

2017 Ministry Guide Book and Parish Directory



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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's my pleasure to present the 2017 edition of St. John's Ministry Guidebook and Parish Directory. I'm amazed at how ministries and organizations are active here, and I'm certain that everyone can find one in which to participate. I'm excited about being the Pastor of this vibrant Church community! The diversity of our parish helps us to be everything our Lord wishes us to be, and 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 find that you'll 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

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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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-6:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-Noon
First Friday: 9:00am-9:00pm
First Saturday: 9:00am-10:00am

** Morning daily Mass will be moved to 9:00am on major Federal Holidays. During the Summer Months of June-August, there will be no Thursday evening Confessions, Thursday evening Mass or Saturday morning Mass (except on First Saturdays). Please check the bulletin.*

Parish Office Directory

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Buildings & Security

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Parish Religious Education Program

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| Kathleen Butler, Director..... | 256-722-7929 x109 |
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Youth Ministry

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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 and click "Our Church", then "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 and operates on an abbreviated schedule over Christmas and Easter.

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Change of Contact Information

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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 our Wedding Coordinator 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.

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.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers can be donated in memory of a loved one or to mark a special anniversary. Please contact the parish office at 256-722-0130 to schedule a weekend or for more information.

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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 256-895-9745.

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 7:15 to 8:45** in the Church basement from September-May. Please contact the Director of Religious Education by email (rcia@stjohnbchurch.org) or at extension 109.

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.stjohnb.com or call 256-722-0772.



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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 and 5:00pm-5:30pm.

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.com. 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.



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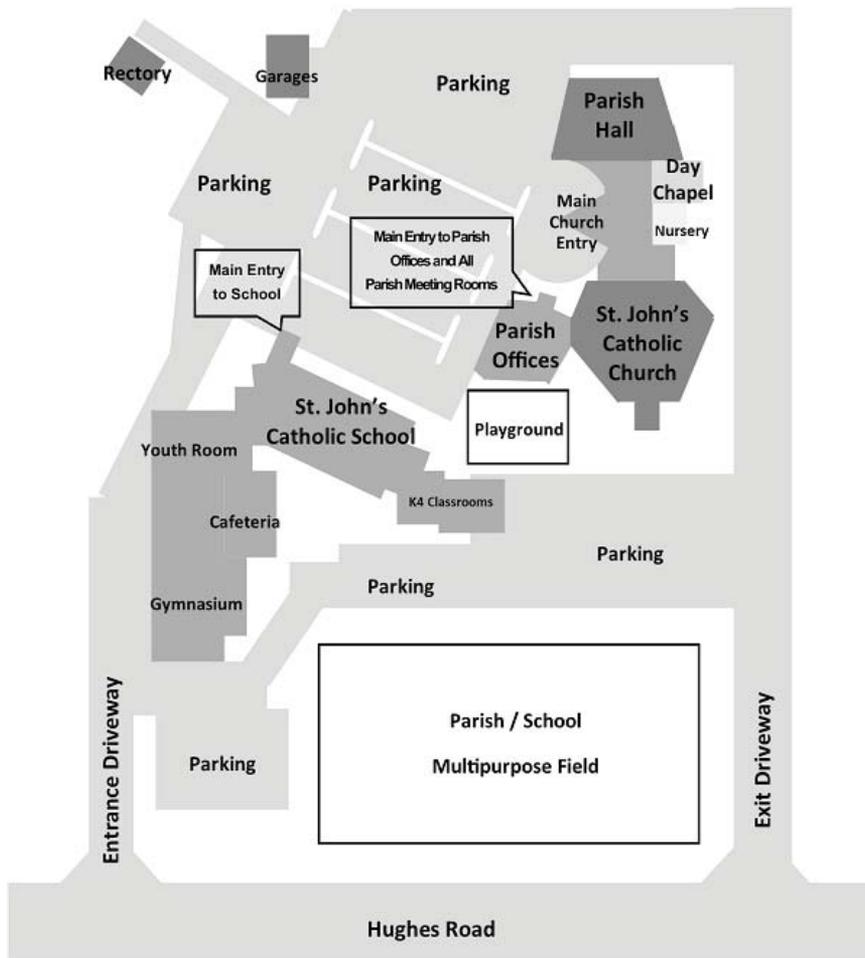
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Map of St. John's Parish Campus



