

became flesh and



among us."

- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WINTER SESSION

ST. JOHN NEUMANN FAMILY OF SUPPORT & HOPE

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Explore mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. These sessions will help you focus on your relationship with the Lord and the many ways His Church offers consolation. Along the way, you will encounter Jesus in others who mourn and in your own heart. This group will meet Monday evenings in the Faith and Family Center.

FIND OUT WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID:

- We are not alone in this walk of grief. Keep Jesus close to us.
- Grief is unavoidable and varies.
- I'll get through this with help from family and friends.
- It is helping me and I have made some new friends.
- I'm not alone with this.
- I am learning the need to talk with others.
- I'm not alone.
- Growth in faith/Help in dealing with grief.



For more information or to sign up, please visit our website or scan the QR code below. For questions, contact Deacon Carl at 740-965-1358, ext. 126.



January 13 January 27 February 3 February 10

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.



SPEND TIME WITH JESUS



If you've been wanting to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, there are still a few hours in need of coverage. Please consider signing up today.

> Hours needing an Adorer: Sunday 2:00-3:00 am Friday 2:00-3:00 pm Saturday 2:00-3:00 am 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Hours needing a prayer partner: Wednesday 2:00-3:00 pm 3:00-4:00pm

> . Friday 1:00-200 pm



Sign up for an hour here: saintjohnsunbury.org/adoration-chapel or scan the QR Code.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL FOR MARY'S MEALS!

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 \$11,557.84 of our \$14,314 goal, which will provide meals for 568 students.

Donate Now

To contribute, visit saintjohnsunbury.org/marys-meals and click the "Give Directly" button or scan the QR code.



YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUP AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN



Young Adults (Ages 18-35) are invited to join the Young Adult Life Group every Thursday evening after the 6:00 pm Mass. Enjoy snacks, games, and great fellowship as we connect and grow together. We look forward to seeing you there!

To join this Life Group or find one that works for you, visit saintjohnsunbury.org/life-group or scan the QR code.





FAMILY OF FAITH THE MONTH AHEAD: JANUARY

Family of Faith is a ministry at St. John Neumann that supports parishioners throughout key life stages, from marriage preparation and matrimony to their children's sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation, as well as Youth Ministry through high school.

- 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

For more information, visit saintjohnsunbury.org/family-faith-formation-1

The Bells of St. John Neumann



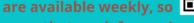
Write Your Prayer Intentions with the Bells!

Note cards are available in the Hall of Saints for your prayer intentions. Once you've written your intention, please place it in the cross. To ensure we can fit as many as possible, kindly avoid folding the card. The cross will be installed in the sidewalk beneath the center of the bells. DONUTS AND COFFEE

We need volunteers to brew and set up coffee on Sunday mornings, pick up and deliver donuts, and help clean up after the 11:00 am Mass. It's a great way to contribute if you enjoy the coffee and donuts gathering. Training provided for using the coffee maker.



Sign up on the parish website's
 Volunteer page under
 "Donuts & Coffee" or use the QR



choose the ones that work for you!



SJN OUTREACH



BOUNTIFUL BACKPACKS SNACK & PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

We are collecting snacks and personal care items to support the Bountiful Backpack Program. Needed nonperishable food items include:

- Granola bars
- Protein bars
- Fruit snacks
- Crackers
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Jell-O
- Trail mix

Thank you for your generous support!

BIG WALNUT FRIENDS WHO SHARE

Especially now that we are in the winter months, we ask for your continued support in stocking the shelves at the BWFWS Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity! Most-needed items include:

- Canned meat (chicken, pork, chili, beef stew)
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Canned potatoes & carrots
- Pasta sauce & all types of pasta
- Canned oranges & pineapple

MERCY IN ACTION

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Peanut butter (18 & 24 oz) & jelly
Cake & brownie mixes

We are collecting new and gently used blankets, tents, socks, hats, and gloves for homeless adults. Please place your donations in the bin located in the Hall of Saints!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: JANUARY 28

Join us in visiting the sick by creating heartfelt cards for elderly residents in nursing homes or those who are shut-in.



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RESPECT LIFE MASS and **ROE REMEMBERANCE**

Monday, January 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. RESPECT LIFE MASS

St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus

The Diocese of Columbus will hold its annual Mass for the Respect of Life with **Bishop Earl K. Fernandes**. All are invited. For more information, contact the diocesan **Respect Life Office** at **614-231-4509** or **mparker@columbuscatholic.org**.

Monday, January 27, 2025, at Noon to 1 p.m.

ROE REMEMBRANCE

at the Statehouse

Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the annual Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium following the 10 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.





Prayer of the Great Jubilee 2025 Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.





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





CONTACT

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To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



Sunday, January 12 Bountiful Backpacks Snack Drive 8:30 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass (John Ronnebaum †) 10:30 am Confessions NOURISH A - FFC Lower Level 11:00 am Mass (Stephanie Cohl "Healing") 12:15 pm Baptisms OCI-FFC C Sign Language Class - Parish Office Rooms 4&5 3:30 pm Confirmation Class - FFC 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass (Maryann Miller)

Monday, January 13 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Ms. Jacqueline Goldasich †) 6:00 pm Men's Club Meeting - FFC 7:00 pm Family of Support and Hope -FFC

Tuesday, January 14 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass (Jeff Brader †) 6:30 pm NOURISH B - FFC

Wednesday, January 15 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Maryann Sherba †)

Thursday, January 16 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass (Doug Layne) 6:30 pm The Rescue Project-FFC

Friday, January 17 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Rosemary Dabecco)

Saturday, January 18 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass (Scott Ellis Family)

Sunday, January 19 8:30 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass (Deceased members of Harmon Eckstein family) 10:30 am Confessions NOURISH A - FFC Lower Level 11:00 am Mass (People of the Parish) 12:15 pm OCI-FFC C Sign Language Class - Parish Office Rooms 4&5 3:30 pm Confirmation Class - FFC 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass (Susan Passaro Hamill) CONTACT US

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Call the Parish Office at (740) 965-1358 . If after hours, select the Emergency Line by pressing ext. 1.

BAPTISMS Please contact Father Fox at frfox@stjohnsunbury.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON

Please send requests to kciacchi@stjohnsunbury.org.

CONFESSION

30 Minutes before Sunday Mass times. Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:00-5:50 pm First Fridays: 10:00-10:45 am Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment.

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

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

WEDDINGS

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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Thank you for your generous support of the Sunday Offertory, Outreach, Second Collections, and the Magnify the Lord Campaign in 2024. To request your contribution statement, please email Jackie at jsutton@stjohnsunbury.org or call 740-965-1358 x 123.

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Thank you for supporting St. John Neumann's mission. Your generosity is vital to the success of our community. The offertory for January 5, 2025 was \$87,428. Thank you for your commitment. To donate online, please scan the QR code below.





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