



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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April 28, 2019

THE Power OF Prayer

by: **Fr. Lawrence G. Lovasik**
Catholic Exchange

The power of prayer comes from the promise that Jesus made concerning prayer, as He so beautifully shows: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened." His promise is a solemn one by which He pledges His divine word. It is a comprehensive and unconditional promise, limited only by our welfare and the glory of God. Miracles are not excluded. Prayer has worked many. Even Heaven is included; indeed, Heaven especially, and before all else. "If you ask the Father anything in my name, He will give it to you. . . . Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Prayer, then, is infallible — that is, it will always be heard, not because of any power on our part, but because of Christ's promise that He will not fail to answer our prayers. Even the prayers of those in mortal sin are infallibly heard, if they sincerely want to repent, as did the thief on the cross.

The power of God's answer extends as far as your need and His divine mercy. You may pray for whatever you desire, whatever is reasonable and pleasing to God — especially spiritual gifts. The more necessary and

the more excellent the gift, the more confidently you may trust that it will be granted to you. If you pray for temporal gifts and it seems as though God has not heard you, remember that the only reason He does not grant them is that He knows they would prove harmful to you. If temporal gifts are denied, you can be sure that God has some greater gift to bestow.

Holy Scripture has splendid pictures of the power of prayer: Israel in the desert, Moses and Joshua, the mighty deeds of the judges and the Maccabees, the miracles of our Lord and the Apostles, and the whole history of God's chosen people and of the early Catholic Church. Prayer figures in a constant and marvelous exchange between human need and divine help.

Jesus told the people several parables in which He stressed the goodness and mercy of God in answering prayer. He spoke of a judge who, although unjust, was willing to help a poor widow because she appealed to him with all the fervor of her heart. How much more will the just God hear us, His own children!

Jesus spoke of a man who went to his neighbor at night to beg for some bread for a friend who had just arrived

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday, 8:00am
Rosary-7:20am (Mon.-Sat.)
followed by Divine Mercy

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 8:00am, 4:00pm
Vietnamese Mass 8:00pm
Sunday, 7:15am, 9:15am
and 11:15am
Spanish Mass: 1:30pm every
Sunday

Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30-9:00am

First Friday Adoration:

Friday 8:30-9:00am

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Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon | 1:00-4:00pm
239-561-2245
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

A priest is on call 7 days a week,
24hrs a day for these hospitals:

Health Park - St. Columbkille

Church 239-489-3973

Lee Memorial - St. Francis

Xavier Church 239-334-2161

Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII

239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

You are encouraged to receive
the Sacrament of the Sick before
being admitted to a facility.

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice

239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,
Ft. Myers, FL

St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres

Health & Rehab Center

239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

Hope Hospice 239-369-1831

1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice

239-992-0901

27200 Imperial Pkwy,
Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul

239-693-0818

The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00 AM † William S. Wutzer by Barbara M. Pizzolato
- 4:00 PM † Lucy Laracuente by Juan Laracuente
- 8:00 PM - Unborn Children

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:15 AM † Santo Squillacioti by Vincent & Donna Fiore
- 9:15 AM † William Frazer by Lisa Lauture
- 11:15 AM † Catherine "Kitty" Pusateri by Diane
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:00 AM † John Bailey by Tom & Louise Lodato

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:00 AM † Blackie Landreville by Joyce Landreville

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 8:00 AM † Glenn Walker by Jim & Cathy Devito

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 8:00 AM † Fredrick L. Wenell by Barbara M. Pizzolato

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 8:00 AM † Mary Regina Mitchell by Michael Welch

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 AM † Jan Rice by Margaret & Henry Cassi
- 4:00 PM † Donald Michael Laux by Donald & Susan Laux
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass (All Souls)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 7:15 AM † Ruth Konkowski by her husband, Leonard
- 9:15 AM † James Waldron by his family
- 11:15 AM † Hubert Hudson by his father, Bert Hudson
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

THE 2019 MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

To ensure availability throughout the year, we must limit requests for the English speaking Masses to no more than (2) weekend Masses and (2) weekday Masses for the entire year. Other options will remain available: Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week, Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

MAY 5, 2019 - READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41
- 2ND READING REV 5:11-14
- GOSPEL JN 21:1-19

Low Gluten
HOSTS

If you are interested in receiving **LOW GLUTEN** hosts at Mass, then please go to the Sacristy before Mass starts to make your request with a Sacristan.

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THE *Power of Prayer* CONTINUED

from a long journey. Because he continued to knock, his neighbor was compelled to get up and grant his request even in the middle of the night. Such is the effect of perseverance in prayer.

Our Lord also mentioned the willingness of a father to come to the aid of his child when that child begs for help. The father will not offer the child a snake or a stone when he asks for food. If we, imperfect as we are, do these things for our children, then certainly the heavenly Father, who is goodness itself, will give us good things when we ask Him.

