Saint John the Evangelist Pastoral Council

August 20, 2026

Call to Order 6:20pm / Welcome-Christine Rowe

Present: Fr. Zachary Greenwell, Christine Rowe, Suzy Steck, Richard Hadnagy, Betty Philips, Wayne Bardell, Miriam Rodarte, Teresa Warner, Raquel Nunez, Art Johnson

Opening Prayer- Father Zach

Old Business
Stewardship campaign: Rich Hadnagy presented a proposed bulletin insert to encourage participation in ministries.

New Business
Restriping parking lot: Chris Rowe gave Fr. Zach estimates for restriping the parking lots. Striping will take place next Monday, August 24.

Updates on Commissions
Jennie Chancey reported that the **Land Commission** has seen four properties so far and will be viewing a fifth on Friday. Rafi was recruited to shoot drone footage of a couple of the properties, and, when he attempted to do that, he found out they both had height/flight restrictions due to airport and helicopter traffic. He is now helping us to see traffic patterns for any property we visit, which is a huge help. We have an ongoing Google Doc with pros and cons for each property and will continue to look at whatever is available until we find one that meets all our criteria.

Christine Rowe reported that the **Statue Commission** has received two electrical estimates for lighting the statue.

Date for Fall Festival The date may change from 25 October to 18 October.

Dates for Liturgical Training & Discipleship Groups Meetings
Wed, 16 September 6pm: Ushers
Wed, 23 September 6pm Lectors; 7pm Eucharistic Ministers
Thur, 24 September 6pm Sacristans; 7pm Altar Servers

Ex-Officio Organization Reports
Catholic Youth Ministry-Lauren Clark Our Kick-Off will be on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at St. John Hall/in the courtyard after Wednesday Daily Mass (Youth Group 6:30-8pm). Regular Wednesday Life Teen & Edge Class meetings will resume for the academic year then. (Youth Group is 6-12th Grade, for any new parishioners who may be asking).

We always welcome new volunteers and catechists for Wednesday evenings!

Registration is live online with links to the forms available on the parish website or via the QR code handouts provided in the church vestibule. Hard copies are available if needed (but we're trying to streamline the process :)).

**Confirmation Parent meeting will be Wed, Sept. 9th during Youth Night (7-8pm) - Confirmation is offered normally to 11th grade+ students, 16 years or older by the time of Confirmation, and who have received Baptism and 1st Communion. Students needing Baptism and/or 1st Communion should register with OCIC and join us for Wednesday Youth Nights.

Religious Education-Guadelupe Reyes/James Pair No report

Finance Council-Church Finance Report-Danny DeOrian No report

Knights of Columbus-Wayne Bardell *Meals on Wheels.* Knights continue to partnership with Christian Mission to deliver meals to the homebound on Mondays and Fridays. Approximately 40 meals are being delivered by the Knights each day and another 40 are being delivered by other community volunteers/organizations.

Coats for Kids. Knights have ordered both toddlers, children, youth and adult lightweight jackets for distribution to members of our Parish. Coats will tentatively be made available during St John's Fall Festival.

Silver Rose Prayer Service. Scheduled for Monday, 31 August at 6 PM to express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. All members of the community are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus to pray for civilization of love and culture of life. Service will be in both English and Spanish. A Reception will follow in St John's Hall.

Oktoberfest Fest in Saint John's Hall. Scheduled for Saturday, 26 September from 6-8PM. Menu is tentative, to include two main choices, dessert and drinks. Meals will include both an adult and children's price.

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. All Catholic students in grades 8 - 12 are encouraged to write on the theme of: "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the contest with the first and second place winners receiving a cash prize. The two categories are 8-10 grades and 11-12 grades. Entry and parent consent forms are available in the lobby of the church, in the Parish Office or on the website at www.stjohnenterprise.org. Entry forms and essay may be dropped off at the Parish Office or mailed to: Parish Office , ATTN: Knights of Columbus, Council 11480, 123 Heath Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330. Deadline for essay submission is 23 October. For additional information, please contact Eric Long at eric.long39@gmail.com or Text (325) 405-0429.

Knights Sponsor Food for Families. St John's will host a second collection in November to help support the Knights in their efforts to raise funds for the Food for Families program. Last year, the Knights collected, through fund raising and with the help of a second collection, almost $5,000 to feed parish families over the holiday season and into the new year. For further information, please contact Brother Shaun Miller, text (334) 389-2040 or email ssmiller08gsxr@gmail.com.

