



The Parish of ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Fostering Christ's Love in Our Lives

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WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday Mass.....5:15 PM

Sunday Mass.....8:00 & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday—Saturday Communion.....6:30 AM

Monday - Friday Mass8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

Holy Day Masses.....8:30 AM, 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday...4:30-5:00 PM

Adoration

Monday...9:00 AM-10:00 AM

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tu, Wed, Th, Fri.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sat, Sun.....closed

From Our Pastor

THE PRAYER THAT JUSTIFIES

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 18:9–14) presents one of Jesus' most striking parables: the Pharisee and the tax collector. Both go to the temple to pray, but only one leaves justified. The Pharisee stands tall, listing his religious accomplishments. The tax collector, by contrast, stands at a distance, eyes lowered, and pleads, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus' message is clear: God hears the humble. The tax collector's prayer, though simple, is powerful because it comes from a heart that knows its need for mercy.

Centuries before Christ, the first reading from Sirach reminds us that "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." Psalm 34 echoes this truth: "*The Lord hears the cry of the poor*" emphasizing that true sacrificial prayer must be connected to the practice of social justice, especially toward the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in society. Echoing the words of Isaiah 30:18c, Sirach gives the reason why believers must act in this way, because "*the Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites.*"

This Sunday challenges us to examine our own posture before God. Are we tempted to compare ourselves to others, like the Pharisee? Or do we come before God with honesty and humility, like the tax collector?

True prayer is not about eloquence or status—it's about sincerity. When we acknowledge our need for God, we open ourselves to His grace.

Let us approach God this week with humble hearts, trusting not in our own righteousness, but in His mercy. For "whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Parish Pastoral Council

I am pleased to present to you today the members of the parish pastoral Council. See below the mission of the PPC.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is committed to the vision and growth of the parish through input, feedback, and discernment of the movements of the Holy Spirit on behalf of the broader parish community.

The PPC, in the model of a renewed church, is to foster full participation of the entire community in the life and vision of the parish and mission of the Universal Church through advocacy and advisory support to the pastor concerning the needs of the faith community.

The PPC is committed to the growth of the parish, guided by information gathered through interactions with parishioners and pastoral needs of the parish. Through being actively involved in the parish and being representative of the spectrum of parishioners, the PPC supports the pastor and staff to embody the vision of the parish and assists in addressing concerns and aspirations.

The PPC meets every two months on the second Tuesday of the month. The PPC welcomes feedback from parishioners on the needs of the parish. Parishioner feedback will be included in upcoming discussions as appropriate.

Feedback can be submitted to the PPC in person or via email. PPC member names are listed in the bulletin under ministries. The PPC email address is: ppc@sjnhomewood.org

Fr. Edmond

WELCOME!

St. John Neumann Parish is a joy filled, Eucharist-centered community of missionary disciples, rooted in Scripture, Sacrament and Prayer, dedicated to encountering Christ in our lives, and creating a culture of belonging, unity and compassion as we reach out in service to others and embrace all people to give witness to the Love and Mercy of God in the greater community.

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTAL

OCTOBER 18 & 19

Weekend Collections.....\$6,059.00

Electronic Giving.....\$2,091.25

Total Donation.....\$8,150.25

Building/Utilities: \$538.00

Sharing: \$90.00

Assumption: \$25.00

All Saints: \$5.00

World Mission: \$1,440.50

Thank you for your generosity!

**Donate
Online**



If you would like to consider electronic giving to St. John Neumann Parish in Homewood, online donations can be made using **credit or debit card** through GiveCentral.org

You can make one-time donations or can sign up for weekly or monthly donations.

To sign up for Give Central, go to www.givecentral.org or <https://www.givecentral.org/location/114>

Around the Parish

TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 29, 5:30pm-7:00pm

St. John Neumann Parish Parking Lot

Join us for a night of costumes, candy, and community fun! Decorated trunks, spooky treats, and smiling faces await!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Candy Donations

Help us keep the candy flowing-every sweet treat count. Drop off candy at parish office.