| Parish Room Locations | |
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| <u>Office Building</u> | <u>Church Basement</u> |
| Parish Office (<i>Main Level</i>) | Church Basement Gathering Hall |
| Parish Conference Room (<i>Main Level</i>) | Knights of Columbus |
| All Purpose Room (<i>Lower Level</i>) | Parish Library |
| Choir Room (<i>Lower Level</i>) | Prayer Room |
| Mini Purpose Room (<i>Lower Level</i>) | Scout Room |

Councils, Commissions, Committees and Ministries Listings

Parish Pastoral Council

Arlene McCormick, Chair, 256-975-7662

Sharon Maxwell, Co-Chair, 256-426-5578

Joey Pharo, Secretary, 256-658-0540

- The Pastoral Council in virtue of Baptism shares in the ministry of leading and animating all the ministries of St. John's Parish.
- Every fall there is a call/invitation for 3 new members and 1-2 alternates.
- The Pastoral Council meets approximately 10 times annually.
- Members, if willing, serve 1 term of 3 or 4 years.

Meets monthly on the 4th Monday at 6:30pm, All Purpose 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 monthly on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm, Church Conference Room (closed meeting)

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Board

Edward Martinez, Chair, 256-489-5766

Nicole Rohling, Vice-Chair, 301-775-6849

Michael Patton, Secretary, 256-457-0501

- 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 monthly on the 1st Monday at 6:00pm, School Conference Room (open meeting)

Liturgy Commission

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

Maria Avila, Pastoral Council Liaison

- 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 monthly. These sessions are announced in the weekly bulletin.

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

Altar Servers

Michelle Moore, lead 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, lead 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.

Greeters

Ann Weis, lead 256-698-0957 - weisclan5@hotmail.com

- An extension of the Welcome Ministry, 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 lector's workbook which contains the year's Sunday readings, and suggestions that help in their proclamation.

Mass Coordinator

Peggy Sargent, 256-679-6508- pshirley72@yahoo.com

- Participants are invited by the commission chair to serve as coordinator of a specific Mass
- Ensures that the Mass environment is prepared: books, ciboria, chalices, bread, wine, etc.
- Ensures that all liturgical ministers are signed in and ready to serve

Music Ministry

Andrew Tygielski, lead 256-325-1936 - atygielski@knology.net

Amy Tolson, 256-444-4054 - 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:
 - Children's Choir: Meets academic year: Tuesday from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, grades 2-8
 - Adult Choir: Meets academic year: Wednesday from 7:15pm to 8:30pm

Ushers

Kraig Tersigni, 256-425-7626 - ktersigni@gmail.com

Paul Hebert, 256-461-7392 - hebert@knology.net

- Assist the greeters in welcoming parishioners and seating them for Mass.
- Assist in the weekly collection.
- Select gift-bearers to bring the Intercessory Prayer Book, 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

- The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance with committed adorers.
- Adoration hours are M-TH 9:00am to 6pm, Friday 9:00am to noon, First Fridays 9:00am to 9:00pm, First Saturday one 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

Payge Semmes, 256-461-0850

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

Intercessory Prayer Group

Miguel Rodriguez, lead 245-652-5866 - rodgar3@gmail.com

- Parishioners write their prayer requests in a book located outside the chapel.
- Parishioners may share requests via our website; click on ‘contact us’, scroll to ‘prayer requests’.
- The Intercessory Prayer Group prays for all requests written in the book.
- The Intercessory Prayer Book is placed on the altar during all of the weekend Masses.

