

Welcome
To
Saint John Neumann Catholic Church
Charlotte, NC



Mission Statement

*The welcoming community of St. John Neumann
encourages and enables parishioners to use their gifts
in service to others as Jesus has taught us.*

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Greetings and Peace!

“Welcome to our Parish family. I hope that you will join us in building together a community of faith.

This booklet will give you a brief history of our Parish and let you know some of the activities that are offered to help us celebrate together our gift of faith. For information, please call on those listed in the Parish Ministry Contacts at the end of this booklet, or call the Church Office (704) 536-6520.

It has been my hope that we could continue to develop a family spirit in the midst of our growing numbers. Please be assured that we will do all that we can to respond to you, as we work together to find new and creative ways to celebrate our faith.

You will receive envelopes so that you can share your treasure for the work of the Church. I hope that you will use these envelopes on a regular basis. It is your weekly contributions that allow us to continue to offer quality programs, especially for our children, and to develop new ways to respond to the ongoing needs of our growing Parish. You will also find enclosed a Stewardship Pamphlet. The people of St. John Neumann are committed to stewardship, a commitment of time, talent and treasure. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help support the Parish. Please consider getting involved in the Parish and truly becoming an active member of our family.

Once again, welcome to our Parish family. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you.”

Sincerely In Christ,
Reverend Thomas J. Meehan. OSA.
Pastor

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

Augustinian Friars

Rev. Thomas J. Meehan, OSA – Pastor

Rev. Arthur D. Johnson, OSA

.....As it appeared in print.....

Charlotte, N.C. / August 27, 1977...”The growing number of Catholics in the Charlotte area has again resulted in the creation of a new Parish from an area once served by another. Most Reverend Michael Begley revealed the establishment of St. John Neumann Parish on a 12-acre site at 8451 Idlewild Road.

An estimated 250 families to be served by the new Parish were formerly members of Our Lady of the Assumption on the Plaza at Independence.”

June 19, 2002 marked the 25th Anniversary of the canonization of John Nepomucene Neumann (1811-1860), Bishop of Philadelphia. Saint John Neumann Catholic Church was established shortly after his canonization, with Msgr. Lawrence Newman as the founding pastor. Saint John Neumann Catholic Church now serves approximately 1800 families...and continues to grow.

Weekend Masses are:

Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM

Sunday at 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Daily Masses are:

Monday - Saturday at 9:15 AM

A Rosary follows Mass Monday - Friday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered:

Saturday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

and by appointment (Call the Parish Office)

Holy Day Masses include:

Vigil at 7:00 PM the night before the Holy Day

Masses at 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open every day from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

The Parish Office:

Open: Monday - Friday:

9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Address:

8451 Idlewild Road - Charlotte, NC 28227

Phone: (704) 536-6520

Fax: (704) 536-3147

e-mail: sjncc@bellsouth.net

Information via the Internet:

The church web site:

www.4sjnc.org

Information on the

www.osanet.org

Augustinian Order:

Information on the personal life
of St. John Neumann:

www.stjohnneumann.org/life.html

Information regarding our Diocese:

www.CharlotteDiocese.org

Directory of Diocese Parishes:

www.charlottediocese.org/parishes-all.html

Directory of Diocese Offices,
Agencies and Ministries:

www.charlottediocese.org/agencydirectory.html

Pastoral Team:

Pastor Rev. Thomas J. Meehan, OSA

Parochial Vicar..... Rev. Arthur D. Johnson, OSA

Permanent DeaconRev. Mr. John Parrish

Director of Faith Formation..... Connie Milligan

Faith Formation Secretary Sondra Skibbe

Faith Formation Programs Assistant Benita Bryson

Confirmation Coordinator Donna Tarney

Director of RCIA..... Donna Rayle

Youth Minister & Music AssociateMarsha McIver

Special Needs MinistrySue Rebich

Director of Music & Liturgy..... R. Lance Burnette

Open Arms Preschool Director..... Nancy Chiarelli

Scheduling Coordinator Benita Bryson

Business Manager Earl Bell

Parish Secretary.....Mary Beall

Pastoral Council ChairpersonEric Wagner

Finance Council ChairpersonJoe Fiato

Bereavement Ministry Director OPEN

Councils

Parish leadership and involvement at SJN has had a longstanding relationship through two main Councils: the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council.

Both Councils have a responsibility to advise the Pastor on matters concerning the SJN Parish, to develop the physical and spiritual aspects of the parish, and to encourage parishioner stewardship.

