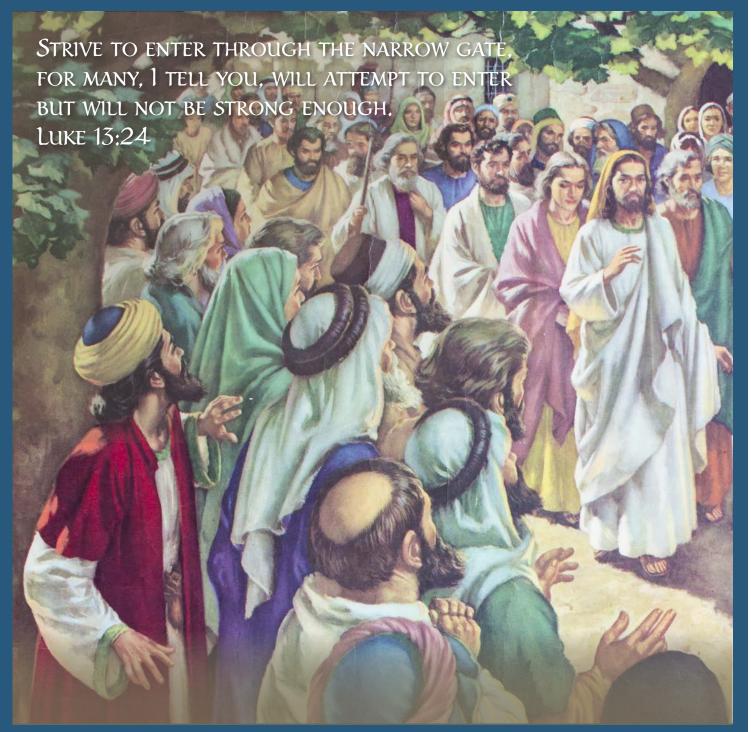
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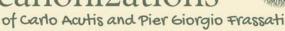
Thank you very much for a refreshing and joyfilled summer assignment! To pray, live, and work here for a few months and observe the missionary spirit and growth happening among the Catholics in Sunbury was a very unique grace of God, and one that I deeply appreciated.

As I return to seminary formation at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, please keep all the seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus, including me, in your prayers — may God continue to send us more seminarians, especially from St. John Neumann.

Sincerely,

Ray Duffy

# Canonizations



**What:** Canonization Celebration for Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati

Join us for an afternoon of community and celebration featuring an espresso bar, Italian sodas, food, and fellowship—ending with outdoor Eucharistic Adoration.

When: Sunday, September 7 Event begins at 3:00 pm We'll watch a recording of the canonization at 4:00 pm (originally livestreamed at 4:00 am Rome time).

Where: Pavilion (weather permitting) If it rains, we'll move indoors to the Carlo Acutis Room (downstairs in the FFC).

**Who:** All young adults (ages 18–39ish) are welcome!

Contact: Livia Dyke at 208-410-9914



Sunday, August 31 – Special Guest at 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses

We are honored to welcome Fr. Mondiek, who will preach at both Sunday Masses and share the story of the miraculous healing he received through the intercession of St. Philomena. Fr. Mondiek will also bring with him relics of St. Philomena, including the largest bone fragment of the saint in the Northern Hemisphere, several smaller bone relics, and a lock of her hair.





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# RESCUE project

# **Fall Session**

Join us Thursday evenings from September 11 to October 16 at 6:45 pm for the Fall session of The Rescue Project, concluding with a special Retreat on Saturday, October 25.

We're also looking for Table Group Leaders and Team

Members—training will be provided on September 3 and 4.

Come be part of something transformative!

Contact Paul Stokell, pstokell@stjohnsunbury.org for more information or scan the QR code below.

Registration is open







# Family of Faith

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

#### **MEND Begins This Week!**

Our second-year First Communion families will begin the MEND program the week of August 24.

- MEND A sessions will begin on Sunday, August 24 at 10:15 am.
- MEND B sessions will begin on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm.

If you have not yet signed up for a session or have not received any Flocknote communications about MEND, please contact Julie Bando at jbando@stjohnsunbury.org.

