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Ministry Guide Book

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In Education and Service”

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's my pleasure to present the 2021 edition of St. John's Ministry Guide Book and Parish Directory. I continue to be amazed at how ministries and organizations are active here, and I'm certain that everyone can find one in which to participate. I love being the Pastor of this vibrant and growing Church community! The diversity of our parish helps us to be everything our Lord wishes us to be, but it's the participation in the life of the Church that allows each of us to use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has provided. Spend a little time looking through the pages of this book and familiarize yourself with the many diverse opportunities to serve others. You may discover ministries or organizations that you didn't even know existed. Being part of a Parish means so much more than just attending Sunday Mass and contributing to the collection. We're each called to be stewards of not only our financial resources, but our time and talents as well. When we use our God-given gifts in the service of others, all of us benefit. On behalf of the parish staff and all the members of our parish family, know that we feel truly blessed that you have made St. John's your spiritual home.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bryan K. Lowe, Pastor

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	5:30pm
Sunday:	7:00am, 8:30am, 11:30am, and 5:30pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday:	8:30am
Tuesday:	6:15am
Wednesday & Thursday:	6:30pm

Holy Day Masses: 6:00am, 8:30am and 6:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Thursday:	5:30pm - 6:20pm
Saturday:	3:30pm - 5:00pm
	Other times by request

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday:	5:00pm - 6:20pm
First Friday:	9:00am - 9:00pm
First Saturday:	9:00am - 10:00am

Parish Office Directory

Pastoral Staff

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St. John's Catholic School

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.....	256-722-7929 x106
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Betsy Lashley, Director of Youth Ministry	sjym@stjohnbchurch.org
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Quick Answers

Joining the Parish

Registration forms and welcome packets are available after any weekend Mass at the Welcome Desk. You may also stop by the parish office or visit our website, www.stjohnbchurch.org; click "Our Church"; "Parish Registration."

Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:00pm and Friday 8:00am-1:00pm. The office is closed for most federal holidays, Holy Days of Obligation, Christmas week, and Easter Monday.

Change of Contact Information

Please notify the parish office or visit our website, www.stjohnbchurch.org and click “Our Church,” then “Parish Registration” if you are planning to or have recently moved, changed phone numbers or email address. By ensuring that we have your most current contact information, you will be able to stay up to date on all of the latest parish news, and will continue to receive your weekly offertory envelopes and One Voice Diocesan Newspaper.

Baptisms

In order to have a child baptized at St. John’s parents need to be registered members of St. John’s and attend the Baptism Preparation class (offered on the 4th Sunday of every month). Baptisms are scheduled for every Sunday at 1:00pm.

Godparents, Witnesses, and Sponsors

Have you been asked to be a Godparent? A Confirmation Sponsor? A Best Man or Maid of Honor? Many churches will request a letter or certificate be provided that states you are a Catholic in good standing and capable of fulfilling these important roles. Please contact the parish office to request such a letter.

Marriages

Engaged couples desiring to be married at St. John’s should contact Deacon Dan Laurita or Deacon Greg Thompson at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. It is recommended that couples make contact with the parish at the very beginning of their engagement to ensure an orderly and reflective preparation process. Preparation will involve three areas: documents, spiritual formation, and preparing for the ceremony.

Funerals

If you need to arrange a funeral or are interested in funeral planning, please call the parish office.

Columbarium

The Columbarium serves as an appropriate place for earthly remains of any of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church parishioner and their eligible family members. Members of other Parishes that are current, active, contributing, registered members of area Catholic Churches may purchase a niche as well. Please call the parish office for more information.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available for parish weekday Masses for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one or on the occasion of a serious illness. The person for whom the Mass is offered is remembered in a special way by name in the Prayers of the Faithful, and their name is printed in the parish bulletin among the Mass Intentions listed for the week they will be remembered. If you would like to have a loved one remembered at a parish Mass, please contact our parish office to schedule an available time. Masses can be scheduled within 6 months of the current date.



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Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers can be donated in memory of a loved one or to mark a special anniversary. To schedule a weekend or for more information contact the parish office at 256-722-0130 or go to www.stjohnsbchurch.org; scroll to the bottom of the homepage; click on "Donate Flowers."

Sick/Hospital Visit

Please call the parish office, 256-722-0130, if there is an emergency if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in the hospital or nursing home, or have become homebound. The Anointing of the Sick is a healing sacrament available to the young and old, the chronically or terminally ill, and also offered prior to surgery. For an after-hours emergency, please call the rectory at 205-902-9990.

