

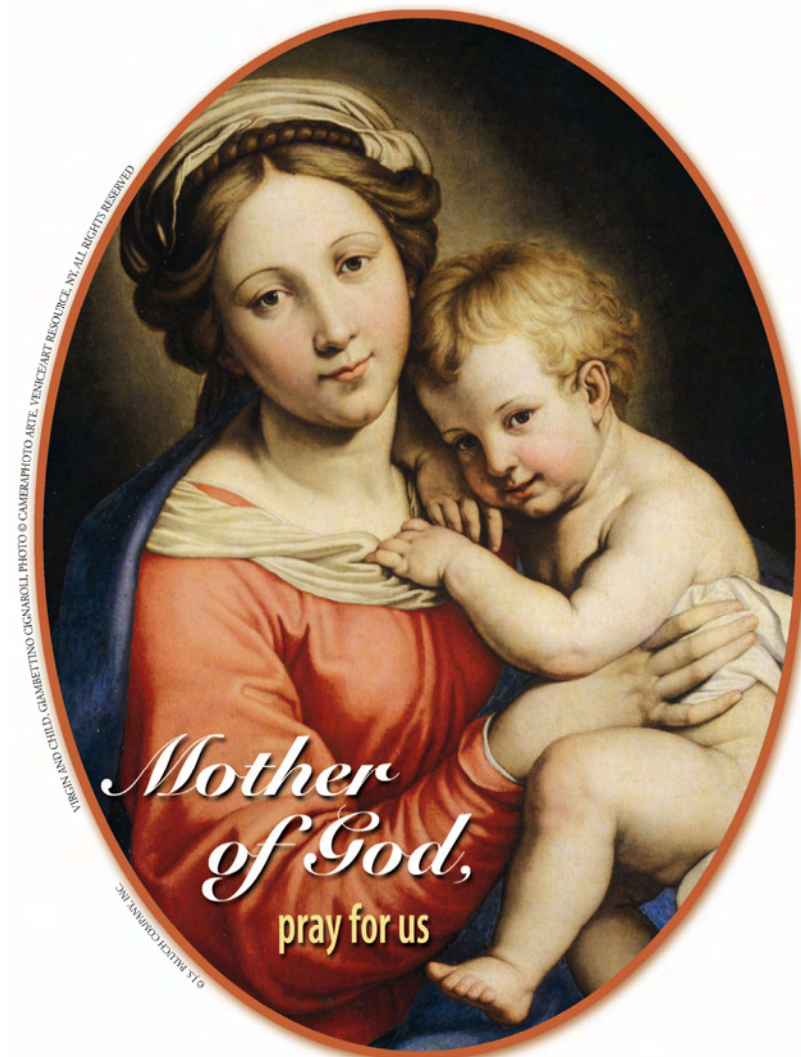


ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Proud to be a Stewardship Parish



The Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil for Sundays)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days: 8:00 am, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm

or upon request during office hours except on Sundays.

Morning Prayer

Tuesday through Friday: 7:35 am

Rosary

Tuesday through Friday: 7:15 am

(Church opens at 7:10 am)

Office Hours

Tue. thru Fri.: 8:30 am—12:00 pm & 1:30 pm—5:00 pm

Sat.: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Closed Sun. & Mon.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God January 1, 2012

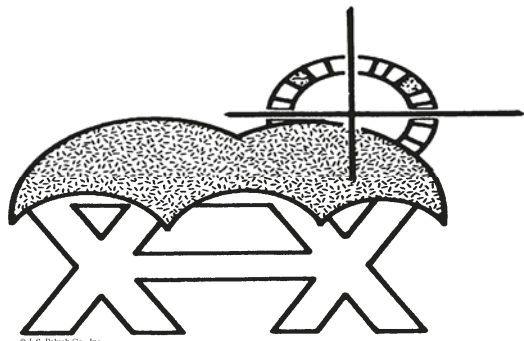
*“Mary kept all these things, reflecting
on them in her heart.”*

