



Dear San Juan Del Rio Parishioners,

I am pleased today to present this Parish Ministry booklet for your review. It is very important to me that each of you finds the ministry to which the Lord is calling you. That said, it is my hope that this booklet will encourage you to share your time and your talent with our parish. Because a church is not just a place to attend Mass once a week or even daily, it is a community of believers who receive their spiritual nourishment and growth through the communion of God in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and the people of God. Every person is a vital part of the communion. No one can take your place and without you we are incomplete.

We are an active and exciting parish family and I believe you will greatly enjoy being a part of the spirit and the energy that is our parish life. I look forward to seeing how our Lord calls you to share your time and your talent. After you have given your careful consideration to the many opportunities, please give us a call.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Tetlow".

Father John Tetlow, Pastor



San Juan Del Rio Catholic Parish – Church and School

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Schedule of Masses:

- Sunday.....8:30am, 11:00am and 5:00pm
- Saturday Vigil.....5:15pm
- Daily Mass.....9:00am
- First Saturday Mass.....9:00am
- Holy Day of Obligation..... Vigil Mass: 7pm, Holy Day: 9:00am, noon & 7:00pm

Eucharistic 24 Hour Adoration:

1st Friday from 9:30am until 8:45am on 1st Saturday

Sacraments



Sacrament of Marriage - Please contact the parish priest at least 8 months before the wedding date. All couples must participate in the Engaged Encounter program sponsored by the Diocese.



Sacrament of Baptism - Pre-Baptism instruction is required for both parents. Please call the office to arrange for Baptism and preparation, preferably before the baby's birth. You should be registered and actively participating in the church at least 6 months prior to the Baptism.




Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday from 4:30-5:00 pm and any time upon request. Reconciliation services are held one evening during Advent and one evening during Lent.



Sacrament of the Sick - Please contact the church office for communion or ministry needs for the sick.



First Holy Communion and  **Confirmation** - There is a two-year preparation program prior to receiving these sacraments. Contact the Religious Education office for details at 287-2801.

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic family of San Juan del Rio,
Recognize and accept God's blessings.
United in faith and fellowship,
We willingly commit our time, talent and treasure
In answer to His call to: "Build My Church."

Our mission is guided by the following principles:

- *The celebration of God's grace through our participation in the seven sacraments.*
- *Our living each day, in a manner that reflects God's presence in us.*
- *The living, as good Samaritans, with care and concern for others.*
- *The active embracing and enriching of our community.*
- *The maintaining of both the physical and spiritual Body of Christ.*
- *The training and teaching of Catholic values to our parish community.*
- *The preservation and continuation of the traditions of the Catholic Church.*

San Juan Del Rio Family History

San Juan Del Rio Church began as a mission in an old mansion on the river. The diocese had purchased what was known as the Hodges estate in 1958. The property was comprised of more than one hundred acres on the St. John's River, which included a manor house and Camp St. John.

The Switzerland area was beginning to develop quite rapidly and there was a need for a resident priest. Msgr. Joseph Dawson was commissioned to establish a mission there in 1977; the first Mass was celebrated in the mansion on February 6, 1977. Msgr. Dawson remained there for 2 years until he was transferred. Father Greg Fay replaced him in 1979. In 1983, the mission was raised to parish status. Msgr. Dawson passed away on January 4, 2002, at the age of 76; may he rest in peace.

The old house, which had been built 44 years earlier, had served as a retreat area, summer camp, refugee location center and as a state run experimental rehabilitation center for teens. The old homestead was in dire need of repair if it was to serve adequately as a house of prayer. With much hard work, the old home was transformed into a lovely chapel on the river; 140 people could be seated there.

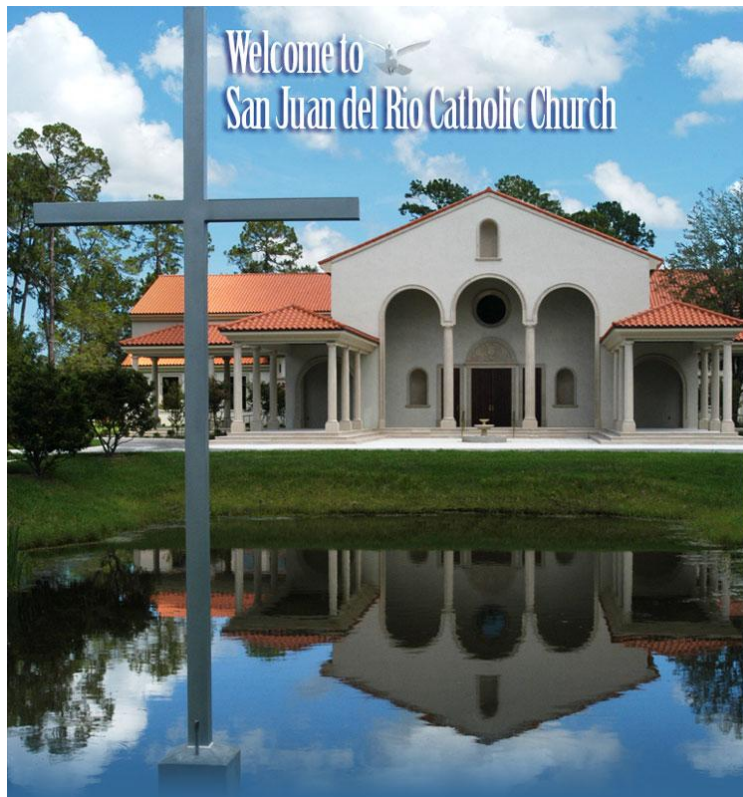
The area continued to flourish and within a few years, the little flock grew from 45 families to over 90. It was time to build a multipurpose church.