And if mothers are so sensitive to the needs of their children, how much more the Father and Creator of all mankind must be alert to the needs of His children when they speak to Him in prayer! A mother's love is a spark compared with the burning furnace of God's infinite love for us, His creatures. If mothers are so ready to help when they hear their children in need, how can God our Father fail to hear your voice when you cry to Him in prayer?

And all the tender affection He pours out upon countless other souls does not lessen His love for you. His care of the entire universe is insignificant compared with the care He has for your immortal soul.

Consider the power of the prayer of a soul in the state of grace. By the fact that you are in the state of grace, your prayer has a power over the heart of God that, in a certain sense, is absolute.

Your prayer is the cry of a child to God his Father. For God, in seeing you as redeemed by the Precious Blood of His beloved Son, beholds no longer a mere human creature. He sees instead the reflection of His own divine life, for when you are in the state of grace, your entire being shares in the life of the triune God. Your prayer, then, partakes of that which is properly divine. By grace, you are a member of the family of God, our Father, and you have been given a right to the eternal inheritance of the Beatific Vision.

However, for prayer to be meritorious, you must be in the state of grace. Prayer makes satisfaction to God for your sins; it increases sanctifying grace in your soul as well as the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Prayer secures from God the help you need, both spiritual and temporal, to live a good and happy life and to save your soul, not by influencing God or by changing His unalterable will, but by fitting yourself to receive the gifts that He has determined from all eternity to grant to you through your prayers.

Jesus taught that through prayer you can ask for every gift, whether it be for the gifts of the Holy Spirit or for the daily bread you need. You can use prayer to storm Heaven and secure its treasures and thus reach the heart of God. Through prayer you can win untold graces and blessings and favors for yourself and for the whole human race.

Prayer wins for yourself and others the things that make life happy and eternity sure. Do not neglect to pray for others. St. John Chrysostom wrote, "We are compelled to pray for ourselves, but the love of our brethren engages us to pray for others also. Now, far more acceptable to God is the prayer that proceeds not from the pressure of our wants, but from the love of our neighbor."

Use this powerful gift of prayer to win blessings for the world that does not pray, forgiveness for sinners who do not ask for forgiveness, and faith for those who have never heard the name of Christ or who have heard it only to turn away toward worldly pursuits. You can obtain strength and God's willing assistance for all mankind. Pope St. Gregory writes, "He causes his prayers to be of more avail to himself who offers them also for others."

You can never be grateful enough to the merciful God, who has given you this power. You can do no less than use this power as readily as He would have you use it. God does His part. He has given you the power of prayer and is willing to hear your prayer. He is able to grant your requests. The only thing that remains for you to do is to use this power of prayer as Christ meant you to use it. Prayer is the key that opens the treasury of God. You have the key. Use it well and often!

**A LETTER FROM
BISHOP DEWANE**

SUPPORT
THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



THIS WEEKEND: APRIL 27-28

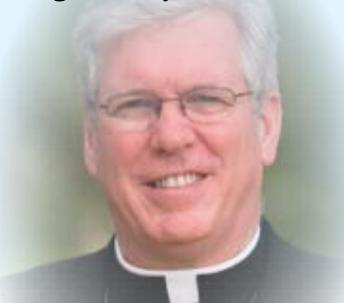
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports isolated, challenged Parishes and Missions in Dioceses across the United States and in several U.S. Territories. One example is the Diocese of Colorado Springs where the terrain poses many challenges for priests and ministers. They often must travel miles across mountain routes or across the plains to preside over Sunday Masses.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), supports the neediest Dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in Dioceses where Church communities are scattered and struggling. CHMA Grants cover the costs of basic and essential pastoral programs such as: evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation, and lay leadership training. As the economy continues to shift, and the gap between the have and have nots grows wider, the reality is such that the poor areas require more of our support.

The 2019 Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice **THIS WEEKEND**. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the faith lives of people right here in the United States. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from this appeal, please visit www.usccb.org/homemissions

Thank you for your generosity!



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Dewane

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually, especially:

Elaine Quan
Ryan Novajasky
Lynne Haughey
Linda Sayres
Carol Clausen
Marlene LaRose
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Jeff Hlavacek
Bernadette Frammarino
Antoinette Bosco
Michael Assante
Nancy Naughten
Donna Glassey
Wayne Hilson
John & Mary Petyo
Tom O'Keefe
Bill Acini
Dennis D'Archangelo
Angela Blinkiewicz

Cornelius Lewis
Chris Sullivan
Candy Foehl
Elizabeth Lawton
Virginia Lochner
Carol Wesch
Debbie Anderson & Family
Robert Smolka
John Mangione Jr.
Janet Fernandez
Bess Manderfeld
Clark Gordon
Walter & Jeanne Stobb
Rudy Stobb
Tony Stobb
Patricia Mannion
Lola Arena
Nick Piccoli

These names are kept in the bulletin for one month. If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email Betsy Engelbrecht at e-prayer@popejohn23.net

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!



