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The Parish of

*Fostering Christ's Love in Our Lives*

# SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



## From Our Associate Pastor

*"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

— Romans 15: 5-6

My Dear and Precious Friends,

It was with great joy last Sunday that Father Edmond was installed as the first pastor of Saint John Neumann Parish by our Vicar, Bishop Joseph Perry. It was a very beautiful Mass, and we thank everyone who worked so hard to make the celebration so wonderful! Many thanks to Bill Rosas and our choir for their beautiful music, to all of our ministers, and to our art and environment team for their transformation of our church as we begin this holy season of Advent. The homilies by Bishop Perry and Father Edmond were

extremely powerful as they spoke to us of the important work that God has given us as we build our new parish family together under the care and protection of our new patron, Saint John Neumann.

As we begin this season of Advent, we are reminded that we need to be patient and full of joyful expectation as we undertake our work together. Change is always difficult, and it definitely takes time for us to adjust to our new reality. We will be doing our level best throughout the weeks and months ahead to keep you fully informed. To that end, our Communications Working Group held its first meeting this past Tuesday. They are as anxious to begin their work as you all are to be on the receiving end of their efforts. Here are a few items that we would like to share with you as a result of our first session:

- In order for us to get to know each other better and to help facilitate our unification process, we invite and encourage everyone to wear a name tag when you attend weekend Masses. This will help all of us feel more and more like one family as we are able to call each other by name.
- We are working to bring our parish finances into focus. Now that our parish has its new name, we can open new bank accounts in the new name of our parish, and file with the IRS for our FEIN number. Until this process is fully completed, and it may take until the spring for that to happen, please continue to make checks for your donations payable to Saint Anne, Saint Emeric, or Saint Joseph.
- We are also working to create the new online identity for our new parish. We need to secure a new domain name and, once that has been secured, we will be able to begin to create the new online presence for our parish. Please be patient as it takes time to change web sites and our various social media sites properly.
- We are in the process of collecting contact information for the members of our parish ministries. Please be aware that you may be contacted by a member of our parish staff seeking to update and verify your contact information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the rectory office. And our many thanks to Agatha for her continuing hard work keeping us all up to date through the parish bulletin. If you are going to get anything published in the bulletin during these days before Christmas, please be sure to get it to Agatha as soon as possible since publishing deadlines have been moved up because of the holiday.

One final note: as most of you are already aware, owing to my mobility issues I am living in my own home in Worth, about a 20 minute commute to our parish. My office is there, and I can always be reached by email and telephone. My direct number is 773/599-9476. I have no social life, so call me anytime!

In Awe and Wonder of the Power of God's Love and His Divine Mercy,  
your friend and brother always,

*Father Ralph*

Please remember to watch and subscribe to "Father Ralph's Neighborhood" on YouTube



## WEEKLY OFFERING TOTAL

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

### NOVEMBER 19 & 20

Weekend Collections.....\$10,366.10

Electronic Giving.....\$1,719.50

Total Donation.....\$12,085.60

SHARING: \$15.00

CCHD COLLECTION: \$1,589.50

### NOVEMBER 26 & 27

Weekend Collections.....\$8,414.58

Electronic Giving.....\$1,719.50

Total Donation.....\$10,134.08

SHARING: \$300.00

THANKSGIVING : \$1,762.00

Thank you for your generosity!



You can donate to our parish by donating to St. Joseph Church online at: [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)

Please continue to use your current church envelopes and make checks payable to St. Joseph, St. Anne or St. Emeric Church.



Please visit or call the parish rectory office if you would like to schedule a weekday or weekend mass intentions for the year 2022-2023.

Masses can be scheduled for the intentions of the living or the deceased, and cards are available to give to the family.

## Around the Parish

This weekend, Boy Scouts Troop 342 is having a fundraiser for Wreaths Across America. The scouts will be placing the wreaths on the graves of veterans at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. If you would like to sponsor a wreath, please stop by their tables today in the back of the church.



### St. Nicholas Celebration

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in Church

6:00 pm sharp

Families and Children of St. John Neumann Parish are invited to come and learn about,

#### *The Legend of Saint Nicholas*

We will tell the story of the legend followed by an appearance by Saint Nicholas himself.

*Cookies, Hot Cocoa, and Juice will be served afterward. Each family is asked to bring one dozen cookies to share.*



### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am Mass

### CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

5:15pm Mass

The Guadalupanas invite you and your family to mass at 5:15pm on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John Neumann Parish to celebrate the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Please join them after mass for a Potluck dinner in the hall behind the church!