— Luke 2:19

MASS INTENTIONS, CALENDAR, READINGS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31
4:00 pm Christmas Novena
Sunday, January 1, 2012
8:00 am Annesley Perera† by Fr. Bede
10:00 am Christmas Novena
12:00 pm The Parishioners of John Neumann
5:00 pm For Peace in the World by Fr. Bede
Tuesday, January 3
8:00 am Christmas Novena
Wednesday, January 4
8:00 am Ariela Vianne De Jesus† by Tony Hapiuk
Thursday, January 5
8:00 am The Parishioners of John Neumann
Friday, January 6
8:00 am Ed Krieger† by John Krieger
1st Anniversary of his death
Saturday, January 7
4:00 pm Ramona Lorenzo† by Ben Acayan
Sunday, January 8
8:00 am Alice Argos† by Edna Bernardo
10:00 am Miguel Ordaz by The Family
“Happy Birthday”
12:00 pm Rosetta Incognito by The Kapsack Family
5:00 pm The Parishioners of John Neumann



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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

Other daily scripture resources on the web:

www.usccb.org

Parish Calendar

Baptismal Preparation	Call the Parish Office for an appointment
Marthas & Marys	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Young Adult Choir	Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Children's Choir	Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Adult Choir	Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
Men's Club	1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Senior Luncheons	2nd Wednesday, bi-monthly 12:00 noon
Finance Committee	January 25, 5:30 pm
Bible Study	Thursdays, 8:45 am
Staff Meetings	Thursdays, 10:00 am
RCIA	Thursdays, 6:45 pm
Reader's Workshop	Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Parish Council	Last Thursday, 7:00 pm
Jr. High Youth Group	2nd & 4th Weds, 6:00-7:30 pm
High School Youth Grp	1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm

**The Parish Office,
Faith Formation Department &
Outreach Pantry will be CLOSED**

**Saturday Dec 24- thru
Monday Jan 2, 2012**
(In observance of the Christmas Holiday)



Bulletin Editor's Note:

Due to the Parish Office Closing in observance of the Christmas Holiday, Baptisms, Funerals, Altar Flowers and/or some Stewardships for this period will be published in a bulletin to follow.

PASTOR, STEWARDSHIP, 2nd COLLECTION

DECEMBER 17/18

1st Collection	\$ 16,930.25
2nd Collection	\$ 3,289.00
Total for these collections	\$ 20,219.25

Church Attendance 2,585 (our church holds 663).

	Attendance	1st	Sister Parishes in Bethlehem
4:00 pm	450	\$ 3,312.00	\$ 664.00
8:00 am	415	\$ 2,936.00	\$ 802.00
10:00 am	589	\$ 2,976.00	\$ 782.00
12:00 pm	650	\$ 2,057.00	\$ 453.00
5:00 pm	481	\$ 2,588.00	\$ 307.00
Mail in		\$ 130.00	\$ 88.00
Electronic		\$ 2,931.25	\$ 193.00

Thank YOU

More Attendance and Stewardship

Due to an earlier publication of this bulletin, attendance and collection numbers for Dec. 24/25 and Dec. 31/Jan.1 are not available. We will have a full accounting in a bulletin to follow.

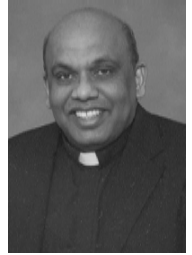
Second Collection

Next week's second collection is for the Hospitality Ministry. You probably never see them, but they're the folks who are the hosts and hostesses "with the mostest" when it comes to events involving food, fun, and fellowship. They're the ones who do the Sunday donuts, prepare the luncheons, set up snacks for all occasions, and then clean up afterwards! Please be generous with your donation. Support their efforts by being as generous as possible in next week's collection.



Pastor's Note

Happy New Year to all our Parishioners!



May you enjoy the blessing of good health, prosperity, joy, and a truly peaceful 2012. Of course we know that there are certain actions that we can take to encourage and nurture these wonderful things. Good health is more likely to be ours though exercise, eating right, and using some common sense in the activities of daily living. Prosperity comes more easily from an attitude of service and an honest work ethic. Those that serve others in the spirit of love and use their work time efficiently are the ones who continually give their best for the wage they receive. They are in short supply and are eagerly sought by employers. When we serve all others in love, we are also serving our Lord and this should lead us to the joy that can only come from Him. Then when we are filled with his joy and love, the peace of God will be ours.