First Communion

Children preparing for First Communion must have two years of active participation in the religious education program (grades 1 and 2), or have attended Catholic school, or an approved Catholic Home School Program. First sacraments are celebrated in the 2nd grade. Families with children older than second grade who would like their children prepared for these sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education.

Confirmation

Students preparing for Confirmation are required to have three years of active participation in the religious education program (grades 6, 7 and 8) or have attended a Catholic School or an approved Catholic Home School Program.

Confirmation I occurs during a student's ninth grade year with the Theology of the Body curriculum, a chastity education program mandated by the Diocese of Birmingham as a part of the Confirmation preparation process. A process of discernment takes place during Confirmation II, during the student's tenth grade year, with Confirmation usually scheduled in the spring of the tenth grade year.

Becoming Catholic

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which people can learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare for participating in the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in the Church basement from September-May. Please contact the Director of Adult Faith Formation by email (rcia@stjohnsbchurch.org) or 256-722-7929 x109.

St. John's Catholic School

St. John the Baptist Catholic School was established in 1996 as a non-profit educational institution dedicated to the academic, spiritual, and physical development of every child that has been entrusted to its care. The school is part of the educational ministry of the parish and offers programs for grades K4-8. For more information, visit www.stjohnnb.com or call 256-722-0772.

Nursery

The nursery is available for young children (age 5 and younger) during the Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:30am Masses, as well as 8:30am Holy Day Masses.

Parish Library

St. John's parish library is located on the basement level. It contains inspirational and faith based books, CDs and DVDs for children, teens and adults. Visit our online catalog www.stjohnbchurch.org/library. Regular Library Hours are Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm and Sunday 9:30am-11:30am.

Annulments

If you are divorced and would like to pursue an annulment of your previous marriage or would like some information concerning annulments, please contact Deacon Dan.

Reserving a Room

As parishioners of St. John's, we are committed to being good stewards of our facilities, keeping them in a well-maintained condition and welcoming our families to use these facilities to carry out our mission of supporting the Catholic faith. Together we take care of our beautiful buildings and church grounds. Help us by sharing in our commitment of stewardship. The use of St. John's facilities is restricted to appropriate church and school-related activities. The Parish Hall is available to rent for wedding and anniversary celebrations. Please call the parish office to inquire.

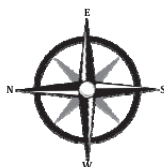
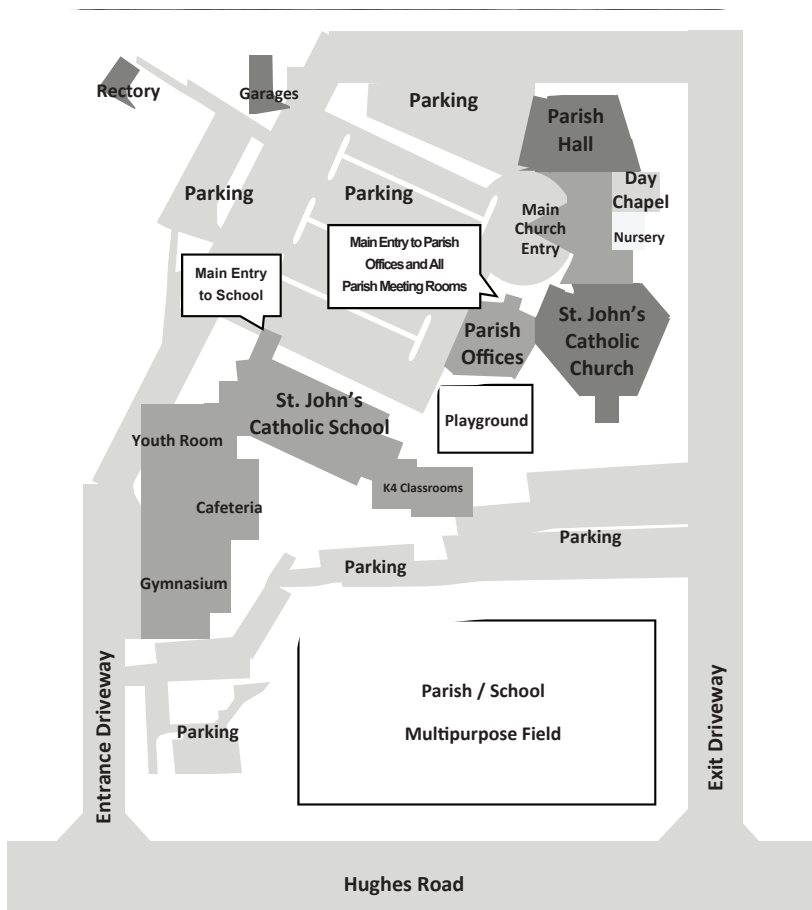
Prayer Requests

St. John's publishes a list in the bulletin each week of all those who are ill and have requested our prayers. If you would like to add your name or the name of a loved one to this list, please contact the parish office. We cannot publish any names without family consent.

