



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**November 1, 2020**

### *All Saints*

"I am the resurrection  
*and the life;*  
whoever believes in me,  
even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives  
and believes in me  
*will never die."*

- JOHN 11:25

### *All Souls*



St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

**November 1, 2020**

## Please Note:

**There will be  
CONFESSIONS  
outside the church  
Every Saturday  
8:30am-9:00am  
LIVE streaming  
MASSES on  
Facebook/Website**

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,  
9:00am-Noon Only  
239-561-2245  
239-561-3713 (Fax)

### 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 - Select**

2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers  
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

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are welcome to attend 8:00am Daily Mass as well as weekend Holy Masses in the Church. We ask that you please wear a mask, bring sanitizer and practice social distancing. We will continue to livestream Masses on Facebook and the Website.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS DAY

- 8:00 AM † DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN XXIII

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:00 AM † Ted Feindt by his wife

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 8:00 AM † Lill & Bill Krippner by Ted & Mickey Veenhuis

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 8:00 AM † Scott Geiger by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 8:00 AM † Sean Callahan by Robin & Ron Wilczynski

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 8:00 AM † Dorothy & Clarence Colegate by Peggy & Dan Pieper
- 4:00 PM † Sean P. Callahan by Eleanor & Ken Knapp
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 7:15 AM † Antonio Crescente by Frank Crescente
- 9:15 AM † Arlene Brummer by Diane Griffin
- 11:15 AM † David Jones by his family
- 1:30 PM ♥ Pablo Macias & Luz Gonzalez de Macias  
50th Wedding Anniversary

### THE 2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR JANUARY-JUNE

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.

### NOVEMBER 8, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING IS 25:6-10A
- PSALM PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- 2ND READING 1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14
- GOSPEL MT 25:1-13

### REMINDER: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31



**DON'T FORGET** to turn  
your clocks **BACK 1 HOUR**  
before you go to bed on  
**Saturday, OCTOBER 31**

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# Praying FOR ALL Souls

by: **Cynthia Marie - Catholic News**

On Monday, November 2nd, we will celebrate All Souls Day, but for Catholics the entire month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls in Purgatory.

Purgatory is the name the Church gives to the final purification after death and judgment, a period when those who die in God's grace and friendship undergo a purification to achieve the holiness necessary to enter into the joy of heaven. All souls in Purgatory are assured of eternal salvation, but they must first be cleansed of all their lesser sins before they can enter the glory of heaven.

But what about those souls we don't think were in a state of grace when they died? Should we continue to pray for our loved ones who were fallen-away Catholics? Our atheist friends? Or what about those (uncanonized) people who lived such holy lives that we figure they must already be in heaven?

When we're talking about the communion of saints and the body of Christ, there are all kinds of questions that come up with this topic, like whether we'll all enter heaven at the same time or whether it's an immediate judgment. The Catechism says there's an immediate judgment, but what does that mean when there's no time? You can kind of go cross-eyed and get a headache after a while.

So in fact, just keep praying. Never could we just give up hope and say, "Well, this person is probably in hell. I'm going to stop praying for them." That's not Christian. In fact, in the book of Romans we hear "hope against hope" – that's faith. That was Abraham's faith, and that's who Catholics are. We're the ones who hope against all hope that Jesus can purify and can save. We can't draw conclusions, we just keep praying."

## *All Souls Day* NOVEMBER 2 - 6PM

All are welcome to join Fr. Bob on Monday, November 2nd in the Memorial Garden at 6:00pm. This Memorial Service is for all the departed souls of this year and also those who are laid to rest in the garden. The names read aloud are for those we have on record who have died since last November 2, 2019. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and flashlight for nightfall.





## MESSAGE FROM

*Bishop Dewane*

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis reminds us that, "You are never alone. Know that God our Father has answered our cries and our questions, not with words, but with a presence that accompanies us, that of His Son." While faith is often tested with the loss of our loved ones, Our Lord is closest in our most difficult times.

In keeping with the cherished tradition of remembrance on All Souls' Day, Mass will be offered for the dearly departed throughout the month of November at the Diocese of Venice Catholic Center.

These Masses of remembrance will be celebrated in recognition and gratitude for your generous support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Your thoughtful participation in the Appeal enables the Church to continue the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ by serving those in need. The economic impact of the Pandemic has heightened the crucial demand for assistance. Indeed, this remembrance of your loved ones conveys my sincere appreciation for your kind support.

This year we face the profound heartbreak of so many lives being lost due to Covid-19. In a special way, we will remember those who supported the mission of the Church and passed away during or because of the Pandemic.

