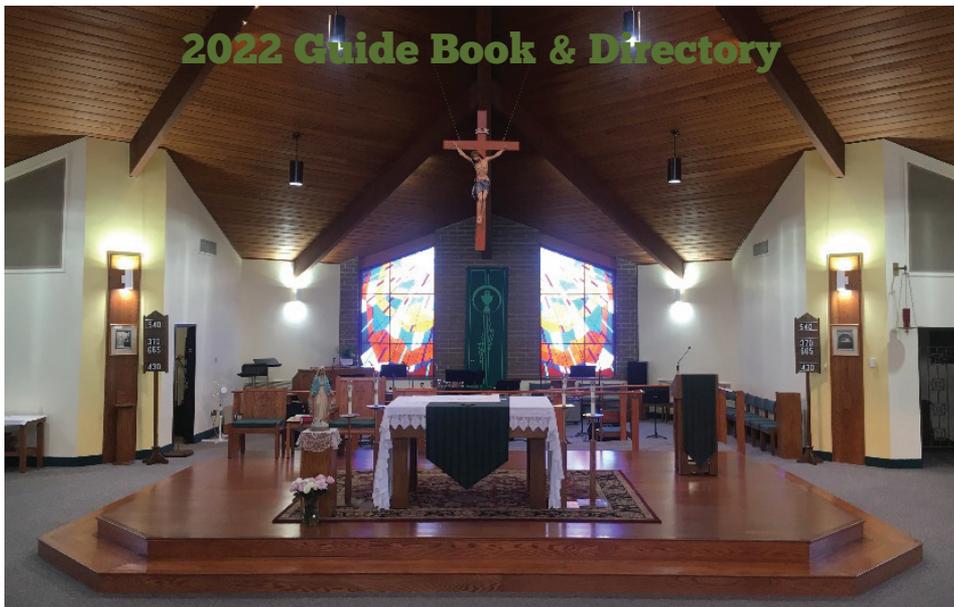


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# ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH

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## **Call to Action**

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### **Statement of Mission**

Together as members of Saint John Neumann Parish  
We share in the mission of Christ: to bring about God's kingdom.

We join together in relationship with God and  
one another in the Church.

We are called to be disciples; therefore, we listen to God's Word  
and we learn what God is calling us to do in today's world.

We celebrate God's presence in our lives and in the world.

We celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and all the  
sacraments through which we praise, thank and worship God.

We recognize what God is doing in our world.

We seek to share in that work and be a source of enthusiasm and  
hope for living a deeper and more meaningful Christian life.

By giving help, sharing wealth, and promoting justice,  
we take care of each other in our parish,  
reach out to others in our wider community,  
and respond to what is happening in our world.

We teach and proclaim the message of Christ,  
making Christ known in this place and throughout the world.

## Pastoral Staff

Pastor beginning July 1, 2022..... Father Peter St. George  
Deacon..... Ron Risch..... rrisch@sjnews.org  
Pastoral Associate, Business Manager  
..... Mandy McNett..... mmcnett@sjnews.org  
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## Sacramental Celebrations

### Sunday Eucharist

#### St. John Neumann Church

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### Corpus Christi Church

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

#### St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Daily Eucharist

Mass is celebrated on Wednesday and Friday's at 8:30 a.m. at St. John Neumann Church, on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi Church, and on Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. Please consult the weekly bulletin for changes to this schedule based on the school Mass schedule and other factors.

### Holy Days of Obligation

A schedule for Masses on Holy Days of Obligation, Solemnities, and Feasts of the Church is listed in the weekly bulletin and Neumann News, our newsletter.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 5:00-5:45 p.m. at Corpus Christi, Sunday, 3:00-3:30 p.m. before 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Neumann, and Wednesday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist. If these times are inconvenient for you, please call the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office at 513-742-0953 well in advance of your desired date to schedule the celebration. For children, ages 7-16, please see RCIC on page 8 under Sacramental Preparation.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples preparing for marriage in the Church should contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding day to begin the preparation process.