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through June, and are open to all in the parish. If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Council, please contact one of the following members:

Eric Wagner.....	Chairperson	(704) 882-7439	
Sheila Burroughs	Vice Chairperson.....	(704) 537-5752	
John Kane.....	Secretary.....	(704) 847-6895	
Marion CasaSanta ..	(704) 545-8274	J.C. Reiher.....(704) 537-3055	
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Patti Matys	(704) 847-4676	Nancy Sardinia	(704) 573-9023
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Ann St. Pierre.....	(704) 844-2650		

Parish Finance Council

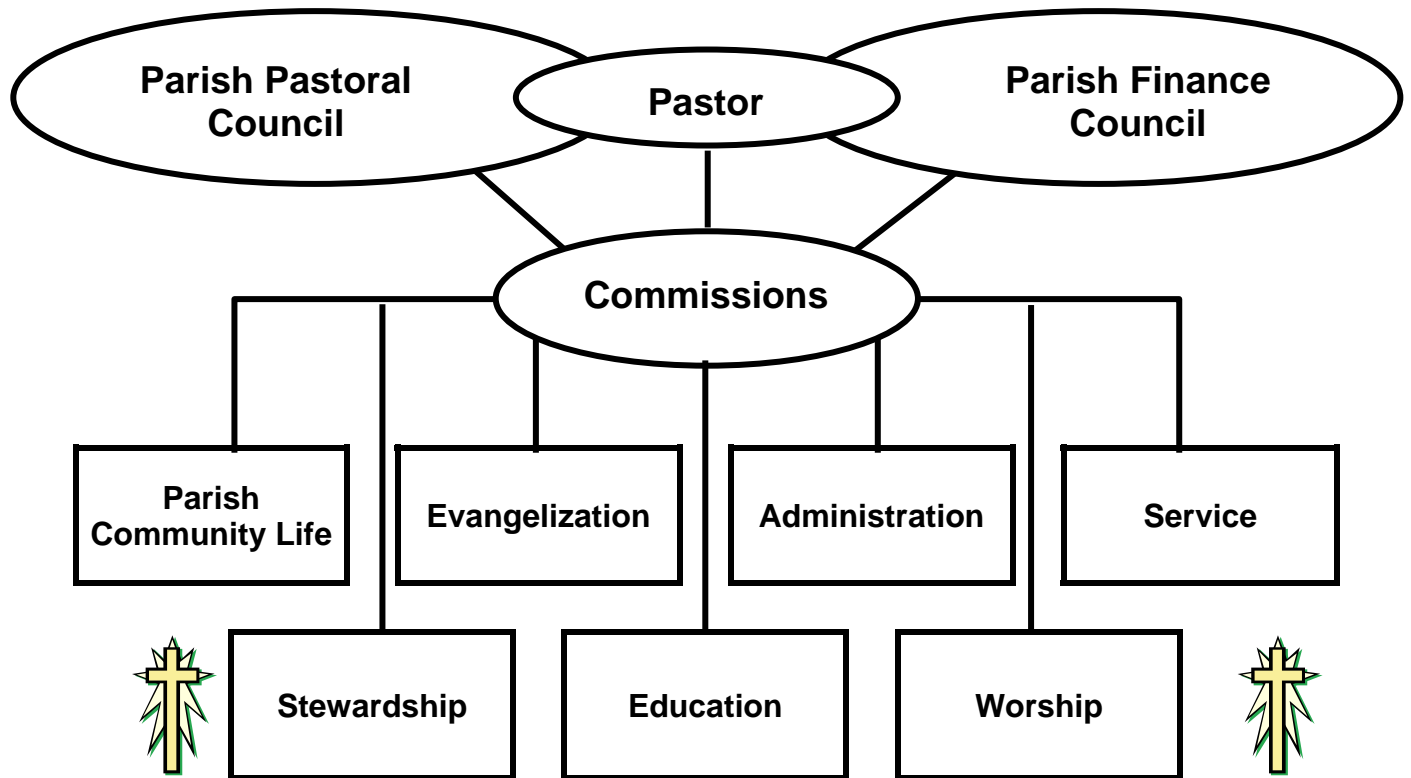
Meetings are held monthly, September through June. If you wish to meet with the Council, please call the Pastor, Father Thom. The Finance Council chairperson is:

Joe Fiato (704) 845-4541

Leadership Councils & Commissions

Seven commission groups are prescribed by the Charlotte diocese. Each activity in the Parish is associated with one of these commissions. Contact information for the chairpersons can be found in the Parish Ministry & Activity Contacts at the end of this booklet.

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Commission Mission Statements

♥ Stewardship

The mission of the Stewardship Commission is to encourage our faith community to recognize that all life is a gift from God, and to give proportionately of their time, talent, and treasure.



