

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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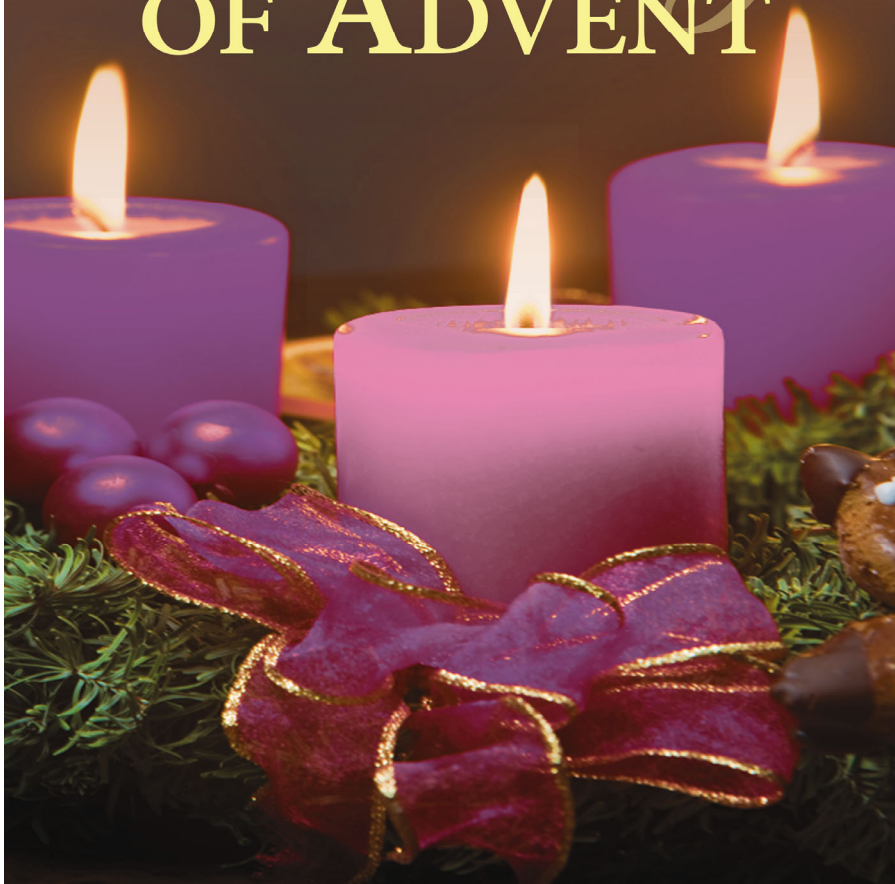
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Visit:
900 S. Littler
Edmond, OK 73034



DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to be faithful, caring, enthusiastic disciples. We build up the Kingdom of God by worshipping and praising Him, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and witness, giving loving service to our neighbor and strengthening the parish community.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

24 hours a day/7 days a week
See p. 3 for details

MASS TIMES

Saturday

Vigil, 4:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:30 am* 11:30 am*, 5:30 pm

* child care available, incense

Daily & Holy Days

See "Mass Intentions" on p. 2

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Penance

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm

Friday 4:00-5:00 pm

Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 405-340-0691

Emergencies call 405-340-0691

Baptism Prep

Parish_Office@stjohn-catholic.org

Matrimony

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance

MUSIC FOR WEEKEND OF DEC. 13–14, 2025

Entrance Hymn G568 – Rejoice, the Lord is King

Scripture Readings & Responsorial Psalm G997

Offertory Hymn G421– Savior of the Nations, Come

Communion Hymn G395– O Come, O Come, Emanuel

Communion Hymn G420 – Creator of the Stars of Night

Post-Communion Hymn – Soul of My Savior (Front of Hymnal)

Recessional Hymn G418 – On Jordan's Bank

PRAYER REQUESTS

Due to space limitations, names are removed from prayer list after three months. If you wish to have a name added, please contact parish_office@stjohn-catholic.org or 405-340-0691.