Take comfort in knowing that all your faithfully departed shall be remembered in prayer during the month of All Souls. Be assured that you and your family are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Frank J. Dewane*

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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  
Carol Clausen  
Marlene LaRose  
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek  
Jeff Hlavacek  
Gary Neubauer  
Tom Biedak  
Curtis Atkins  
Skip Vandover  
Arthur Senegal  
Jim Heron  
Barbara Shay  
Gregg Evans  
Henry Martinez

Bill Becker  
Carlos Martinez  
Fr. Ed Przygocki  
Kevin Natella  
Marilyn Kelley  
Dan Pieper  
James Heaney  
Steven Dakin  
Neil Soeder  
Gene Damm  
C. Tony Navy  
Anthony Navy  
Lou Rescinetto  
Nancy Wirick  
Diane Distler  
Linda Sayres

**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 [epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com)

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, please call the parish office at: (239) 561-2245

### *Prayers for Eternal Life*

*Life is changed, not ended.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

**Barbara Simpson  
Edward Mehringer**



### *Tabernacle Candle*

In Memory of: **Ted Feindt**  
Requested by: **his wife**



### *Adoration Chapel*

In Honor of: **All Departed Souls**





## WATCH ON FACEBOOK

### DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 4:00pm with Fr. Angelo
- 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/fort.myers.5454>

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 11:15am with Fr. Simon
- 1:30pm Spanish Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1>



### WATCH AT HOME:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/>

WFTX-TV FOX 4 - Sundays at 10:30am



PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR

## Online Gift



<https://johnxxiii.net/giving/>

## WELCOME

### *New Parishioners*

- Regis & Paula Suarez
- James & Jessica Cochara
- Heriberto & Milagros Ferreyra
- Oscar & Janneth Vargas

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. 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, November 15th after the 11:15am Mass.**

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the parish. 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](http://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  
Major Andrew Duguay  
Sgt. Jared Gaudet  
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green  
Capt. Kellyn C. 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  
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army  
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  
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG  
Aaron Crump, USCG  
Sgt. 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  
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force  
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army  
82nd ABN  
Lt. Ross Walker, US Navy  
PFC Eric Lyons, USMC  
2LT Nicholas Meunier US Army





## Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | [chrisdre@johnxxiii.net](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Classes** will be held **November 4 and 18**

The next **SUNDAY Family Faith Formation Class** will be held **Sunday, November 1**



### 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 begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). 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.

*Faith is like WiFi: it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.*

## ADULT FAITH

### Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

#### OPENING THE WORD

### YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS



Watch a short video each week on **Formed.org** to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. Register at <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7. Please join our weekly Zoom meeting. Email **Linda Stanley** at: [lindastanley.ls@gmail.com](mailto:lindastanley.ls@gmail.com) for more information.

#### JOIN US ONLINE



## Revelation

*The Kingdom Yet to Come*



JEFF CAVINS and THOMAS SMITH

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective.

We will meet on Zoom, Tuesdays from **6:30-8pm through November 17**

To join our study, go to [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) and sign in or sign up (if you don't have an account). On your Menu dropdown select **Join a Study**, and select St. John XXIII and order your workbook.

#### CONTACT:

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Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107  
Contact **Kelly Evers** | [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net)

### Rooted at St. John XXIII

**Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39**

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month. Check out our trifold at the welcome desk for planned events.

- **EVENT CANCELLED:** Thursday, November 5  
Friendsgiving Dinner



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

### Confirmation Program

- **November 29** is the the next Confirmation preparation class. Year 1 will be studying Church History. Year two will be working on how to "Share Our faith with Others". Please watch your email for parent and sponsor at home discussion questions as well as in person and zoom offering choices.

### High School Youth Group

**HSYG Social Sessions** - Sundays 5pm to 6:30pm

- REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. All High school students are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to move this offering to an in-person ministry as soon as it is safe to do so. The sessions will be on the Zoom app. Please email Kelly for invitation link.
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1:** Two Great Commandments
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8:** NO SESSION

### Middle School Youth Group

**MSYG Sessions** - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED at this time. We will host this program on **Wednesday evenings at 6pm** via the Zoom app. Please check the website under the education tab in the Middle School Youth ministry for more information and email Kelly for link to the Zoom invitation.
- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4:** How to be an Evangelist in Middle School?

### Volunteer Opportunitites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



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## Youth SPOTLIGHT

***Leandro Gonzalez** has been a big part of youth ministry since his middle school years. He attended mission trips, volunteers at many events, and is learning to be a Eucharistic Minister at Mass.*



### Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

My Catholic faith is important to me because I've always been using it since the day I was born. My faith has helped me get through high school and has helped me make good decisions in my life. It also has helped me in community service with others especially when I went to help the people in Jacksonville with Kelly Evers during our mission trip.