Meets year-round: Tuesday at 6:15pm, Prayer Room

Sacristans

Carol Hervias, lead 256-289-1723 - chervias@stjohnb.com

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

Education and Spirituality Commission

Mallory Hilderbrand, Pastoral Council Liaison

Centering Prayer Group

Thea Coats, 256-461-0628, 256-679-2138 - tlcinala@knology.net

Gail Green, 410-608-2518 gailruth27@yahoo.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: Monday at 1:00pm, Prayer Room

Home Educators

Robin Harwell, Lead, 256-289-3833 – robin.harwell@gmail.com

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

Ladybug Rosary Group

Michelle Pichette, contact, 256-722-1447 - pichette@bellsouth.net

- Meets weekly to pray the rosary.
- Ladybugs is an intercessory prayer group that prays for schools, students, teachers, and staff.
- Prayers are also offered for the parish, the sick, and any other intentions voiced.

Meets academic year: Tuesday at 8:00am, Church

Meets summer: Tuesday at 10:00am, Church

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/library
- Items are checked out for two weeks but may be renewed.

Hours: Saturdays 5:00pm-5:30pm, Sundays 9:30am-11:30am, Sundays 5:00pm-5:30pm**

**Saturday and Sunday hours depend on volunteers, contact library@stjohnbchurch.org to volunteer*

- Faith in Fiction Book Club
- 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 one Monday a month, 7:00-9:00pm, Parish Library

Men of St. Joseph

Mike Vadasy, 256-837-5999 - vadasy4@gmail.com

Bob Bushlow, 256-325-3270 - bobb0@sbcglobal.net

- A ministry for lay Catholic men dedicated to becoming the spiritual leaders of their families.
- Gathers weekly 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.
- Uses the Catholic publication, “Magnificat” for prayer and discussion.

Meets year round: Tuesday at 6:30pm, Mini-Purpose Room

Mothers Ministry (SJMM)

Tayana Castelli, 520-732-8619 - sjmothersministry@gmail.com

Sarah Pitts, 901-826-2009 - sarah.e.l.pitts@gmail.com

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

Meets academic year: Thursday from 9:15am to 11:15am, Church Basement

Mothers Ministry - PM

Jessica Havin, 256-604-6173 - jehavin@yahoo.com

- Closely related to the SJMM Thursday morning group, the PM group also fosters the spiritual growth of mothers through faith sharing, discussion and fellowship but at nighttime hours that offers more flexibility to mothers who are busy during the daytime. This group also centers on religious texts (different than the morning ministry) and exploring topics relevant to motherhood and women's spirituality.
- No nursery is provided.

Meets academic year: Monday, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Church Basement

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Kathleen Butler, Director of Religious Education, 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, to help with refreshments at class meetings, and to help administratively during class times.

Meets academic year: Wednesday at 7:15pm, Church Basement

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

*Kathleen Butler, Director of Religious Education, 256-722-7929 x109 -
kbutler@stjohnbchurch.org*

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

- Weekly religious education classes for youth.
- Sacramental preparation for youth 16 years and younger.
- Offers annual week-long Vacation Bible School Program each June.
- Volunteers are always needed to help in our Catechetical ministry programs.
- Additional class sessions are required for Confirmation-aged students and for older children needing to complete preparation for First Sacraments. Schedules available through the Religious Education Office in the fall.

*Meets academic year: Sunday Morning Session at 10:00am, St. John's School
Wednesday Evening Session at 5:30pm*

St. John the Baptist Parish School

Sherry Lewis, Principal, 256-722-0772

Brenda Villarreal, Assistant 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 at www.stjohnb.com

Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education

*Kathleen Butler, Director of Religious Education, 256-722-7929 x 109-
kbutler@stjohnbchurch.org*

- This class meets on Sunday mornings 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 year round: Sunday from 10:00am-11:00am, Church Basement

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Kathy Kleinfeldt, lead 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: Tuesday at 9:15am, Church Basement
(Occasional sessions during summer, see weekly bulletin for details)*

Vocations Ministry

Mark Thulis 256-489-5343 - mark.thulis@mda.mil

- 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.
- Highlight and encourage celebration of the annual National Vocations Awareness Week (November 6-12, 2017).
- Highlight and encourage celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (April 22, 2018).