Cindy Alexander	Betty Vagedes
Sherry Alexander	Lisa Voegeli
Jo & Dennis Askew	Grant Waters
Betty	Mary Weber
Allison Buechner	Tasha Wessel
Curtis & Barbara Brakke	Jewel Widner
Teresa Brestel	Wilder Wright
Deacon George Butterfield	Cheryl Zehrung
Robert Cary	* New this week
Erin Clemente	
Robert (Bob) Cox	
Lane & Megan Davenport	
Margaret Diamon *	
Lavetta Fields	
Jim & MaryAnne Forsythe	
Justin Gilliam	
Jessica Hargesheimer *	
Jacquelyn Hicks	
David Hodge	
Karen Hommen-Roddy	
Marie Jacobs Family	
Matt Jacobs	
Jessica Jameson	
Jeremy & Family	
Joey	
Jessie Johnson	
Sandy Jones	
Kathy Kaaiohelo	
Kerwin Family	
Ruth King	
Liz Laska	
Marty Lockman	
David & Leonora Lutgring *	
Allie Martzen	
Angie Mayfield	
Joyce Deburgh-Mensah	
Martha & Mike Minnis	
Patrick Mitchell	
Jeanna Padilla	
Nita Roberts	
Sharon Roles	
Susan Scherm	
Laura L. Scott	
Robert Sellers	
Bonni Sherwood	
Pattey Steadman	
James & Marie Steichen	
Marie Stephenson	
Tate Family	
Sarah Tisdale	

Eucharistic Adoration

Pink indicates an urgent need.

"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory."
-St. Padre Pio



Day	Hour
Monday	2 am & 6 am
Tuesday	4 am & 4 pm
Wednesday	1 am
Thursday	3 am
Friday	1 am, 2 am, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm & 11 pm
Saturday	12 am, 2 am, 3 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm & 11 pm
Sunday	12 am, 1 am, 5 am, 6 am, 1 pm, 4 pm & 8 pm

Contact Janet Barresi to sign up at
(405) 590-4797 or janetbarresi@mac.com



Deceased Loved Ones

If you have a relative who has died recently whose death/funeral you would like included in the bulletin, please let us know by emailing communications@stjohn-catholic.org.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Diane Alexa Smart Stuckart
Jackie Hicks

ADMINISTRATION

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Parish Offertory

Weekly Collection (11/24 – 11/30/25)	\$55,166.47
FY 26 Year to Date Collection	1,613,530.66
FY 25 Year to Date Collection	1,473,378.54
FY 26 Collection Budget	3,744,000.00

Poor Box/Samaritan House

Weekly Collection (11/24 – 11/30/25)	\$2,608.16
FY 26 Year to Date Collection	93,508.88
FY 25 Year to Date Collection	97,095.49
FY 26 Poor Box Budget	230,000.00

The most recent Giving Report is unavailable due to an early bulletin submission deadline from our publisher.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Weekend of November 30, 2025

White Envelope — Weekly Offering

Purple Envelope — provides tuition assistance for our parishioners who attend Bishop McGuinness and Mount St. Mary Catholic High Schools

Red Envelope — provides tuition assistance to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

Catholic Charities Campaign



Free Quilt Give-Away

The St. Theresa's Quilt Guild is giving away a quilt this weekend, December 13-14. The quilt was lovingly made by the St. Theresa Quilt Guild. Each household/family may enter one time. Drop in your entry in the Gathering Space before or after Mass. We will hold the drawing on Monday, December 15 and notify the winner to arrange pick up of the quilt.



Altar Server Training

Dates are TBD for our next altar server training sessions. In the meantime, if you have a student in 5th grade or above who is interested in being trained for this ministry, the first step is to sign them up on the church website. The pathway is **Worship >> Be a Part of the Mass >>**

Altar Servers >> Sign up for Next Training. If you have questions about the ministry, please call Ann Sorrels at (405) 834-5906 or email altarserversjb@gmail.com.



**WE HAVE 5 CHRISTMAS
MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S**

Christmas Eve

**4 pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm &
Midnight**

Christmas Day

10 am



Charitable Donations for Taxes

The 2025 Tax Year ends at midnight on Wednesday, December 31. In order for any donations to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School to be considered a 2025 charitable donation, it must be made and received/or postmarked before midnight on December 31, 2025. If you are planning to drop your donation off at the Parish Office, please do so by 11 am on December 31. Contributions can always be made online at <https://onrealm.org/stjohncatholic/-/form/give/Churchcontribution>.



New Parish Office Hours

In an effort to better serve our congregation, our parish office hours will be changing beginning Monday, January 5. We will remain open during lunch to allow parishioners time to come during their own lunch hour to take care of any business or pastoral needs. Be sure to contact who you need ahead of time if you need to speak to a particular staff member. Our new hours will be:

Monday–Thursday 8 am–4:30 pm

Friday 8 am–2 pm

We will not close for lunch.

Bulletin and Email Content Submissions should be directed to communications@stjohn-catholic.org by noon on Thursday (10 days before Sunday.) Submissions are accepted as space permits and are subject to editing. Graphics will be created if space permits.