- Bring a Dish to Share!
- Please prepare enough for your Family and 6 more people!
- Dishes must be ready to serve.





## Around the Parish

### Installation Mass of Rev. Edmond Aristil as The First Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish—Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022





## Around the Parish



[More Pictures and Video Recording >](#)



## Mass Intentions

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022**

5:15pm @ St. Joseph Church

Sally Peters

Phillip Suffern

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022**

8:00am @ St. Joseph Church

Annamarie Campanelli

Patricia Formentini

10:30am @ St. Joseph Church

Dolly Busich

John Hac

Judith Polo-Sinclair

Phillip Schmitz

Special Int. Rosita Lina

Special In Dowdy Family

Healing Henry Lane

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**

8:30am @ St. Joseph Church

Phillip Suffern

Carol G. Lane

Eleanor Bandera

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022**

8:30am @ St. Joseph Church

Pat Zvan

Priscilla Muhney

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022**

8:30am @ St. Joseph Church

Martha Guadrim

Birthday Blessing Augustine Rummage

7:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. Joseph Church

Rev. Jim Sayers

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022**

#### **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:30am @ St. Joseph Church

Tom Comein

Tom Peters

Arlene Koehn

Florence Prindaville

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022**

8:30am @ St. Joseph Church

Carlo Flamini

Frank Pastewski

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

5:15pm @ St. Joseph Church

Renata Flamini

Bob Murphy

Special Int. Tristan Thomas

Special Int. Daniel Anglim

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**

8:00am @ St. Joseph Church

Carole A. Smith

Charles Nelson

Adeline Mackowiak

10:30am @ St. Joseph Church

Ruth Maddock

Joyce Janowick

Jimmie Haddon

Terry Schell

For Deceased Members of Mary Queen  
of Knights Council

Joyce Lockhart-Fisher

Frank Pastewski

Healing for Henry Lane







## PARISH BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm  
Tolton Room,  
St. Joseph's Campus

## THE CHRISTMAS WEDDING by James Patterson

On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, be prepared to discuss the novel and suggest future books. Questions? Call 708-798-5392.



## "OPLATKI"

## CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers "Oplatki" are available at the Saint John Neumann Rectory office during business hours.

This Christmas tradition originated with Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian catholic families. Family members and friends break off a piece of oplatek and give it to one another to eat, expressing the best wishes and blessing upon them and asking for forgiveness. This is a family celebration of love and forgiveness.



## Around the Parish

# Ushers Needed

Welcome to St. John Neumann Parish is the greeting our ushers now give to parishioners and visitors entering our church. If you have ever had a desire to be a part of this important ministry, the parish can

use your help. We are in need of more volunteers for our weekend Masses and this is a great opportunity to serve your parish with very little time commitment required.

If you would like to join this rewarding ministry, please contact Jim Wright, head usher, at 708-212-6530 or [wright1817@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wright1817@sbcglobal.net)

## REMEMBRANCE TREE

The Remembrance Tree is a way to remember your deceased loved ones during the month of December and the Christmas season.

There will be ornaments available for you to write the names(s) of your deceased loved ones on. You can then place ornament on the tree in a place that you choose.



## First Saturday & Sunday Is HAT DAY!!

We are asking all who wish to participate please wear hat, fascinator, chapel veil in Honor of those who **Came before us! (nod and wink)** Great Grandma, Grandmother, Aunts, and dear friends; all who have gone on to Glory.

We salute and pray for you! Next First Saturday & Sunday.

Would you would like to receive weekly emails with parish news and e-bulletins?

Please email [akienzle@posjhomewood.org](mailto:akienzle@posjhomewood.org)  
"SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.

## Around the Parish

The PADS team would like to thank everyone who donated children's socks and underwear. 146 pairs of underwear and 134 pairs of socks were collected! Amazing! We appreciate your thoughtfulness towards the clients of South Suburban PADS.

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

### BLESSING THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE



Before Christianity came to be, trees that remained green all year round warded off evil spirits and were special to people during the winter. It wasn't until the sixteenth century in Germany that trees were brought inside and decorated. When does the Christmas tree go up in your home or parish? Continue the tradition by gathering together and blessing this special symbol.

You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up, or you can wait until after you have decorated it. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer.

**Leader:** Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.

(Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree, while praying the following prayer.)

**Leader:** Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

**All:** Amen.

(Join in singing a favorite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree" or "Joy to the World.")



The next Food Drive for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry will be Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m.—11 a.m., north parking lot, Saint John Neumann Parish.

The pantry routinely serves 100-150 families a week and our generosity is greatly appreciated. Due to supplies received from other sources, some items are abundant and not really needed at this time.