A site was chosen on State Road 13 so that the new building could be seen from the road. Plans for the new church began to take form.

The new building, now the administration building, was Spanish in style with a red Spanish roof, coquina walls and vaulted porticoes that surrounded the building. The Dedication Mass was celebrated on September 11, 1988.

In June 1999 Father Ed Booth became the 3rd pastor of San Juan Del Rio and was given the charge of overseeing the building of our present "House of God" which was dedicated on February 4, 2007. Our new sanctuary can comfortably seat 1360 at each Mass. During Father Ed's tenure, the parish experienced tremendous growth more than doubling in size from 700 families to over 1,800 families.

On July 1, 2008 Father John Tetlow became the 4th pastor of San Juan Del Rio. Father John was ordained on May 26, 1984 at The Cathedral of St. Augustine by Bishop John J. Snyder. During his first two years as pastor of San Juan Del Rio Father John oversaw the construction and opening of our new state of the art school facility dedicated in 2009. This 16,000 square foot building opened three additional classrooms, a Science Lab, Computer Lab, Art and Music rooms and a Media Center. Father John also managed the renovation of our parish administration building that provides additional meeting facilities as well as a venue for spiritual and social events. Father John will lead us in the coming years as our parish of 2,000+ families continues to grow and thrive for the honor and glory of God.



Religious Education

Deacon Jerry Turkowski, Director of Religious Education, 287-2801 dre@sjdrparish.org

The religious education program for San Juan Del Rio Parish is based on four guiding principles:

- ✚ To establish and deepen our students personal friendship with Jesus Christ.
- ✚ To teach our students the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church.
- ✚ To reinforce the faith foundation taught in the home and at Mass.
- ✚ To teach Catholic life skills, personal prayer, scripture, sacraments, service, etc.

The Religious Education Program features:

- * Classes run from mid-September through mid-May on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Contact the Religious Education office for specific grade.
- * Sacramental Programs: Reconciliation/First Communion (2nd grade) and Confirmation (8th grade) are mandatory two year programs.
- * Registration begins in August. Please check the website at www.sjdrparish.org/religious_education.htm
- * Persons wanting to volunteer and teach or assist are welcome and encouraged to contact the Religious Education office at 287-2801.

Religious Education Catechists and Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to teach and assist a teacher for grades Pre-K through Confirmation level. Often people have the desire to teach but feel they do not have the knowledge required. This is a great way to increase your knowledge and faith as well. All training and materials are provided.

Opportunities to help in the program on smaller commitment times are also available: Gate Keeper, Prayer Leader, Reception Server, Field Trip Chaperones, Data Entry/Office Work, Shopper, Coupon Clippers,

All volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Clearance on file and proof of attendance at Protecting God's Children.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS provides our young people with a week of fun, games, arts and crafts and religious training to enhance their understanding of Jesus, the Catholic Church, and its teaching. VBS is conducted mid June at SJDR School from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Girls and boys who have completed Pre-K through 5th grade may enroll. The fee for VBS is \$40, which includes snacks and crafts. Registration begins in May. Please check the website at www.sjdrparish.org/religious_education.htm

VBS Volunteers

Adults are invited to teach or assist teachers. Junior and senior high students can earn service hours by assisting as well.

All volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Clearance on file and proof of attendance at Protecting God's Children.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA Program)

Men and women, high school age and upward, desiring to join the Catholic Church are welcome to participate in the RCIA program.

Details include:

- ✚ RCIA classes are conducted from mid-September to the end of May
- ✚ Classes meet in the SJDR School on Sundays from 9:30-10:45am (between the Sunday Morning Masses)
- ✚ There is no fee for the RCIA program. Class materials are provided.
- ✚ Instruction focuses on the history and structure of the Church
- ✚ Scripture, the Mass, Sacraments, personal and group prayer and some basic theology of the Catholic faith as taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- ✚ Catholics desiring to learn more about their faith are always welcome to join us
- ✚ If you would like to participate as a new candidate or to sponsor a new candidate, contact contact Judy Jones at 537-5382 or RCIA@sjdrparish.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Children (RCIA for Children)

The RCIA for Children Program welcomes children in grades 3-8 desiring to join the Catholic Church and to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Details Include:

