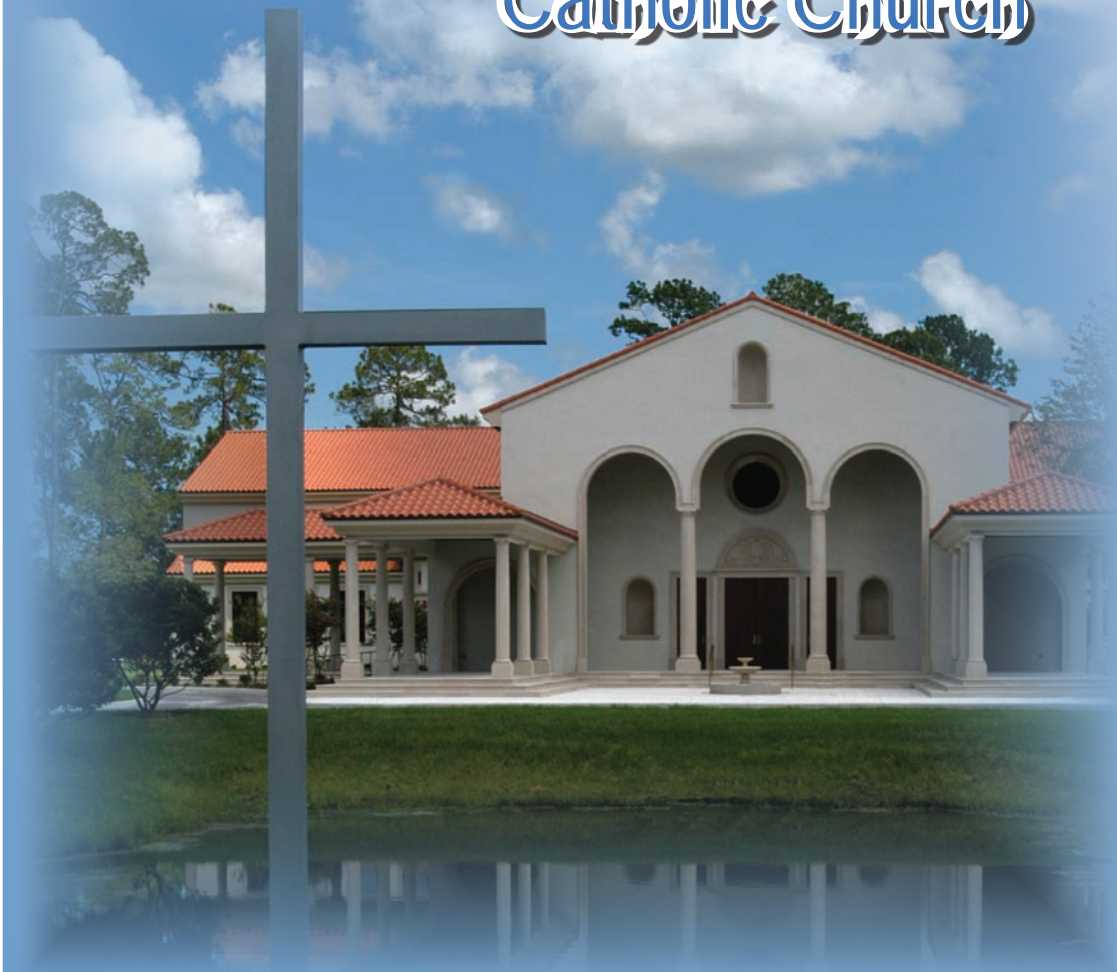


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***Stewardship of Time & Talent
Parish Ministries Book***

Dear San Juan Del Rio Parishioners,

Upon my arrival here at San Juan Del Rio I have been greatly moved by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the people. I look forward to getting to know all of you and being a part of you as we embrace the Lord's Word and live it out here in our community.

I am pleased today to present this Stewardship 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 the 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.

I would like to share my heartfelt appreciation to the Stewardship Committee for their dedication and for their examples as good stewards through their tireless efforts as heralds of the Stewardship message. May God bless you!

In Christ,
Father John Tetlow

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- Sunday8:30 &11:00am
- Saturday Vigil5:15 pm
- Daily (excludingWednesday)9:00am
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-9:00 am (summer)

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.