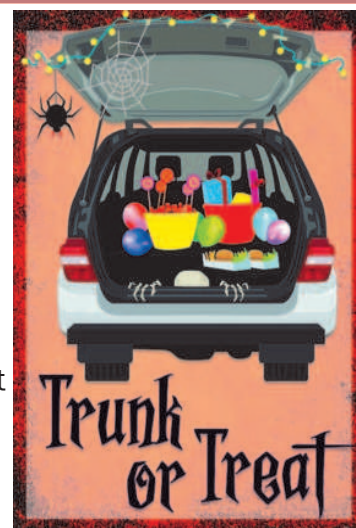
Trunk Volunteers

Decorate your car and hand out candy to our little trick-or-treaters!



To volunteer, contact: Carlos Roman
croman@sjnhomewood.org or call
708-798-0622 ext. 4

Let's make this year's Trunk or Treat a great success!



ALL SOULS' DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 2nd

3:00pm Mass



Each year we celebrate the feast of All Soul's Day.

This year, the Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in prayer for all of our loved ones who have died, especially for those who have died this year.

All people will have the opportunity to write the names of their deceased loved ones and friends on a holy card to be placed on the altar.

The families of those who have died this past year are asked to bring a 5x7 (or smaller) picture of your loved one to be placed on the Remembrance Table which will be displayed until Thanksgiving.

The cards will be kept in the church for the whole month of November in honor of our loved ones.

Please join us for this moving Liturgy.

A Reception will follow the Mass.

All are invited for fellowship and refreshments.

Around the Parish

SJN PADS MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ever-expanding Mission - New Name:
MEALS-Plus Ministry of St. John Neumann Parish

Dear Parishioners,

We've expanded our mission so we're changing our name. What started as parish outreach to provide meals for the homeless has blossomed into a ministry to share our blessings of time, talents and treasures to those in need in our area. It is time to have our name reflect our expanded mission, so we are changing our name to the **MEALS-Plus Ministry of St. John Neumann Parish**.

Our Mission

Our mission is simple: to provide meals and life necessities for those in need in our area. Our motto is "Open Hearts, Open Hands."

Our History

It all started some eight years ago as a simple mission to feed the homeless in the area, teaming up with the South Suburban PADS organization (Public Action to Deliver Shelter). Once a month, a handful of parishioners gathered to create and serve a hot dinner meal to 40 men housed for the night at St. Lawrence O'Toole church in Matteson. In the morning, the team returned to serve a hot breakfast and hand out a sack lunch to carry the men through the day. The COVID epidemic changed that entire approach, and the homeless were then housed in local motels – a big improvement for many with a regular roof over their heads, and a venue with families housed together. So we prepared and delivered the monthly meals to several south suburban motels.

Blessed by the generosity of parishioners, our mission grew, fueled by the interests and creativity of PADS team members, and nurtured by their love and compassion to serve others in need - from simple Mother's Day and Christmas gifts to the homeless families we serve, to the back-to-school and coat drives in the fall, to the hugely successful collection for the service men and women living at the Veterans Home at Manteno. The love, energy and talents of the PADS team are awesome and inspiring, and it seems the generosity of the St. John Neumann parishioners knows no bounds. *We have been truly blessed, and are truly grateful.*

A year ago, volunteers from the PADS team assumed ownership and operation of the Monday Night Meal provided to some 70 local folks at our St. Anne campus. And just recently, the PADS team teamed up with the BEDS-Plus organization that provides shelter, meals and life services to homeless in the South Cook County area. We will be providing and serving a dinner meal monthly and delivering sandwiches to share with incoming clients.

Our Thanks

We truly appreciate your support – your generosity enables us to do all that we do - and we hope you continue to support us as we continue our journey. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, we invite you to join our team. Please contact Jim Bova (708-625-2188) or Ron Schmitt (708-372-7019). And above all, please pray for us that we are successful in our mission to do God's work in serving others.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS:

Contact: Fr. Edmond Aristil

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT:

Contact: Erin Roeper

ATHLETICS

Contact: John Blasgen

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Contact: Elaine Bulanda, Mary Paetsch

BOOK CLUB

Contact: Helen Hillegass

CATECHISTS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: Carlos Roman

6:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Contact: Steven McDowell

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Contact: Jama Dowdy

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Contact: Marge Hayes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Contact: Jack Hayes, Tom Blaszczyk