Bulletin Notices

The weekly bulletin, along with our weekly eNews Newsletter, are our primary means of parish communications. Bulletin space is limited to parish and ministry events. Items to be considered for publication in the bulletin can be submitted by email to parishoffice@stjohnbchurch.org. Notices must be submitted no later than noon on Friday the week before they are to appear. Announcements are generally limited to twice per event and may be edited for space.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Campus Map



Parish Room Locations

Office Building

Parish Office (Main Level)
 Parish Conference Room (Main Level)
 All Purpose Room (Lower Level)
 Choir Room (Lower Level)
 Mini Purpose Room (Lower Level)

Church Basement

Church Basement Gathering Hall
 Knights of Columbus
 Parish Library
 Prayer Room
 Scout Room

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Councils, Commissions, Committees and Ministries Listings

Parish Pastoral Council

Joe Schaaf, Chair, 256-684-2952

Ronnie Rickabaugh, Vice Chair, 256-503-1412

Erin Townsend, Secretary, 815-347-4880

- The Pastoral Council in virtue of Baptism shares in the ministry of leading and animating all the ministries of St. John's Parish.
- Every spring there is a call/invitation for 4 new members.
- The Pastoral Council meets approximately 10 times annually.
- Members, if willing, serve 1 term of 3 years.

*Meets the 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm, Church Conference Room
(open meeting)*

Finance Council

Rick White, Co-Chair, 256-830-2739

Annette Gass, Co-Chair, 256-721-5608

- The Finance Council in virtue of Baptism shares in the ministry of financial management and future planning of St. John's parish.
- Members are chosen by the pastor and serve an unlimited term at the pastor's behest. Officers are appointed by the pastor.
- Each member reviews the full parish financial statements.

*Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm, Church Conference Room
(closed meeting)*

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Board

School Board Chair: Pete Landers, 256-468-6467

Vice Chair: Arelene McCormick, 256-975-7662

Secretary: Tracey Hanserd, 703-434-9662

- Promotes Catholic education and the concept of lay ministry.
- Serves as a conduit for communications between the pastor, principal, parents, and parish.
- The School Board's responsibilities are advisory to the principal and pastor and include strategic planning, development and formulation of policy, financial oversight, public relations, and curriculum review.

*Meets the 1st Monday of each month, 6:00pm, School Conference Room
(open meeting)*

Liturgy Commission

Bill Pottratz, 256-464-0712 - wkpottratz@knology.net

- The Liturgical Ministries that serve our weekly Masses call forth a regular commitment to serve as altar server, greeter, lector, Mass coordinator, music minister, or Eucharistic minister. Participants are asked to register with our online scheduling program, which schedules liturgical ministers for the Masses that best fit their schedules. Commitment is confirmed on an annual basis, and training for new volunteers is offered throughout the year.

Ministry leads meet quarterly on the 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Church Conference Room

Altar Servers

Michelle Moore, 256-541-1432 - michellemoorekhtn@gmail.com

- Assist the priest by serving at Masses.
- Open to boys and girls 4th grade and up.
- Altar servers are fully prepared through biannual training and workshops.

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Pottratz, 256-464-0712 - wkpottratz@knology.net

- Sets up and purifies the vessels for weekend Masses.
- Assists the priest in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Assists celebrant when deacon is not present.
- Ministers must be confirmed Catholics and at least 16 years of age.
- Brings Communion to the sick and homebound:

Contact Myra Short - 256-653-4565 - Hospital and Rehabilitation Facilities

Contact Christine Sharp 256-651-3090 - Homebound and Assisted Living Facilities

Mass Greeters

Deanne Hingel, 256-325-6441 - curly_d@knology.net

- An extension of the ushers, greeters welcome and interact with parishioners and visitors as they arrive and leave Mass.

Lectors

Kevin Healy, 256-509-1499 - alahealy1@gmail.com

- Proclaim the Word of God, and on occasion, the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Ministers must be confirmed Catholics and at least 16 years of age.
- Each lector receives a workbook which contains the year's Sunday readings, and suggestions that help in their proclamation.