### **Sacrament of Holy Orders**

[www.cincinnati vocations.org](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org) or [catholicaoc.org](http://catholicaoc.org)

## **Our New Logo**

The parish logo was redesigned in 2019. There are five parts to the logo, each representing who we are called to be as a parish community. The **open book** depicts the Word of God, which is open to all. We are called to be an open and welcoming presence. The **sun (Son)** reminds us that we meet Jesus here in our midst. The Son of God is the light, and we are called to reflect this light to the world. The **crucifix** points to Jesus' life, Passion, death, and Resurrection, by which we are saved. We are called to serve others as Jesus did. The top of the cross is shaped into a bishop's mitre, symbolizing our loyalty to the Catholic Church and recognizes our patron saint, who was a bishop. The **crucifix on the sun** evokes the Eucharist, by which we become the Body of Christ, attracting new disciples. Our **parish initials** at the bottom are the foundation of the logo, representing the ways we support one another.



# **Saint John Neumann**

John Neumann, as a student for the priesthood in Bohemia, dreamed of log cabins and Conestoga wagons in America. He yearned to be a missionary to these developing states. So much so, that when he was 25, he crossed the Atlantic before his ordination. After his ordination by Bishop Dubois of New York, he started his ministry in the wild territory surrounding Niagara Falls, where he built many churches and was known for his love of children. Through the following years he ministered and preached in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Ohio, serving in the Cincinnati archdiocese in 1841, and was named Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As the head of the Church of Philadelphia, he built seventy churches—with a school in almost every parish—in less than eight years! Bishop John Neumann was the pioneer promoter of the Catholic school system in America. He established the first church in America for Italian-speaking people and founded the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. At age 48 he collapsed in the street and died, worn out from his labors. The Holy See pronounced his virtues heroic, and in 1977 officially listed his name among the canonized saints: the first U.S. bishop, priest, or man to receive this honor. Our patron saint's feast day is January 5.

## **Parish History**

St. John Neumann Parish was established on February 1, 1978. In the beginning, our parish worshipped at John Wesley United Methodist Church, Welch Elementary School, Pleasant Run Golf Course clubhouse, and a storefront in Woodfox Center until the dedication of the church building on May 17, 1985. From 1980 to 2008 we shared a consolidated school with St. Bartholomew and Corpus Christi parishes. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, we joined with St. John the Baptist and Corpus Christi parishes to form a Pastoral Area School. Our most recent focus has been continued faith-filled worship, intergenerational faith formation, and incorporation of our youth into parish life. In 1999, the church gathering space was renovated with a new tile floor and baptismal font suitable for immersion. A parish pastoral center was constructed in February 2000 with staff offices, youth room, music rehearsal room and lower level for future growth. In November 2000, the nave was renovated with new chairs, carpeting, lighting and sound systems to provide seating on all sides of the altar. We have been blessed with these pastors: Rev. Jesse Lonsway, Rev. Patrick Duffy, Rev. Robert Waller, Rev. Thomas Feldhaus, Rev. Steven Kolde, Rev. Kyle Schnippel and Bishop Emeritus Joe Binzer. Our pastor beginning July 1, 2022 is Rev. Peter St. George.



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## Parish Communications

**Sunday Bulletin:** The weekly bulletin has a Monday, 10:00 a.m. deadline. Items for the bulletin should be submitted in writing to the parish office one week prior to publication. Items are published on a “space available” basis.

**Newsletter:** Our newsletter, the NEUMANN NEWS, is mailed to the home of every family who has formally registered. The NEUMANN NEWS is published approximately four times a year. If you have an article for the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953. Articles are published on a “space available” basis and all articles may not be published.

**Website:** Our parish website, [www.sjnews.org](http://www.sjnews.org), can be checked for news and information, the weekly bulletin, our latest newsletter, and recent parish photos. Daily and Sunday Masses are live streamed on our website.

## Worship

**Worship Commission:** The Worship Commission is responsible for the recruitment, training, formation, scheduling, and evaluation of all liturgical ministers. The commission helps to prepare the community for worship, prepare the worship space for liturgical seasons, and to catechize the assembly about liturgy. The commission advises the Director of Liturgy & Music and Pastor about issues related to the liturgical life of the parish.

Membership consists of the coordinators of each liturgical ministry and additional at-large members from the parish community.

For more information, or if you are interested in getting involved, contact Pat Bergen, Chairperson, at 513-829-7694 or David Morand, Director of Liturgy & Music, at 513-742-0953 ext. 102 or [dmorand@sjnews.org](mailto:dmorand@sjnews.org).

# Liturgical Ministries

**Deacons:** We are grateful for the service of our deacons in our community, particularly at liturgy. Deacon's minister during the liturgy as ministers of the Gospel and of the Eucharist.