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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 stead 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 1,700 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. He will lead us in the coming years in our spiritual life in Christ and in completion of our parish vision that includes an expanded school campus, a new Parish Activity Center and Rectory.

Religious Education

Mrs. Bernadette Larson Office: 287-2801

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 Mondays and Wednesdays. Contact the Religious Education office for specific grade

*Fee schedule \$75 for one child, \$50 each additional child

*Sacramental Programs: Reconciliation/First Communion (2nd grade) and Confirmation (8th grade) are two year programs.

*Registration begins in August after all Masses or call the office at 287-2801.

*Persons wanting to teach or assist are welcome and encouraged to contact Mrs. Bernadette Larson.

Religious Education Teachers

Volunteers are needed to teach and assist a teacher for grades Pre- K though Confirmation level. Opportunities to help in the program on smaller commitment times are also available. 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 materials and support are provided. Opportunities are available during the summer Vacation Bible School program. If you hear God's call to serve the young people of our parish, please call Mrs. Bernadette Larson at 287-2801

Vacation Bible School

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 4th grade may enroll. The fee for VBS is \$40, which includes snacks and crafts. Registration begins in May after all Masses, or contact the Religious Education office Mrs. Bernadette Larson 287-2801. Adults are invited to teach or assist teachers. Junior and senior high students can earn service hours by assisting also.

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 conducted from mid-September to Easter Sunday
- Classes meet in the SJDR School on Sundays from 6:30-7:30 pm.
- 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, the 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 want to participate as a new candidate or to sponsor a new candidate, contact Deacon Larry or Patty Geinosky at 230-4288.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC Program)

The RCIC program welcomes children in grades 3-8 desiring to join the Catholic Church or to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Details include:

- RCIC classes run from mid-September through early May.
- Classes meet in the SJDR School on Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm.
- The fee schedule is \$50 for the first child, \$35 for each additional child.
- Registration begins in August. Call Deacon Larry or Patty Geinosky to register.
- 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, and Eucharist according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC).
- 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 parish RCIC 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

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.

JuniorHigh (Middle School) Ministry:

Meetings and events for youth in 6th-8th grades. Join us for well planned, exciting games, outdoor sports, indoor sports, movies, lock-in, discussions, reflection and prayer experiences. Registration is ongoing. There is no fee associated with the meetings. Some events such as DJ dances, cosmic bowling, Adventure Landing, Wild Adventures Snow Days, etc. may require a fee.

For information regarding the Junior High Youth Group or to volunteer please contact the Youth Coordinator at 287-7944 or Liah623@aol.com



What is Life Teen?

Life Teen is a nationwide Catholic program for high school students that is designed to reach teens on spiritual, emotional, and social levels. Life Teen meetings allow the teens to 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. In addition to the Sunday evening meetings, drop in nights are held during the week.

Some of the activities in which the Youth Groups have participated in the past year include: Steubenville weekend retreat, Disney's Night of Joy, Super Bowl of Caring, Life Chain, Youth Rally, Trunk or Treat, Cosmic Bowling and many volunteer service hours to assist other Parish Ministries with their events.

For information regarding the Life Teen Group or to volunteer please contact the Youth Coordinator at 287-7944 or Liah623@aol.com.

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:

1. Girls and Boys in grades 4 through 8, regardless of where they attend school.
2. Preparation classes are conducted in November
3. Students serve Mass about one time each 4-5 weeks, at the Mass of their choice.
4. Contact Andy Keeney at 287-2026 or sjdaltarservers@bellsouth.net

• 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 has received the sacraments. Call Jeff Silvernale at 268-2471 or deaconjeff@bellsouth.net for training information and scheduling.

• Greeter 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 betseyross65@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. Contact Kathleen Baker at 230-9424 or mrs.b.fam@comcast.net for training sessions and scheduling.

- **Music Ministry**

The music ministry of SJDR is quite diversified. We have a Sunday Choir, and Saturday evening Folk Group, 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 Joseph McCuen at 285-2655 or jiggsnjoe@comcast.net. 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.