🏰 Worship (“Liturgy”)

The Worship Commission will help enhance the worshipping assembly in fulfilling the prayer life of Saint John Neumann Parish community. This commission will try to fulfill its goal by incorporating the ministries of altar servers, greeters, readers, ushers, music and Eucharistic ministers in all the celebrations of the liturgical life of the Church.



📖 Education (“Word”)

As Jesus commissioned His disciples to be the first teachers of the Church, the Saint John Neumann Education Commission seeks to continue this tradition by providing educational leadership for our parish community. Our mission is to build a faith-filled community based on the gospel message by word and action through a threefold ministry of: proclaiming and teaching the Word to give understanding, building community on the foundation of the Word, and serving the educational needs of all.



🏠 Parish Community Life

The mission of the Community Life Commission is to make every parishioner feel that they are part of a church family where every effort is made to meet their spiritual, social and psychological needs.



✝ Evangelization

Our mission is to follow Christ Jesus by practicing our faith with enthusiasm, inviting all to share their faith and to transform society. Through prayer and service we rely on God’s grace, Christ’s love and the Gift of the Holy Spirit to empower others to be disciples of Jesus Christ.



👥 Service

The Saint John Neumann Service Commission works to identify community needs, to develop and implement community outreach programs. The commission encourages parishioners to participate.



📁 Administration (“Leadership/Communication”)

The SJN Administration Commission is a church community Resource that encourages participation, involvement and communication of all parishioners by gathering and disseminating information relevant at the Parish and Diocesan level, and advises on the use, maintenance, and expansion of Parish facilities.



Stewardship

♥ *Stewardship is living a life of gratitude to God for His blessings by giving back. It is using our time, talent, and treasure to help do God's work on Earth. We do that by participating in the activities of the Church.*

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. By practicing these principles, we deepen our relationship with the Lord. Where stewardship is implemented, the lives of both the givers and the receivers are changed.

Stewardship is *a way of life*. It is a way of thanking God for all of His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent, and financial resources given to us. **It is based on the individual's need to give, not on the Church's need to receive.**



The faith community at St. John Neumann Church is encouraged to embrace a life-style of Christian Stewardship. We have all been blessed with gifts. We invite you to share your gifts by reaching out to your family, your church and your community.

The following pages list St. John Neumann's activities, ministries and organizations. Each group is organized alphabetically under the respective Commission.



Stewardship Ministry Fair

Volunteers are needed for a short period of time to participate in planning and presenting the annual Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity for parish members to see what activities St. John Neumann has to offer so individuals can prayerfully discern and make an informed decision regarding participation in SJN's ministries.

Worship

Altar Cleaners

The group of all ages keeps our church, chapel, sacristy, and gathering area clean and neat.

Altar Servers

Boys and girls who are in 3rd grade or older and have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to become Altar Servers, a ministry of assisting/serving at weekend Masses and other liturgical functions. Training is provided.

Baptism Preparation

Parents and expectant parents who wish to have their children baptized in the Catholic faith must attend the Baptismal Preparation Class, held at the Church on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM. You must call the Parish Office to schedule the Baptism.

Children's Liturgy Mass

The Children's Liturgy Mass is a special mass geared toward the younger children of the parish where the Gospel is portrayed in action on a child's level by the St. John Neumann Players. The Children's Choir leads the music for these special liturgies which are scheduled every two months. See the weekly church bulletin for the schedule.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Adult parishioners assist our priests with the distribution of the Eucharist to the parish community. Training is provided on an individual basis and at an annual workshop.

Junior Lectors

Junior Lectors is for SJN's younger generation in 8th grade and up who are interested in welcoming the congregation, presenting the first or second readings, or the Prayers of the Faithful at the Mass.

Lectors

Adults and older teens who wish to proclaim the readings at weekend Masses are invited to become Lectors. Training is provided as needed. Lectors are paired and scheduled for a requested Mass.

Marriage Preparation

Couples planning to be married should call the Church office and schedule an appointment with one of the priests at least six months prior to the planned wedding date.

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

The Ushers are responsible for providing assistance as needed to the congregation before and during Mass helping with the weekly offering collections, and during Holy Communion.

Music Ministry

The choirs and instrumentalists of St. John Neumann prepare the music and lead the congregation in song during Mass.

Instrumentalists are musicians who are proficient on the piano, percussion, or other solo instrument, and wish to share their talent during Mass.

The instrumentalists supplement all of the Masses.

Saturday 5:30 Choir is open to anyone from 8th grade to adult.