### What do you like most about St. John XXIII parish?

What I like the most about St. John XXIII Catholic Church is that I get to see my friends at church and it's neat to see that most of my friends come from the same school. Not only is it interesting to see that they're from the same school, but it's nice to help out other people in the community with your friends which makes it better.

### What does it mean to you, to be a Disciple of Christ?

To me being a disciple of Christ means to spread the good news. If you can't do that, then you can just be nice to people and perform good deeds to other people throughout the day. To me spreading the good news is just being polite and helping your neighbor all the time.





ST. JOHN XXIII  
Catholic Church

## 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](http://johnxxiii.podbean.com)
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, [johnxxiii.net](http://johnxxiii.net), scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/>
- **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!
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider donating items to St. Martin DePorres or The St. John XXIII Villas to help people in need during this pandemic.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-4pm. The Chapel will be open 8:30am-9pm on Tuesday, November 3rd. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)
- **Thrift Store Update:** As of Monday, November 2nd, store hours will be Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday from 10am-4pm. Email questions to: [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net)
- **Craftie Ladies Order Requests:** Please contact Judy Siegel at: (239) 437-4978 or (414) 529-4978 and she will channel your request to the right Craftie Lady who makes the item. They will then contact you and set up a meet time. ONLY CASH will be accepted. Email: [craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com](mailto:craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com)
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions. For more information email: [holdenbnd@gmail.com](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com) or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **Free Mental Health Services:** Catholic Charities offers free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193
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## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

2020

### NOVEMBER: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

For more information:

<https://www.jesuit.org.uk/pope-francis-2020-prayer-intentions-announced>



## Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

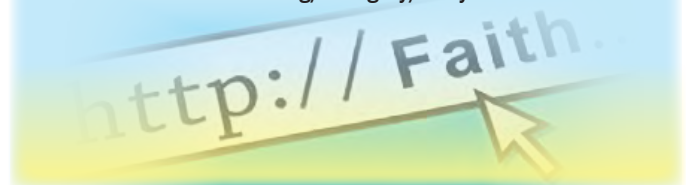
**WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA:** [whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com](http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com)

**CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE** [www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com)

**CRUX:** [cruxnow.com](http://cruxnow.com)

**BISHOP BARRON:** [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

**FR. RICHARD ROHR:** [cac.org/category/daily-meditations](http://cac.org/category/daily-meditations)



## Words of Encouragement

from St. John XXIII Parishioners

St. John XXIII parishioners provided messages of faith, hope and encouragement. If you are interested in sharing a video on Facebook, please contact **Jennifer Engelman** at [jennifer@johnxxiii.net](mailto:jennifer@johnxxiii.net)





St. John XXIII Women's Guild is asking for your help in a fundraiser to help fund the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need. We normally have a bake sale to raise money but, because of COVID we are unable to do so. Instead we are asking those who normally bake, to donate the amount that it would cost them to make their items. Also, those who normally purchase items might donate what they would normally spend at the bake sale. Checks should be made out to St. John XXIII and on the envelope designate WG and put bake sale in memo line. Donations may be mailed to the office or put in an envelope and placed in the offertory as long as it is marked. Thank you for your help!

**ORDER A PIZZA**  
and **HELP**  
*those in NEED!*



Order a pizza from TWO MEATBALLS IN THE KITCHEN, located at **8880 Salrose Lane in Ft. Myers**, on November 9th through November 12th and mention The St. John XXIII Women's Guild. Two Meatballs will donate 20% of the sale to the Women's Guild to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need. Please take advantage of this offer and help others.

## *Hispanic Ministry* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *Misas en Español*

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 1:30pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

### *Rezo del Santo Rosario*

(Antes de la misa los domingos)

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 12:50pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

### *Rezo del Santo Rosario* (Via Zoom)

- Lugar: Video conferencia a través de Zoom
- Hora: 6:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los martes del mes.

### *Charlas pre Bautismales*

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 10:00am
- Fecha: Todos primeros sabados del mes.