Meets as needed to coordinate parish wide vocations events.

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: Wednesday following 6:30 evening mass, Chapel

Wednesday Evening Scripture Study

Fred Sharp, lead 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: Wednesday at 7:15pm, All Purpose Room

(Occasional sessions during summer, see weekly bulletin for details)

Women Sharing the Word

Karie Helms, POC, 256-945-0925 - karie.helms@gmail.com

Marilyn Rees, lead, 256-232-2027 - bootleggingma@att.net

- Uses Breaking Open the Word (Formed.org) 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: Wednesday from 9:15am, All Purpose Room

Youth Commission

Phillip Benefield, 256-464-3135, philip.benefield@nasa.gov

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

Deanne Hingel, Pastoral Council Liaison

Life Teen/High School Youth Ministry

Betsy Lashley, 256-325-7596 - blashley@stjohnbchurch.org

- Life Teen strengthens our teens' Catholic identity, while rooting them firmly in Christ and in His Church through community, prayer and the sacraments.
- Meets Sunday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (academic year) and Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm (year round)
- Social Media: @sjhsym
- Church Website: Click on Youth

EDGE/Jr. High Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Coordinator Position Open for Fall 2017

- Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It 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.

Meets: tbd

The Core Team - Youth Ministry Volunteers

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

Coordinator: Betsy Lashley, 256-325-7596

Volunteer applications are always needed!

- Anyone can read small group questions from a piece of paper, but fewer people have the courage to enter into the life of a teen and help guide them closer to Christ. Still fewer people can turn a small group into a conversation and a place for trust and community. The Core Team is the backbone of youth ministry and a successful ministry requires vibrant Core Members. Be the person you needed when you were younger. Join the Core Team!

American Football & Cheerleading League

Joe Ross, 256-763-1931, joe.ross@the-he.com

Ben Faulds, 256-503-3438, benfaulds@yahoo.com

- Parish-sponsored athletic program, open to all members of the parish, school, and local community.
- Teaches the fundamentals of football and cheerleading in an environment that reflects Christian values.
- Organized and promoted through participation in American Youth Football (AYF).

Meets in the fall at various times on the sports field; contact Joe Ross for complete details

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

Cub Scout Pack 350

Jeff Bernauer, Committee Chair, 256-726-8068 - jeff.bernauer@gmail.com

- 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 boys in K - 5th Grade.

Pack Meeting: Meets academic year: 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm, school cafeteria

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

Boy Scout Troop 350

Dave Johnston, 256-830-1871 - johnston5@knology.net

Mike Newchurch, 256-520-1882 - mike.newchurch@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 boys in 11-18 years old and requires no previous scouting experience or qualifications.

Meets year round: Mondays at 7:00pm, School Cafeteria

Venture Crew 7007

Keith Kosan, 850-687-0009 - kosanfamily1@att.net

- Venturing, part of the Boy Scouts of America, is a co-ed, high adventure organization for youths who have graduated from 8th grade through age 20.
- Venturers participate in activities such as SCUBA diving, white water rafting, rock climbing and rappelling, backpacking, and camping.
- Venturers develop friendships and life and leadership skills.

Meets year round: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm, School Library

Parish Life Commission

Eric Herbert, co-chair, 256-542-8491

Michelle Moore, co-chair, 256-541-1432

Bernard Goodly & Mike Chandler, Parish Council Liaisons

Bereavement

Amy Underwood, coordinator, 256-325-2647 - amy.underwood@gmail.com

Jim & Lorrie Collier, Hope of Job - 256-541-3649 - 1921peace@gmail.com

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 are stillborn or miscarried and for all children who have passed away.
- Plans grief workshops/presentations.
- Hosts a monthly “Hope of Job Ministry Support Group” offering those in the grieving process the opportunity to share their stories and experiences with others who are in similar situations.