- ✚ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Children classes run from mid-September to the end of May
- ✚ Classes meet in the SJDR School on Sundays from 9:30-10:45am (between the Sunday Morning Masses)
- ✚ The fee is \$50 for the first child and \$35 for each additional child
- ✚ Registration begins in August. contact Judy Jones at 537-5382 or RCIA@sjdrparish.org
- ✚ Parents are encouraged to participate with their children in this program
- ✚ Children who are not baptized as infants, who have attained the use of reason, are to be prepared for the sacraments of Baptism,
- ✚ Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Children (RCIA for Children)
- ✚ Parents/guardians who home school their children (who are not baptized and have attained the use of reason) are to enroll their children in the RCIA for Children Program
- ✚ These children are to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, in that order, in one single ceremony preferably at the Easter Vigil together with the older catechumens.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Wendy Ryno youth@sjdrparish.org 612-4956

We assist in increasing the faith formation of our children in a fun-filled manner, but at the same time try to accomplish the following:

- ✚ Developing their personal relationship with God.
- ✚ Deepening their sense of belonging in our Catholic community.
- ✚ Increasing their understanding of the Catholic Church.
- ✚ Providing a safe place for friendships.

Junior High (Middle School) Ministry:

Join us for well-planned, exciting games including outdoor sports, indoor sports, movies, story-telling, skits, discussions, and reflection and prayer experiences.

Registration is on-going. There is no fee associated with the meetings. Some events such as retreats, cosmic bowling, mini golf, etc. may require a fee.

High School Ministry:

Our meetings and events are designed to help teens grow in understanding of what it means to be young and Catholic. The evenings provide a place where they can speak openly about their faith through discussions, skits, games, bible study and prayer. Meetings may also include outdoor sports, indoor sports, movies and DJ dances.

Some of the activities in which the Youth Groups have participated in the past year include: Steubenville weekend retreat, Disney's Night of Joy, Souper Bowl of Caring, Youth Rally, Halloween party, Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish, retreats, Breakthrough retreats with the Diocese, Cosmic Bowling and many volunteer service hours to assist other Parish Ministries with their events.

Adult volunteers are welcome. All volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Clearance on file and proof of attendance at Protecting God's Children.

Liturgical Ministries

These are ministries that revolve around our celebration of the Mass, helping to nourish our faith through community prayer.

• Altar Servers

San Juan Del Rio Catholic community welcomes our young people in the ministry of assisting at Mass as Altar Servers. Details include:

- ✚ Girls and Boys in grades 4 or higher and who have received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation.
- ✚ Preparation classes are conducted in the Fall.
- ✚ Students serve Mass about one time each 4-5 weeks, at the Mass of their choice.
- ✚ Contact Fab and Michaela Durnin or sjdraltarservers@gmail.com

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

One who performs the gift of distributing Christ's Body or Blood to the faithful during Communion at Mass or taking Communion to the infirm. A person must be 18 years or older, be in good standing with the Church and have received the sacraments. Please contact Father Tony at 904-287-0519 or frtony@sjdrparish.org information and scheduling.

- **Sacristans**

The sacristan prepares for the celebration of Mass. This includes arranging books needed for the celebration as well as cruets, chalices, ciboria, linens, oils, processional crosses, candles and incense.

Requirements:

- ✚ a registered parishioner
- ✚ 16 years or older
- ✚ wish to serve God

Contact Father Tony at 904-287-0519 or frtony@sjdrparish.org for additional information and training

- **Greeters Ministry**

We welcome parishioners and newcomers to our San Juan del Rio family with a warm "hello" and a friendly smile. We make a special effort to learn names of unfamiliar faces and answer any questions. We are present 30 minutes prior to Mass time wearing our greeter name tags.

Contact Chairperson Antoinette Testa at 287-9958 or betsyross65@comcast.net

- **Lectors**

The liturgy of the word is the Church's proclamation of God's life in us. Members of the parish are invited to share the gifts they have to be good and effective ministers of the word. Please contact Father Tony at 904-287-0519 or frtony@sjdrparish.org for training information. Contact Kathleen Baker at 230-9424 or kaseybaker@att.net for scheduling.

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Our ministry teaches the Word of God on a Children's level. We welcome 4-8 year olds to join us each week at the 11:00 Mass. If you are interested in volunteering or getting more information, contact Jennifer Swain swainx6@att.net or Adrienne Chamberlain nurture3b@yahoo.com

All volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Clearance on file and proof of attendance at Protecting God's Children.

- **Music Ministry**

The music ministry of SJDR is quite diversified. We have a Sunday Choir, Saturday evening Folk Group, Youth Band, cantors and instrumentalists. All you need is to love to sing praise to God!