FOLK GROUP...provides music for the Saturday vigil 5:15 pm Mass. At present, because of space restriction, we do not have room for any new instruments, but would welcome some new voices! Please contact Anne Marie McDonald at 287-1090 or jammac11@bellsouth.net. Practice is a requirement and is held most Wednesdays and each Saturday at 4:15 pm before Mass.

- **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. Contact the parish office.

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, craft fair, garage sale and book fairs.
6. Occasional special needs such as Spanish teacher, classroom readers, and remediation programs-anyone who has a background in education.

Background checks and fingerprinting required for all school volunteers. Call Janice Clark at 287-8081

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

These ministries help foster faith building in small groups.

• 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. Exposition begins after the 9:00 am Mass and Reposition begins at 7:00 pm. Come visit with Jesus, read the Holy Bible or favorite prayer book, pray the Rosary, or just sit in the enveloping peace of Christ.

If you can spend an hour with God on First Fridays between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm contact Wendy LeBlanc 287-8596 or wleblanc@comcast.net.

• Catholic Family Support Ministry

Fellowship Invites Serving and Helping (F.I.S.H.)

A parish based ministry for families of diverse backgrounds. Bible study and Scriptural rosary offered after morning Mass. Nursery available for participants and those that volunteer at the school.

Weekly play day and quarterly family gatherings offered to encourage family parish interaction. Bi-yearly Marian retreats at Marywood. Quarterly bulletins and calendar available on the table in the front foyer. Contact Debbie Kent at 610-9042.

- **Christ Renews His Parish or CHRP (pronounced "chirp")**

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a weekend experience and an ongoing renewal process for the spiritual journey of the faith community of San Juan del Rio parish. Both the experience and the renewal process are guided by the Holy Spirit, shepherded by Father John Tetlow, administered by a Continuation Committee and lived out by parishioners.

Four renewal weekends (two for men and two for women) are held each year (spring and fall) on the SJDR school grounds under the direction of Father John and conducted by fellow parishioners. The weekends run from 8AM Saturday until 4PM on Sunday. Masses are celebrated on both days with an opportunity offered for the sacrament of Reconciliation. It is recommended that participants be at least 25 years of age.

Each year, the parish hosts two opportunities for all CRHP team members to come together for a Day of Renewal (generally half day events) where the CRHP community can join together in fellowship and renew their faith commitment. Dates and times for both the weekend renewal weekends and the Days of Renewal are announced in the church bulletins. For more information regarding the weekends or the Days of Renewal, please contact Jerry Turkowski at 292-1737 or via email at aff@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 Baltés 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 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 contact Deacon Larry or Patty Geinosky at 230-4288.

- **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 Edie Abblett at 292-0565.

- **Office Volunteers**

Volunteers assist with various staff functions and special projects throughout the year. Volunteers are needed for clerical duties, 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.

- **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.

- **Respect Life**

Respect for life is a call to responsibility. Pope John II's encyclical The Gospel of Life provides hope and inspiration in the promotion of respect for all life, from fertilization to natural death. The

Respect Life office in the Diocese of St. Augustine is responsible for implementation of the National Conference of Catholic Bishop's plan for prolife activities. The plan is the principle instrument for instilling a prolife attitude within the Catholic community. The responsibility of the respect life ministry is to fulfill the service of prayer and worship, education and information, pastoral care and service, public policy and action outlined in the Catholic Bishops plan for prolife activities. For future events or information see the parish bulletin.

- **We Care Ministry**

There are members of our Parish Family who are in need. To date, our most pressing request has been transportation to and from doctor and testing appointments. We have parish family members who live with adult children who work, others who are homebound, convalescing, or are nursing home residents with limited community mobility. Our We Care Ministry is in place to offer rides, visitation, and communication. 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 287-9833 or bltfla@bellsouth.net.

- **Welcoming Committee**

Help us greet new parishioners with a “welcome” telephone call, parish information packet, parish DVD and possibly answer questions new parishioners may have about our church ministries and activities. We invite you to join us since we always “welcome” volunteers to help in this valuable ministry. Contact 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 (Capital Campaign). 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@comcast.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 signup 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**

Anyone in need of assistance or information regarding programs for persons with disabilities available in the parish or Diocese please call Joyce Svoboda, 287-1117.