Music Ministry

Andrew Tygielski - atygielski@stjohnbchurch.org

Amy Tolson - atolson@stjohnbchurch.org

- Consists of adult choir, youth choir, and cantors.
- Enhances worship at Mass by providing music.
- Training and preparation are covered during these weekly rehearsals:
- Adult Choir: Meets academic year: Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30pm
- Children's Choir: Meets academic year: Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30pm, grades 2-8

Ushers

Jonathan Jumper, 256-655-9030 – johnjw101@yahoo.com

- Assist the greeters in welcoming parishioners and seating them for Mass.
- Assist in the weekly collection.
- Select gift-bearers to bring the gifts of bread, wine, and the collection baskets to the altar.
- Distribute bulletins after Mass.
- Straighten up sanctuary after Mass and lock doors when necessary.

Other Ministries that Serve the Liturgy at St. John's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Maura & Bill Edwards, 256-837-0385 - wprojectpro@aol.com

- The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance with committed adorers.
- Exposition hours:
 - Wednesdays: 5:00pm-6:20pm
 - First Fridays: 9:00am to 9:00pm
 - First Saturday: Holy Hour after 8:30am Mass
- Prayer books are available for those who wish to use them.
- "Hourly Captains" coordinate volunteers to serve during a specific hour.

Arts & Environment

Connie Sieja, scieja@yahoo.com

- Prepares an artistic enhancement to the liturgical space in keeping with the seasons of the liturgical year.
- Organizes and stores materials.



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Altar Guild

Kathy Pottratz, wkpottratz@knology.net

- Keeps the sanctuary items polished, cleaned and in good repair for all liturgical celebrations in the church.
- Maintains linens, vestments, albs, candles, holy water, carpets, and altar.

Education & Spirituality Commission

Fred Sharp, Chair, 256-682-1950 - fsharp1950@att.net

Catholic Homeschoolers

Karen Parkes, parkesdk@yahoo.com

- Provides information and support for families new to home education or those homeschoolers new to St. John the Baptist parish.

Centering Prayer Group

Thea Coats, 256-461-0628, 256-679-2138 - tlcinala@gmail.com

Kathy Heckman, 256-489-7389 - heckmankathleen@gmail.com

- Centering Prayer is a means to deepen one's prayer life by learning to rest in God.
- Centering Prayer is 20 minutes of centering in silence followed by a short reading, reflection, and sharing.
- The group comes together to support one another in this practice.
- All are welcome to join us at any time of the year.

Meets year round: Mondays, 1:00pm, Prayer Room

Faith in Fiction Book Club

Jennifer Culver, 256-722-7929 x 120 - library@stjohnbchurch.org

- Each month a new book is discussed focusing on themes of faith, virtues, and morality.
- Books are chosen from both current and classical fiction.

Meets academic year: one Monday a month, 7:00-9:00pm, Parish Library.

Check bulletin and web for details

Intercessory Prayer Group

Miguel Rodriguez, 256-652-5866 - rodgar3@gmail.com

- Parishioners write their prayer requests in a book located outside the chapel.
- The Intercessory Prayer Group prays for all requests written in the book.

Meets year round: Tuesdays, 6:15pm, Prayer Room

Library

Jennifer Culver, 256-722-7929 x 120 - library@stjohnbchurch.org

- Contains inspirational and faith based books, CDs and DVDs for children and adults.
- To open a library account, a onetime \$10 donation is requested.
- To view the library catalog, go to stjohnbchurch.org, Our Church, and then Library.
- Items are checked out for two weeks but may be renewed.

Hours: Saturdays 5:00-5:30pm, Sundays 9:30-11:30am, Saturday hours depend on volunteers. Contact library@stjohnbchurch.org to volunteer.

Men of St. Joseph

Chris Kantack - ckantack@yahoo.com

- A ministry for lay Catholic men dedicated to becoming the spiritual leaders of their families.
- Gathers for discussion of faith and prayer life, giving men new ways to reflect upon their lives to be better servants to God and their family.

Meets: September - April: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Mini-Purpose Room

May - August: 1st Tuesday only, 6:30pm, Scout Room

Mothers Ministry (SJMM) – sjmothersministry@gmail.com

Lora Day, 785-844-3105

Rachel Bloemer, 256-771-3994

- Fosters the spiritual growth of mothers through faith sharing, discussion and fellowship.
- Catholic books and videos relevant to motherhood and spirituality are discussed each week.
- Nursery is provided for ages 5 and under.