Ways to Memorialize

For requests to memorialize a loved one, you may call or stop in our Parish office.

Prayers for Eternal Life

Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!
Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII



Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: **The newly received candidates and catechumens**



DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





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Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 27

- Blood Pressure Check by the Nurses in the Narthex
- Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Prayer Walk/Abortion Clinic - 9:15am
- **VIGIL MASS: NEW TIME - 4pm**
- Vietnamese Mass: - 8pm



Sunday, April 28

- Blood Pressure Check by the Nurses in the Narthex
- Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Mystagogy: St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Chapel - 1:30pm
- Confessions: Church - 2pm
- Divine Mercy Mass: Church - 3pm
- Spirit Night: Main Hall - 5pm
- Vietnamese Divine Mercy: Church - 5:30pm

Monday, April 29

- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: Villas - 1pm

Tuesday, April 30

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Spanish Rosary: Cry Room - 6pm
- Follow Me - Meeting Jesus in Gospel of John: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting (Alcoholics Anonymous): in Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, May 1

- Faith Formation - Session I: Main Hall - 4:15pm
- Children's Choir Practice: Choir Loft - 5:25pm
- Middle School Youth Group Pizza Sales: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Faith Formation - Session II: Main Hall - 6pm
- Middle School Youth Group: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6pm
- Middle School Choir Practice: Choir Loft - 7:17pm

Thursday, May 2

- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 7pm
- Rooted: Dowd's Pub & Grill in Ft. Myers - 7pm
- Men's Club: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Friday, May 3

- 1st Friday Adoration - 8:30am
- Journey to Hope: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6pm
- Mass of the Holy Innocents: Chapel - 6:30pm



Saturday, May 4

- Sacrament of the Sick after Mass
- Cypress Point Mass - 9:30am
- **VIGIL MASS: NEW TIME - 4pm**
- Vietnamese Mass: - 8pm



Sunday, May 5

- Sacrament of the Sick after all Masses
- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am/Hospitality
- Mystagogy Living/Strengths: St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- Women's Guild May Crowning: Meets at the Vietnamese Statue at 12:15pm with procession to the Memorial Garden
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- Mother's Day Vietnamese Celebration: Main Hall - 6pm



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Steven Jurgens-Ling
- Frank and Deborah Mannarino
- George Boehm
- Ed and Nola Haug

Those who are new to our Parish this year, and those who've been coming for years without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. Having an accurate database of our parishioners will help us know where and how we need to grow. Thank you to everyone who registered with our Parish. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the Parish Office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners, and those interested in registering in our Parish, are invited to attend **The New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, May 26th, 2019 at 12:30pm**

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the Parish and participate in our various ministries. Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address OR you can even update it on the Parish website! www.johnxxiii.net

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, Baptisms or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

PRAYERS FOR

Our Military Personnel

PFC Bryan Bard
Sean Ball
Major Bart Boma
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces
Captain Andrew Duguay
Sgt. Jared Gaudet
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green
1st Lt. Kellyn Hall
Andrew Herman
1st Lt. Paige Hortman
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl
PFC Michael P Hughes
SPC Michael Jednak
PFC Andrew Kanopkh
Michael Klem
Capt. Bradley D. Laux
Lt. Jacob Mundo, US Army
Sgt. Nicholas Mundo, USMC
SSGT Anthony Padula
LCP James Palenik
Master SGT Peter Parison

Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson
Christian Troutner, US Navy
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic
PFC Jordan Feil, USA
Hayden Linde
Aaron Crump, USCG
PFC Nathaniel Broemmel
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Col. Scott C. Woodward
Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmel, US Navy
Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward
Hudson Tillinghast IV
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst,
US Air Force
Com. Craig Fowler, USN



Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | chrisdre@johnxxiii.net



THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation classes will be held this Wednesday, May 1st. This is our last Faith Formation Class. Registration for the 2019-2020 year will begin in July.

May Schedule:

- **5/1:** Faith Formation - Last Class
- **5/8:** Rehearsal for First Communion:
- 4:15pm-5:15pm and 6pm-7pm in Church/Chapel
- **5/11:** First Holy Communion:
- 10am Ceremony with line up at 9:30am in Chapel
- 1pm with lineup at 12:30pm in Chapel

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Registration for Vacation Bible Camp is in full swing! Forms are located in the Church Narthex, in the Main office or you can download forms on our website. The camp is for children in grades Kindergarten to entering 6th grade! We also have a PreK age 4 program. This year our theme will be **Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!** Don't delay registering! The camp fills up quickly!

SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

BAPTISM: Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. John XXIII we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

FIRST COMMUNION: (also called First Eucharist and First Reconciliation) Children in First grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Please contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who Home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that now begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome also!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, contact Chris at (239) 561-7499 to begin the process.

ADULT FAITH

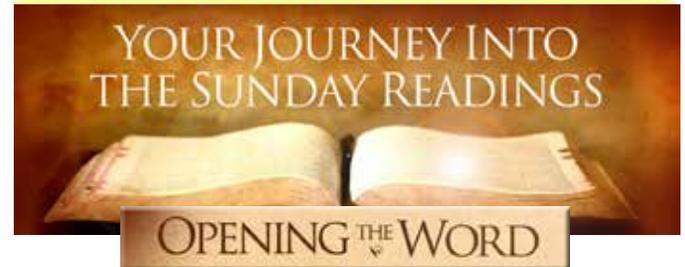
Education

All Are Invited to Opening The Word!

Opening the Word is a weekly Bible Study exploring the upcoming Sunday Readings. All are Welcome!

When? Tuesday Mornings from **9am-10am**

Next Session: Tuesday, April 30th



We will use the parish resource, Formed.org to prepare for the Readings that we hear each Sunday.

To register go to <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and view Catholic content 24/7. We will watch a short video (7-10 minutes), share what the Readings say to us, and discuss how we can apply them to our lives.

This Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning in the **PARISH LIFE CENTER FROM 9AM-10AM IN ROOMS ST. BERNADETTE & ST. MICHAEL.**

JOIN OUR LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



THROUGH APRIL 30 • 6:30-8PM

The next sessions will be offered Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Life Center, in rooms St. Bernadette and St. Michael.

To join our study and register, go to:

www.ascensionpress.com and create an account. Follow the instructions to join and register online. You will purchase your study set book at this time (\$19.95 + shipping) and it will be shipped directly to you. You will have online access to study videos and discussion forum.

For more information contact:
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Young Adult Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net
Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net



Welcoming All Young Adults 18 -39



- **May 2** - The next 7pm Rooted session will take place at Dowd's Pub and Grill in Ft. Myers.



Join Our Facebook Group: *Rooted at St. John XXIII* for updates and local happenings.

Youth Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

HSYG Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net
MSYG Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

High School Youth Group

HSYG - Sundays 5pm to 6:30pm ***NOTE NEW TIME**

- **May 19** - Summer Celebration
- **June 17** - VBS Volunteer Mandatory Meeting - 6pm
- **July 14-20** - Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission

Save the Dates:

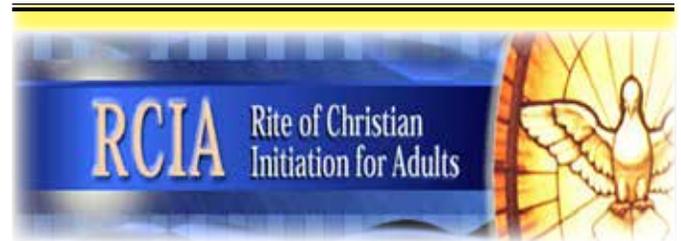
- **Next 4pm Sunday Youth Mass:** May 19 in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The 4pm youth mass scheduled for April 28th has been cancelled due to the Divine Mercy. We invite the youth to come to the Divine Mercy Mass before Spirit night at 5pm in the Parish Life Center.
- **Vaction Bible School:** Volunteer forms need to be in by May 1.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **May 1** - St. John XXIII Scavenger Hunt
- **May 8** - (First Communion Rehearsal)

THIS WEEK: Th youth will be challenged to answer questions while searching the campus of St. John XXIII.



Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, but feel a little lost? The RCIA inquiry stage is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

"Be still, and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10

In the inquiry stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Talk to people, walk around in our shoes for a bit and get a feel for the place. As an inquirer, you're not yet sure exactly what you think about the Catholic Church. Your main task here is to develop your faith a little bit, get to know Christ, prayer, the Catholic Church, and how Christians live. That's the only way you can make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church.

DOCTRINE SESSIONS

May

5/5: - Mystagogy: Living Your Strengths

5/12: - Mystagogy: Living Your Strengths

5/19: - Mystagogy: Deepening the Practice of their Catholic faith

5/26: - Mystagogy: Evangelization

June

6/4: - Pentecost

For questions please contact **Ginny Whelan** at: **(239) 362-1283** or email: vwhelan99@gmail.com



Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Just as bodies and minds grow, Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow in the life of grace. The Sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community.

Want to Hear More?

Please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and make an appointment to meet with Father Bob.

Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



10 formas de acercarnos a Dios

1. Cuando te despiertes por la mañana respira hondo, sonríe, y da a un aplauso a Dios. Se lo merece.
2. Ríete un poco de todo lo que no funciona a tu alrededor. No merece la pena que te enfades, con los enfados no se arregla nada.
3. Conecta con Dios cuando estés en contacto con la naturaleza, cuando estés con los amigos o en familia, cuando estés a solas. Él siempre está a la escucha.
4. Cuando te encuentres con alguien, ten siempre a mano una historia positiva, de salvación, de esperanza para contar.
5. Crea en torno a ti un espacio ecológico donde se respeten especies tan raras como la reconciliación, la tolerancia, el respeto, la sensibilidad, el cariño.
6. Abre tus manos para compartir la vida. Siempre queda algo de fragancia en la mano del que ofrece rosas.
7. Apúntate cada a la oración. Procurar dedicar al menos un minuto a leer una frase del Evangelio.
8. Entra cada día en la presencia de María y en ella contempla un principio de gozo y plenitud, de belleza y esperanza.
9. No comiences la jornada sin tomar conciencia de que Dios está contigo. Y cuando llegue la noche, abandónate en sus brazos.
10. Cuida la vida, cuida toda vida. Es una hermosa forma de parecerte a Jesús.

- Los invitamos a participar cada domingo en la misa hispana a las 1:30pm con nuestro querido padre Lorenzo Gonzalez, los esperamos junto a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos.



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Contact **Tom Tiehel** | tom@johnxxiii.net

SUMMER CONCERTS

JUNE 30 - (4:00pm)
PATROTIC CONCERT

JULY 7 - (4:00pm)
PIANO & ORGAN

JULY 14 - (4:00pm)
BROADWAY & BEYOND (Main Hall) with Supper

JULY 15- 19 - (12:00pm - 3:30pm)
Children's Music Week: "Oh Jonah" (Main Hall)

JULY 21 - (4:00pm)
Children's Music Week Musical: "Oh Jonah!"
(with Reception)

*"I will sing and make
music with all my soul."
- Psalm 108:1*

Divine Mercy Sunday

**SUNDAY SERVICE
APRIL 28 - 3:00PM**

Confessions Before Mass
and Communion at Mass

*Jesus I Trust
in You*



GODSPELL



LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Feast of the Holy Innocents

On **FRIDAY, MAY 3RD** at **6:30PM**, St. John XXIII Catholic Church will hold a special Liturgy, which is the **FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**. We will honor and celebrate the children of all ages that we have lost.

We will remember, hear their names and celebrate the life we had with them. The grief we experienced taught us how to bear our sorrow and be able to listen and comfort others that have suffered such a loss.

This Mass is presented to parents and family members who have lost children of all ages and by any circumstances: stillbirth, miscarriage, unforeseen situations, teenagers and adult children whose lives were lost due to accidents, addictions, suicide, or violence, extending this time of healing to as many members or our Faith Community as is possible.

Please bring an unframed picture of your child that can be pinned on a display. If no picture is available, we will have mementos that can be used.

All are welcome! There will be a social gathering after the Liturgy, so please feel free to bring friends or family members.

This Mass is planned by your Parish Nurses along with our gifted staff at St. John XXIII.

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, deep contrition and unspeakable love"

- Washington Irving



This special prayer card will be distributed.

ADORATION

CORNER

Come Sit With Me

Chapel Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm

(Adorers Begin at 9am)

SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm

(Adorers Begin at 9am)

FYI

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

**STARTING MAY 3RD - EVERY FIRST FRIDAY
THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 9PM**



Sponsored by the

PARISH NURSE

TEAM

FAMILY & FRIENDS'

CPR

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

T R A I N I N G

We never know when we may be called to assist someone who needs cardiopulmonary resuscitation. This particular cardiopulmonary resuscitation course will be offered on a video basis in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday May 7th**, at **1:30pm** and an evening session at **6pm**. Each class is approximately 2 hours.

This class can be attended by anyone who wants to learn CPR but does not require a Red Cross Card. You will be able to gain practice of techniques and receive a certificate of completion. Included: adult, child and infant CPR and use of AED or automated external defibrillators.

Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net or call parish office to **RSVP by Monday, May 6th** if you are interested so we know the number of people attending for planning purposes. **There is no charge for these sessions.**



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



April 21, 2019

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| Offertory | \$67,953.00 |
| Building Fund | \$4,042.00 |
| Total | \$71,995.00 |
| Mass Attendance | 7175 |
| Registered Families | 3589 |
| Catholic Education | \$8,513.00 |
| Good Friday-Diocesan Collection | \$4,704.00 |

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

***Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

2019 Catholic Faith Appeal

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| 2019 Goal | \$347,000 |
| Pledge | \$398,920.69 |
| % of Goal | 114.96% |
| % of Households | 21.56% |
| Total | \$297,223.55 |

PLANNING YOUR WILL

Remember St. John XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of \$_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

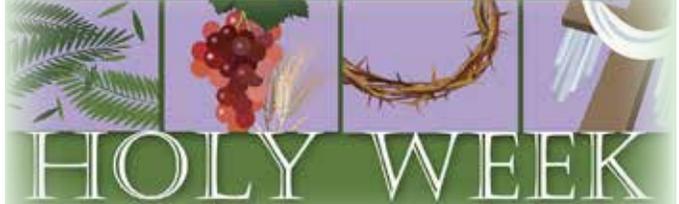
For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please contact:

Holly Atkins at (239) 561-2245



Special Thank You

Father Bob and the St. John XXIII staff, would like to thank all the volunteers and ministries that made Holy Week so wonderful. Your dedication allows us to appreciate the beauty of the Easter season.



Thank you for your continued love and support to our Parish Community!

LENTEN COLLECTION 2019

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| WEEK 1: | |
| Soles for Souls | \$672.00 |
| WEEK 2: | |
| Vacation Bible School | \$569.00 |
| WEEK 3: | |
| Food Pantries - Soul Justice | \$831.00 |
| WEEK 4: | |
| Youth Mission Trips | \$336.00 |
| WEEK 5: | |
| Hope/Hospice/Pace/Kid's Care | \$462.25 |
| WEEK 6: | |
| Social Justice General Fund | \$441.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$3,311.25 |





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General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **“Like” our Facebook Page!** For all the latest happenings and inspirational messages “Like” us on Facebook. Just search “St. John XXIII Catholic Church”.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to “Stay Connected” and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Foster a stronger parish life at St. John XXIII and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone’s app store for myparish. You can also text the word “APP” to 88202!
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/> for our Mass schedule.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. Starting May 3rd, the Chapel will be open every 1st Friday until 9pm. Sign up to be an adorer by visiting the church website ministry tab or going directly to: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/enrollment/johnxxiii>
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Nonperishable Donations:** When you are coming to Mass, please consider dropping off any nonperishable items in designated baskets located in the Narthex. These items help supply our food pantries and help those in need.
- **Journey to Hope:** We offer support and education to families with mental illness or with dual diagnosis. The next meeting will take place Friday, May 3rd at St. John XXIII in rooms St. Martha & St. Mary.
- **People Asking For Money Outside of Church:** We remind you that if there is anyone asking for money around the Church outside of Mass at our exits, ignore them. We have been contacted by the police regarding a group of professionals who travel to various churches. Be generous in giving to our Poor Boxes. That is where and how we can assist those who are truly in need. **Be sure to take your purses with you to Communion.**
- **Advertise with us:** As much as you enjoy reading our bulletin, we’d love for you to be in it! If you own a business and are interested in advertising in our bulletin, please contact Dennis Gardner at J.S. Paluch (239) 470-9200
- **We need your help with keeping our database current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
- **If you are hospitalized at Gulf Coast Hospital** and would like to be visited by one of our Eucharistic Ministers or our Parish nurses, please let the Hospital Admissions Office know you are from our parish and contact our parish office, as well. Once you go home, if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to have the Eucharist brought to you, please call the parish office. (239) 561-2245

belk charity sale

PRIVATE TICKETED EVENT

SAVE ON RARELY DISCOUNTED BRANDS!

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH - 7AM
IN STORE ONLY
Ticket Cost: \$5.00 Each

SALE PRICES EFFECTIVE ALL DAY!

Your \$5 Charity Sale Ticket Supports The Women’s Guild of St. John XXIII (and our Outreach Ministries) plus you get **\$5 OFF** your first purchase!

PRE-SALE NOW THROUGH MAY 3RD
Shop at your leisure and pick up on **May 4th**

MAY 4TH - FREE GIFT CARD
to the first 100 customers in the store!
(Valued from \$5 to \$1,000)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE by contacting:
Stellamccaffrey@aol.com or **(239) 303-1935**

65+ SINGLES
SUNDAY BRUNCH

MAY 5TH
MEETS AFTER THE 9:15AM MASS

12450 Metro Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33966

EUROPEAN BAKERY CAFE AMERICAN

If you plan on attending
PLEASE RSVP TO:
Fran Turpin (239) 768-1651
by Friday, May 3rd

MAY CROWNING

SUNDAY MAY 5TH

The **St. John XXIII Women's Guild** is hosting a May crowning of the statue "**Mary, Mother of the Life Within**" in the Memorial Garden on **Sunday, May 5th** at **12:30pm**.