#### Middle School Youth Ministry Kickoff!

#### September 7 | 3:00-4:30 pm | FFC

Join us for food, fun, and Jesus—including an ice cream sundae bar! Parents are encouraged to attend with their middle schooler for this special kickoff event

We're also looking for adult volunteers to help support the ministry.

Interested? Contact Brenda Schroeder, bschroeder@stjohnsunbury.org, to get involved.

#### Family of Faith Juniors (Ages 0-K)

Connect with other young families through relaxed, faith-filled gatherings that include a short catechesis, food, and fellowship.

#### **Upcoming Gatherings**

10:10–10:45 am at the pavilion and playground

- September 14
- · October 12

Ouestions?

Contact John Pratt atJpratt@stjohnsunbury.org.



#### **AUGUST 2025 EVENTS**

#### 8/24 (Sun)

- MEND A: First Communion Prep | 10:15-11:15 am
- · Baptisms | 12:15 pm
- · Confirmation Info Meeting (Parents & Students) | 12:15
- · Middle School Youth Discipleship Training (Adult Volunteers) | 12:30-2:30 pm

#### 8/26 (Tue)

• MEND B: First Communion Prep | 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)

#### **SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS**

#### 9/6 (Sat)

• Baptism Preparation Class - 9:45-10:45 am

#### 9/7 (Sun)

- SEEK A First Communion Prep 10:15-11:15 am
- Middle School Ministry Kickoff 3:00-4:30 pm

#### 9/9 (Tues)

 SEEK B - First Communion Prep - 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)

#### 9/14 (Sun)

MEND A - First Communion Prep - 10:15-11:15 am

- FoF Juniors 10:10-10:50 am
- Baptisms 12:15 pm
- · Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30 pm

#### 9/16 (Tues)

MEND B - First Communion Prep - 6:30-7:30
 PM (Pizza at 6:15 pm)

#### 9/21 (Sun)

- Middle School Youth Group 3:00-4:30 PM
- High School Youth Discipleship Fall Gathering - 6:00-8:00 PM

#### 9/23 (Tues)

WONDER (Grades 3-6) - 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)

#### 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

# SURVEY



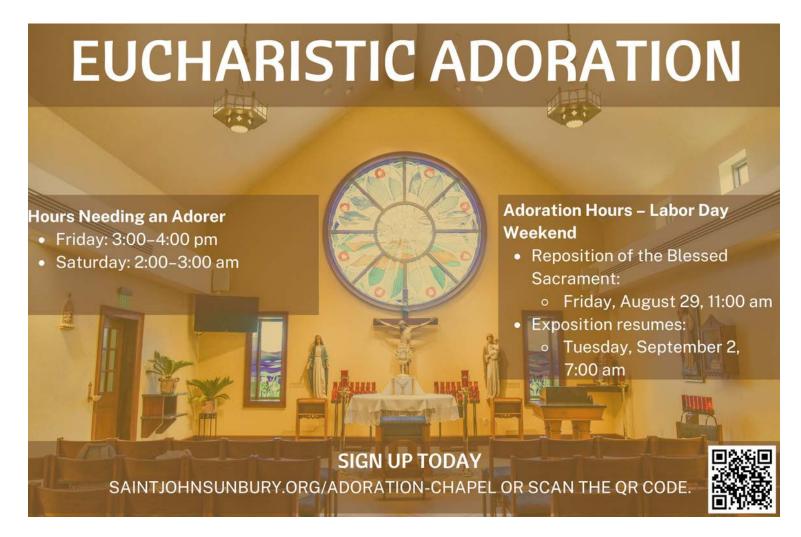
Many thanks to everyone who has already completed the Pastoral Planning Survey.

If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, there's still time!

The survey will remain open through October 17, 2025.

Scan the QR code to begin.





# SJN OUTREACH





#### Family Promise Service Week August 24–30

Our parish's next Family Promise Service Week runs through Saturday, August 30. During this week, we'll be supporting the families staying at the Promise House in Delaware, Ohio, by providing evening meals, groceries, and household supplies.