Accompaniment includes piano, bass, guitar, flute, clarinet, and saxophone. The choir also sings for the 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, as well as other special liturgies. Rehearsals are held every other week on Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Sunday 10:00 Choir is open to anyone from 10th grade to adult interested

in singing 3 and 4 part harmonies. Different styles of music include contemporary, praise and worship, traditional, and classical pieces.

Accompaniment includes piano, organ, and solo instruments where appropriate. Rehearsals are held weekly on Tuesday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This choir also sings for Confirmation, Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, Holy Week Liturgies, Easter Sunday Liturgies and other special liturgies. A subset of this choir sings at the 12:00 Noon Sunday Mass with piano and organ accompaniment.

Youth Choir is open to anyone from 6th through 12th grades and sings a variety of different styles of music, including contemporary, praise and worship, folk, and traditional. Accompaniment includes piano. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday at 5:00 PM.

This choir sings at the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass.

Children's Choir is open to children in 2nd through 5th grades. They sing every two months for special Children's Liturgies, the 5:30 PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, and other special liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM during the school year.

Seasonal Choir Commitment is a 6-week commitment during the Lent/Easter and Christmas seasons. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and use your talents without the long-term commitment of the permanent choirs. Please speak with the Director of Music Ministry if you have an interest in this opportunity.

Sacristan

These wonderful volunteers assist in the preparing and setting of the altar for masses.

St. John Neumann Players

The St. John Neumann Players is for young people from 5th through 8th grades, wishing to perform skits for the Children's Liturgy Mass on Sundays at 10:00 AM (about four performances a year). Usually two rehearsals will be after Sunday Masses, and one rehearsal will be the Saturday before the event. All rehearsals are at the Church. There are many non-speaking roles to fill, so even shy people are welcome. The time commitment is not excessive.

Sign Language During Mass

Beginning in the fall of 2005, we will be having someone sign for the hearing impaired at the 10:00 AM Mass. Volunteers are needed to sign and to tutor others in American sign language.

E d u c a t i o n

3-Year-Old & 4-Year-Old Faith Formation Co-op

Faith Formation classes for children ages 3 or 4 on or before October 16th of the current school year are available during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Parents rotate teaching responsibilities. Materials, teaching directions and support are provided. Registration and fees are required.

Adult Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes, groups, studies and processes are available for interested adults and teens on various subjects during the Religious Education school year. Check the bulletin for current information, or contact the Religious Education Office.

Bible Study Group

This group meets Monday mornings during the school season to explore the Scriptures and the Catechism based on published Bible studies. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is provided. There are other Bible Study groups that meet during the school year. See the weekly church bulletin for details.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special time during mass for children (Kindergarten through 4th grade) to have the Sunday scriptures presented on an age-appropriate level. Prior to the Liturgy of the Word the children are invited by the presider to come forward for a blessing, then are sent to the Council Room where scripture-based activities are presented by volunteer leaders. The children rejoin the congregation prior to the Presentation of the Gifts during Offertory. See the weekly church bulletin for the schedule.

Confirmation Preparation

Students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade are required to attend two years of religious education (6th and 7th grades) before enrolling in the sacramental celebration year. (*Children attending a Catholic School should register for SJN Religious Education for the 8th grade only.*) Persons older than 8th grade age are evaluated and placed on an individual basis.

Faith Formation (Religious Education)

Religious education is for ages 3 years through adult. Programs consist of classes, service and/or activities for: Pre-school through 8th Grade, Junior High Youth Group, Youth Group for high school students, Adult Education, RCIC, RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Vacation Bible School. Volunteer opportunities for adults and mature teens include teaching, assisting, office help, short-term and long-term projects and nursery. Training and support are provided.

Junior High Youth Group

An outstanding group of young people (grades 6 through 8) gather on the first Saturday of the month (October through June) from 6:45 PM to 9:45 PM for fun and fellowship.

Open Arms Preschool

The Preschool operates during the regular school year and is open to children from 2 to 4 years of age. Classes meet from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Operation Christmas Child

SNJ families support this international giving event by filling shoeboxes with gifts for children overseas. Teen and adult volunteers help to sort and prepare the gifts for shipment throughout the world.

Reconciliation (Penance) & Eucharist (Communion)

Students preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are required to attend two years of religious education before enrolling in the sacramental celebration year. *Children attending a Catholic School should register for SJN Religious Education for the 2nd grade only and attend all classes, retreats and events.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is an educational and spiritual process for those interested in conversion to Catholicism, as well as those seeking to continue their conversion through Eucharist and Confirmation. Volunteers help Candidates (*baptized persons preparing for full communion in the Catholic Church*) and Catechumens (*un-baptized persons with the intention of being baptized into the Catholic Church*) journey toward a fuller relationship with Jesus and His Church. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Training for volunteers is provided.