NOTA: Registrarse previamente enviando un email al correo: [comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)

### *Contactanos*

- Para más información sobre el link del rezo del Santo Rosario vía Zoom o preguntas relacionado al ministerio hispano, por favor dejarnos saber al correo [comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)
- Visítenos en [www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1](https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1)

# RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS:**  
**THURSDAY - 6:30PM**

**Nov. 5:** Blessed Virgin & The Saints

**Nov. 12:** Catholics Belief: Nicene Creed

**Nov. 19:** The Blessed Trinity

**Nov. 26:** No Session - Thanksgiving

For more information, please call or text **GINNY WHELAN** at (239) 634-3239 or email: [vwhelan99@gmail.com](mailto:vwhelan99@gmail.com)



ST. JOHN XXIII  
Catholic Church

# Online Giving CHALLENGE



Online Giving  
Recurring Account  
Registration

+

\$100  
Matching Gift  
Fund

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**IMPACT!**

For the MONTH OF OCTOBER, we are excited to announce a Gift Fund Challenge dedicated to promote Online Giving! A team of anonymous donors have generously offered to contribute \$100 to our parish Catholic Faith Appeal for every NEW Recurring registration.

- Online Giving is the Easy Way to Support your Church!
- Parishioners DO NOT have to Bring Envelopes to Mass.
- May Receive Points on Credit Cards.
- Manage Your own Donations and Print your Statements.

## This is an EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

You can give to the Catholic Faith Appeal through our Diocese or to our parish offertory. If you are interested in participating as a donor to the Online Giving Challenge, visit:

**<https://johnxxiii.net/giving/>**







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## Weekly Financials



	10-25-20	10-27-19	Difference
Offertory	\$20,253.50	\$24,641.00	(\$4,387.50)
Building Fund	\$1,843.50	\$11,988.00	(\$10,144.50)
Total	\$22,097.00	\$36,629.00	(\$14,532.00)
Mass Attendance	1421	3280	
Registered Families	3617	3713	

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

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

### 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal

2020 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$476,789.25
% of Goal	96.91%
% of Households	21.37%
Payments	\$455,360.95

## 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 email:

**Holly Atkins: [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)**



# Thank You!

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have supported the raffle during the pandemic.  
**The total net proceeds from the Raffle: \$28,400**

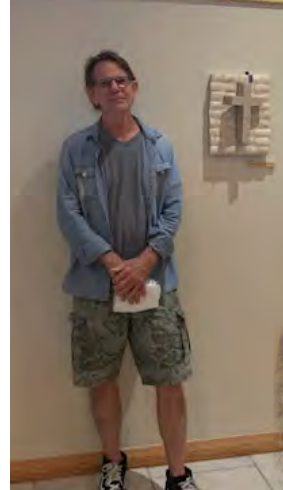
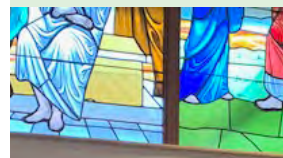
## Help Keep Our DATABASE CURRENT

Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email [info@johnxxiii.net](mailto:info@johnxxiii.net) with any changes or additions to your contact information.

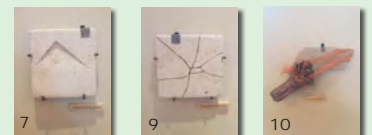
**Thank you for helping us save time and help keep our records accurate.**

## Thank You DONORS

We would like to thank all the Station of the Cross donors who memorialized a loved one in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. Seven stations have already been memorialized! If you are interested in this opportunity or would like more information, please contact Holly Atkins at **(239) 561-2245**



### STILL AVAILABLE



### Memorialization

The art of commemorating the lives of those we love.



## Adoration Chapel

The St. Luke Adoration Chapel is OPEN REGULAR HOURS.  
Please wear a mask, use sanitizer and social distance.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm**

**SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm**

For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit:  
[johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)

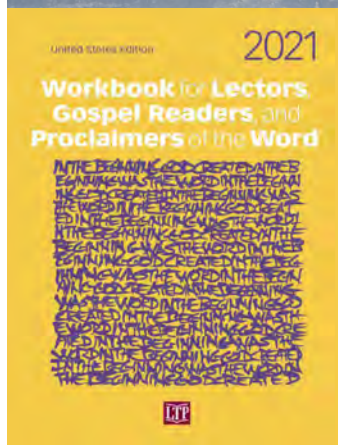
**PLEASE NOTE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3:** The Chapel will be open 8:30am-9:00pm We encourage you to Come and Sit with the Real Presence of the Blessed Sacrament and PRAY for Our Country.

*"There is a famine in America. Not a famine of food, but of love, of truth and of life."*

## New Lighting!

Over the next few weeks we are having the lighting in the church, chapel and Narthex changed over to LED lights. Our old systems is outdated and in need of replacement. This is a BIG undertaking. Light equipment will be used and stored around the church, pews will need to be moved and then put back before the weekend Masses. We hope to have the project completed before the end of November. This will be a great savings to the parish in years to come!