## Music Ministry

Music has a powerful way of speaking to the soul, and in liturgical music the words and sounds of the music need to say, "You're in God's house now and you are here to be with Him, worshipping, praying, giving thanks, and leaving the world behind." Our music ministry strives to live this out through the purpose of Sacred Music: the glorification of God, and the sanctification and edification of the faithful."

We have several groups involved in the ministry:

**The Contemporary Group:** an ensemble currently composed of guitars, piano and singers which provides music for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

**The Music Ensemble:** a group currently composed of guitars, piano and singers which provides music for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday Mass every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:45-8:00 p.m.

**The Choir:** sings for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For any questions or if interested in joining the music ministry, contact David Morand, Director of Liturgy & Music, at 513-742-0953, ext. 102, or [dmorand@sjnews.org](mailto:dmorand@sjnews.org).

**Mass Coordinators:** Coordinators help organize the liturgical ministers and items needed for liturgy in advance of our celebrations. Contact Dave Stentz, Coordinator, at 513-851-1604.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Assist with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass and help bring Communion to the sick and homebound during the week. Participants in this ministry must be initiated through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Contact Deacon Ron Risch, at 513-378-3732.

**Sacristans:** Care for the materials we use during liturgies and help prepare items needed for liturgy. Contact Ev Krishock, Coordinator, at 513-829-7378.

**Ushers & Greeters:** Greet those coming to worship with us at Liturgies, help seat the assembly, take up the collection, care for the immediate needs of the people, help with the flow of the Communion procession and distribute bulletins and handouts at the doors as the assembly leaves. The welcome they extend serves as a warm invitation to all worshippers. Contact Mario Orosa, Usher Coordinator, at [mario.rosa@gmail.com](mailto:mario.rosa@gmail.com). Contact Parish Office for Greeter Information, at 513-742-0953.

**Lectors:** Proclaim the Word of God, and read the call to worship, petitions, announcements, and other texts at liturgy. Contact Pat Bergen, Coordinator, at 513-829-7694.

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:** This worship experience is for children from the age of four until the time of their first reception of Eucharist. See the bulletin for exact schedule.

The children are sent forth from the nave to Our Lady's Chapel where they worship together, hearing the Word proclaimed from the Lectionary for Masses with Children and a reflection given by a lay presider, and sharing in song and prayer with one another, in a child friendly atmosphere.

Ministers are needed to preside, lead singing, and proclaim the Word. Contact Kaitlyn Siebenaller, Coordinator, at 513-885-4236.

**Servers:** Servers assist the presider and deacon during Mass. Any adult, teen, or youth (4th grade or older) may be a server. Training will be provided. Contact Jessica Flamm, Coordinator, at 513-213-7226.

**Art & Environment:** Plan the decor for and coordinate the decoration of the worship space for the various Liturgical seasons. Contact Maribeth Jensen, Coordinator at 513-742-9693.

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## Children's Faith Formation

The formation of our children and youth is an active ministry of our whole parish community. On one level this occurs through the catechetical nature of the Sunday Mass. This formation also occurs when our beliefs are reflected in our home lives, as well as our being involved in the life of our Catholic community. Therefore, our expectation is that all of our families be active in the life of the parish, which includes regular participation in Sunday Eucharist.

### Catholic Elementary

**St. John the Baptist School** is a Pastoral Area School for St. John the Baptist, Corpus Christi, and St. John Neumann Parishes. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, SJB is providing a quality Catholic education for our children. New families to St. John Neumann Parish or the elementary school program should contact the Principal at St. John the Baptist school office, 513-385-7970, for information about registration and the programs available for grades K-8 and pre-school.

For information about parish policies, parish sponsorship, and tuition, please contact Mandy McNett at the Parish Office, 513-742-0953 ext. 101 or [mmcnett@sjnews.org](mailto:mmcnett@sjnews.org).

**Religious Education School (RES):** Formal religious education classes are offered for all students in grades 1-8 who are attending public schools.

### Sacramental Preparation

**RCIC (Children):** Children age 7 or above who have not been baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian tradition, are prepared for Initiation into the Catholic Church through the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through this process the children are prepared for Baptism (if not already baptized), Confirmation, and their first celebration of Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Parish Office for a specific formation plan for your child at 513-742-0953.