This is the time of year that many of us make resolutions that we hope will improve our lives. Doing our best to continue the spirit of Christmas throughout the year will go far in accomplishing just that. God gave us the ultimate gift of Himself when He became man in order to save us from ourselves. We also can give ourselves to others when we let go of our selfishness and do what we can to help the poor and needy, the lonely, the sick and disabled etc. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and should help one another carry the burdens that may come along.

This was the selfless attitude of our patron, St. John Neumann, whose feast day is January 5th. May your celebration of his feast be the beginning of an inspired imitation of his saintly life.

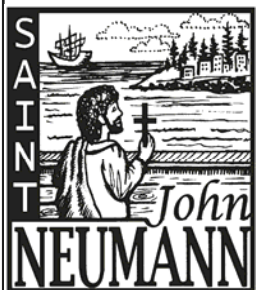
May the Lord bless you and keep you!
 May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
 May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bede Wevita

Fr. Bede
 Pastor

ST. JOHN NEUMANN



BORN: MARCH 28, 1811
 PRACHATITZ, BOHEMIA

NICKNAME:
 "The Little Bishop"

FEASTDAY: January 5

Fr. Bede and the parish staff

would like to offer

their best wishes

*for a happy, healthy and
prosperous New Year.*



Many thanks again to those very thoughtful parishioners who brought goodies, gifts and special treats to the parish office.

We are very blessed to have such wonderful people as friends.

Fr. Bede and Staff

St. John Neumann Church would like to acknowledge
the DiFazio family
for sponsoring our beautiful
sanctuary Christmas banners.



These banners were sponsored
in memory of
Catherine DiFazio
who would have celebrated
her 100th birthday this year.

To all our **Stars for Christmas** light sponsors:
Thank-you
for helping us present a beautiful
Christmas outdoor lights display.



May God bless you for your
kindness and generosity.

6th Annual Women's Silent Retreat



SAVE these dates MAY 4-6, 2012 for the 6th Annual Women's Silent Retreat and bus trip to the Sacred Heart Retreat House with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Alhambra, California. "Our goal is to promote a deeper spiritual life for the women in all of the Las Vegas Parishes and outlying areas." This retreat would be a great idea for that special woman in your life as a Christmas present, or Valentine's Day gift or even an early Mother's Day present. Visit the web-site at <http://www.carmelitesistersocd.com/>

Lupus of Nevada Inc. Thanks-You!

The end of the year is here and Lupus of Nevada is profoundly grateful to the community for their support and financial contributions from their donors. Lupus of Nevada, Inc., is a nonprofit charitable organization 501 (c)3. Their mission is to increase educational awareness and advocacy throughout the State of Nevada. Lupus of Nevada is committed to educating and building support through awareness, education, nutrition, coping strategies, conferences and community outreach. Please continue your financial support to their cause, they actually reach out into the trenches and service those in need. You can send your donations to Lupus of Nevada, Inc., 3061 South Maryland Pkwy Suite 102-C Las Vegas, NV 89109.

Diaper Drive

The Catholic Charities Social Program is in need of diapers in all sizes from newborn to toddlers for families in need in our southern Nevada community. *Please help these less fortunate babies and toddlers.* The diapers may be dropped off in the donation bins in the Lobby, and, **Thank-you for all that you do!** *Thank-you for all that you do!*



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! Let the Lord's graces pour out on your marriage.



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are February 10-12 and May 4-6, 2012 in Boulder City. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, call Wayne and Marcia Kessler at 702-566-8753. For information on Spanish-language weekends, call Jose and Patti Santiago at 702-544-3755.

Living Stewardship Now

The motherhood of Mary is so important that it sometimes eclipses her role as Christ's first disciple. All of us, men as well as women, can follow her example as disciples. Make a short list of ways you can be like her in the year ahead toward family, neighbor, church, and community.

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Retrouvaille (Re-tro-vi) can Help Give Your Marriage a New Beginning!!

If you are living in the disappointment & pain of a marriage in trouble, whether it be from lack of communication or something more serious and you have no hope. The Church has another avenue than Divorce, it is a program called Retrouvaille, which will help you rebuild your marriage. Please call Chuck and Carol Moore for more information at 702-615-4339.