#### NEEDED:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| •Canned peaches and pineapple (and other fruits) | sides                                    |
| •Pasta   | •Canned beans and bean meal pouches      |
| •Pasta Sauce                                     | •Potato side dishes                      |
| •Pasta side dishes                               | •Coffee                                  |
| •Cereal  | •Condiments (Ketchup, Salad Dressing...) |
| •Canned meat (tuna, chicken...)                  | •Snack foods                             |
| •Peanut Butter and Jelly                         | •Paper products                          |
| •Rice and rice                                   |  |

As always, check or cash can be given to volunteers. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities and include "St. Irenaeus Food Pantry" in the memo line. or cash can also be given to volunteers at the collection. \$25 gift cards for Meier, Target or Walmart also appreciated.

Food is distributed each week on Monday mornings (except holidays) and Thursday afternoon and is available to all people who come to the pantry at St. Irenaeus in Park Forest. Thank you for your generosity.





## Newly Baptized

**OLIVE STORRIE POCZATEK**

*Daughter of Justin and Kahla*



**BAPTIZED INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ON NOVEMBER 26, 2022**

## THE WINDOWS OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

*By Jim Wright*

Joseph, Protector of the Church- is the second window in our series and is located on the north wall at the rear of the nave of the church, the second window to the right of the choir loft. In the window, the turbulent waters indicate times of persecution and trial for the church symbolized by a ship - the bark of Peter - a venerable symbol of the Church. The lighthouse is a symbol of Joseph guiding and protecting the Church.

**Donated by:**

*Daniel R. Pick*

*In memory of  
Margaret E. Pick*



St. John Neumann Parish collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** will be next weekend, **December 10 & 11.** [More>](#)

# Body & Soul

## Pray for the Sick

MARIAN ADDUCCI  
NORMA ALFORD  
HERMAN AMBUEHL  
SAM AMUNDSEN  
BLAKE ANTHONY  
SUZETTE D. ARISTIL  
SHIRLEY ARVIA  
ROSARIO AVALOS  
GLORIA BAILEY  
THEODOR BAILEY  
DEBBIE BAKER  
NOREEN BAKER  
RONALD BAKER  
MARILYN BANOGON  
PATRICIA BECERRA  
JIMMIE BERNSTEIN  
KARRIE BIEKER  
JO ANN & TOM BLASZCZYK  
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PEG BOIVIN  
DONNA BOOKER-KNIGHT  
JERRY BOSCO  
RICHARD BOZZO  
BOB BROWN  
MICHELLE BROWN  
RUSSELL BROWN  
JOAN BULF  
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LARRY CAMPBELL  
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CHRISTINE C DERENGOWSKI  
ROSEMARY DIMAYO  
LIZ DIRKSEN  
JESSICA DOMERSET  
CHAR DROZDOWSKI  
COLLEEN DUNLAVY  
VALERIE EASTER  
RENEE ELIACIN  
SERGE ELIACIN  
PATRICIA ANN EMMONS  
KAREN & DAVE ERICKSON  
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JANET HERNANDEZ  
RICKY HESS  
SAVANNA HILLEGASS  
MOLLY HOBBS  
KENT HOLSCLAW  
PAUL HOLSCLAW  
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MARY ELLEN WILLIAMS  
MARY ELLEN WILSON  
AMY WINDJU  
AUDREY WINFREY  
JIM WRIGHT  
LAURETTA WRIGHT  
MICHAEL WRIGHT  
ROBIN YORK  
JANET ZAIO  
MARY ZWIRN  
**Color denotes recently added attention family members.**  
After 8 weeks, please notify the Rectory if your loved one still needs to be on our prayer list.

## Prayers for Our Troops

Please pray for the men and women in our Armed Forces. May God protect them and return them safely to their families:

AMY BAWA, US ARMY  
BRUNO BRITTANY, US ARMY  
BRADLEY BRUNO, US NAVY  
MAJOR ANGELA BULANDA, US ARMY  
CAPT. ROBERT BULANDA, US AIR FORCE  
LT. REBECCA CONTI-VOCK  
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PRIVATE ARTHUR KRUEGER  
SEAMAN THOMAS KRUEGER  
PVT. NATHAN A. MACH  
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GYSGT LOUIS RODRIGUEZ  
CAMRYN SHUPRYT, US ARMY  
NICHOLAS SHUPRYT, US ARMY  
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1ST LT. DANIEL J. WEBB  
DESHAUN WHITE, US ARMY  
CAPT. JENNIFER WORMAN



## From Death to Eternal Life Please

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*May the choir of angels lead them into Paradise.*





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