

***Saint John Neumann
Catholic Church
Charlotte, NC
Parish Resource Directory:
Our Ministries, Services, and Activities***



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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Parish Resource Directory*

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Greetings and Peace!

Welcome to the St. John Neumann family. I look forward to your participation as we build a parish community that makes present the Kingdom of God among us.

This is our Parish Ministry and Resource Directory, which includes a brief history of our Parish as well as some of the ministries and 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 directory, or call the Church Office (704) 536-6520.

The people of St. John Neumann are committed to stewardship, the giving of ourselves through our time, talent and treasure. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help support the Parish. Please consider getting involved and truly becoming an active member of our family. Our needs are many, and it is essential that all consider how the abilities God has given us can contribute to the life of the parish and to the wider community of faith here in Southeast Charlotte.

It is my hope that we will 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. Please know that my door is always open, and I am always interested in hearing your ideas and concerns.

I hope that you will use your church offering envelopes on a regular basis so that you can share your treasure for the work of the Church. 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.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you.

Devotedly Yours In Christ,
Father Patrick Hoare
Pastor

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Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

Rev. Patrick Hoare

Rev. Peter Pham

.....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. Our Parish serves approximately 1,400 families.

Weekend Masses are:

Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM

Sunday at 7:30 AM, 10 AM, Noon, 3:00 PM (en Espanol) and 5:30 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 7:30 PM the night before the Holy Day

Masses at 9:15 AM and 7:30 PM

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open daily from 10 AM to 6 PM.

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The Parish Office Hours

Open: Monday through Friday 9 AM - Noon and 1 PM - 4 PM

Address: 8451 Idlewild Road - Charlotte, NC 28227

Phone: (704) 536-6520

Fax: (704) 536-3147

E-mail: office@4sjnc.org

Information via the Internet:

The church website:	www.4sjnc.org
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:	Father Patrick Hoare
Priest In-Residence:	Father Peter Pham
Deacon (Permanent):	Rev. Mr. John Parrish
Faith Formation Coordinator:	Shannon Cutler
Faith Formation Assistant:	Regina Wahl
Faith Formation Secretary:	Benita Bryson
Youth Group (Jr. & Sr.):	Irene Kilzer
RCIA:	Karen Polce
Special Needs Ministry:	Sue Rebich
Coordinator of Music:	Peppie Calvar
Parish Accountant:	Carola Baptiste
Scheduling Coordinator:	Regina Wahl
Parish Secretary:	Carol Brogdon
Pastoral Council Chairperson:	Anthony Morlando
Finance Council Chairperson:	Joanne Klein
Bereavement Ministry Director:	Cindy Satink

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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 held monthly, September through June, and are open to all in the parish. Please check the Parish Bulletin for dates. If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Council, please contact one of the following members by e-mail parishcouncil@4sjnc.org or calling the Parish Office.

Anthony Morlando, Chair

Patti Matys, vice-chair

Terri Wilhelm, secretary

Members: Chuck Alberto, Patti Matys, Anthony Morlando, Dan Satink, Peter Shurland, John Stasko, and Terri Wilhelm

Parish Finance Council

Meetings are held monthly on the third Monday, and are open to all in the parish. The Finance Council members are:

Joanne Klein – Chairperson - e-mail to financecouncil@4sjnc.org

Carol Allan, Jay Brosnan, John CasaSanta, Edgar Ferrufino, Joe Fiato,

Al Miller, Terry Peeters, Al Tinson

There are nine voting members.