Please, Protect Your Valuables

Several parishes continue to report purses being taken during Communion, while parishioners process to receive the Eucharist. As a precaution please safeguard your purse at all times and do not leave any valuables in your car!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE FIRST AND BEST DISCIPLE

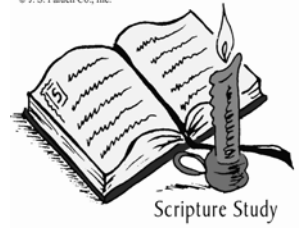
The title Mother of God honors Mary's motherhood. She nurtured the Savior, believed in him, and followed him to the foot of the cross. Scriptural details about Mary are few, but enough to show us her character. **She was a risk taker.** She trusted in God no matter the outcome (Luke 1:18). **She was protective.** When her baby's life was threatened by Herod she went to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15). **She was a prayerful** (Luke 2:19). **She was persistent.** She searched for three days when the boy Jesus was lost in Jerusalem (Luke 2:43-46). **She was joyful.** Her song of praise to God (Luke 1:46-55) shows a rich spirituality. **She was courageous.** She stood by Jesus through his agonizing death (John 19:25). At the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), when the wine had run out, Jesus said to fill the jars with water. Mary said to the waiters, "**Do whatever he tells you.**" Isn't this the heart of discipleship? Shouldn't we follow her example?

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Lectionary Based Scripture Study

Join us for our next class on **Thursday, January 5th at 8:45am.** We will reflect on next Sunday's Gospel (Psalm 72:11).

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"All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him."

Attention All Confirmation Students!

Here is an up-coming opportunity to earn your service hours. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Youth Room. *Please make sure to bring in your service hours sheet to be signed!*

—Assist with Mass Books

Every Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Sundays after the 12:00 pm mass

SJNC Youth Groups COMING IN JANUARY!

Jr. High Youth Group (JHYG)

for students in grades 6-8
Meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday
6:00pm-7:30pm in the Youth Room



High Youth Group (HSYG)

for students in grades 9-12
Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
6:00pm-7:30pm

COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP & FUN!!!

**FIRST MEETING FOR HSYG WILL BE
JANUARY 4TH IN ROOMS 118 & 119**

**FIRST MEETING FOR JHYG WILL BE
JANUARY 11th IN THE YOUTH ROOM**

Visiting Mary

The St. John Neumann "Visiting Mary" can visit the home of a **registered parishioner** for one week. It can be a beautiful, peaceful time in your home. She may be picked up on Saturday afternoon and *must* be returned to the parish office by the following Saturday *morning*. The statue comes with prayers, songs, meditations and directions on how to pray the rosary, as well as some special intentions requested by our pastor.



We are currently looking for families to sign-up for Mary to visit their home during August, 2012
Contact parish office to sign up.

VISITING MARY SCHEDULE

- 1/7 – Nina Smith
- 1/14 – Asuncion Almeraz
- 1/21 – Lori Gabriel

Important & Mandatory Eucharistic Retreat, Feb 4, 9am-3pm

There is a mandatory Eucharistic Ministry Retreat on Saturday, February 4, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Eucharistic ministers, please mark your calendar for this very important program. More details will be coming soon.

Roman Missal Memorials

A very special *thank you* to the people who memorialized our new Roman Missals.



The Marshall Family
For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Alex and Edna Bernardo
In Thanksgiving

Greg & Laura Weart
*Dedicated to the memory of Alice M. Rodriguez,
loving mother, and caring friend.*

Ninfa Moreno
In Memoriam of Celestino Moreno and my loved ones

Your names or the person(s) you are honoring will be engraved within the missal.

Outreach (Pantry hours: Wed. 9am-3pm)
Together, we can make the difference! Together, we can say Yes to God!

The economic downturn has affected many families in the parish and there are many in our area that are without jobs, shelter, or food during these difficult times. The SJNC pantry is in need of our help. The next time you are at the grocery store please consider purchasing some extra food for our families in need. Please leave your donations in the big wooden box in the lobby. God bless you for supporting the Outreach pantry.

Wish lists for the Pantry
Pasta Sauce, mac n cheese, canned tuna
canned vegetables & fruit, soups, Ramen,
canned proteins (i.e., chicken, spam) pasta,
peanut butter, rice, dried beans.

