

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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**August 17, 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shed-

ding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

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## Pastoral Council

Rhonda Camacho Genevieve Flores  
Dave Hubalik, Sr. Rose Mary Mares  
Michele Mechler Jonathan Velasquez  
Marie Zeal

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 28, 2025 6pm



## Finance Council

Diane Cheney  
Rey Bernal Kim Schoellman  
Robert Knight Stephen Long

Next Meeting:

Thurs, Sept. 25, 2025 5pm

## ADORATION with the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Thursday - Chapel - 8:30am  
Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am

Followed by Benediction

On the last Thursday of the month, anointing of the sick will follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Joanne Bowker

Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman

Custodian Tony Ortiz

Religious Ed Office Hours: M,T,TH 10:30am-6pm

Wed. 11:30am-7:30pm

RE Coord: Sylvia Fernandez ~ Clerk: Kris Cardenaz

OCIA(RCIA) Director Mary Jo Peters

## Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am

Sunday 10:00 am

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm

Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

## Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment

After morning Mass on Thursday

## PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month

2 pm Religious Education Building

**Must pre-register for class**

Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

## MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

## QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending

RE classes and meet with Pastor.

## FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

## In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz	Frankie Alvarez
Steven Avila	Genaro Avila
Rosa Barragan	Ramon Barragon
Ruby Cantu	
Rosie Carranza	James Carmona
Riley Cole	Alfredo Camacho
Thomas Cuellar	Trine Cuellar
Grace De Leon	Tommy Delgado
Gloria Espinosa	Tim Favor
Jacqueline Garcia	Marissa Ibarra
Vincent Garza	Tereso O. Hernandez
Lucy Herrera	Ignacia Hernandez
Ellie Kelsey	Alleen Koch
John Henry Martinez	Tony Mendoza
Terry Mendoza	Edda Tschirhart
Jerry Neal	Milo Quintanilla
Lorenzo Ortiz	
Gloria Saucedo	Maureen Principe
Anna Reyes	Jerry Robles
Lupe Sanchez	
Mary Rose Sanchez	Debbie Slover
A.J. Vallez	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Darlene Wiemers	Daniel Wilman
Thelma Wilson	Marcy Zerr

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list at least 3 weeks.

August 9/10, 2025

Mass Attendance: 635

Regular Offering \$ 5,007.00



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Upcoming Second Collections

September 7 - Black Bag for St. Vincent de Paul



## Mass Intentions

**August 18 - 24, 2025**

**Monday - August 18 - 8am - No Mass**

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday - August 19 - 8am - Chapel**

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

- Communion Service -

**Wednesday - August 20 - 8am - Chapel**

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

- Communion Service -

**Wednesday - August 20 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel**

Jue 9, 6-15/Sal 20, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20, 1-16

- Communion Service -

**Thursday - August 21 - 8am - Chapel**

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

- Communion Service -

**Friday - August 22 - 8am - Church**

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

- Communion Service -

**Saturday - August 23 - 6pm - Church**

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

1) † Richard Moos by Family

2) St. John's Parish

**Sunday - August 24 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church**

Is 66, 18-21/Sal 116, 1, 2 (Mc 16, 15)/Heb 12, 5-7, 11-13/Lc 13, 22-30

1) † Carmen Ramirez by her sister

2) † Domingo & Rita Corona by Inez Morales

3) † Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Carrasco by Lupe & Jeffrey Sanchez

**Sunday - August 24 - 10am - Church**

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

1) † Kay Finger by Theresa Gilliam and Family

2) † Mary Lutz by Family

3) † Chico Garcia by Lita Garcia Family

*Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)*

Send bulletin items to:  
parishsecretary@stjohnsevangelist.org  
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

## St. John's Calendar of Events

**Sunday, August 17:**

10am Mass - Altar Server Commissioning

11:30am - OCIA Class - RE Building

\*2pm - Baptism Prep Class - RE Building

\*5:30pm - Daughters of the King - RE Building

**Monday, August 18:**

\*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, August 19:**

\*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance

**Wednesday, August 20:**

**Thursday, August 21:**

\*4pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall Meeting Room

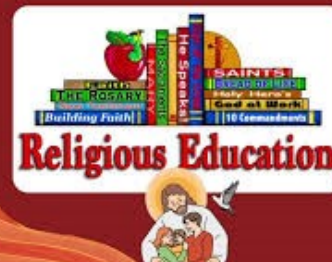
**Friday, August 22:**

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\*5pm - Confessions - Church

**Sunday, August 24:**

**CATECHISTS  
NEEDED**



**Please contact  
the  
Religious  
Education  
Office  
if you can help  
on Wednesday  
evenings.**



**Baptisms**  
Parker Ryan Addison  
Roy Vance Long

## Schedule of Mass Ministry

**Saturday, August 23, 2025 6pm**

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: James Schoellman,

Randy Graff, Luis Ramos

Commentator: Theresa Gilliam

Lector: Rose Aelvoet

Sacristan: Russ Renaud

Extraordinary Ministers: Yvonne Stein

Paul Tschirhart, Julie Urby

Altar Servers: Ann Wheaton, Evelyn Knight,

Dylan Tejada Music: Janice W.