**First Eucharist:** Children baptized in the Catholic faith receive immediate preparation for their first reception of Eucharist occurs ordinarily during their second-grade year. We currently have two options for the preparation for the sacrament. The first option we have consists of four prep sessions and a mini retreat, all of which a parent and their child are to attend together. Option two would be home schooling and attending the retreat. The celebration of First Eucharist takes place during the parish Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

**First Reconciliation:** Children receive instruction about the Sacrament of First Reconciliation prior to their reception of First Eucharist in second grade. We currently have two options for the preparation for the sacrament. The first option involves three prep sessions and a mini retreat, all of which a parent and their child are to attend together. Option two would be home schooling and attending the retreat. The communal sacramental preparation ordinarily takes place in the fall during the students' second grade. Students celebrate their First Reconciliation during a Communal Reconciliation Service or at the discretion of the parent. Please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

## Youth Ministry

**Eucharistic Adoration** is a sacred time to visit with our friend Jesus. We gaze upon Him with love, while also receiving spiritual strength and encouragement from our Savior. Weekly adoration occurs every Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Chapel. On the Fifth Sunday of the month, adoration occurs from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel and includes education and music. At 8:00 p.m., we conclude with our middle school and high school students leading the congregation in prayer. Please see the bulletin for details. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

**Kid's Ministry:** Kid's Ministry is a youth ministry program for third, fourth and fifth grade students. We meet monthly. Meetings include crafts, education and prayer time. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

**Confirmation:** Young people who have been baptized in the Catholic faith and participate in the Eucharist are given immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during their 8th grade year. This preparation is a process that includes preparation sessions, a one-day retreat, and a sponsor/candidate supper. It is also expected that the candidate will actively work with a sponsor, and that they will be involved in service. Towards the end of the sacramental preparation process the candidates will engage in an interview with a member of the pastoral staff.

The Sacrament is celebrated typically during the Easter season. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

**Middle School and High School Youth Ministry:** Middle School Ministry meets once a month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room on a Wednesday evening. These meetings revolve around discussing faith, life, and having fun. High School Youth Ministry meets every Sunday during the school year from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. During these meetings, we talk about our faith as well as issues in our culture that can help or hinder us. Additional service and team building opportunities are offered during the school year.

**High School Youth Ministry** takes part in Steubenville Youth Conference during the summer. The Youth and Youth Minister are responsible for holding fundraising/preparation events. To find out what is happening next in middle school/high school youth ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

**High School Confirmation:** Any high school student who has not yet been confirmed, but would like to be, should contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953. High school confirmation candidates are usually confirmed with the eighth-grade confirmation candidates.

**Youth Ministry Adult Leaders and Chaperones:** One of the keys to effective youth ministry is the involvement of caring, faith filled adults. Adults serve as leaders of service projects, middle school events, and high school events. Other adults help serve as coordinators of special events. Finally, lots of adults are needed to serve as chaperones for events off of the parish property. If you are interested in finding out more about serving as an ongoing or an occasional volunteer in youth ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953. Training and support will be provided as needed for all volunteers.

**College/Young Adult Ministry:** College students (especially those who stay in town) are encouraged to volunteer with our other ministries. In addition, a monthly meeting with dinner and catechesis is offered with social events during school breaks. Please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

## Adult Formation

**Parental Preparation for Infant Baptism:** Expectant or new parents who will be presenting an infant to the community for baptism are requested to attend a one-hour baptismal preparation program. To register for this preparation session, please contact Cindy Fuerbacher in the Parish Office, 513-742-0953, ext. 100 or at cfuerbacher@sjnews.org.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Each year our parish brings persons to full membership in the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is a process of the Church that invites, welcomes, and forms persons in the Catholic faith. If interested in participating in this ministry, if you have questions about the Catholic faith, or if you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

**Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults:** Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic faith and have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, but for whatever reason have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation receive preparation to receive the Sacrament in one-on-one sessions. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

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**Scripture Study:** Small groups meet to study the Bible and to break open the meaning of the Scriptures in their lives. For more information about study groups and meeting times, contact Dottie Foster in the Parish Office, 513-742-0953, ext. 106 or at [edassist@sjnews.org](mailto:edassist@sjnews.org).

**Welcoming Catholics Home:** This program runs two sessions each year, one in the winter and one in the spring. It is designed for those who grew up in the Catholic faith but then strayed away later in life. It is a time of fellowship and learning. We welcome anyone to attend who has questions about the Church, or who has struggled with their faith. Contact the Parish Office at 513-742-0953.

## Caring Ministries

**Casserole Committee:** Provides meals on a short-term basis to families in times of crisis, such as, serious illness or injury. If interested in preparing a meal, contact Cindy Fuerbacher at the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 100.