SAMARITAN HOUSE

42 E. 9th Edmond, OK
Open Monday- Friday
9:00 am—12:00 pm
samhouse@stjohn-catholic.org
405-216-7554

Please drop off donations in the bin marked Samaritan House in the closet in the Commons. Do not leave items on the porch as animals get them and we are not able to use your donation.

Do you or someone you know need assistance with food or utilities? St. John's Samaritan House is here to help. Call or come by!

Current Needs:

canned meat, fruit or vegetables (canned)

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StJohn Edmond



YouTube



Greeters Needed

Are you a social person? Do you like meeting new people? Do you have a

servant's heart? Then consider joining the Greeter/Hospitality Ministry. We are in need of people JUST LIKE YOU! Contact the parish office or call Richard Baker at 707-330-3979 for more information.

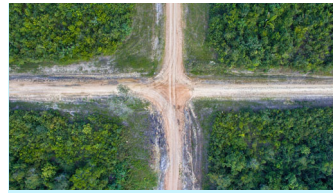


Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for a sole intention of Fr. Novak, Fr. Jones, and Fr. Manti—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

We want to pray especially for the physical, mental and spiritual health of Archbishop Coakley & all priests in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, that they may be filled with grace constantly as they pour out so much for our parish communities. Will you answer the call? If interested in SSA, Contact Nadine Kushnir (405) 615-0915.

One Holy Hour—One Priest—Each Week—One Heart of Prayer



Spiritual Direction at St. John's

Spiritual Direction is a process guided by the Holy Spirit in which two people enter into a unique conversation. The Spiritual Director is trained to

listen in a particular way to hear where God is present and acting in the life of another. The primary focus of Spiritual Direction is on a person's experience of God, often occurring in prayer, but not limited to times of formal prayer. Spiritual Direction is most concerned with helping a person with his or her relationship with God. If you are interested in Spiritual Direction to deepen your own personal relationship with Jesus, reach out to Erin Snow at esnow@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 340-0691.



Every Wednesday

10 am-1 pm in the Great Hall

TimeOut loves to celebrate the Christmas Season. Come join us

this week in the Great Hall for a special Christmas Party and Potluck Feast. Please bring dishes to share that are large enough to accommodate 12 servings. Enjoy great fellowship and a meal with delicious main dishes prepared by our very own kitchen elves. Santa Claus may be taking requests! Contact Debbie Kusters 405-204-1783 or Pat Bourgeois 405-938-5544 for more information.



What should I do if a loved one or friend is homebound and needs to receive Communion outside of the Parish?

St. John's has a central contact for parishioners to reach out to: Kay Sommer, who leads the Communion to the Homebound Ministry. You can call Kay at 405-474-6593 or e-mail her at KleaBarrett@yahoo.com not only with Communion needs but also if you have questions about this ministry. She will designate and dispatch a trained and commissioned ministry member in a timely manner and ensure that the needs of the homebound for Holy Communion are met. You may also reach out to Diane Gbone at sjbemhc@gmail.com.