Meets September through Mid-May: Thursdays, 9:15 – 11:15am, Church Basement

Religious Education and Sacraments for Youth, PreK4 – 12th grade

Lisa Mason, Director of Religious Education for Youth, 256-722-7929 x 108 - lmason@stjohnbchurch.org

Jennifer Farrell, Administrative Coordinator for Religious Education, 256-722-7929 x 106 – jfarrell@stjohnbchurch.org

- Weekly religious education classes for youth.
- Sacramental preparation for youth 16 years and younger.
- Preparation for First Sacraments take place during 2nd grade.
- First Sacrament preparation for older children (grades 3-10) is offered during Sunday morning session.
- Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation (9th and 10th grade students) require special class sessions. Schedules available in late summer.
- Offers annual week-long Vacation Bible School Program each June.
- Volunteers are always welcome.

Meets academic year: Sunday Morning Sessions, 10:00am or Wednesday Evening Sessions, 5:30pm, St John's School

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Jennifer Colsch, Director of Adult Faith Formation, 256-722-7929 x 109 - rcia@stjohnbchurch.org

- This class serves to introduce inquirers to the Catholic faith and potentially to provide sacramental preparation for adults desiring to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Participants include:
 - Those who have never been baptized.
 - Those who have begun their Christian journey in other denominations and who have been baptized.
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or First Communion).
- Volunteers are needed to be sponsors, and to help administratively during class times.

Meets academic year: Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Church Basement

St. John the Baptist Parish School

Sherry Lewis, Principal, 256-722-0772

- St. John's Catholic School is a K4-8th grade accredited school committed to faith formation and academic excellence.
- The mission of the school is to prepare students to be faith-filled servants of God and productive citizens.
- To learn more about our school, please visit our website www.stjohnb.com.

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Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education

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- This class meets on Sunday morning between the 8:30am and 11:30am Masses and presents an educational opportunity for adults to continue their faith formation.
- Class presentations offer a variety of topics and speakers including scripture study, church history, doctrine and devotions, and current issues for Catholics.

Meets academic year: Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, Church Basement; child care available

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Kathy Kleinfeldt, 580-351-4362 - kkleinfeldt1@juno.com

- Gathers for prayerful study of sacred scripture and Catholic tradition.
- Fosters faith formation and spiritual growth of women.

Meets academic year: Tuesdays, 9:15am, Church Basement (Occasional summer sessions, see weekly bulletin for details)

Vocations Ministry

Church Office, 256-722-0130

- Prays for vocation discernment for the youth of our parish.
- Displays posters and other materials that highlight all Christian vocations: priesthood, religious life, and diaconate.
- Highlights and encourages celebration of the National Vocations Awareness Week (November 3-9, 2019).
- Highlights and encourages celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (May 3, 2020).

Meets as needed: usually 1-2 months prior to each scheduled event

Wednesday Evening Rosary Group

Kathy and Joe McCarty, 256-325-0546 - joemccarty.nd64@gmail.com

- Prays the rosary offering prayers for the St. John's community.

Meets year round: Wednesdays following 6:30pm Mass, Chapel

Wednesday Evening Scripture Study

Fred Sharp, 256-682-1950 - fsharp1950@att.net

Kora Davis, 256-655-2683 - kora33@att.net

- Studies the Bible in depth to gain a better understanding of what God's word means and how it applies to daily living.

Meets academic year: Wednesdays, 7:15pm, All Purpose Room (Occasional summer sessions, see weekly bulletin for details)

Women Sharing the Word

Paula Turner, gpturn4@aol.com

- Uses Breaking Open the Word (formed.org) videos as primary study source with additional reading from the Catholic publication The Word among Us.
- Women reflect upon the upcoming Sunday gospel reading through group discussion and faith sharing.
- Members' prayer intentions are shared so they may be included in individual prayer time.

Meets academic year: Wednesdays, 9:30am, All Purpose Room

Young Adult Book Club

Leah Hains - lmhains@gmail.com

Adam Harden - hardena@alumni.msoe.edu

- A group of young Catholics in their 20s and early 30s that gather to grow their faith through the study and discussion of sacred scripture and Catholic literature.
- All young adults, male and female, single and married, are invited.
- Past works the group has discussed include "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis, "The Lamb's Supper" by Scott Hahn, and the Gospel of Luke.
- Discussion of each book is generally spread out over several weeks to allow the group to deeply explore the topics and themes contained within it.

Meets year round: Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Parish Library

Parish Life Commission

Amy Prucnal, Co-Chair - 256-393-8190

Cindy Nafus, Co-Chair - 256-529-0156

Bereavement

Nancy Everdyke, coordinator, nacolino340@gmail.com

Vicki Ladner, Healing Hearts - 228-229-9721

Emily Pritchard, Mass for Little Angels, 256-221-5646 - embekah5772@att.net

- Committee members send cards and CareNotes to parishioners who have experienced the loss of a parent, spouse, child or sibling.
- Sponsors an All Souls liturgy in November for babies who were stillborn or miscarried and for all children who have passed away.
- Plans grief workshops/presentations.
- "Healing Hearts" offers those in the grieving process the opportunity to share their stories and experiences with others who are in similar situations.