All members of the parish are invited to join us in a procession starting at **12:15pm** from the statue of the Vietnamese Martyrs, located at the back parking lot and then proceeding to the Memorial Garden. Please bring your rosary. Come help us honor Jesus' mother.



RESPECT LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 12:00PM

- Prayer for the UNBORN in the Adoration Chapel from 12pm-1pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 - 9:00AM

- Respect Life "MINI CONFERENCE" at 9am in the Parish Life Center with Jeanne Berdeaux (Diocese of Venice) - SEE DETAILS BELOW

THURSDAY, MAY 9 - 6:30PM

- Respect Life "MINI CONFERENCE" at 6pm in the Parish Life Center with Jeanne Berdeaux (Diocese of Venice) - SEE DETAILS BELOW

SATURDAY, MAY 11 - 12:00PM

- Prayer for the UNBORN in the Adoration Chapel from 12pm-1pm

FROM CONCEPTION UNTIL NATURAL DEATH



MAY 8th - 9:00am
MAY 9th - 6:30pm
IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Respect Life Ministry at St. John XXIII invites you to learn more about who we are, what we do and how YOU can make a difference and become a part of this important ministry! With special guest speaker: **Jeanne Berdeaux**, *director of Respect Life office of the Diocese of Venice*

LEARN ABOUT LIFE ISSUES:

- Beginning of Life (abortion & stem cell research)
- End of Life
- Death Penalty
- Legislative Action (on Life Issues)

If you would like more information, be updated or become more involved on Pro-life issues please send an email request to: respectlife@popejohn23.net

Craftie Ladies

WHAT'S NEW?

Verity Project:

Last month, the Craftie Ladies put together 100 gift bags for Verity Pregnancy Center. This is always a very special time for us, because each bag represents a baby who has been saved from abortion. We would like to thank our Verity leader, Judi, and everyone who contributed so much of their time for this worthy cause. Afterwards, we celebrated with old fashioned root beer floats, which took some of us back 40 years!



Godspell Musical:

The Craftie Ladies leadership team attended the Godspell musical together on Sunday, April 14th. We were involved in making props for the production. Thank you Trudy for the fabulous jackets you made for Jesus and Judas. They were bought at Goodwill, cut apart and re-made into these wonderful garments!



Donations:

Our yarn supply is currently very low, so we really need your help. We are also in need of cotton yardage for blankets, quilts and our Huggie Hearts project. Thank you Sam, who always sends us supplies from Ohio!

Rosary Help:

We are still looking for another person to help make rosaries. They are easy to make and only takes about 15 minutes to make one.

Join Us!

The Craftie Ladies meet every Monday at the Villas from 1-3 pm. We would love for you to check us out sometime! We have many talented ladies who are always willing to help someone learn a new skill. For more information please email us at: craftieladiesxxiii@aol.com

Journey to Hope by: J. Halt

In any given year about one in five people will have a diagnosable mental disorder, such as depression, bi-polar disease, chronic anxiety, schizophrenia, among others. One in 17 people has a severe mental illness. Mental illness impacts the biological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions of the individuals affected. The illness also impacts the lives of the person's family. Severe mental illness often raises profound questions of faith such as why does God allow sickness or why me? As a faith community, we are called to support individuals and their families through their time of crisis when the illness first occurs and in the ensuing life with and ongoing recovery from it through our prayerful presence.

Each first Friday of the month, the Journey To Hope group offers support and education to families struggling with mental health issues or with dual diagnosis. Join us, you are not alone!

JOURNEY TO

HOPE

NEXT MEETING: MAY 3RD • 6pm

PARISH LIFE CENTER

Rooms: St. Martha & St. Mary



PARISH MISSION UPDATE

Donations for the Parish Mission were **\$7,982.95** and book sales were **\$3,975.00**. All of the donations were sent to Fr. Cedric's order.

Thank You



A Morning with Mary

SATURDAY, MAY 18 - 9AM

IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

The St. John XXIII Women's Guild invites all women of the parish to join us for a morning to celebrate Mary the mother of Jesus. We will begin with a light breakfast followed by a talk by Father Murchadh O'Madagian. He was born in Dublin, Ireland and grew up in Galway on the West coast. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1998 for the diocese of Galway. He worked in various parishes and went to Rome in 2002, completing his doctorate in spiritual theology in 2005. In 2013 he came to the diocese of Venice, in Florida and is currently working as pastor of St. Vincent de Paul parish in north Fort Myers. He has written three books: "Therese of Lisieux: Through Love and Suffering"; "Centering Prayer and the Healing of the Unconscious"; and "By the Word of Their Testimony: The Journey of a Priest."

Father will be sharing with us his experiences with the Holy Mother. We ask that you register ahead of time so that we know how much food to prepare. Please register by emailing **Carolyn Hartmann** at hartmann_carolyn@yahoo.com



NO CHARGE!

