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among us."

- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



A new women's group is starting on January 10th, and all women of the parish are invited to join! The group will meet weekly on Fridays at 9:00 am. They will be studying *Mary: Virgin, Mother, and Queen* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ.

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





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



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.





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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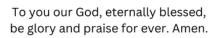


Prayer of the Great Jubilee 2025

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.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: JANUARY 1

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Big Walnut Apparel is currently

offering SJN apparel and accessories. If

you'd like to purchase any items visit

our website or scan the OR code.

Please note that orders typically take

about 2 weeks.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES: VIGIL: DECEMBER 31 AT 6:00 PM JANUARY 1 AT 11:00 AM

SJN OUTREACH

HOW CAN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PUT MERCY INTO ACTION?

ALL DID IT TO ME." - MATTHEW 25:10

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

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 \$8,654.19 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.

MERCY IN ACTION

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!

saintjohnsunbury.org/outreach

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

There is a Respect Life Ministry meeting on January 6 at 10 AM in the Padre Pio Room, located in the basement of the Faith and Family Center. All are welcome to attend!





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.

- 1/7/25 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

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





SCRIP will be available next weekend, January 4 and 5! Stop by the Hall of Saints after all Masses to get yours.

SJN will receive 3-12% of your purchase – what a wonderful gift to SJN!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

"The Summit" is our high school program where each high schooler can learn and grow in their Catholic faith. We aim to help each other elevate our knowledge and love for Jesus Christ. We invite all high schoolers to join us at The Summit to experience fellowship, enjoy great food, play fun games, and spend time in prayer with the Lord.

Pate: January 5 Jime: 6:00 PM

Come join us as we embark on a journey of growth and community. Let's ignite our faith together! Spread the word, bring your friend. See you there!



https://saintjohnsunbury.org/high-school-youth-ministry



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FIRSTFRIDAY

- CONFESSIONS AT 10:00AM
- MASS AT 11:00 AM
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AFTER MASS

FIRST SATURDAY

• MASS AT 9:00 AM



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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

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



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The Parish Office will be closed thru January 1. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed until January 6 at 11:30 am.

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)

Monday, December 30 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Dick & Patty Glaser ++)

Tuesday, December 31 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass (Alan Zuelke †)

Wednesday, January 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Holiday of Obligation New Year's Day 10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass (Carol Kathka †)

Thursday, January 2 5:15 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass (Patricia Tipton †) K of C Making Subs -FFC 6:45 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, January 3 10:00 am Confessions 10:30 am Rosarv 11:00 am Mass (Maryann Sherba †) 11:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:00 pm Donaldson/Walcutt Wedding

Saturday, January 4 SCRIP K of C Sub Sales 8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive - FFC 9:00 am Mass (Souls in Purgatory) 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass (Alfred Weithman †)

Sunday, January 5 SCRIP K of C Sub Sales 8:30 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass (Anna Tornes †) 10:30 am Confessions 11:00 am Mass (Rose Stein †) 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 (People of the Parish) 6:00 pm The Summit Youth Group HS -Youth Room & Chapel

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW THE FULL CALENDAR

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 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 OR code below. The offertory for December 22, 2024 was \$49,629. Thank you for your commitment. We truly appreciate your continued contributions.





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