Leadership Councils & Commissions

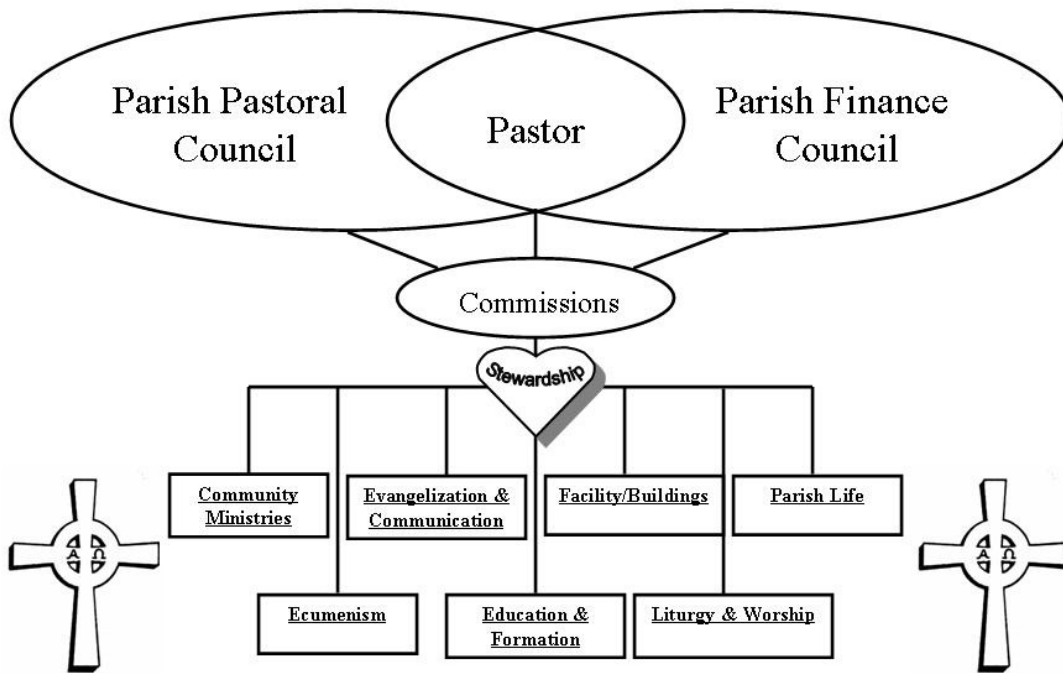
Seven commission groups are prescribed by the Charlotte diocese. Each activity in the Parish is associated with one of these commissions. Contact information for the chairpersons can be found in the attached e-mail links or through the Parish Office (704) 536-6520.

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Chairperson(s)</u>
Buildings and Facilities	Bill Milligan
Community Ministries (or) Community Services	Susann Pringree
Ecumenism	Shea Barja
Education and Formation	Shannon Cutler
Evangelization and Communication	Eric Wagner and Cathy Schoen
Liturgy (or) Liturgy and Worship	Donna Tarney
Parish Life	Chris Schneider

+ Stewardship is an integrated committee that is responsible to the pastor and Pastoral Council to promote stewardship as a way of life. This committee will have a coordinating role to help commissions and ministries in the parish to secure the necessary volunteer support to carry out the pastoral plan of the parish.

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Commission Mission Statements

♥ Stewardship

The mission of the Stewardship Committee 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.

🏛️ Liturgy & Worship

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 & Formation

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

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the Word to give understanding, building community on the foundation of the Word, and serving the educational needs of all.

Parish 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 / Communication

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.

Community Ministries

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

Ecumenism

The Saint John Neumann Ecumenism Commission is a 'work in progress.

Buildings & Facilities

The SJN Building & Facilities Commission 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.

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Liturgy & Worship

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 3rd Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the class you wish to attend. You must call the office to schedule the Baptism after taking the class.

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

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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.

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.

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.

Children's Choir is open to children in 2nd through 5th grades. They sing on the first Sunday of each month, at the

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, and other special liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are held monthly on the last Monday of the month from 5:45 PM to 6:45 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 6th grade and over, wishing to perform skits for the Children's Liturgy Mass on Sundays (about four performances a year). Usually one rehearsal will be after Sunday Mass, 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.

E d u c a t i o n & F o r m 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,

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or contact the Religious Education office, or login to the SJN Web Site for current information.

Study Groups

Groups meet during the Religious Education year on Mondays from 10:00 AM to Noon (sitting provided), Wednesdays from 7PM-8 PM, and seasonally on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 PM to explore the Scriptures, Catholic teaching, current issues and the Catechism. Everyone is welcome.

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 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, Sacramental preparation, Special needs, Junior High Youth Group, Youth Group for high school students, Adult Education, Right of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC), Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Vacation Bible School. Volunteer opportunities for adults and mature teens include

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teaching, assisting, office help, short-term and long-term projects and nursery. Training and support are provided.

Junior High Youth Group

A group of young people (grades 6 through 8) gather on the first Saturday of the month during the school year from 6:45 PM to 9:45 PM. The emphasis is on faith, fun, and fellowship.

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 for rising Kindergarteners through Grade 4. Children experience faith forming activities to enhance their relationship with God and Church. Registration and fees are required.