**Sunday, August 24, 2025 7:45am**

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Yolanda Requena

Ministers of Hospitality: Ray Ybarra,

Jerry Lopez, Henry Torres

Commentator: Ruben Hernandez

Lector: Refugio Herrera

Sacristan: Nora Escamilla

Extraordinary Ministers: Nora Escamilla,

Dora Ojeda, Melinda Martinez

Altar Servers: Lilliana Cahue,

Kaylianna Martinez, CharEllez Maxie

**Sunday, August 24, 2025 10am**

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Aurora Crooks

Ministers of Hospitality: Paul Arredondo,

Kyle Roberts, Edgar Camacho

Commentator: Rhonda Jolley

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Renae McNiel

Sacristan: Judy Williams

Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Fillingner,

Blake Halbardier, Elaine Melton, Denise Oefinger

Altar Servers: Bryson Howard, Amy Roberts,

Victoria Bustos



## Thank You to our Volunteers!

August Altar Care: Linda Fillinger, Julie Urby  
 Small Linens: Cindy Bader, Theresa Gilliam  
 Bingo: Michele Rothe, Marcelyn Botello  
 Hospital Visitation: Nancy Beck & Karen Koch

### St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am—12 noon.

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!"

*Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love.*

Thank you for your continued support!

## Youth Ministry

### High School Youth Ministry

Let's meet Wednesday, AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>

IN THE ANNEX at 6 pm

Bring your Bibles & join us for a light snack.

All incoming freshmen are invited to join us.



### Monday Night BINGO needs YOU!

All proceeds from BINGO go to our faith formation program so that children can attend classes at no cost.

Please consider helping just one Monday evening each month.

Call the parish office if you can help.

## Happy Birthday!

8/18 Oliver Garza, Macy Gomez, Erika Rogers, Erin Rogers,

8/19 Andrew Benavides, Carol Carroll, Stephanie Gonzales, Ad-disyn Guajardo, Brynlee Howard, Xavier Lopez, Rafael Martinez, Javier Rodriguez, Jameson Rodriguez, Xavier Samaniego, Devin Velasquez

8/20 Andrea Benavides, Arturo Hernandez, Aaron Sanchez, Janice Zinsmeyer

8/21 Joseph Bader, Leanna Garza, Francisco Godinez, Tony Ortiz, Zadie Rodriguez, Ashley Rodriguez

8/22 Jordan Flores, Michele Mechler

8/23 Brandon Benavides, John Escamilla, Onesimo Flores, Kailee Guajardo, Jerry Neal, Gabriel Rodriguez, David Sandoval, Kora Tovar

8/24 Linda Fohn, Jennessy Garcia, Kay Heyen, Glenn Van Damme



Contact Dora Ojeda or Linda Tschirhart for information about helping with the set-up or about donating items.

### Interested in Becoming Catholic and/or Receiving Sacraments?

Have you, or someone you know, expressed an interest in becoming Catholic and full membership in the Church? Were you, or do you know someone who was baptized as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to join a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season as part of the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

**First session will be Sunday, August 17 at 11:30 am at the Religious Education Building.**

For more information, please contact Mary Jo Peters at 830-426-1181 or Sylvia Fernandez at the Religious Education office at 830-741-2284.

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. --*

Psalm 118:24

### St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2023-2024 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator

Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator

Audrey Garza - Finance Coord.

Laura Gonzales- Communications Coord.

**Currently seeking nominations for 2026 ACTS Core**

**VIRTUS...**Not one person, not even one Archdiocese, can protect all children / vulnerable adults. Abuse is an epidemic problem in our entire society but we intend to do everything we can to stop it. We are offering *Child/ Adult Safety* instruction to protect children, youth, vulnerable adults. We will also educate parents who have a responsibility to safeguard the children in their care. *Children / Vulnerable Adults cannot protect themselves from a predator.* We know they need trusted and loving adults in whom they can confide any concern or fear. You are that person and we want to work with you for the good of all children/ vulnerable adults in this Archdiocese. Spanish and English classes will be offered. This is a responsibility we cannot push off on someone else. This is our responsibility. You may call the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or toll free 1-877-700-1888, or call Fr. John at 830-741-2236.

### Catholic Faith Formation

♦Adults who have never been Baptized or Baptized into another Faith and are thinking of joining the Catholic Church .....

♦Never celebrated First Communion or Confirmation...

Come and Inquire! Join us on a journey of Faith leading to transformation of your mind and Spirit. If interested contact Mary Jo Peters, Coordinator (830-426-1181) or Sylvia Fernandez at 830-741-2284 in the CCE office.

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