How You Can Help:

- Prepare and deliver an evening meal (drop-off between 5:15–5:45 PM)
- Contribute household supplies or groceries
- Donate toilet paper our parish's collection focus this month Volunteer for pizza night (Tuesday):
- - Provide side dishes
  - Include a \$5 tip for the pizza driver
  - Drop off by 5:00–5:15 pm

You can plate meals family-style or individually. If you'd like containers for individual portions, just let me know—I'll provide them.

If you're unable to drop off a meal but would still like to cook, please contact Marcia Sepion at 614-769-1678 to make alternative arrangements. Supply donations can be placed in the Family Promise bin in the Hall of Saints or dropped off by other arrangements (just reach out).

The Promise House address: 39 N. Washington St., Delaware, OH

**Important Notes:** 

- If you'd like to shop or plan early, let me know—I can provide an estimate (typically around 25 people).
- There are still a few spots available. Please list your planned meal in the "Menu" or "Comments" section of the SignUpGenius to avoid duplication.

Sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAEA728A57-57804635-family#/

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this ministry. Please keep the families at Promise House—and all those searching for affordable housing—in your prayers, along with the dedicated staff who serve them daily.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to Marcia Sepion at 614-769-1678.

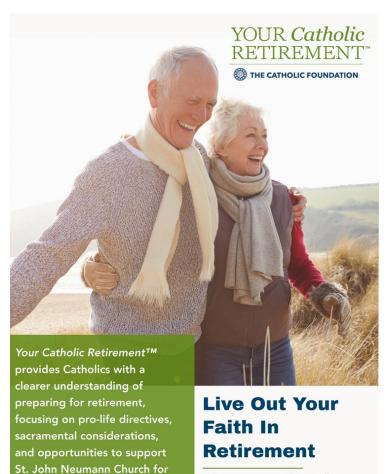
#### **Thank You for Supporting the Outreach Drive!**

Thank you to everyone who generously responded to the Outreach Drive with a gift in July. We received \$13,105, which will be shared between St. Vincent de Paul and the Good Samaritan Ministry.

We're also grateful for the many responses about how you're currently serving—or willing to serve —in our parish outreach efforts.

Haven't had a chance to respond yet?

It's not too late! Please fill out the form here: https://saintjohnsunbury.org/join-us-for-theoutreach-fair

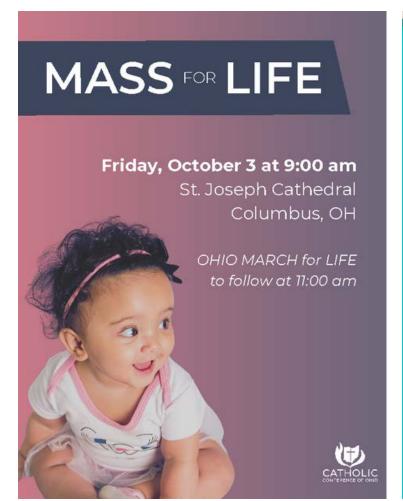


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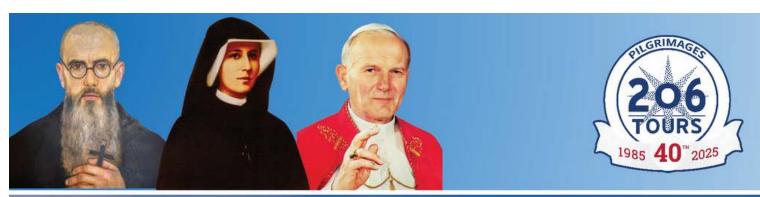
We'll be holding a Coffee & Donut Volunteer Orientation on August 23 from 10:00 - 11:00 am, and we'd love for you to join us. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

This is a simple but meaningful act of service and hospitality—and a great way to get involved in

Interested but can't attend the orientation? No problem! Please let us know, and we'll ensure you receive the necessary information.