Special Needs Faith Formation

Faith Formation, including sacramental preparation, is available for persons with disABILITIES. Placement is per individual evaluation. Registration and fee are required.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is a 5-day summer program in June for rising Kindergarteners through Grade 4. Children experience faith forming activities to enhance their relationship with God and Church. Registration and fees are required.

Youth Group

An outstanding group of young adults (grades 9 through 12) gather each Sunday evening of the school year from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM with a goal of nurturing their faith to become strong Christians. This is done through social, service and prayerful times of fellowship, providing practical Biblical tools to incorporate their faith into their daily lives. There are some off-site events scheduled during the year.

Parish Community Life

Activities Committee (Service & Social)

The Activities Committee schedules events such as movie nights, game nights, and pot luck suppers several times throughout the year. This committee also arranges service activities such as fall clean ups for the elderly and nursing home visits. These activities are for all ages so that we can have parishioners, family and friends come together in fellowship and to do good works for our parishioners and our community.

Athletics

Bowling League

This is a fun-loving mixed league of men and women, age 18 and up. They meet every other Sunday evening during the school season at Carolina Lanes in Matthews. All skill levels are welcome.

Men's Softball

SJN has a couple of Men's Slowpitch Softball teams that play in various Christian/Church leagues in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The teams are made up of men, ages 18 and above. The teams consists mainly of SJN Men, but is open to men of other churches. The season typically runs from late May or early June until mid to late summer, and consists of 10+ games and a tournament. There is a registration fee.

Women's Softball

Women's softball is open to all women age 18 and up. The season runs from June through August. Knowledge of the game is preferable.

Youth Basketball

For boys and girls, ages 5 to 17. The season is from November through March. Teams meet twice per week.

Youth T-Ball, Baseball, Softball

For boys and girls, ages 5 to 17. Registration is in February, with practice beginning in March. Games are April through June.

Bereavement Ministry

This ministry provides help and comfort when the death of a loved one occurs. It provides immediate needs of house sitting during the wake or funeral, child care as needed, phoning friends and family, transportation needs, and help with household chores prior to the funeral. Long term help includes visiting lay ministers, weekly support groups, and special books, etc. to help you through your time of loss.

Boy Scouts

The scouting program aims to develop character, citizenship, good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind, body and soul.

Cub Scouts (Pack 12)

Cub Scouts are open to boys in 1st through 5th grades and meet on Tuesdays during the school year from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Outdoor weekend activities are scheduled several times a year.

Boy Scouts (Troop 12)

Boy Scouts are open to boys in 5th through 12th grades and meet on Wednesdays during the school year from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Outdoor weekend activities are scheduled about once a month.

Family Life Ministry (Church Social Events & Receptions)

Family Life is a group involved in planning and promoting social activities that build and strengthen families and relationships within our parish community. We hold receptions for special occasions, funerals, family dinner dances, and a pancake breakfast. Family Life also supports families in need when necessary, by organizing meals and transportation when possible.

Fifty Plus (50 +) Club

This large and active organization is open to anyone over fifty wishing to participate in a variety of activities. Social and business meetings, with lunch and entertainment, are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Holidays and special occasions are celebrated, and community service is offered where needed.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting involves Troop meetings as well as District and Council activities. These include camping, field trips and other age appropriate social activities.

Brownies (Troop 1328)

Girl Scout Brownies are open to girls in 1st through 3rd grades and meet on Thursdays during the school year from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Juniors (Troop 484)

Girl Scout Juniors are open to girls in 4th through 6th grades and meet on Tuesdays during the school year from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Cadets (Troop 1850)

Girl Scout Cadets are open to girls in 7th through 12th grades and meet on Thursdays during the school year from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Hospitalized and Homebound Parishioner Visitations

It is important that you contact the Parish Office to receive Anointing of the Sick or Communion. Otherwise, we will not know of your need.

Nursery Co-op During Mass

The Nursery Co-op is a program designed and run by parents of the St. John Neumann community. It allows adults to enjoy and worship each Sunday, during the 10:00 AM Mass, while knowing their children, from infant to 2 years old, are in a safe, loving, Christian environment. Parents of those children registered within the Co-op work on a rotating schedule.

Women's Guild

This organization of women work together in spirituality and fellowship to raise money for the Parish Preservation Fund. Fund-raisers include a bake sale and raffle. Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of each month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Check the bulletin for scheduled meetings. All women are welcome.

E v a n g e l i z a t i o n

Pilgrim Mary

The Blessed Statue of Mary is moved to different SJN households each week. Families can have the Blessed Statue of Mary in their home and can invite family and friends to gather around the heavenly Mother to pray the Rosary each day.