**FRIDAY, MAY 10
6PM TO 8:30PM**

IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

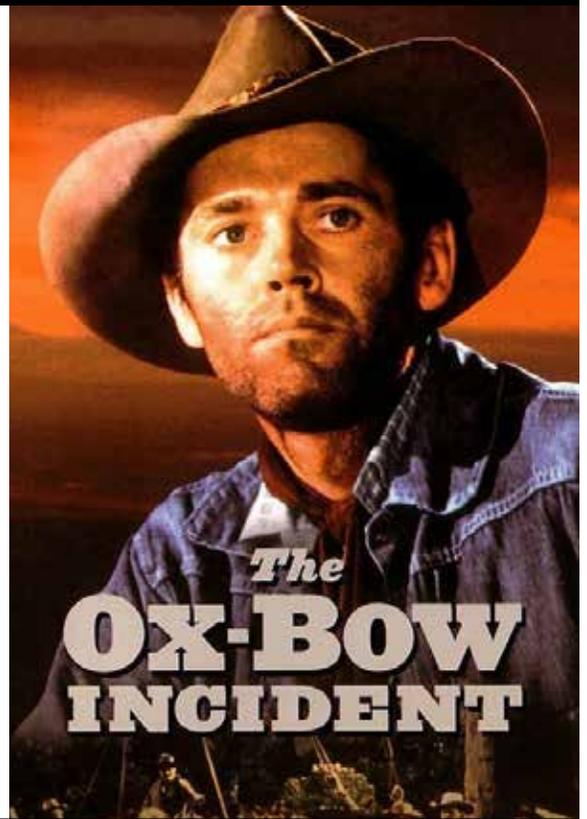
The Faith Alive! Team is sponsoring a new series as part of our parish's Adult Faith Formation ministry. We will be showing movies in our Parish Life Center, followed by a discussion of the film. It is an opportunity to meet other parishioners and have a faith-filled discussion on an important topic.

Our next presentation is *The Ox-Bow Incident* starring Henry Fonda. This 1943 western film explores the nature of judgment and justice. Two drifters are accused of murdering a rancher and stealing his cattle. A posse captures the two and ponders what do to with them.

Please RSVP by May 7th
so we know how much food to prepare.

Pizza donated by:
The Knights of Columbus

RSVP via email:
deaconrich@johnxxiii.net



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Safe Environment Training: As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults. To provide a safe and nurturing environment for everyone, we ask all volunteers to attend the Safe Environment Training Class once their fingerprints have been cleared. To view the next sessions go to www.dioceseofvenice.org website, click on Offices, Programs and Safe Environment. Select Training Schedule to see the list of classes. Click on "Start Registration" at the top of the page to register for a class. All registrations must be done through the Diocese of Venice website.

St. Francis Xavier End of Year Gala: Join us as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary with a "Back to the 80s" Theme on Friday, May 3rd from 7-11pm. \$80 per person and features food, slime bar and new wave music! For more information email Ester Kiesel at: ester.kiesel@stfrancisfortmyers.org or call (239) 334-7707 ext. 222

Scripture Conference with Scott Hahn: Saturday May 18th, at Bishop Verot High School, 5598 Sunrise Drive, Ft. Myers. Dr. Hahn will be giving several talks on aspects of the Scriptures, including on the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, and the married family as the "First Society." This is something you will not want to miss! Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Students receive a discount. For more information contact Joshua at (941) 484-9543 or register at: www.dioceseofvenice.org/events

Televised Mass for the Homebound: For those who are unable to attend Mass due to medical or physical limitations, the Diocese of Venice offers a televised Mass each Sunday. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs at 9:30am on the CW Network; and for those in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass is at 10:30am on WFTX-TV (FOX-4).

Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane: Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard at 8:30am, Friday, April 26h on 1660 AM in Naples as well as 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com. The program airs on the last Friday of each month.

Novena of Masses for Life: Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

Spiritual Adoption Program: You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. To register, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. For information, questions or prayer cards, please contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or call (941) 441-1101

Catholic Charities: Provide support, shelter, food and education to families and individuals in your community. Build up the people of Southwest Florida with the courage them to move beyond poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. A total of 92 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to clients. To donate, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

Don't Get HOOKED

Did You Know?

**4 in 5 emails are
phishing or spam
emails!**



What Can I Do?

Look for the parish, school or diocese domain email address.

Be suspicious of: @yahoo.com, @gmail.com, @aol.com, @comcast.net, etc. or posing as someone from the parish.

When in doubt, call the parish office or contact the Diocesan IT Department.

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Report suspicious emails to:
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IT HELPDESK
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Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. Your login information will be the same as your Amazon.com account

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Jennifer Baumgardner at: jennb@johnxxiii.net

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