- **Food Collection**

Food is collected throughout the year but especially during the Thanksgiving, Advent/Christmas and Easter holidays. Volunteer duties: To sort and transport items. Time requirement, about 2 hours. 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 5 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 giveaway, or a federally funded program. The families purchase their own homes, through "sweatequity" 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 10 years and built more than 75 homes. Aside from the normal family house construction, it has been a leader in building homes for the elderly who presently live in substandard housing. SJDR is actively involved in their projects and besides scheduled groups, several parish members' work on a regular basis.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED You decide what you can do. There is no set commitment. 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.

Say "YES" and join us. For more information please contact Dick Kerr at dickkerr@bellsouth.net, or 287-2014.

- **I. M. Sulzbacher**

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" (Matthew 25:35). SJDR 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 Mike Elison 287-6072.

- **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 lapsized 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 patchwork, 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 mshurr@comcast.net. Also any donation of yarn or fleece 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. 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 Cay Hillinbrand at 262-7639 or cayh@bellsouth.net.

Group Ministries Children

- **Cub Scouts**

Cub scouts at San Juan Del Rio is for boys in the 1st-5th grades. Scouting is designed to teach him 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 Catholic faith and offers him the opportunity to earn catholic medals awarded by the Bishop of St. Augustine. For information or to sign your son up for cub scouts contact Steve Davis at 230-4959 or steven.h.davis2@navy.mil.

- **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 year round 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 Al Johnson at 504-2476 or contact him by email at johns817@bellsouth.net.

- **Girl Scouts of America**

Where Girls Grow Strong. Girls of different age levels (K-8) meet bi-weekly at San Juan Del Rio School after school or in the evenings. These include the Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes. If you would like to be a Girl Scout, a leader or a volunteer, call Carol McIntyre at 287-0785.

Group Ministries Adult

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

World's largest Catholic men's organization. Four guiding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism Events focused on Faith, family, community and youth, Major annual events sponsored by K of C at SJDR: Family picnic, fundraising for handicapped children, spelling bee, free throw contest, essay contest, breakfast with Santa, New Year's Eve dance, 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+ years. Contact Carlos Irene at 287-0441.

- **Ladies Auxiliary**

Our purpose is to aid our Knights of Columbus Council's spiritual, charitable, social and fund raising programs. The assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary can help the Knights achieve and exceed their goals. ALL ladies of SJDR are invited to join us. You do not have to be related to a Knight to be a member of the Auxiliary. The general membership-meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the church. Contact Kit Robinson at 287-8579 or roldpoop2bellsouth.net.

- **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 Bob Pradella at 287-6784.

- **Women's Club**

We are women of the parish joined together in friendship, fellowship and service to the parish and community. A place to meet new friends and share your ideas. Help us continue to support our church, our school and our community. We enjoy fun activities such as Bunco and Christmas ornament exchange. Members participate in fundraising activities such as Relay for Life Cancer Walk, Tricky Tray (Chinese Auction) and Spaghetti Night. As our members are involved in other activities throughout our parish and our community, we also support those efforts.

Meetings are held monthly. Don't let the feeling that you can't attend meetings hold you back; we will welcome your participation even if your time is limited . Contact Susan Fiorentino at 230-9881 or sfiorentino@ekemper.com.

- **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 Mary Trepasso at 982-0526 for additional information.

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 Mike Elison 287-6072.

- **Stewardship Committee**

The Stewardship committee helps to steer and guide the parish to live the Lord's teaching on stewardship as a way of life. Its purpose is to encourage the parish members to share a portion of their time, talent and treasure to benefit the parish, the Church and those in need. The committee meets on a monthly basis and welcomes new members. Contact Dennis Davignon 230-0471 dae66@comcast.net or Judy Chavez at 287-5487.

- **Finance Committee**

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. Finance: Works with the Principal in the development of the annual operating budget and in the allocation of financial aid according to established policy.
4. Publicity & Marketing: Promotes the excellence of the school
5. 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 Bill Netting at 287-3989.

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.

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| Catholic Relief Services/Office of Catholic Charities | 904-262-3200 |
| 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 S. John | 904-287-2525 |
| Youth and Young Adult Ministries | 904-262-3200 |

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