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact: Serena Hewitt

FOOD DRIVE

Contact: Mary Ellen Brabec

GARDENING TEAM

Contact: Elaine Hoffman

GUADALUPANAS

Contact: Caitlin Amescua

HOSPITALITY

Contact: Mary Ellen Brabec

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact: Timothy Gsell

LECTORS

Contact: Mary Ellen Brabec, Tom Brabec

LITURGY WRITING TEAM

Contact: Julie Orbik, Ruth Austing

MEN FOSTERING FAITH GROUP

Contact: Frank Casella, Oscar Griffin Jr

MINISTERS OF CARE

Contact: Jack Hayes, Tom Blaszczyk

MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact: Karen Canty, William Rosas

PADS

Contact: Jim Bova

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maureen Kelly, Dave Wolken, Helen Hallman, Angela Murray, Paul Lynch, Susan Gates, Connie Callahan, Sandra Cutz, Marge Gleason, Katie Seidel, Justin Mahikizi, Dobaro Dogisso

PIECEMAKER QUILTERS/PRAYER SHAWL

Contact: Helen Hillegass

PRAYER MINISTRY

Contact: Julie Orbik

SANCTUARY GUILD

Contact: Sue Wolken

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP

Contact: Elaine Bulanda, Mary Paetsch

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Contact: Elaine Bulanda

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Contact: Janice Scott

USHERS

Contact: Patrick Nevins

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Carlos Roman

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

5:15PM FR. EDMOND ARISTIL

Special Int. First Responders
Special Int. Larry & Joanne Middleton
† Mary Moltzan
† Mary Ellen Storrs
† Deacon Wayne Storrs
† Nancy Maddock
† Ruby J. Hutsona

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

8:00AM FR. TED OSTROWSKI

Birthday Blessing Prentiss Jackson
† Marietta Burke
† Renee McDowell
† Rick Sampognaro

10:30AM FR. EDMOND ARISTIL

Birthday Blessing Noreen Colgan
Birthday Blessing Brianna Bodnar
Birthday Blessing Lynn Bodnar
Special Int. Barb Simmons Family
Special Int. Elaine Herbst Family
Special Int. Roland Hargrove II
Healing Fran Cannon
Healing Duncan Guild
† Jim Colgan
† Anna Tinsley
† Edward A. Marszewski
† Michael Ormsby
† Deborah Baker

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

8:30AM FR. EDMOND ARISTIL

Special Int. Giblin/Burton Families

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

8:30AM FR. EDMOND ARISTIL

Conversion of All Souls
† Denis Bandera

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

8:30AM FR. RALPH ZWIRN

Purification of Souls in Purgatory
† Anita Budd
† Tom Leo

10:00AM FUNERAL: MILTON HARDT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

8:30AM FR. RALPH ZWIRN

† Adolph Cyborski
† John Burke
† Margaret A. Murray

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

8:30AM FR. EDMOND ARISTIL

† Michael Ormsby

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

ALL SAINTS DAY

5:15PM FR. TED OSTROWSKI

Special Int. Larry & Joanne Middleton
† Lawrence, Bernadette, Larry Dagenais
† Dorothy Radke

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

ALL SOULS DAY

8:00AM FR. TED OSTROWSKI

† Renee McDowell
† Dorothy Radke

10:30AM FR. EDMOND ARISTIL

Special Int. Bodnar Family
† Corinne Schillings & Andrew Roccella
† John Hac
† Charles Giblin, Jr.
† Mary Burton

3:00PM ALL SOULS MASS

FR. EDMOND ARISTIL

MASS INTENTIONS

(Stipend per Mass Intentions is \$10. **PLEASE PRINT**)

Please submit this form 2 weeks before the mass date.

Name of Person for Whom Mass is Requested

Circle one: Living, Deceased, Healing, Special Intention or Birthday

Mass Date Requested

Your Name

Phone number *E-mail (to receive email confirmation)*

Mail the mass card to:

Religious Education for All Ages

IF 2DAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART V2.0

Are you familiar with the popular “telephone” game? It is sometimes known as “Chinese Whispers” because the results, most often hilarious, are inscrutable. It is an entertaining diversion that is not just for kids. A statement that is introduced quietly at one end of a room is sequentially whispered throughout the party. At the other end the transmitted message is compared with the original. It is extremely rare that they correspond. Human recollection is typically unreliable. Errors accumulate so that the final message is garbled. *“Sequential modification of information in transmission chaining”* is how scientists describe this natural inclination. This simple game is a magnificent illustration of how inaccuracies warp truth into rumors & gossip. It is a good example of the 8th commandment’s injunction to refrain from bearing false witness against another. Research indicates that the ‘wonders’ of AI systems similarly distort the information they generate. Imperfection is transmitted over multiple iterations.