Prayer Chain Ministry

The prayer chain is a mode of communication for our parishioners to let serious needs be known and prayed for. About 30 individuals are contacted by e-mail when a prayer request is made.

Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to a time of prayer, praise, and scripture sharing for specific and general intentions. Weekly gatherings are Tuesdays at 7:30 PM.

Rosary Devotion

Parishioners gather to pray the Rosary after the 9:15 AM daily Mass, as well as a special devotion to our Blessed Mother on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM.

Welcome Committee

As a welcoming community of Christians, we wish to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter the church to attend Mass and answer questions as needed. Volunteers are scheduled according to mass preference.

S e r v i c e

Augustinian Orphanage

Many Parish groups are involved in activities to support the children of the Augustinian Orphanage in Mexico. Children of the Parish share their treasure in special envelopes collected at Mass to make a difference in the lives of the children in Mexico.

Biscoe, NC Parish Outreach

Our Lady of the Americas is our sister Parish located in Biscoe, NC. Parishioners respond to the call by participating in many giving activities (Share Sunday, Giving Manger, Thanksgiving Meals, etc.) to assist our neighbors in Eastern North Carolina.

Camp Care

Camp Care provides a carefree week of fun and activities for children with cancer. SJN parishioners of all ages participate in various fund-raising activities to support this worthy cause, including an annual Camp Care Walk.

Christmas Stable (“The Giving Manger”)

The Christmas Stable provides an opportunity to make a Christmas wish come true. Parishioners purchase gift items, and volunteers sort, wrap and deliver gifts to children and adults in need.

Columbian Squires

The Squires are the youth arm of the Knights of Columbus. This organization does service work in the community and at St. John Neumann Parish, support the Knights of Columbus, have social events and participate in athletic competitions against other chapters in the state. It is open to any young man in the parish, age 10 to 18. Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Crisis Assistance Ministry

Crisis Assistance Ministry provides emergency help to those in need. SJN parishioners provide help sorting donated clothing and picking up donated furniture. All work is on an as needed basis.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s service organization that supports our Parish and community through many activities. Projects include raising money for the mentally disadvantaged, building handicap ramps, providing meals at the homeless center, supporting our youth through religious education and sports, and many other activities in the Parish. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at the Columbus Club. Membership includes men, age 18 and older.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

This organization is open to all women of the Parish (husband does not need to be a Knight). Activities stem from thoughtful ideas for those in need. Examples include knitting hats for preemies, making Christmas decorations for nursing homes and working the Bingo kitchen to raise money for charities.

Loaves & Fishes

SJN volunteers spend one Thursday morning each month preparing and packing donated items for delivery to those in need.

Men's Homeless Shelter

The Men's Homeless Shelter is a program that provides an evening meal to the residents of the uptown shelter on the 1st Saturday of every month. No training is required. Volunteers arrive at 3:00 PM and leave by 6:00 PM.

Quilters

This multigenerational group meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, to quilt for personal needs and service projects. Experienced quilters help the inexperienced. Anyone is welcome. Past projects include making quilts for the elderly, AIDS patients, Mexican orphanage, and religious education classes.

Red Cross Transportation Volunteers

Volunteer drivers provide transportation to doctor's appointments for those in need. The Red Cross provides vehicles and training. The amount of volunteer time is flexible.

Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN)

This ecumenical ministry offers support to persons living with HIV/AIDS. Participation can range from being a team member that focuses on the many needs of one patient, to offering an occasional ride to the grocery store. One training class is required. The group meets every other month.

Respect Life Committee

The committee members promote awareness and education on Respect Life issues from birth to death. They also provide literature for the community, sponsor "Life Chain" each October, encourage "March for Life" participation, and support local pro-life agencies. This group meets a few times a year. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Rosary Maker Ministry

This group makes mission rosaries and sends them around the world. Meetings are held every other month, but are not mandatory. Training is provided to learn the craft. Work can be done at home. There are no quotas.

Share Sunday

One Sunday a month the Parish conducts a food drive. The following Monday, volunteers take this very generous collection to the Catholic Center. Help is needed to load, drive and unload.

Administration

Bulletin

Announcement submissions are handled through the Parish Office. Submissions for the following Sunday's bulletin are due to the Parish Office by 4:00 PM Monday (5 days prior) by hardcopy or faxed copy. (Announcements around holidays usually need to be submitted one extra week ahead of time.)