Sunday Choir:

The choir sings at both the 8:30 am and the 11:00 am Sunday Masses, and on other special occasions. Rehearsals are Thursdays 7-9pm in the Church. Our annual season runs from September through June; with the summer months open for soloists, instrumentals, and duets. If you are a responsible teen or adult that would like to join us by singing or playing an instrument, contact the Director Rocky DiGeorgio at 502-8535 or rocky@rockydigeorgio.com . Short term, seasonal participation is welcome (Lent/Easter, Advent/Christmas, Ordinary season, summer, etc.) Check the parish website for more information. High School Service hours are available. Assist us with music liturgy, even if you don't sing. We can use your help with background projects copying, making folders, preparing schedules and programs, computer work, setting up the choir area, etc. Come for one event or for an entire year! Contact the Director.

Sound Mixers:

The San Juan del Rio Music "Sound Mixing" Ministry is a ministry that ensures the sound in the Church during Mass is adequate for our priests, lectors and music ministry. Volunteers are also needed to mix sound for special events such as Funerals or Weddings. Training is provided – no experience necessary. Sound Mixers should be at their stations 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the assigned Mass to balance sound levels while the music groups are rehearsing and to confer with the Music Director as to specific details for the assigned liturgy. Contact Mary or Shawn Glavin at 287-4433 or mglavin@bellsouth.net.

Folk Group:

Provides music for the Saturday vigil Mass held at 5:15 PM. We would welcome some new voices! Come join us in song! Please contact Anne Marie McDonald at 287-1090 or email jammac11@bellsouth.net. Practice is a requirement and is held most Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 PM as well as each Saturday at 4 PM before Mass.

Youth/Family Mass - Band/Choir:

The Sunday 5 PM Mass is the Youth/Family Mass. We have a band/choir that sings contemporary music at this Mass. All levels of talent are welcome. Please consider joining us. We practice on Tuesday evenings.

For information regarding joining either Youth Group, to join the Band/Choir group or to volunteer please contact the Youth Coordinator at 612-4956 or youth@sjdrparish.org

All adult volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Clearance on file and proof of attendance at Protecting God's Children.

• Ushers

Men, women and youth are needed to volunteer their time for one of the four Masses each week. Duties include greeting parishioners, assist with seating the handicapped and parishioners, taking up weekly collections, selecting bearers for the "offering", guiding Communion lines, distributing bulletins after Mass, straightening the church after Mass, and assisting the Pastor or visiting priest as needed. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to begin your duties. Contact John Hess jmhess@firstcommand.com

Parish School Ministries

• School Volunteers

Ways in which parish volunteers may assist the school:

1. Sports coaches/assistants for baseball, basketball, soccer, cheerleading.
2. Lunchroom monitors (daily 11AM-1PM).
3. Selling SCRIP after Sunday Masses.
4. Library/technology lab class assistants (daily hours vary).
5. Assist with annual golf tournament, and book fairs.

All volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Clearance on file and proof of attendance at Protecting God's Children. Call Janice Clark at 287-8081.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

These ministries help foster faith building in small groups.

• 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - First Friday each month

"Eucharistic Adoration is the most fundamental duty in the life of the Christian. Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration in order that our love may be complete." (John Paul II first encyclical letter (Redemptor Hominis). During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is enthroned in the monstrance, which is placed on the altar.

Please join Our Lord during our 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration that begins after 9:00 am Mass on First Fridays until 9:00 am Mass on First Saturdays. Please contact Wendy LeBlanc 287-8596 or wbleblanc@att.net or Marcia E. Quinlan-Rogero 217-4287 or fishsup@comcast.net

• Catholic Family Fellowship Invites Serving & Helping Support Ministry (F.I.S.H.)

“Catholic Family Fellowship Invites Serving & Helping Ministry provides a support network for mothers, husbands, and children.

Scheduled meetings encourages mothers to grow in their faith through Scripture study, personal and parish-family experiences as well as shared seasonal gatherings and activities which teach Christian love and the sharing of Gospel values through fun activities and parish involvement. “

In the First Fruits Nursery, children encounter a Catholic learning atmosphere which enables them to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially and emotionally in the contents of their faith. Adults are able to increase their knowledge of faith matters through involvement with weekly faith sessions and corporal and spiritual works of mercy incorporated into weekly activities.

Shared and common experiences help build the family's faith along with a loving atmosphere which is the healthy beginning of good Catholic formation.

This ministry hopes that men and women will experience their vocation of marriage as part of God's divine plan and His will for them in family life.

Involved families have realized the Stewardship of Time, Talents and Resources. Family life is truly celebrated through Catholic Family Fellowship Invites Serving and Helping Ministry in the multi-dynamic activities of the mystical body of Christ...the church...the people of God! FIRST FRUITS NURSERY, BIBLE STUDY, MOTHER'S

NIGHT OUT, AND FAMILY NIGHT OUT ALL WELCOME!! Contact Maura England, Scripture Study Facilitator (230-9100); Jo Ann Bianco Jones, First Fruits Nursery (803-6770); Debra Humphrey, Social Services (237-0362)

Christ Renews His Parish or CRHP (pronounced “chirp”)

Christ Renews His Parish (pronounced “chirp”) is really not a ministry. Rather, it is a weekend “experience” and can lead to a closer relationship with Christ and a lifelong formation process in the Catholic faith. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our pastor, the parochial vicar and a team of parishioners attempt to bring the spirit of renewal to the parish.