Surely you are also aware of its cousin, *confirmation bias*. This is the tendency to search for, interpret & only recall information that *confirms* one’s prior beliefs or values. Dante Alighieri allowed himself to be lectured by Thomas Aquinas on this when they met in Paradise in his “Divine Comedy.” *“Hasty opinion often inclines one to the wrong side. And then affection for one’s own opinion binds & confines & closes the mind.”* Then there is the bane of social media. *Confirmation bias* is amplified by ‘echo chambers’ which display to individuals only information with which they are likely to agree. Opposing views are deliberately excluded. Simon & Garfunkel (S&G) sang it best that *“...a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest.”* God’s word is what it is and not what we want it to be.

Prophets in the Old Testament confronted a different problem. They were favored & chosen by God to receive His communication. Even Elijah, who heard God in His whisper (1 Kings 19: 11-13), perfectly understood His message. Their real problem was—and is—with its downstream transmission. Who really listened to the OT Prophets and took their message to heart? Exactly. That philosophical duo, S&G, wisely noted that no one dares to disturb this reality. *“The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls & tenement halls but whispered in the sounds of silence.”* The prophet Jonah’s reluctance was not that he did not hear God’s assignment or understand its message. He knew all too well that his effort was likely doomed to failure. People insulate themselves from the uncomfortable things they do not want to see or hear. No one cares to listen to God’s word! Imagine his surprise when God showed him otherwise.

3 thousand years later has anything really changed? Didn’t the printing press promise to bring God’s Word to the literate masses? Actual progress is defined by steady improvement. No backsliding is permitted with the *“ratchet effect”*. ‘Progress’ comes to our language from a Latin word that means to ‘go forward, advance.’ It carries an implied sense of continual improvement. But we face contrary trends. Bible sales are up especially among Gen Z-ers. They are possibly seeking meaning & comfort in troubled times. Rising anxiety prompts a determined search for hope. However, literacy rates in our country have been in decline since the 1970s and have ‘accelerated’ since the 1990s. We are in a post literate age. Kids are not necessarily taught by textbooks but ‘illuminated’ by iPads. It is a harbinger of a subpar future as reading is still correlated with subsequent success in life. People are no longer inclined to read. Even Amazon’s eBook, the Kindle, originally offered an ‘audiobook’ feature that would ‘read’ the printed word. It is great for seniors with failing eyesight or those truly afflicted with dyslexia. Also convenient for long trips. Convince me that we are not returning to those dark times before the invention of printed books. Is this a renaissance for the artistry of stained glass to tell the Bible’s lessons? *‘Every picture’s worth a thousand words, doncha know it?’* And the eloquence of our pastors to explain them. How do you get the message?

One has to be physically present to receive this gift of transmission. The Gospels are explicit about this in Mk 4: 13-20 & Matt 11: 15. The entire chapter 10 of Luke is more positive about this. *“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see & the ears that hear what you do....Prophets & kings desired to see & hear what you do but did not.”* Simon Peter in his letter [1 Pete 1: 8-9] honors those like us, *“who have not seen or heard Him but love Him. Those who have not seen or heard Him but believe in Him. Such are filled with the inexpressible & glorious joy for you are receiving the goal of your faith.”* Closed openings do not allow reception. A closed attitude presumes that there is nothing further to learn. Open your mind to remove the filters that edit His message and prevent your acceptance of it. Open your eyes to the correspondence of His word with the glory of His creation. Open your ears to hear His Word exactly as He inspired each author of each book of the Bible. Open your hearts so that you are not hardened to the joy of His message. M Cap©25

Readings for the Week

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Daily Readings > <https://sjnhomewood.org/daily-readings-and-gospel>

ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

The negative impact on children exposed to violence in their homes can lead to physical, behavioral, psychological and cognitive issues. They often learn destructive lessons about the use of violence and power in relationships. Exposure to violence in the home is linked to poor school performance.