Calendar, Room Reservations & Facilities Co-ordination

A calendar of daily events is updated weekly by the Parish Office. This information is updated several times per month on the Website and is often posted at the Welcome Booth in the Gathering Area. Any SJN ministry can request a meeting time and space through a "Room Request Form" available at the Parish Office and on the Parish website under "Schedules/Calendar" webpage. Please remember that all groups needing space in any SJN parish facilities must submit their requests to the Parish Office in advance. Bulletin announcements do not automatically reserve a room. Also, please notify the office of any cancellation of space.

Creative Concepts Committee – Publications

Looking for a creative way to expand your creative talents ? This committee works on projects on an "as-requested" basis. Publications include this Welcome Packet and a Parish Directory.

Facilities & Planning

Parishioners are welcome to be involved in discussing expansion planning when requested by the Pastor, Parish Council and Finance Council.










Maintenance Committee


















The Maintenance Committee provides 'handypersons' the opportunity to volunteer to be 'on-call' (not 24/7, but on personal availability) for help with upkeep, repairs and upgrades needed to SJN's buildings and facilities.

Website Co-ordination


















The parish website www.4sjnc.org is a communication tool that has existed since October 1999 and helps keep us tied together "online". Weekly bulletins from the prior 4 weeks are available, as well as copies of this Welcome Packet and a link to the outstanding Children's Liturgy website ! Website content includes: Information on the Parish Council, Finance Council, SJN's Commissions, an Event Calendar and Mass schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, & Altar Servers. You can also find information on some background about SJN, activity and ministry lists, Faith Formation (Religious Education), Children's Liturgy, RCIA, Pilgrim Mary, Open Arms Preschool, Knights of Columbus, Prayer for Peace, Stewardship (Time, Talent, & Treasure), Parish News, Diocesan News, "Job Links", a photo gallery, and other internet links to Catholic resources


















Parish Ministry & Activity Contacts



Activity / Organization		Contact	Phone	Page	Ministry
3-Year-Old & 4-Year-Old Faith Formation Co-op		Ann Henderson	(704) 573-4767	12	
Activities Committee (Service & Social)		Suzi Nicholas	(704) 536-4515	15	
		Connie Milligan	(704)535-4197		
		Mike Tinker	(704) 573-9695		
Administration Commission (Leadership)		John Silvestri	(704) 844-6720	21	
Adult Faith Formation		Connie Milligan	(704) 535-4197	12	
Altar Cleaners		Sally Sloan	(704) 567-0174	10	
Altar Servers		Father Thom	(704) 536-6520	10	
		J.C. Reiher	(704) 537-3055		
Athletics	Bowling League	Christi Neal	(704) 545-2002	15	
	Men's Softball	Don Nicholas	(704) 536-4515		
	Women's Softball	Christi Neal	(707) 545-2002		
	Youth Basketball	Ted Sardinia	(704) 573-9023		
	Youth T-Ball, Baseball & Softball	Dave Maher	(704) 442-1201		
Augustinian Orphanage		Father Thom & Father Art	(704) 536-6520	18	
Baptism Preparation		Rev. Deacon John Parrish	(704) 882-0717	10	
Bereavement Ministry		OPEN		16	
Bible Study Group		Sandra St. Clair	(704) 841-7562	13	

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Biscoe, NC Parish Outreach		Marion CasaSanta	(704) 545-8274	18	
Boy Scouts	Cub Scouts - Troop 12	Mark Krouse	(704) 847-0056	16	
	Boy Scouts - Troop 12	Mark Morris	(704) 595-3563		
Bulletin		Steve Lyttle	(704) 849-9475	21	
Calendar, Room Reservations & Facilities Co-ordination		Benita Bryson	(704) 535-4197	21	
Camp Care		Phil & Beth St. Martin	(704) 841-8935	18	
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Ana Adkins	(704) 535-4197	13	
		Joan Edwards	(704) 531-0166		
Children's Liturgy Mass		Lance Burnette	(704) 382-8623	10	
		Marsha McIver	(704) 535-4197		
Christmas Stable ("The Giving Manger")		Debbie Santore	(704) 882-6944	19	
Columbian Squires		Andy CasaSanta	(704) 545-8274	19	
Confirmation Preparation		Donna Tarney	(704) 535-4197	13	
Creative Concepts Committee - Publications		Ginny King	(704) 545-3957	21	
Crisis Assistance Ministry		Kevin Muldowney	(704) 708-9522	19	
Deacon		Rev. Mr. John Parrish	(704) 882-0717	4	
Director of Music		Lance Burnette	(704) 382-8623	11	
Education Commission (Word)		Sue Rebich	(704) 545-0242	12	
Eucharist Preparation		Faith Formation Office	(704) 535-4197	14	
Eucharistic Celebration (Mass Schedule)		Parish Office	(704) 536-6520	4	