**Outreach to Those in Need:** Each week five percent (5%) of our Sunday offering is set aside for our Corpus Christi/St. John Neumann St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Persons who have financial need in our parish or outreach questions are to contact Mandy McNett in the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 101, or [mmcnett@sjnews.org](mailto:mmcnett@sjnews.org).

**Community Outreach Program:** It is the mission of the St. John Neumann Parish Community Outreach Program to provide light load manual labor to those in our parish and the community at large that are in need of assistance with minor projects. This initiative is designed to assist those in need as well as to provide an opportunity for willing volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or if you are in need of assistance, please contact Cindy Fuerbacher in the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 100.

**Corpus Christi/St. John Neumann St. Vincent de Paul Conference:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization for men and women that helps those in need. We are not a social service agency. We are a person-to-person Catholic ministry whose members see “the face of Christ” in the faces of those who are in need of assistance. We help families and individuals who may have limited incomes and are having problems paying their rent, water or utilities as well as finding other resources to help them maintain or regain their independence.

The society brings people together to fulfill their spiritual need to be involved with a ministry that goes to the heart of Christ’s teaching to love and care for our neighbor. For more information contact Rich and Julie Bauer at 513-851-0221.

**Home Communion to the Sick/Homebound:** The role of a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound is to bring Holy Communion to the homes of parishioners who are not capable of attending the Sunday Liturgy. Holy Communion is provided to area Nursing Home residents. To serve as a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound or to ask for one to visit you, please contact Cindy Fuerbacher at the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 100.

**Prayer Support:** A group of parishioners willing to stand in prayer for those in need. Prayer requests are called into the parish office and the members of the prayer support group are notified. If interested in becoming part of the prayer group, contact Cindy Fuerbacher at the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 100.

## Administrative

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Shares the responsibility of maintaining the quality of life in the parish community with the pastor and the parish staff. It offers guidance and counsel and input to the pastor as the goals, objectives and priorities of the parish are established. This is accomplished through evaluating present programs, determining parish needs and responsibilities and developing recommendations for the pastor and staff. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. The Chair and Co-Chair for the 2021-2022 year are Gary Behling and Angela Dengel.

**Facilities Committee:** Provides for the care and upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds. If interested in helping, contact Neal Gellenbeck at 513-858-2241.

**SJN Festival Committee:** Our festival is held Labor Day weekend. Many individuals & organizations host their own booths, but there is always a spot for another volunteer; someone to chair, or at least manage a booth for a few hours during the weekend. If you would like to learn more about the festival, or would like to be involved in this activity, please call the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 100.

**Finance Council:** Reviews the finances of this community and provides counsel to the pastor and Pastoral Council regarding the annual budget, reviews policy and procedures, and makes recommendations. Members are appointed with input from the council members. Contact Mandy McNett at the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 101 or [mmcnett@sjnews.org](mailto:mmcnett@sjnews.org).

## Organizations

**Men's Society:** The Men's Society supports the general welfare of the parish through numerous social and fundraising events. All men of the parish age 19 and over are encouraged to join. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in Daniel Hall. Attend the next meeting to sign up and join in the camaraderie of this hard-working, fun-loving group. If interested in joining this organization, contact Neal Gellenbeck at 858-2241.

**Women's Organization:** A group of women committed not only to the spiritual and physical development of our parish, but also to the surrounding community. It is a busy year filled with many events such as, Christmas Baskets, Game Night, Ladies Retreat, and many other activities which help to fund many parish and needy organizational programs. Monthly meetings offer a wide range of activities and opportunities. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this organization, contact Gena Sheets at 513-616-8870 or Julie Sheets at 513-200-9788.

**Primetimers:** A group of people over fifty-five years of age who gather to enjoy each other's company and offer mutual support and friendship. They include a broad variety of backgrounds: single, couples, working and retired. A variety of lunches, dinners, and events are planned throughout the year. If interested, contact Cindy Fuerbacher at the Parish Office at 513-742-0953, ext. 100 or cfuerbacher@sjnews.org.

**Knights of Columbus:** This is an organization of Catholic Men whose works are founded on four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. It is a council jointly formed by men of Corpus Christi and St. John Neumann parishes. For more information you may contact Grand Knight, Ken Meister at 513-260-6075 or kmeister66@gmail.com.



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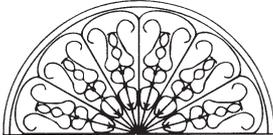
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