Four renewal weekends (two for women and two for men) are presented each year in the Spring and Fall. The weekends are held on the parish grounds from Saturday 8:00 AM to Sunday at 4:00 PM. Masses are celebrated on both days and the sacrament of Reconciliation is also offered to participants. This is a wonderful opportunity for new parishioners to meet parishioners and celebrate their faith. It is recommended that participants be at least 25 years of age.

Each year, the entire Christ Renews His Parish community periodically gathers for a Day of Renewal in thanksgiving and fellowship to celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Dates for Christ Renews His Parish events are announced in the bulletin and the parish website. For more information, contact Jack Manilla at CRHP@sjdrparish.org

• Monday Morning Prayer Group

This is a prayerful time to learn and share what God expects from you and how to integrate Christian values into your daily lives. Meetings every Monday at 6:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Contact: Frank Baltes at 287-1428.

• Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation process at San Juan del Rio Parish is designed to encourage and invite the community to seek a closer relationship with God through a variety of programs and conversion experiences both within and outside the parish. Our mission is to evangelize, through word and action, the Gospel message of Christ and prepare members of the community for leadership and discipleship roles throughout their faith journey.

Adult Faith Formation announcements appear regularly in the church bulletin and on the parish website. If you are interested in ongoing programs and formation experiences in Adult Faith Formation, you can register for our email update service at the parish website. If you want to become involved as a catechist or volunteer, call Deacon Jerry Turkowski at the parish office or email aff@sjdrparish.org

Pastoral Care Ministries

- **Eucharistic Traveling Ministry (ETM)**

Members receive the Body of Christ at mass and bring it to Catholics in Westminster Woods who are unable to attend Mass. Members also bring the Body of Christ to the homebound and hospitalized members of our parish when requested. If you are interested in joining this ministry contacts Lina Ortiz at 230-6201 or miguelo129@aol.com . Background checks and fingerprinting required for all volunteers who serve in this ministry. Please contact Jeanette Ghioto for information j.ghioto@sjdrparish.org or 287-0519.

- **Funeral Receptions**

Our goal is to provide a luncheon/reception following funeral services. We furnish the food and beverages, which are served in the parish hall to family members and guests of the deceased. Volunteers set up, serve and clean up. Members of the parish are called upon to donate one dish such as salad, vegetable or dessert to serve 8-10 people. Contact Lynn Coppola at 287-6867.

- **Office Volunteers**

Volunteers assist with various staff functions and special projects throughout the year. Volunteers are needed for clerical duties, large mail outs, stuff inserts into church bulletins, refill pew missals, etc. Those who wish to share their "Time and Talent" can be used here. Call Kathy at the church office, 287-0519.

- **Prayer Network**

San Juan Del Rio is seeking prayer warriors. Pray for others during your time away from church. Take prayer requests to monthly Adoration; remember parish members, ministries and priestly vocations during a rosary, etc. Parishioners may place prayer requests in the Adoration sign up book in the foyer. Or call the office 287-0519

- **Refreshment Ministry**

The refreshment ministry sets up refreshments after Mass (doughnuts, coffee, wine and cheese) and helps clean up afterward. These folks provide a unique opportunity to reach out to new parishioners and foster a community atmosphere. Contact the parish office at 287-0519.

- **Respect Life**

The mission of the Respect Life Ministry is to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. We seek to convert hearts and minds on all life issues, through education, public policy and prayer. If you would like to know more about the Respect Life Ministry at San Juan del Rio please contact Michaela Durnin at durnin@bellsouth.net or 287-5981, or Lily at lknaier@comcast.net, or 230-4126.

- **We Care Ministry**

There are members of our Parish Family who are in need of transportation to and from doctor and testing appointments. If you are in need or know of someone who could use some help, please do not hesitate to call. If you can help with this ministry, please call to volunteer. WE DO CARE!! Contact Toni Bilello at 230-9833 or bltfla@bellsouth.net . Background checks and fingerprinting required for all who serve in this ministry. Please contact Jeanette Ghioto j.ghioto@sjdrparish.org or 287-0519.

- **Welcoming Committee**

This ministry is one of the first that new parishioners might experience in our parish. It begins with a “welcoming” phone call and ends with an invitation to the quarterly Newcomers Luncheon where new parishioners receive a parish information packet, a parish DVD and a chance to meet the parish staff and other newcomers over lunch. Not only do we “welcome” new parishioners, we also very much appreciate anyone interested in helping with this valuable ministry. Contact Deacon Jerry Turkowski at 287-0519 or email aff@sjdrparish.org

- **Fall Festival Committee**

Fall Festival is a 3 day event in November with the entire parish community. The purpose is bringing the community together for fun, fellowship and raising funds for our Church. The core team consists of approximately 20 members who are responsible for key functions of the festival, i.e. selling tickets, parking, set up, sponsorships, etc. Events include rides, midway games, entertainment, food booths, refreshments, café, giant raffle and much more. Planning for the festival begins in early spring. For information or to volunteer contact: De or Sal Santapola at 287-3382 or e-mail saldesanta@gmail.com