**To our Outreach donors THANK-YOU
for All That You Do and
God Bless!**

On December 14th, the Outreach ministry served 126 families; 340 children, 266 adults, and 51 seniors.



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN!

If you're new to St. John Neumann, check out what we collect in order to add to our building fund:

Crushed cans, Cell phones, "Pennies for Heaven" Used Name Brand Ink & Toner printer cartridges.

Also, the Outreach ministry accepts donations of clothing and food for the poor.



We are a "Stewardship Parish" and are provided an opportunity to contribute toward the growth of our parish. Information on our "Fruitful Vine" Stewardship process including the "Fruitful Vine Stewardship Commitment form are available in the parish office.

WHY REGISTER IN THE PARISH?

Many people regularly attending mass at our parish are not *registered as parishioners*. Faith Formation registration is *not* parish registration.

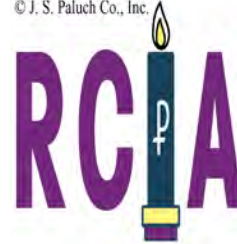
It is important to be registered and to use your donation envelopes so that we have records of your activity in the parish. If you ever request a letter for Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, a tax statement, being a godparent or sponsor, or if you would like to have your child enrolled in our Faith Formation Program, or many other reasons, we must check our records. We can verify that you attend by seeing your identifiable donations (and/or active participation in church ministry) that have been posted in the computer.

We cannot sign affidavits stating that you are a member of the parish (even if you do attend mass here), if we have no records to that effect. If you would like to register, we encourage you to do so by completing the registration form found in the welcome flyer in the lobby or in the parish office. Please return it either by mail, or placing it in the collection basket, or dropping it off at the parish office.

Are you a fully initiated Catholic?

...One that has received not only Baptism and First Eucharist, but also the sacrament of Confirmation.

If the answer is NO, then RCIA is for you. If you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic, come to a Thursday evening meeting at 7 pm and see what it is all about. The process is very interesting. Practicing Catholics are also needed to sponsor those who wish to join the church. Come, learn, ask questions **and make friends**.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one. When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son, Jesus, is also the divine Son of God.

Today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: she kept these things in her heart. Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of discipleship. Like Mary, we must both keep, or remember, what God has done, and reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.



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Marthas & Marys	Parish Office	657-0200
Men's Club	John Lucas	635-1817
Sick or Homebound	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Outreach	Fr. Bede Wevita	657-0200
RCIA	Sam & Gary Douglas	645-8323
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Sacristans	Max Fightmaster	657-0200
Senior Luncheons	Bob Chiodo	649-5989
Marriage Prep	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Ushers	Bob & Adrian McKechnie	645-4882

Parish Council

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Phil Lee	Harry Shull (Consultant)	
Leticia Cristobal	Theresa Reese	

Parish Finance Council

John Kilduff
Margo Lamuraglia
Aruna Silva

Sacrament of Baptism

Preparation time for the parents of the child is three months. Please call the parish office to sign up for a class and begin the process. Baptisms are celebrated during the Mass. Parents should meet with one of the program coordinators before choosing the godparents and/or choosing a date for the Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Consult with the priest before you set the date. A minimum of six to eight months preparation is needed.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time if you or a family member seeks the Sacrament. If possible, please try to call before your loved one is in the active process of dying.

Communion for the Sick or Homebound

Contact the parish office during office hours. In case of hospitalization, inform the admissions office that you are a Catholic and would like to receive communion.

Mass Intentions

Scheduled in the parish office. The calendar fills up rapidly, so Mass intentions may have to be scheduled up to a year in advance.

House Blessings

Parishioners are encouraged to bless their own homes. Holy water and appropriate prayers are provided by the parish.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration began in April. Classes are held from September to May. Students must complete 2 consecutive years of classes in order to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation.

Annulments

Please contact Fr. Bede Wevita or Deacon Frank Oettinger.

Vocations

Please contact Fr. Bede Wevita

Victim Advocacy Number

Advocacy is available for any individual who has been sexually and/or physically abused.

The 24-hour hotline number is:

(702) 235-7723

www.sjnc.org

