

St. John Neumann Parish Virtual Fall Walk 2025

Join us for an exciting 8-week Virtual Pilgrimage from Gdansk, Poland to Rome

Once again, we will be doing a **virtual** walk this fall. We will **start** the walk on Monday **9/22/2025** and the final week will **end** on Sunday, **11/16/2025**. The walk is virtual because participants engage in individual or family activities of moderate or greater intensity during the week and then report those miles to the tour guide. The tour guide counts up the total miles walked and then reports online the total distance covered for the week and the places visited as a result of everyone's efforts. You will report miles on the Sunday that ends each week or Monday at the latest, preferably by email. If you miss a week just include those miles in your next report. Your final report of your miles will be due no later than 11/20/2024. Maps will be included in the weekly reports so you can follow our progress!

Anyone of any age can participate; and anyone can read the weekly reports online of our adventures, even if you are not participating! Moderate or greater intensity activity is not just walking briskly, but also such activities as riding a bike, swimming, dancing, exercise class, etc. Each 20 minutes of moderately or greater intensive activity counts as 1 mile. Participants record their mileage for each week and report it to the Tour Director's e-mail (kscharer@bellsouth.net). Children and youth can participate, so your children can contribute miles from the sports they play and gym classes. We encourage you to check the Church website (www.stjohnneumannsc.com), and look for the Virtual Walk picture to click on. Weekly reports will be uploaded, please remember reports take time to be written.

Also, there will be a map on the Bulletin Board in Gillen Hall that shows our progress, and the weekly report as well. We will have a drop box at the church for those of you without email. If you would like a weekly email reminder to report your miles, I will be glad to provide one. Please note that reminders are not meant to make you feel guilty if you don't have any miles in each week. Even your tour director has times when getting miles in is difficult!



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This fall we will walk from Gdansk Poland, seeing places such as the Black Madonna in Czestochowa, Poland, continue through the Czech Republic, Austria and into Italy where we will traverse the western shores of Italy, see some places we haven't visited before and then arrive in Rome where we will visit the four Papal Basilicas, entering each through the Jubilee of Hope Holy Doors.