PARISH COMMUNITY



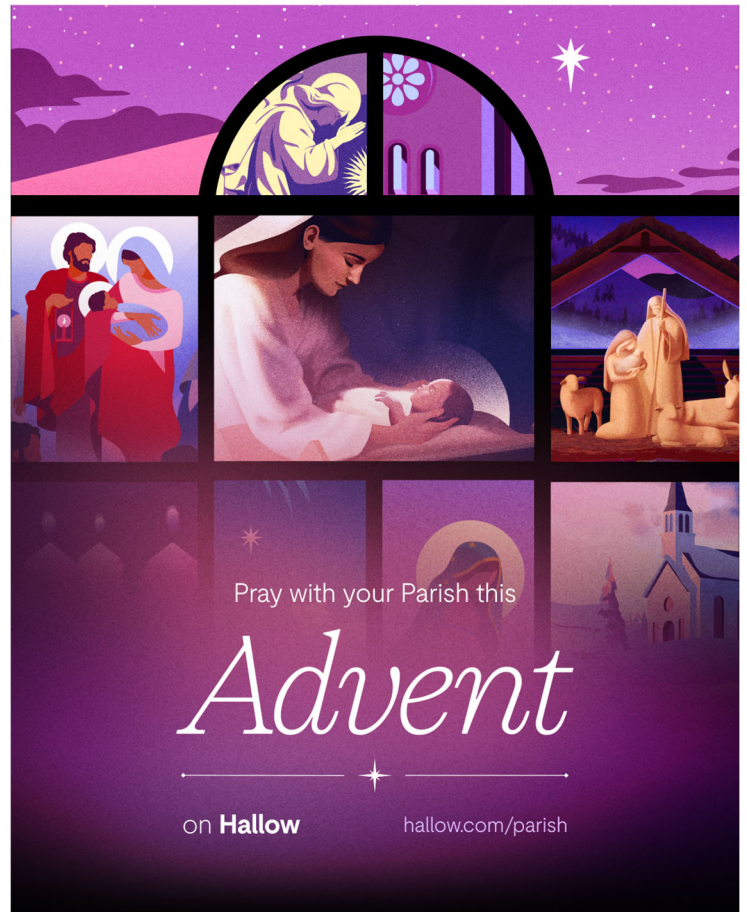
Super Bowl LX [60] BBQ Pork Rib Orders

Imagine what it would be like if you are watching Super Bowl LX [60] and realized that you forgot one of the main ingredients for the celebration? Worry no more!

Knights of Columbus Council 6477 is "here to save the day!" Now is the time to **PLACE YOUR ORDER** for at least one full slab of BBQ Pork Ribs. These ribs are so delicious they just melt in your mouth. Prepaid orders will be taken starting the weekend of December 6, 2025 after all masses in the Commons. They will be ready for pick up on Saturday, February 7, 2026 in the parking lot West of the Church between 9 am-1 pm.

The ribs are full slabs of St. Louis cut pork spareribs and are frozen when picked up. Heating instructions are provided and have proven to be delicious, convenient, and effective. All proceeds from this event will be used to support the Knights of Columbus charities.

For additional information, contact Jim Cox (405) 417-7767 or Dale Sligar (405) 850-0180, or Grand Knight George Majoue (805) 478-5200. Each slab costs \$35 and may be purchased with Cash, Check, or Venmo.



THE PARENTS OF ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: SOME DATES BELOW HAVE CHANGED SINCE ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED

NOV 21

FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK

6:00 pm | Great Hall

Share a meal, reflect on blessings and build our parent community.

JAN 26

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

6:30 pm | Location: TBA

* Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share and hear from our speaker, Msgr. Novak!

FEB 16

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK

6:30 pm | Location: TBA

Bring the whole family and a dish to share for one last party before Lent begins!

MAR 6

HOST THE PARISH LENTEN SUPPER

6:30 pm | Great Hall

We will prepare the meal and serve the food this evening after Stations of the Cross.

APR 19

FAMILY BBQ AT LAKE ARCADIA

6:00 pm | Caddo Pavilion at Lake Arcadia

Wrap up the school year with BBQ and fun for the whole family!

About this Ministry:

The Parents of St. John's serves the family structure: the domestic church. We hope to build strong Catholic families by providing a place for parents to gather for fellowship and spiritual growth.

All parents of the parish are encouraged to participate. The group meets on Sundays after the 9:00 am Mass during Children's Faith Formation in the Teacher's Workroom at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. The Parents of St. John's also meet for socials during the school year. See the schedule of events here and visit the parish website for more information as the date of the event approaches.

Contact Information:

Sarah Lepak (918) 760-6106 and Stephanie Ledet (405) 474-7446

* Limited Childcare Available with Registration



The Flame of Love Rosary

Join us in praying this special Rosary every Saturday morning at 11 am in the Daily Mass Chapel (location subject to change).





**WELCOME TO THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #6477
CASINO NIGHT!**



**New Year's Eve Dinner
& Charity Casino**

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
6:30 pm - 12:30 am
St. John the Baptist Great Hall
9th & Boulevard, Edmond, OK
\$80 per Person



Includes Mouth-watering Hor d'oeuvres, Caesar Salad, Steamed Vegetables, Prime Rib and Pork Loin Dinner Entrées, Delectable Desserts, an Open Bar, Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Craps, Door Prizes, a Champagne Toast at Midnight, and \$1,500 Charity Casino Play Chips (No Cash Value)

**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT**

Tickets on Sale Now!
Earlybird Discount \$75
On or before November 21, 2025
After November 21
Tickets are \$80 per person.
We accept Cash, Check, or Venmo.



Scan Here for
the Registration
Form.



**ROLL THE DICE ON A
NIGHT OF FUN!**
**NEW YEAR'S EVE
DINNER &
CHARITY CASINO**
Submit to
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NEW



Raising Catholic Families

THROUGH WEEKLY FAITH-BUILDING ACTIVITIES



As Christmas cards arrive during December, place them in a basket. Once a day, pull out one card and pray for that person or family together. Keep the Christmas card basket out all year and pray regularly for other families.

IN MY DADDY DAUGHTER ERA



Daddy Daughter Dance

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

6 - 8 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

\$25 per Family

Open to Pre-K-5th Grade

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Do you pay Oklahoma state income taxes?