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Youth Group

Y.E.S. (Youth Echoing the Spirit) is a group of young adults (grades 9 through 12) who gather each Sunday evening of the school year from 6:45 PM until 8:15 PM with a goal of nurturing their faith to become strong Christians. Emphasis is on faith, service to others, relationships, and having fun together...

P a r i s h L i f e

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 Slow-pitch 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 consist mainly of SJN Men, but are open to men of other churches. The season typically runs from early June until 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

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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 16. 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 of America

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 – 8 PM. Outdoor weekend activities are scheduled several times throughout the year. Visit their website at www.cubpack12.net.

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. Visit their website at <http://sites.google.com/site/boyscouttroop12/>

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.

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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 of America

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

Daisies, Brownies, Juniors (Troop 38)

Open to girls in 1st through 6th grades and meet on Thursdays during the school year from 5 PM to 6:30 PM.

Cadettes (Troop 1850)

Girl Scout Cadettes 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.

Cadettes / Seniors (Troop 1117)

Girl Scout Cadettes / Seniors are open to girls in 9th through 12th grades and meet on Wednesdays during the school year from 7:00 PM to 8:30 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 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. 3 and 4 Year old Co-Ops operate during the Religious Education year when a volunteer coordinator is in place.

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E v a n g e l i z a t i o n / C o m m u n i c a t i o n

Bulletin

SJN's weekly bulletin is printed and distributed after all Masses. Submissions for announcements are handled through the Parish Office. Submissions for the following Sunday's bulletin are due to the Parish Office by 4 PM on Friday (9 days prior) by e-mailing bulletin@4sjnc.org or by a hardcopy or fax. (Announcements around holidays should be submitted two weeks prior to the intended publish date.)

Calendar, Room Reservations & Facilities Co-ordination

A calendar of daily events is updated weekly by the Parish Office and is available under the "Calendar & Events" page of the Parish website. This information is also posted at the Welcome Booth in the Gathering Area. Any SJN ministry can request a meeting time and space through a "Room Reservation Form" available at the Parish Office and on the Parish website under the "Calendar & Events" page. 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.

ESL – English as a Second Language

ESL classes are held on Thursday evenings from September to June. Participants meet in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. Volunteer teachers then take groups of beginning, intermediate and advanced students to their classrooms. You do not need to know another language to volunteer.

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

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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.

Website Co-ordination – internet address www.4sjnc.org

The parish website is communication tool that has existed since October 1999 and helps keep us tied together "online". Documents and weekly bulletins in Adobe Acrobat format are available along with links to the outstanding Children's Liturgy website. Event calendars and Mass schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, & Altar Servers are included as well. Please take some time to explore this valuable parish resource.

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.

C o m m u n i t y M i n i s t r i e s

Camp Care

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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.

Food Pantry at SJN

The Food Pantry at SJN was established to help meet the urgent needs of those in our parish community. It is located in a closet between the Parish Hall and the Education Wing hallway.

Anyone needing assistance can go to the church office to receive aid. Donations can be placed in the basket outside the pantry.

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, and 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

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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. The work is done at the St. Andrews Episcopal pantry located at 3601 Central Ave. on the first and fifth (if there is one) Thursday(s) of each month. The hours are from 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM.

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.

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.

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.

Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN)

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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.

E c u m e n i s m

This commission is being newly developed within the SJN parish. It is a commitment to ecumenism and interfaith dialogue as integral to its life and ministry. The commission will promote dialogue with other denominations, faith formation within the Catholic tradition, and a clear understanding of Catholic doctrine as it touches the lives of other Christians, Jews, other religions, and non-believers. It will plan and coordinate efforts to heal divisions among Christians within the territory of the parish and reaches out to people of good will who seek one faith, one baptism in Christ Jesus.

B u i l d i n g s & F a c i l i t i e s

Maintenance Committee

The Maintenance Committee provides ‘handypersons’ the opportunity to volunteer to be ‘on-call’ (not 24/7, but on personal

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availability) for help with upkeep, repairs and upgrades needed to SJN's buildings and facilities. Volunteers are encouraged to report repair and replacement needs to the church office and participate in quarterly work days.

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If you require more details or if you have any suggested changes or updates, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (704)536-6520 or send an [e-mail](mailto:office@4sjnc.org) to office@4sjnc.org.

Thank you and God Bless.