Hope of Job Ministry Support Group: Meets year round: 1st Monday at 6:30pm, All Purpose Room

Cancer Support

Kim and Bill Richardson, leads, 256-895-9009 -

kimberlyannrichardson@yahoo.com

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

Care & Compassion

Morgon Newquist, 256-679-9780 - morgonnewquist@gmail.com

- Provides home-cooked meals to families afflicted with illness, disability, or in grief.
- Meals are scheduled using www.takethemameal.com website.

Couple to Couple League

Chris & Alison Protz, instructors, 256-520-3874 - NFPcouple@outlook.com

Dedicated to promoting and teaching fertility awareness (Natural Family Planning) to married and engaged couples.

The Main Series class teaches the Sympto-Thermal Method which can be used to avoid or help achieve pregnancy (3-Class Session).

Pre-Menopause (1-Class Session) and Post-Partum (1-Class Session) classes are also offered.

- Childcare available

Class Sessions are scheduled during the academic year: 1st Wednesday from 5:45-8:15pm, Church Library

(See weekly bulletin for specific class session dates or contact instructors)

Register online for class sessions at www.ccli.org

Funeral Receptions and Kitchen Ministry

*Marci Giancatarino, Kitchen Coordinator, 256-722-7929 x 117 -
kitchen@stjohnBchurch.org or 309-212-2131 (cell)*

- Light meals are provided for families following a funeral held at Saint John's.
- Volunteers help to prepare food, set-up, serve, and clean-up.
- Volunteers help to prepare food, set-up, serve, and clean-up for other church events.

Knit One, Pray Too

*Ann LeRoy, 256-217-0758 - ann.leroy40@gmail.com (Daytime Group)
Julie Blair, 256-722-9337 - blairja0@hotmail.com (Evening 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: Monday at 1:00pm, All Purpose Room
Evening Group meets academic year: First Thursday at 6:30pm, Mini Purpose Room*

Married Fellowship

Gene Downs lead, 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 see weekly bulletin for schedule updates

Mommy & Me

*Elizabeth Holt, 256-684-7795 - elizabethholt@gmail.com
Kathryn Sandmeyer, 256-361-5510 - Kathryn.higdon@yahoo.com*

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

Meets year round: Wednesday from 9:30-11:00am, Nursery

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Sarah Pitts, 901-826-2009 - sarah.e.l.pitts@gmail.com

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
- We work in conjunction with the Pro-Life & Pro-Family Ministry.

See bulletin and web for meeting times and location.

Nursery

Jennifer Culver, Coordinator, 256-722-7929 x 120 - nursery@stjohnBchurch.org

- Provides care for children aged 6 months to 5 years during 5:30pm, 8:30am, 11:30am weekend Masses
- Children age 3-5 attend the Sunday Nursery School Program during 8:30am or 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

Pro-Life & Pro-Family

Rachel Granger, 580-284-5005 - rachelheidergranger@gmail.com

- 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 provide education events, community outreach activities, materials and resources on pro-life & pro-family topics
- We work in conjunction with the Natural Family Planning Ministry.

See bulletin and web for meeting times and location.

Quilting Ministry

Mechelle Armstrong, 256-464-6458 - magnolialongarmquilting@gmail.com

- Experienced and beginning quilters celebrate life by enjoying fellowship, learning quilting skills, and making baby quilts to be donated to the Life Choices Program at Choose Life.

Group meets for three sessions (9 to 10 weeks each), Thursdays 2:00 to 4:30 pm, All Purpose Room

Religious Gift Shop

Rebecca Goodsell, lead 850-281-0042 - rebeccagoodsell1@gmail.com

- Many devotional and religious items available for sale.
- May be able to fill special order requests.
- Volunteer sales associates needed.

Open each weekend before and after all Masses

Senior Homebound Outreach

Contact the Church Office, 256-722-0130

- Coordinates spiritual outreach to the homebound in the parish.

Senior Fellowship

Ann Marie Crosswhite, lead, 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, etc.
- When possible, coordinates rides to senior events for those who request it.