Care & Compassion

Belinda Arnold, 256-655-6484 - arnoldbelinda@yahoo.com

- Provides home-cooked meals to families afflicted with illness, disability, or in grief.
- Meals are scheduled using the takethemameal.com website.
- Couple to Couple
- Chris & Alison Protz, 256-520-3874
- Dedicated to promoting and teaching fertility awareness. Register for a 3-class series at www.ccil.org

Catholic Infertility Ministry

catholicinfertilityhsv@gmail.com

- Provides information, resources, and support to Catholic families experiencing infertility.

Compassion & Cancer Support

Kim and Bill Richardson, 256-895-9009 - kimberlyannrichardson@yahoo.com

- Supports parish members diagnosed with cancer and other life threatening illness by home visits with Communion, telephone calls and/or prayer.
- Offers a summarized list of practical help resources to those affected with/by cancer.

Hospitality Teams

Leslie Harris, Kitchen Coordinator, 256-722-7929 x121

lharris@stjohnbchurch.org

- Teams of parishioners assist staff and ministry leads plan and execute various parish events.
- Events include, but are not limited to, picnics, donut Sundays, funerals, and sacramental receptions.

Meets at the beginning of each school year to discuss new ideas for Parish Hospitality Events

Knit One, Pray Too

Ann LeRoy, 256-714-6768 - ann.leroy40@gmail.com (Daytime Group)

- Knits/crochets prayer shawls, prayer angels, blankets, caps, and bookmarks for those suffering from cancer or other serious illnesses.
- Prays for the ill as well as reads scripture.

Daytime Group meets academic year: Mondays, 1:00pm, All Purpose Room

Evening Group meets academic year: 1st Thursdays, 6:30pm, All Purpose Room



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Married Fellowship

Gene Downs, 256-830-9425 – gldowns@knology.net

- Builds community among the married couples of St. John's through small-group social gatherings centered on faith-oriented discussions.

The typical format is Dinner – Discussion – Dessert.

- All married couples in the parish are welcome regardless of age or length of marriage and includes spouses who practice their faith in other church communities as well as those who are not part of any faith community.

Small Groups typically meet monthly in individual homes; ministry- wide events are scheduled throughout the year on the parish campus. Please weekly bulletin for schedule updates.

Mommy & Me

Kayla Squires, 720-431-3626, kaylasquires85@gmail.com

- Mommy & Me playgroup is a chance for mothers of young children to get together and chat while their children play.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Kelly Cody, 434-390-6898 - rose5727@gmail.com

- Provides support, encouragement, and information regarding all methods of NFP.
- Welcomes couples currently practicing NFP and those seeking to learn to practice NFP.

See bulletin and web for meeting times and location.

Nursery

Jennifer Culver, Coordinator, 256-722-7929 x120 - nursery@stjohnbchurch.org

- Provides care for children aged 6 months to 5 years during 5:30pm, 8:30am, 11:30am weekend Masses.
- Children 3-5 years attend the Sunday nursery school program during 8:30am and 11:30am Masses, registration available online.
- The nursery provides care to support several ministries; refer to the weekly bulletin for availability.
- Volunteers, 6th grade and higher, are always welcome.

Prime Timers - Senior Fellowship

Ann Marie Crosswhite, 256-726-9204 - hillam@knology.net

Dorothy Kaliszak, 256-325-1567 - ckaliszak@knology.net

- Provides spiritual and social programs for all 50+ parishioners.
- Plans monthly social gatherings to include pot lucks, luncheons, theater outings, day trips.
- When possible, coordinates rides to senior events for those who request it.

Planning committee meets academic year: 1st Thursdays, 1:00pm, Library

Pro-Life & Pro-Family

Church Office, 256-722-0130

- Focus is centered on the Catholic teachings of the sacredness of life, from conception to natural death, and the critical role of family as the domestic Church.
- We support Diocesan pro-life events and programs.

Quilting Ministry

Alison Callahan, macallahan82@gmail.com

Mary Beth Dunlap, marybethdunlap@gmail.com

- Experienced and beginning quilters celebrate life by enjoying fellowship, learning quilting skills, and making baby quilts to be donated to Choose Life and Catholic Family Services.

Three sessions per year – each session is 8-10 weeks long, Thursdays, 2:00-4:30pm, All Purpose Room

Religious Gift Shop

Church Office, 256-722-0130

- Many devotional and religious items available for sale.
- Volunteer sales associates needed.
- All proceeds are donated to the building fund.