- **The Spring Auction Committee**

The Spring Auction is an annual parish and school fundraiser usually held in April or May. It is a formal event with a silent and live auction, dinner and dancing. The evening is a fun way for our community to come together and be united in faith. Volunteers are always welcome and there are many options for helping a lot or a little, before the event or during the event. We start planning in January or February, and have only 4-5 meetings, with most of the work being done at home on your own schedule. Contact us if you are interested: Danielle Anderson (H): 230-7821, (C): 566-7449 danielle.n.anderson1@gmail.com or Jennifer Swain 807-7537 swainx6@att.net

Outreach Ministries

These ministries exist to allow individuals to share their time, talent and treasures through service to others.

- **Angel Tree**

This is a Christmas, parish wide project in which gifts are provided for families in need. An 'Angel Tree' is set up and those wishing to participate choose one or more angels, purchase the suggested items for their angel(s) and return the wrapped gifts to the church by the designated date. Gifts are then sorted and transported to Catholic Charities to be distributed to needy families. Volunteer duties include; assist with sign-up sheets and angel distribution, sort and wrap gifts, load and transport gifts. Time requirement as much time and love that one is willing and able to give. Contact Joyce Svoboda at 287-1117.

- **Disabilities Ministry**

If you are in need of assistance or information regarding programs for persons with disabilities available in the parish or Diocese please contact Joyce Svoboda 287-1117.

- **Financial Peace University**

Financial Peace University is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches families how to make the right money decisions to achieve their financial goals and God's plan for their lives. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth and giving like never before. FPU can be the most important step a family can take in changing their financial future. It is a "Total Money Makeover". It takes the knowledge from God and turns it into real action in our lives through a step-by-step process. On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program. That's an \$8,000 turnaround in their financial picture. What's even better, for families struggling with debt, the average family or household graduating from FPU is able to become debt free – all debt except the house - in 24 – 30 months. Since its inception, more than 1 million families and individuals across America have attended Financial Peace University. Classes run twice a year. For more information contact Mike & Cathy Elison at 708-8629 or email fpu.sjdrparish@att.net or visit FPU at www.daveramsey.com/category/classes and search for the next class by typing in your zip code.

- **Food Collection**

Food for charity is collected throughout the year but especially during the Thanksgiving, Advent/Christmas and Easter holidays. Volunteer duties: To sort and transport items. The time requirement is about 2 hours. Please contact Joyce Svoboda, 287-1117.

- **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is an international, ecumenical, housing ministry in which people join together to provide decent housing for people in need. San Juan del Rio has been very active in the **Habitat for Humanity-St. Johns County/ St. Augustine Affiliate** for almost 10 years.

Through sharing of our time, talents, and treasures, we hope to build for the future; not only for the families housed, but for all of those who participate. It brings alive the Christian tradition of doing as much for others as we do for ourselves. Habitat is not welfare, a give-away, or a federally funded program. The families purchase their own homes, through “sweat equity” and a no interest loan. They have the pride of homeownership through their labor, time, and resources. .

Habitat for Humanity-St. Johns County/St. Augustine, has been growing for over 15 years and built more than 120 homes. SJDR is actively involved in their projects and besides scheduled groups, several parish members’ work on a regular basis.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED- Presently we have been working on an almost monthly basis on Saturdays. Some individuals from our parish also work at specified times during the week. You decide what you can do. There is no set commitment, or pressure. Besides your time and talents, treasures of either material or funds are always welcome. There are programs offering beneficial state tax benefits for businesses that provide the support to build a home. There is always a need for individuals interested in various other activities, not simply the construction tasks. Individuals must be 16 years old to work on the buildings.

Presently the affiliate has its own thrift shop business that showcases excess building materials such as windows, doors, tiles, plumbing and household fixtures at below retail cost. Say “YES” and join us. For more information please contact Jim Mitchell 904-422-5990 or brandnavigator@yahoo.com.

• **I. M. Sulzbacher Center for Homeless People**

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" (Matthew 25:35). SJDR Men’s Club coordinates volunteers to assist with serving dinner to homeless men, women and children approx. four times per year. The service dates are advertised through the church bulletin. Contact Bob Pradella 838-9257.

• **Lenten Crosses**

This is a parish wide project by which various items are collected for disadvantaged mothers and babies. Crosses are chosen, items listed on the crosses are purchased and returned to the church during lent; items are then sorted and transported to where they are needed. Volunteer duties: sort and transport items. Time requirement: about two hours. Contact Joyce Svoboda, 287-1117.