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

Special Needs Ministry

Mary Kay and Bob Mahan, leads 256-461-6303 - 35758al@gmail.com

- 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.

Welcome Committee

Ann Weis, lead 256-698-0957 - weisclan5@hotmail.com

- Members of the Welcome Committee greet fellow parishioners and visitors as they enter and leave church at all weekend Masses.
- We host 3 Welcome Receptions for newly registered parishioners, held on Sunday after 11:30am Mass in the Church Basement.

Meets at the beginning of each school year to discuss new ideas for Welcome Receptions

Women's Ministry

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

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

- Core team members plan quarterly 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

Young Singles

Josh Basilio, 478-804-2201 - joshua.basilio@gmail.com

Addison Gomez, 501-247-8482 - addison.j.gomez@gmail.com

Leah Hains, Book Club, 205-218-9883 - lmhains@gmail.com

- Single parishioners, who are 30 years and younger, meet for social activities, spiritual discussions, and service work.
- Book Club meets to discuss a variety of books that influence our Catholic faith.

Meets academic year: Every other Sunday, 6:45pm, All Purpose Room

Book Club meets year round: Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Library

(Schedule subject to change, contact leads to be placed on email list)

Service Outreach Commission

Bill Adams, Pastoral Council Liaison

Baby Basket Ministry

Sharon McFalls, lead 256-830-6712 - mcfalls5@att.net

- 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, lead 256-722-8073 - wsovocool@gmail.com

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

- A parish ministry, joined ecumenically with six 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 likeminded 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

Marsha Harris, 256-325-4472 - mrhhsv@knology.net

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 Lawanda Mason at 256-830-1576.

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 at 12:30, Church Basement, please park in the lower parking lot

Teen to Teen Ministry

Tina and Christina Tarsitano, leads, 256-585-5727 - tarsitano@live.com

- Collects items for teens living at the Downtown Rescue Mission.
- A list of needed items can be found on the St. John's website.
- Donated items may be placed in the plastic bin in the church vestibule.

The Giving Tree

Annie Brasseale, lead, 256-461-7792 - annie.brasseale@gmail.com

Alison Callahan, co-lead, 256-325-0374 - macallahan@knology.net

- 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 their Christmas deliveries.
- Distribution date for 2017 is scheduled for Monday, December 4th.

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

Facilities, Grounds & Security Commission

Danny Garcia, chair, 256-604-2756

Patrick Haas, co-chair, 256-325-0559

Andy Haq, Pastoral Council Liaison

Part-time Facility Maintenance

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

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

Grounds Maintenance

Danny Garcia, Knights of Columbus

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

Building (Future) Committee

John Shrontz, lead, 256-971-1363

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

Security

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

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

Auxiliary Organizations

Cursillo Ultreya

John Simmons, 256-772-8344 - tjsimmons@knology.net

- 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 Thursday at 6:30pm, All Purpose Room

Knights of Columbus

Danny Garcia, 256-604-2756 - dgarcia227@gmail.com

- 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 Thursday at 7:30pm, Knights Room
Assembly 2420 (Patriotic Order) meets year round: 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm,
Knights Room*

Legion of Mary

Marie-Therese Oumba, 256-361-8331- cloumba@hotmail.com

- 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: Saturday at 9:30am, All Purpose Room

St. Vincent de Paul

Jim Jenkins, 256-509-6795 - mbandjim@knology.net

Tim McKaig, 256-503-5280

- Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul strive to grow spiritually by showing God's love and mercy through works and deeds. We offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis.
- Takes weekly calls for help and team with other organizations to serve the poor and needy in Madison and Madison County.
- An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served.
- Special works includes the backpack program, feeding school children with little or no food and the GEAR program, providing clothing and other essential tools to satisfy requirements for foodservice and construction work.
- The Society recognizes that it must assume a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless.

Meets year round: Tuesday at 6:30pm, All Purpose Room

UAH Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM)

- Mission: To promote Catholic faith and fellowship at a university level.
- Social Media: @uahccm
- Email Address: catholicministry@uah.edu