Open after each weekend Mass

Special Needs Ministry

Mary Kay and Bob Mahan, 256-461-6303

- Its goal is help all members become active parishioners.
- Look for the Special Needs Ministry Resource Guide in the ministry display board in the church vestibule.

If you or a family member has special needs, please let us know how we can help improve your parish experience.

St. John's Young Adult Fellowship

Vincent Brown, 931-993-5816 - vdb255@gmail.com

Dustin Pieper, 636-358-3763 - dfpkd2@mst.edu

- Young Adults in their 20's and 30's, both married and single, who meet regularly to socialize, grow in faith, and community.
- Activities include bi-weekly video series, First Friday adorations, social gatherings, outings, and movie nights.
- Additional events scheduled through facebook and email.
Facebook: St. John's Young Adult Fellowship
- For complete schedule of activities, contact the coordinators listed above to be placed on the group email list.

Meets year round, every other Sunday, 6:45pm, All Purpose Room.

Facebook: St. John's Young Adult Singles Group

For a complete schedule of activities, contact leads to be placed on email list.

Women's Ministry

Kora Davis, 256-655-2683 - kora33@att.net

Denise Schovel, 301-755-7708 - dschovel@gmail.com

- Core team members plan dinner events and programs for women to grow in faith and fellowship.
- Events are typically scheduled on Saturday evening following the 5:30pm Mass.

Meets as needed: usually 3 months prior to each scheduled event

Service Outreach Commission

Sharon McFalls, Chair - mcfalls5@att.net

Baby Basket Ministry

Sharon McFalls - mcfalls007@gmail.com

- Provides prayers, support, and needed baby items to crisis pregnancy agencies and mothers in need.
- Donated items may be placed in the baby basket next to the nursery.

Habitat for Humanity

Wayne Sovocool, 256-503-6981 - wsovocool@gmail.com

Irene Garoppo, 256-830-5989 - igaroppo@knology.net

- A parish ministry, joined ecumenically with local Christian churches, to build homes in our community for families in need of assistance. We demonstrate our love for Christ through this apostolic action.
- Parishioners experience fellowship with like-minded Christians, while also learning skills and gaining experience that can put to use around their own homes.

Construction begins in early spring and will be announced in the bulletin.

Meals on Wheels

Susan Kollman, 256-722-8520 - mark.kollman@att.net

- Working with a partner, volunteers bring meals from the Madison Senior Center to the elderly and homebound.
- Please arrive at the Madison Senior Center (located at 1282 Hughes Road) on your assigned Tuesday of the month at 11:15am.
- Additional delivery and assembly support needed other days. Call Vickie Parker at 256-722-6258.

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St. Joseph the Worker Job Networking Club

Ed Snow, 256-837-6174 - jobclub@stjohnbchurch.org

- Meetings are open to anyone who is a job seeker.
- There is no cost.
- Meetings are an excellent opportunity to learn and to network with others who can help with your resume, or make contacts for job openings that are advertised, and some that are not yet advertised.
- Volunteers are needed to serve job seekers: speakers, resume review, coaching.

Meets year round: Tuesdays, 12:30pm, Church Basement, please park in the lower parking lot.

The Giving Tree and Giving Cross

Annie Brasseale, 256-651-0687 - annie.brasseale@gmail.com

Alison Callahan, 256-682-7863 - macallahan82@gmail.com

- This group collects Christmas presents for the needy of the Madison County.
- Gifts are collected in the church foyer and distributed to several charities in Madison in time for Christmas deliveries.
- Distribution date for 2019 is scheduled for Monday, December 9th.
- During Lent, items in need are collected and distributed to selected charities.

Organizational meeting held in September - to be announced - please see weekly bulletin for schedule updates.

Youth Commission

Phillip Benefield, 256-682-9977 - philip.benefield@nasa.gov

Rob Geist, 256-694-0649 - robertg718@aol.com

High School Youth Ministry (HSYM - Grades 9-12)

sjym@stjohnbchurch.org

- High School Youth Group invites teens to connect deeper with Christ, the Church, and one another. Meets Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Youth Room

Junior High Youth Ministry (JRYM - Grades 6-8)

Robin Harwell, 256-289-3833 - jrym@stjohnbchurch.org

- JRYM provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

Youth Ministry Volunteers

sjym@stjohnbchurch.org

The Core Team is the group of volunteers that support the work of youth ministry at St. John's.

- For youth ministry to be vibrant, a team of volunteers are needed. Join in helping connect teens more deeply with Christ, the Church, and one another.