• **Prayer Blanket**

The Prayer Blanket Ministry makes lap sized blankets for people who are either sick or going through extremely difficult times in their lives. These blankets are then presented to the congregation for blessing. Many caring individuals commit to prayer and help with the making of the blankets. The blankets may be made in several ways. Some are crocheted, some are quilted, and some are fleece. Regardless of how they are made, they emanate an enormous gift of love and warmth. Each is a symbol of a faith sharing community's covering of prayer for the individual who receives it. If you can crochet, sew, cut or tie and would like to help in the making of the blankets or you need to get a blanket for someone, please call Sandy Shurr at 904-304-6324 or email sandy@michaelshurr.com. Also any donation would be appreciated.

- **Crochet & Knitting Ministry**

This ministry meets the 3rd Monday of each month at Westminster Woods, building D. Our mission is to provide God's warmth to those in need. We create afghans for the sick and needy. We also create hats for newborns at local hospitals. All babies baptized at San Juan Del Rio receive an afghan. Our gifts reach a wide group including St. Gerard House and Inn Ministry for unwed mothers, hospice and others. If you crochet, knit or would like to learn please join us. Contact Linda Jenkins 886-4570 or Snookie Netting 287-3989. Donations are welcome!

- **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is Catholic lay organization that leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering "PERSON to PERSON" service to those who are needy and suffering. Organized locally (Conferences), Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served, because in them Vincentians see the face of Christ.

Please contact John Donnelly at 287-0519 or svdpsjdr@gmail.com if interested in becoming a Vincentian.

All volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Clearance on file and proof of attendance at Protecting God's Children.

Group Ministries Children

- **Cub Scouts**

Cub scouts at San Juan Del Rio is for boys in the 1st-5th grade and is open to youth of all faiths. Scouting is designed to teach the boys morals, love of God and country, character building, good sportsmanship, respect for himself, others, and the land around him. Our scouting program is centered on family and our faith and offers them the opportunity to earn catholic or other denominational medals awarded by the Bishop of St. Augustine. For information or to sign your son up for cub scouts contacts Jim Bush at 315-3103 or sandib443@aol.com.

- **Boy Scouts**

Boy Scouts at San Juan del Rio is a program for boys of 11 thru 17 years of age and is open to youth of all faiths. The focus of Scouting is learning to be of service to others by practicing the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and Scout Slogan in our daily lives. There are opportunities for participation in service projects several times annually. Meetings are held weekly August –May (June summer camp July day event) and monthly camping events are also included in the schedule. While participating in fun outdoor activities each member will develop life and leadership skills that will be with him his entire life. If you would like to be a Boy Scout, an adult Boy Scout leader, or just volunteer to assist the troop, call Diane Felts at 904-716-1455 or fins110@comcast.net

- **Girl Scouts of America**

Today's Girl Scouts is about building girls of courage, confidence and character. Girls of different age levels (K-8) meet bi-weekly at SJDR School after school or in the evenings. More than just cookies, Girl Scouts provide an opportunity for the girls to strengthen their minds and bodies as well as to serve their community. Parents, join in the fun in this ultimate parent/daughter bonding experience. For more information call Carol McIntyre at 287-0785.

Group Ministries Adult

- **Knights of Columbus Switzerland Council #12664**

World's largest Catholic men's organization with four guiding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Events focused on Faith, Family, Community, Youth and Pro-Life. Major annual events sponsored by K of C at SJDR: Lenten fish fry, fundraising for handicapped children, spelling bee, free throw contest, soccer challenge, essay contest, breakfast with Santa, Palm Sunday and Mother's Day breakfast, Latin Night, Italian Night and Cajun Night Parish dinners, Pro-Life Silver Rose run, Alter Server of the Year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. To join you must be 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic. Our membership ranges from 18 to 80+. Contact Grand Knight Fab Durnin 904-502-3039 durnin@bellsouth.net

- **Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus**

Our primary purpose is to assist our Knights Council's spiritual, charitable, social and fund raising programs. The Ladies Auxiliary helps the Knights achieve their goals through working with them with such activities as the Lenten Fish Fries, Breakfast with Santa, Light Up for Christ and decorating, serving and conducting bake sales. We also host the San Juan Café at the Fall Festival and conduct the Shoppers Holiday Expo for the benefit of our parish. Our annual free ice cream social and charitable donations to our youth and neighbors are also part of our agenda. All ladies of SJDR are invited to join us. You do not have to be related to a Knight to be a member. Our meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall, at 7:00 pm. Contact Joan Hitzges 230-0210 or Joannahitzges@aol.com for more information.

- **Men's Club**

The parish Men's Club promotes Christian fellowship, leverages the diversity of talents and builds partnerships. The Men's Club serves the parish family and our surrounding community through a variety of charitable and service projects such as; feeding the homeless, helping to eliminate substandard housing through Habitat for Humanity, serving the handicapped, fundraising for the parish and school, and parish social events. The Men's Club meets monthly, but welcomes the participation of all men of the parish, no matter how limited their time may be. Contact Andy Betbeze at 230-8350 with email of abetbeze@comcast.net.