If so, then make a two-year pledge to the Catholic Schools Opportunity Fund. It will ease your tax burden and help students attend Catholic school.

A two-year pledge entitles you to a **75% state income tax credit** on your gift each year. If you own a business, the program is especially beneficial.

This school year, about **680 students** in the archdiocese are getting tuition assistance from CSOF. What a great way to use your tax dollars!



Give by Dec. 31 and claim the credit on your tax return in the spring.

To learn more, visit www.csofok.org or call Owen Canfield at (405) 709-2700.



The Serra Club of Oklahoma City
presents...

Father Jonah Beckham
St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
OKC
telling his vocation story



11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 16
Catholic Charities, 1232 N. Classen Blvd., 2nd Floor
Mass in the St. Theresa of Calcutta Chapel
followed by Father Beckham's talk
Then...lunch in a neighborhood restaurant

*Please join us, and bring a friend. No
need to be a SERRA member.*

For more info, contact Richard Bernard...
(405) 823-6672
rbernard@swbell.net



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL

FOLLOW SEAS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

FACEBOOK

@SEASCatholicSchoolEdmondOK

INSTAGRAM

stelizabethedmondok



MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by our Catholic faith, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School serves God and families by spiritually and academically preparing students for lives of holiness and service.

1000 S. Littler Ave,
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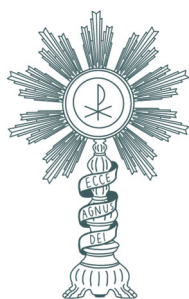
Principal
Jenny Lang
Assistant Principals
Taylor Lothes
Melissa Patton

A Night at the Races

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL SETON SOIRÉE
AS WE CELEBRATE 35 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

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Emily Marable.....Campus Ministry
uco@stjohn-catholic.org



**Knights of
Columbus**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Each fraternal year,
Knights of Columbus

Councils are encouraged to promote growth within their councils with a minimum of 15 new members joining the Order. In addition to membership growth, councils are also evaluated based on the programs completed, promotion of insurance, accurate and timely reports filed, and Safe Environment compliance.

"Council 6477 has earned the 2024-2025 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (353% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance."
Based on our level of growth in membership, Council 6477 has once again, for the second year in a row, achieved the recognition of Triple Star Council. This could not have been achieved without the members' focus on being In Service to One, In Service to All.

Congratulations to the following upon their recognition as:

December Knight of the Month:

Chantz Jackson

December Family of the Month:

Mark & Jackie Reid & Family



St. John The Baptist invites YOU!

ACTS is a Catholic retreat that is designed to help individuals deepen their relationship with God, grow in faith, and connect with others in their parish community.

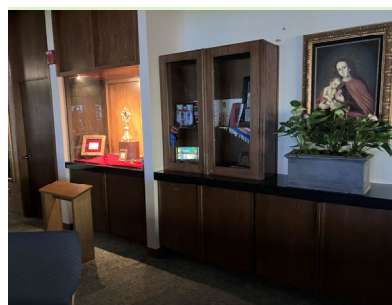
Women's Retreat

February 5-8

Men's Retreat

February 26-March 1

You can also contact
Erin Snow at
esnow@stjohn-catholic.org
or (405) 340-0691.



We have a lost and found!

Did you know we have a lost and found? If you are missing something, please check the lost and found cabinet underneath the Blessed Stanley Rother Reliquary in the upper level of the church.

CONTACTS

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Emergency Calls405-340-0691

Clergy

Pastor.....The Very Rev. Msgr.
William Novak, V.G.
Assoc. Pastor.....Rev. Stephen Jones
Assoc. Pastor.....Rev. Mariadas Manti
Deacon.....Frank Alexander
Deacon.....David Ashton
Deacon.....Robert Dunlap
Deacon.....Randy Hearn
Deacon.....Zsolt Nagykaldi

Deacon.....Richard Rosencrans

Parish Staff

Events.....Mel Ashton
Reception.....Joann Byfield
Outreach/HR.....Amy Dennis
Exec. Asst.....Bernadette Dibler
Business Manager.....Jennifer Dolf
Evang & Mission.....Lynda Hearn
Communications.....Kasey Holt
Music.....Daniel Jack
Children's Ministry.....Sarah Knoles
Youth Ministry.....Matthew LeBlanc
Accounting.....Amanda Pierce

Evang & MissionErin Snow
IT parish/school.....Matt Thomason
Safe Environment.....Alisa Zelnicek

Children's Day Out

Ph 405-340-1789
Director.....Eva Nagykaldi

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

esnow@stjohn-catholic.org
Director.....Erin Snow