend is a chance for you to experience the life of a missionary with Hard as Nails! The weekend will include prayer experiences, a taste of the missionary life, interactive talks, games, and more. Register today by scanning the QR code or talk to a missionary to learn

more!

TIME: May 10th-12th

LOCATION:

SS. PETER & PAUL RETREAT CENTER 2734 SEMINARY RD HEATH, OH

SIGN UP TODAY!







Sunday, April 28 The Appeal Weekend 9:00 am Mass (Susanne Piatt) 11:00 am Mass (Darlene Owen)

12:15 pm Baptism
3:30 pm Middle School Youth Group Grades 5 & 6 - FFC
5:00 pm Mass (Living & Deceased of SJN)
6:00 pm High School Youth Group - FFC & Carlo Acutis/Maria Goretti Room

Monday, April 29

10:30 am Rosary
11:00 am Mass (Charlotte & Robert Cox)
11:30 am Fellowship Luncheon - FFC
6:30 pm Women of St. John Neumann Meeting - Lower FFC
7:00 pm SVDP Monthly Meeting - Mother Teresa Room Family of Support and Hope - FFC

Tuesday, April 30

5:15 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm Mass (John Easterday)
6:30 pm Family of Faith - First Communion Practice

Wednesday, May 1 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Raymond Wymer) 5:15 pm Melchizedek Project - Parish Office Conference Room 6:30 pm Wednesday Adoration Night

Thursday, May 2 4:30 pm Outreach Ministry 5:15 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass (James Brown)

Friday, May 3 10:00 am Confessions 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (William & Mary Schilder) 11:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, May 4 First Holy Communion Weekend

9:00 am Mass (Intentions of Mickey Geslak) 9:30 am Rosary 1:00 pm Pileski/York Wedding 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass (John & Antoinette Seasock) Family of Faith - First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday, May 5 First Holy Communion Weekend

9:00 am Mass (Nathan Myers) Family of Faith - First Holy Communion Mass 11:00 am Mass (Marjorie May) 12:15 pm Baptism 3:30 pm Middle School Youth Group Grades 5 & 6 - FFC 5:00 pm Mass (Living & Deceased of SJN) 6:00 pm High School Youth Group - FFC & Carlo Acutis/Maria Goretti Room CONTACT US

BAPTISMS Please contact Rosemary Halter at rose@nrcengineering.com.

WEDDINGS

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Contact Deacon Carl at (614) 937-5567.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON Please send requests to kciacchi@stjohnsunbury.org.

MASS TIMES

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. Wednesday Night Adoration is at 6:30 pm in the Church.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:15-5:45 pm First Fridays: 10:00-10:45 am Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment.





We offer our condolences to, and our prayers for, the Sheibley/Paul, Barleycorn, and Myers/Jones families. Robert "Bob" Sheibley, father of Claire Paul, passed away April 16th. Parishioner Michael Barleycorn, husband of Linda, passed away April 17th. Parishioner Ronald Myers, husband of Elaine and father of Sarah Jones, passed away April 21st. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John Neumann's mission. To make an online donation, simply scan the QR code below. Offertory from April 21, 2024: \$63,802



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW THE FULL CALENDAR

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