- **Women's Club**

A place to meet new friends and share ideas, we are women of the parish joined together in friendship, Catholic fellowship and service to the parish and community. Come join us for fun events such as Bunco nights, dinners out and our Christmas ornament exchange. We host an annual fundraiser, Tricky Tray, our Chinese auction. This event aids our Church as well as provides assistance to other Church ministries. We also enjoy reaching out to our community by sponsoring and participating in a Relay for Life Cancer Walk team here in St Johns County and serving meals to handicap campers at Camp I Am in Marywood. Our meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Your participation, no matter how limited, is welcome. Feel free to contact Susan Fiorentino at 230-9881 or Tina Hiller at hillerjax@att.net .

- **50+ Club**

Socialize, enjoy fun activities, travel and form new friendships in a Catholic atmosphere. Live and share your faith with the most active organization in the parish. Meetings are held monthly, third Tuesday at 7pm. Contact Toni Bilello at 904-230-9833 or bltfla@bellsouth.net for additional information.

- **Handmaids of the Lord**

We are a group eight ladies who launder the corporals, purificators and the cloths for the credence table. You may join us by calling Mary Ann O'Meara at 287-0460 or email bittylou@att.net

- **Angel Dusters Ministry**

These groups of dedicated women, men and children have taken on the challenge of keeping our beautiful church clean and organized. The group is divided into sub groups that meet at the church every other Thursday and every other Friday. They are responsible for cleaning the altar, all window sills, and statues, both of the sacristies, the cry room, windows, the Baptismal Font and the confessionals. They also vacuum and steam clean the pews and organize the song books. If you are interested in joining this Ministry, please contact Beth Stuebgen at 230-2666 or iambeth@comcast.net.

- **Volunteer Lawn Team**

Every Friday and Saturday mornings teams of parishioners come together to mow the lawn and trim the hedges and maintain the flower beds. If you would like to become a member of this very valuable team, please contact Howard Glavin hglavin@earthlink.net for the Friday crew or Max Bass Max@efleaelectric.com for the Saturday mowing teams or Cleo Bass plantlife.cleo@gmail.com to Adopt a Flower Bed or just join us on Saturday morning at 8am on our campus.

Advisory Ministries

- **Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council is an advisory committee to the Pastor. The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to develop a vision of the parish that reflects the mission of the Church established by Jesus Christ. Contact Father John Tetlow.

- **Parish Advancement Committee**

The Parish Advancement Committee works with the pastor in developing strategies to provide for the short term and long term goals of the parish. Contact Michael Boylan boylanmt6ms@bellsouth.net

- **Finance Council**

The finance committee, in accordance with Canon Law, is selected by the Pastor. Their work on the council should be considered a ministry with a commitment to stewardship. Members should be knowledgeable in business management, planning and budgeting. Meetings are held at the request of the Pastor. If you believe that you have a calling for this ministry, contact Father John Tetlow.

- **School Board**

The School Board is an advisory body that assists the Pastor and the school Principal in the governance of the parish school. In addition to providing consultation in matters such as long and short range planning, school policy, and facilities, the School Board advances the well being of the school through its five standing committees.

1. Development: Implements fundraising initiatives on behalf of the school.
2. Facilities: Develops and monitors the maintenance and improvement plan for the building and grounds.
3. Publicity & Marketing: Promotes the excellence of the school.
4. Recruitment: Identifies and contacts prospective families about enrollment in the school.

Each of these committees would gladly welcome the active support of other members of the parish. For more information on how you may support this vital parish asset as a member of one of the standing committees, please contact school Principal Mr. Lou Pereira 287-8081.

Diocese of St. Augustine Programs

The Diocese of St. Augustine has many programs, retreats, activities and resources available throughout the year.

• **Diocesan Marriage Renewal**

The Diocesan Marriage Renewal experience is designed to renew and revitalize Marriages. The Marriage Renewal Weekend is Catholic in its theology of marriage as a Sacrament of the Church, but couples of all faiths can benefit from it and are encouraged to attend. Weekend experiences are held periodically at Marywood Retreat Center. Day experiences are held at parishes throughout the Diocese. For dates and upcoming weekends look to your bulletin or contact John or Tina Morrissey @ 744-6843.

• **Engaged Encounter/ Pre Cana**

Preparation programs designed to help couples who plan to marry and discuss the multitude of factors that affect marriage. The goal is to stimulate the engaged couple to talk honestly and intensely with each other on all aspects of married life.

Below is a brief listing to aid you in getting information on these programs. Additional listings are available on the Diocese of St. Augustine web site, www.dosafl.com

Catholic Relief Services/Office of Catholic Charities	904-899-5500
Center for Family Life	904-308-7474
Charismatic Renewal Center	904-824-2806
Cursillo	904-910-6646
Diocese of St. Augustine/Catholic Center	904-262-3200
Marywood Retreat Center & Camp St. John	904-287-2525
Youth and Young Adult Ministries	904-262-3200

*Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the
Kingdom!
The Gospel assures good stewards
that their suffering and their service
on behalf of the Kingdom
will be rewarded!*