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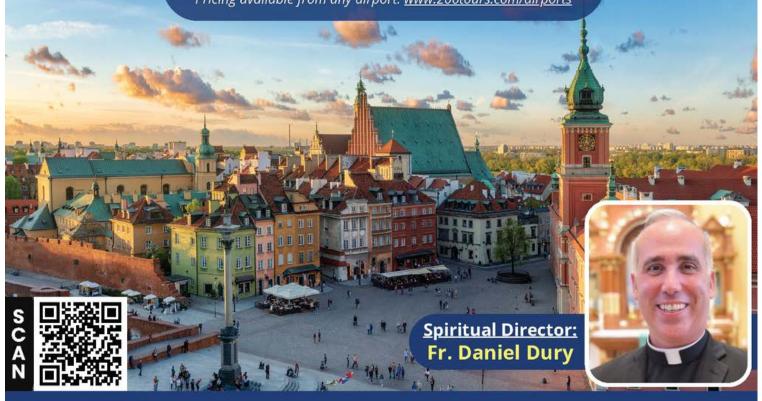
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### Does Language Matter?

#### Written by Paul Stokell, Adult Formation Director

Not long ago, one of our deacons chanted Kyrie Eleison ("Lord, have mercy") at a Sunday Mass. A parishioner later asked, "Why do we still use Latin at Mass? What about Vatican II?"

Good question—though Kyrie Eleison isn't Latin, but Greek, the same language commonly spoken during Jesus' time. People used Greek in everyday life, Latin for official matters, and their native tongue at home. Our "church Latin" came a bit later but was also once a widely spoken language. While not common today, Latin remains important in theology, law, science, and philosophy.

After the Second Vatican Council (1962–65), the Church encouraged use of the vernacular (local language) in the liturgy. Still, Vatican II never abolished Latin. In fact, the Council stated that Latin "is to be preserved in the Latin rites" (Sacrosanctum Concilium 36), and encouraged the faithful to learn parts of the Mass in Latin (SC 54).

At SJN, we honor this tradition by using Latin during the Eucharistic Prayer in Advent and Lent. (And yes—there's one other time Greek is used in a liturgy. Can you guess when?)

The Roman Catholic Church is officially known as the Latin Rite—Latin is our liturgical heritage and spiritual birthright. That said, our liturgy today can be celebrated in many languages, based on the Roman Missal, Third Edition (2010), which guides the Mass worldwide. This shouldn't be confused with the older Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass, which dates to the 16th century and is celebrated occasionally with a bishop's permission. That older form gave way to the revised, vernacular Mass following Vatican II.

Some believe that the use of Latin at Mass prefigures a return to that older form of the Mass, or other former ways of doing things. Not so! We are privileged to worship in both Latin and our native language, usually English. In fact, in 2001, Pope St. John Paul II emphasized that translations should remain faithful to the Latin original—leading to the revised English Mass in 2010.

By the way – it's during the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, one of the most dramatic points in the Great Triduum – that we hear Greek again: during the Good Friday liturgy, in the form of the Trisagion:

Agios o Theós, Agios iskhūrós, Agios āthánatos, eléison hēmâs ("Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us").

#### SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 24 Family Promise Week

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (Anna Tornes †)

10:15 am MEND A - FFC A & B

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (People of the Parish)

1215 pm Baptism

12:30 pm Youth Discipleship Training Sessions

Monday, August 25 Family Promise Week

9:00 am Women of SJN - Noodle Making

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Lester Zwick)

6:00 pm Society of SVdP Meeting

Tuesday, August 26 Family Promise Week

5:00 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Vince Marchese †)

6:30 pm MEND B - FFC

Wednesday, August 27 Family Promise Week

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (David Henneghan †)

Thursday, August 28 Family Promise Week

5:00 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Jim Cavanaugh †)

Friday, August 29
Family Promise Week

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Gail Jensen †)

**Blessed Sacrament Reposed** 

Saturday, August 30 Family Promise Week

The Blessed Sacrament Reposed

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Sunday, August 31
Family Promise Week
The Blessed Sacrament Reposed
No Coffee/Donuts Today

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (Kathy Holman †)

10:15 am MEND A - FFC A & B

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (Sam Glaviano †)

### SACRAMENTS & PARISH REGISTRATION

#### **Annointing 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@stjohnbury.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

#### **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

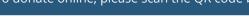
Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

First Saturday of the Month: 9:00 am

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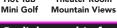
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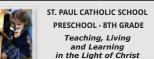
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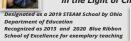
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