UAH Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM)

Campus Ministry Lead: Betsy Lashley, 256-722-0130 - Email Address: catholicministry@uah.edu

- The purpose of UAH Catholic Campus Ministry is to provide fellowship with other Catholic students; to provide opportunities to explore topics related to the Catholic faith and spiritual growth; to provide opportunities to stay engaged in the sacramental life of the church via on-campus meetings, Mass and Reconciliation.
- Social Media: @uahccm

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/uahccm>

Boy Scout Troop 350 (Boys)

Mark Faust, mfaust@gmail.com

Dave Johnston, johnston5@knology.net

BSA Scout Troop 314 (Girls)

Mike Schovel, 301-755-3951 - mcs0008@gmail.com

- Program is youth-led with guidance provided by trained adult leaders.
- A wide range of activities dealing with service, citizenship, health, finances, first aid, and outdoor skills prepare the boys for life beyond scouting.
- Open to youth 11-18 years old and requires no previous scouting experience or qualifications.
- BSA Troop 350 meets year-round: Mondays, 6:45pm, Parish Hall
- BSA Troop 314 meets year-round: Mondays, 6:45pm, Church Basement

Cub Scout Pack 350

Megan Ehemann, 760-912-2725

- Provides a positive safe atmosphere where scouts will grow and develop.
- Objectives are citizenship training, character development, out-of-doors skills, and personal fitness through activities that are fun and exciting.
- Open to youth from K through 5th grade.

Pack Meeting: Meets monthly: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, School Cafeteria.

Den Meeting: Meets academic year: individual dens meet on various days at various times, school building.

Girl Scouts

Nicole Rohling, 301-775-6849 - nicole.rohling@gmail.com

- Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.
- Troops meet weekly for activities of fun and service.
- Girl Scouts has levels for girls in grades K-12.

Individual Girl Scout Troops meet on various days at various times, Parish Campus.

Facilities, Grounds & Security Commission

Michael Delmas, chair, 256-457-1477 - mrdelmas@aol.com

Part-time Facility Maintenance

Frank Bliske, 330-610-0295 - fbliske@stjohnbchurch.org

- Appointed by the pastor.
- Repairs and maintains the church buildings and equipment.

Grounds Maintenance

Knights of Columbus

- Appointed by the pastor.
- Develops and maintains the grounds around the church property.

Building (Future) Committee

John Shrontz, 256-971-1363

- Appointed by the pastor.
- Oversees all construction and renovation on the church grounds.

Security

Joshua Laurita, 256-777-3600 - joshualaurita@gmail.com

- Appointed by the Pastor.
- Planning and execution of parish wide safety and security policies.

National Organizations

Cursillo Ultreya

John & Robin Kutsor, 256-658-2425 - jdkutsor@yahoo.com

- After a weekend encounter with God, Cursillistas meet in small friendship groups where they discuss and are challenged and encouraged on their faith journey.
- The Cursillo Charism, approved by the Catholic Church in 1971, stresses that its members live what is fundamental to being a Christian through friendship.
- Once a month, the entire St. John's Cursillo community meets for a witness talk and fellowship. The meeting is called Ultreya and brings the Cursillistas at St. John's together to grow in friendship and strengthen their community.

Meets year round: 4th Thursdays, 7:30pm, All Purpose Room

Knights of Columbus

Jerome Villareal - 361-542-8293

- Works closely with the St. John Parish, School, local Madison community, and the surrounding area in providing tangible resources as needed.
- The members of the council participate in the life of the parish through personal spiritual growth, support for religious vocations, right to life activities, and aid to individuals in need.

*Council 10232 meets year round: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:00pm, Knights Room
Assembly 2420 (Patriotic Order) meets year round: 2nd Thursdays, 7:00pm, Knights Room*

Legion of Mary

Sam DiPiazza, 256-556-0756 - sam@dipiazza.me

- The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.
- The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual.
- The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families and the sick in their homes, nursing homes, and/or in hospitals.

Meets year round: Saturdays, 9:30am, All Purpose Room

St. Vincent de Paul

Dan Gallagher, 256-461-6493, dgweatherman@hotmail.com

- Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul strive to grow spiritually by showing God's love and mercy through works and deeds.
- An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. We offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis through weekly visits in both Madison and Madison County.
- Other special works and behind the scene projects include the backpack program of providing food for school children to take home on the week-ends; purchasing groceries and stocking the pantry; Wheels for Working Program; and the Christmas food and present project.
- In addition, St. Vincent de Paul recognizes we must assume a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless.

Meetings are year round: Tuesdays, 6:30pm, All Purpose Room