Ladies Guild-Cathy Sedberry/Joanne Lesh Since the first weekend in September is Labor Day Weekend, our first meeting will be Monday, September 14th in Guadalupe Hall. As per our previous year's schedule, we will gather to say the rosary at 11 am, followed by our social/BYOL half hour at 11:30 am and then finish off with our meeting at 12 noon. All ladies are welcome to attend. So, bring friends!

In addition to our first meeting, if anyone is interested in attending the ACCW (Alabama Council of Catholic Women) 89th Convention being held in Mobile this year, please obtain a registration form from Beverly Urech at (334) 805-0134.

Facilities/Maintenance-Mick Norris/Father Zach Renovations of bathrooms in Father's house are completed. Art Johnson noted that the outside plumbing for air conditioning has rotten insulation.

Beautification-Art Johnson The grounds are doing well, and we're getting many positive comments.

Ministry Reports

St. Mary's Catholic Church-Father Zach There is termite damage that needs repair along with other maintenance. A list of projects needs to be created.

Christian Services-Suzy Steck Thirty clients received assistance with utility bills and/or food. Our food closet was restocked at a cost of $436.73. We will need more food soon. We send our appreciation to Pat for purchasing the items and transporting them to the Church.

We could not help nine clients with financial assistance as their Total Amount Due was more than $300.

We gave a total of $2,275 for utility bills: $1,650 for electricity bills; $400 for bills that included water and electricity, and $225 for bills that included water only.

HEARS-Rafi Rodriguez/Father Zach An air conditioning unit has been repaired.

Bereavement- Karen Haglund/Teresa Warner

Alain Coutu	Sheila Coutu (wife)
DoD: 10 Jul 2026	Fr. Zach officiated at a graveside service on 21 July at Meadowlawn Cemetery. Seminarian Joshua Lynch present. Sympathy email sent.
Michael J. Laidlaw	Patrick Laidlaw (twin brother, Knight of Columbus
DoD 16 July 2026	Sympathy card sent at request of Council 11480 and Richard Hadnagy
Charlene Sizemore	Anita Thomas (daughter)
DoD 9 August 2026	Fr. Zach officiated at a service at Searcy's Chapel on 12 August. Burial at Elba Cemetery immediately after service.
Peggy Fremd	Theresa Donahue (sister)
DoD 9 August 2026	Fr. Zach celebrated a funeral Mass on August 18 at St. John Catholic Church. Military honors. Burial TBA at Clayhatchee Providence Cemetery. Sympathy card sent.

Parish Community Life-Seth & Kat Hundley No report

Church Decorations-Diane Doyle/Betty Phillips

Decorating Rani Myer and Christine Rowe have offered to change the liturgical banner colors. Diane will continue as committee chairperson to assist the volunteers with Christmas and Easter decorations. Additionally, she will order Christmas and Easter flowers.

Ivywood Florist is being sold, and the new owner will begin in early September. We will continue to use Ivywood, as the new owner wants to serve the local churches.

Altar Flowers Most weekends are currently filled, except for several dates in October. Diane will ask Alison to highlight those dates in a bulletin announcement. The church ordered flowers for the weekend of August 22/23 because the sign-up was empty.

OCIA-Jennie Chancey OCIA kickoff dinner is Wednesday night (I'll send attendance numbers after). This year we have been able to add childcare for OCIA students, thanks to former students (now parish members) Austin and Mary Duggins, with the assistance of Kaitlyn Reid. We look forward to an excellent year.

Sick & Homebound-Beverly Urech/Chris Rowe Only one change has been made to our list with the loss of Peggy Fremnd. Beverly has not been contacted by anyone who might be homebound or in the Nursing Home and wants to receive Holy Communion. Arielle, Rhea, and Cyndy continue to visit the Nursing Home, Deacon Jeff is ministering to the Veterans who are still at the Nursing Home until the end of September. Cyndy is assisting Carole Allen with Eucharistic Minister duties at the Nursing Home and parishioner homes. Beverly will send Father Zachary an updated copy of the list for his records.

Hispanic-Raquel Nunez We will be meeting in early October to plan the Posada Guadalupe novena and Fall Festival. We provided school supplies, and the school is asking us to include headphones for children of all ages. Father requested a meeting with each of the choirs.

Parishioner Issues/Discussions

The Council discussed the parking lot speed on Sundays and the possibility of having a school here.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Father Zach's Drill Dates: 11-13 September

Possible Oktoberfest - The date may change from 25 October to 18 October.

Next Meeting-17 September

Closing time 8pm; Prayer-Father Zach