Not all children react the same. Those with a strong support system of loving, caring adults can move forward from these events in their lives. Resiliency, whether inherent or learned, provides children with the skills needed to thrive.

Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse (Homewood) Hotline: 708-335-3028

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: 877-863-6338

Around the Parish



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE, HOPE AND HEALING

For all who mourn the loss of a child.

Losses from accident, illness, abortion, miscarriages, still birth, suicide, violence, abduction or family breakup.

Recently or long ago
mothers, fathers, grandparents,
teachers, friends, and others who mourn a child.

Please join us and invite others!

Each family will receive a remembrance keepsake to take home.

Friday, November 7th, 7:00pm Mass

St. John Neumann Parish, 17951
Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL

Please join us afterwards for
refreshments in the back of church

Sponsored by: Elizabeth Ministry
of St. John Neumann Parish



The Society of St. Vincent dePaul St. John Neumann Conference Servicing Country Club Hills, Hazel Crest and Homewood



"WE NEED YOU TO HELP US HELP OTHERS"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

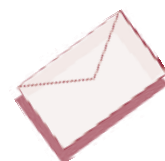
Our goal is to assist and enrich the lives of individuals and families and to be a beacon of the Light of Christ regardless of gender, race or creed.

Come learn how we serve our neighbors in need. Our monthly meetings are held in Room 108 on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00PM. PLEASE JOIN US!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please remember to make checks payable to
St. John Neumann Parish.

Thank you!



Around the Parish



A CALL TO ACTION: CLOTHING PLUS COLLECTION DRIVE for VETERANS' HOME at MANTENO



In honor of Veteran's Day and to support those who so bravely served our country,

The PADS Ministry of St John Neumann Parish and American Legion Post 1139, East Hazel Crest, IL

will sponsor a collection drive for clothing, snacks and personal care items for our Veterans at the Veterans' Home at Manteno, IL

Date: Saturday, 8 November 2025

Time: 9am to Noon

Where: St John Neumann Parish-17951 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL

Enter: North Parking Lot (follow the signs)

Place donations in bags or boxes in your trunk, drive in, pop trunk... we'll do the rest.

NOTE: You can also write a check made payable to American Legion Post 1139, East Hazel Crest and designate it for the Veterans' Home Manteno.

Checks can also be mailed to:

American Legion Post 1139 East Hazel Crest, P.O. Box 1256, Homewood, IL 60430

For more information, please contact: John Kearns, Post Commander, 708.922.9202 or

Jim Bova, PADS Ministry, 708.625.2188

Requested Items: See List Below

Items in **yellow highlight** are most needed at this time.

CLOTHING:

Men's button-down shirts, M to 2XL

Men's T-Shirts (not undershirts), XL to 4XL

Men's Zip Up Sweatshirts – Size M to 4XL

Men's Sweatpants – L, XL 4XL

Velcro Tennis Shoes, sz 11W, 11.5W & 12W

Men's slippers, sizes 11 to 15

Military Branch Caps/Hats

Men's Long Sleeve T-shirts, L

Dress Shirts w/ Neckties (various sizes)

Men's & Women's Bathrobes (various sizes)

Men's & Women's Pajamas (various sizes)

Winter Coats – 3X and 4X

Winter hats, scarves, gloves & mittens

PERSONAL CARE:

Electric Razors

Men's Body Spray (Axe, etc.)

Non-Alcoholic Mouth Wash

MISCELLANEOUS

Pocket Talker Personal Amplifiers

Portable Bluetooth Speakers

Thermal Beverage Tumblers with handle, straw, and lid

Sunglasses – Men's, Women's, Unisex

Grabber reaching/pickup tools, various lengths

Paper Towels, napkins, disposable heavy duty plates and bowls

Forever Stamps

SNACKFOODS/DRINKS

Sugar/Sweetener packets (individual)

Individual liquid coffee creamers, original flavor,

French Vanilla, Hazelnut

Canned Coffee – no Decaf

Miniature Candy Bars (assorted)

Individual bags of chips (assorted)