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Evangelization Commission		Nancy Hasty	(704) 545-2103	17	✝
		Donna Rayle	(704) 545-8916		
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Gloria Burke	(704) 545-6624	10	🏛️
Facilities & Planning		John Silvestri	(704) 844-6720	21	📁
Faith Formation (Religious Education)		Connie Milligan (Director)	(704) 535-4197	13	📖
		Sondra Skibbe			
		Benita Bryson			
Family Life Ministry		Suzi Nicholas	(704) 536-4515	16	🏠
		Mary McVae	(704) 532-6014		
Fifty Plus (50 +) Club		Elaine Owens	(704) 847-2835	16	🏠
Girl Scouts	Brownies - Troop 1328	Courtney Brown	(704) 605-2935	17	🏠
	Juniors - Troop 484	Crystal Wright	(704) 531-0436		
	Cadets - Troop 1850	Donna Tarney	(704) 563-0628		
Hospitalized and Homebound Parishioner Visitations		Rev. Deacon John Parrish	(704) 536-6520	17	🏠
Junior High Youth Group		Irene Kilzer		13	📖
Junior Lectors		John Kane	(704) 847-6895	10	🏛️
Knights of Columbus		John CasaSanta	(704) 545-8274	19	👥
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary		Claire Schmitz	(704) 882-5474	19	👥
		Alice Hallett	(704) 364-7441		
Lectors		Joan Edwards	(704) 531-0166	10	🏛️
Loaves & Fishes		Charlie & Loretta Rembold	(704) 567-2198	19	👥

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Maintenance Committee	Kevin Smith	(704) 596-6380	21	
Marriage Preparation	Father Thom & Father Art	(704) 536-6520	11	
Men's Homeless Shelter	Kevin & Heather Muldowney	(704) 375-6650	20	
Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)	Carl Sadowski	(704) 847-4926	11	
Music Ministry	Lance Burnette	(704) 382-8623	11	
Nursery Co-op During Mass	Moya Smith-McKee	(704) 321-2786	17	
Open Arms Preschool	Nancy Chiarelli (Director)	(704) 882-1918	14	
Operation Christmas Child	Connie Milligan	(704) 535-4197	14	
Parish Community Life (Family Life)	Suzi Nicholas	(704) 536-4515	15	
Parish Finance Council	Joe Fiato	(704) 845-4541	6	
Parish Pastoral Council	Eric Wagner (Chair)	(704) 882-7439	6	
Pilgrim Mary	Sandy Major	(704) 573-9054	17	
Prayer Chain Ministry	Linda Johnson	(704) 503-0245	18	
	Kristi Maher	(704) 442-1201		
Prayer Group	Linda Johnson	(704) 503-0245	18	
	Kristi Maher	(704) 442-1201		
Quilters	Kristi Maher	(704) 442-1201	20	
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Donna Rayle	(704) 545-8916	14	
Reconciliation (appointment)	Parish Office	(704) 536-6520	4	

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Reconciliation Preparation	Faith Formation Office	(704)535-4197	14	
Red Cross Transportation Volunteers	Bob & Sandra St. Clair	(704) 841-7562	20	
Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN)	Carol Kiernan	(704) 545-8196	20	
Respect Life Committee	Carol Kiernan	(704) 545-8196	20	
Rosary Devotion	Nancy Hasty	(704) 545-2103	18	
Rosary Maker Ministry	Joan Gillis	(704) 882-1144	20	
	Maggie Nelson	(704) 385-8452		
	Diane Adams	(704) 531-9835		
Sacristan	Kathleen Cassara	(704) 567-1271	12	
Service Commission	OPEN		18	
Share Sunday	Don Lesko	(704) 535-7797	20	
Sign Language During Mass	Cindy Satink	(704) 573-5143	12	
Special Needs Faith Formation	Sue Rebich	(704) 545-0242	14	
St. John Neumann Players	Ana Adkins	(704) 532-8058	12	
Stewardship Commission	Chris Schneider	(704) 566-8818	9	
Stewardship Ministry Fair	OPEN		9	
Vacation Bible School	Donna Tarney	(704) 563-0628	14	
Website Coordination	John Silvestri	(704) 844-6720	22	
Welcome Committee	Donna Rayle	(704) 545-8916	18	

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Women's Guild	Mary Blinn	(704) 545-0420	17	
	Diane Langevin	(704) 536-7809		
Worship Commission (Liturgy)	Betty & Tom O'Neal	(704) 847-3396	10	
Youth Group	Marsha McIver	(704) 535-4197	15	