Gatorade – regular & sugar free

Pop – Regular & Diet, Cans

Rootbeer (cans)

Individually wrapped snack cakes

Individually wrapped mini-donut packs

Shelf Stable Microwave Meals (Mac &

Cheese cups, Rice-a-Roni cups, Hormel

Compleats)

Tuna/Chicken Salad & Crackers Snacks

Sardines, Bottled Water

PAPER/DISPOSABLES

Sturdy Coffee Cups w/ Matching Lids

Sturdy Paper Plates – no Styrofoam

Heavy Duty Cutlery

For regulatory reasons, we cannot accept:

- Used Clothing/Shoes/Personal Items
- Furnishings/Bedding/Towels
- Medical Supplies/Equipment
- Home-Made Food
- Expired Food/Drink

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:30 AM	Communion Service	Ch
8:30 AM	Mass	Ch
9:00 AM	Adoration	Ch
3:30 PM	Monday Meal@St Anne	A-SH
4:00-9PM	Athletics	SH

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

6:30 AM	Communion Service	Ch
8:30 AM	Mass	Ch
9:00 AM	Faith Sharing Group	T-W
4:00-9PM	Athletics	SH
7:00 PM	Reserved	T-W

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6:30 AM	Communion Service	Ch
8:30 AM	Mass	Ch
9:30 AM	Wake	Ch
10:00 AM	Funeral	Ch
4:00 PM	ALPHA	109
4:00-9PM	Athletics	SH
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	Trunk or Treat	P
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Ch

Thursday, October 30, 2025

6:30 AM	Communion Service	Ch
8:30 AM	Mass	Ch
4:00-9PM	Athletics	SH

Friday, October 31, 2025

6:30 AM	Communion Service	Ch
8:00 AM	ELC	A-SH
8:30 AM	Mass	Ch

Saturday, November 1, 2025

ALL SAINTS DAY

Coffee & donuts after all masses

6:30 AM	Communion Service	Ch
9-12:00 PM	Loyola Scripture	109
4:30 PM	Confessions	Ch
5:15 PM	Mass	Ch

Sunday, November 2, 2025

ALL SOULS DAY

Coffee & donuts after all masses

8:00 AM	Mass	Ch
10:30 AM	Mass	Ch
3:00 PM	All Souls Mass	Ch



KEY

Ch	Church	CH-V	Church Vestibule
P	Parking Lot	R	Rectory
S	School	SH	Fr Sayers Hall
K	School Kitchen		
T-W	Tolton Rm/West	T-E	Tolton Rm/East
108	Rm 108/School	109	Rm 108/School
A-SH	St Anne/Fr. Sweeney Hall		
A-CH	St. Anne/ Church		

Around the Parish

SAVE the Date

Ladies' Advent Candlelight Dinner

Thursday, December 4, 6:00 PM

**doors open at 5:00 PM for set-up
located in Father Sayers Hall**

Please join us in celebrating the start of the Advent season with dinner, drinks, and dialogue. You do not have to be a member of St. John Neumann to attend.

Each group is responsible for coordinating their own table, dinner, and drinks for up to 8 guests, as well as table decor and a centerpiece that should include a candle or candles. People without a group are welcome as well, please bring a snack and drink to share.

***Please donate an unwrapped gift for a boy or a girl, sponsored by Marian Council 3761 Knights of Columbus**

For more information and to reserve your table, contact Allisa Opyd at 847-814-1862

St John Neumann Parish is proud to partner with Gifts from Liam for their 8th Annual Diaper Drive this October during Diaper Need Awareness Month.

1 in 2 U.S. families struggles to afford enough diapers, a basic necessity for keeping babies healthy and parents stable. By supporting this drive, we're helping local families meet urgent needs while reducing stress and promoting dignity.

Ways to help: drop off diapers or wipes in the back of church.

There is a wooden Baby cradle located in the entrance of St John Neumann Church. There are also white envelopes in the church for financial donations. Feel free to drop the envelope in the collection basket this way we can ensure every baby has what they need to thrive. The drive ends Sunday October 26, 2025 at Noon.

Let us come together to help others. Thank you.



Body & Soul

Pray for the Sick

LIZ ADDUCI
NORMA ALFORD
WILBER "LEROY" ARCHER
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