## 2021 Workbook



We will offer Lector Workbooks after each Mass (near the Sacristy) on 11/7 and 11/8. Donation is \$15.

Please use exact cash or a check payable to: St. John XXIII Church.

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## St. John XXIII Charity Link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4893911>





# ANGEL TREE

## 2020 GIFT/FOOD REQUESTS

Hundreds of needy children, as well as veterans, seniors and homebound, have nothing at Christmas if not for the gifts provided them by our Angel Tree Program.

Our low in-person Mass attendance simply cannot support our traditional Angel Tree Program that provides 1000+ Christmas gifts. Rather than disappoint the people who depend on us, we have modified our 2020 Angel Tree Program to reflect the following giving opportunity:

### CHECK OR CASH DONATIONS: **Please Submit by December 1**

- Parishioners may make a donation in any amount that they can afford to support the 600+ children from St. Martin de Porres Outreach, as well as many families in need.
- Please make Checks payable to St. John XXIII Church (with "Angel Tree" in the Memo portion). They may be placed in the Box in the Narthex, or mailed to St. John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers, FL 33912, to be **received by December 1, 2020**
- Your donations will be converted into a \$25 Gift Card for each child or needy adult, to the store of their choice.

### ONE ANGEL TREE FOR VETERANS & ELDERLY

- One Traditional Angel Tree will be in the Narthex. It will be limited to gift requests from veterans in retirement homes, seniors from Catholic Charities, and our parish homebound. These are individuals who are unable to shop for themselves.

These are unprecedented times for all of us, and we rely on the generosity of those who can afford to do so, to help the less fortunate among us. We also recognize that we have registered Parishioners who are unemployed and in need of assistance themselves. If you are in this group, please complete the request form below.

### ACTIVE REGISTERED PARISHONERS

To EXPEDITE: Please email request to [Stellamccaffrey@aol.com](mailto:Stellamccaffrey@aol.com)

### ST. JOHN XXIII - 2020 GIFT/FOOD REQUEST FORM

Last/First Name:	Phone #	E-mail:

**(Please check ALL that apply):**

☐ **Food for Thanksgiving** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on Monday, November 23 from 1-3pm)  
☐ **Food for Christmas** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on Monday, December 21 from 1-3pm)  
☐ **Christmas Gifts** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on Monday, December 21 from 1-3pm)

**Total Number in my Family** \_\_\_\_\_



SAVE BABIES AND HELP MOMS!

## WE NEED PARTNERS

### **PARTNERS TO PRAY**

Pray for our ministry, the women we serve, their unborn babies, our staff, volunteers, and for our future expansion plans.

### **PARTNERS TO VOLUNTEER**

Join us at one of our clinics located in Ft. Myers, Naples, Sarasota or our Mobile Medical Clinic, which serves area college campuses, Immokalee, and the surrounding area from Sarasota to Marco Island.

### **PARTNERS TO HELP FINANCIALLY**

Help us through monetary donations and gifts of diapers, baby clothes, baby wipes, and baby care items. You can even host a baby shower for us!

For more information call (239) 262-6381  
or visit [www.community4life.com](http://www.community4life.com)

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Last year we saved over 1000 babies in our area from abortion! We need your help to save even more. You can help through the gift of your time. We have openings for many kinds of volunteers.

Community Pregnancy Clinics serves the Naples, Fort Myers, and Sarasota areas, and our Mobile Medical Clinic also serves from Sarasota to Marco Island, including area college campuses.

To learn more about how you can help, call:  
(239) 262-6381

*"You who are my messenger, in  
you I place my absolute trust."*

- OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



THROUGH NOVEMBER 1

# HELP SAVE LIVES

IN FT. MYERS

ST. JOHN XXIII  
Catholic Church

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
6418 Commerce Park Dr. Ft. Myers, FL 33966

## CLOSING RALLY:

Sunday, NOVEMBER 1: 6:30PM

# RESPECT LIFE

### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:

"Walking with Moms in Need" is designed to educate parishes about community resources for pregnant moms. If you would like more information please visit: [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com)

### FEDERAL EXECUTIONS:

The Federal government has resumed Federal executions due to many prisoners on death row. This is still a very difficult subject for many Catholics. To learn more information, please visit [www.catholicismobilizingnetwork.org](http://www.catholicismobilizingnetwork.org)

### MENTAL HEALTH:

Drug addiction and mental health issues have steadily increased as a result of Covid, especially among young adults and the elderly. If you or someone you know is suffering, please call **1-800-950-NAMI(6264)** or text NAMI to 741741. More information is available at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

### CONTACT US:

The Respect Life Ministry is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at at: [respectlifejohn23@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com)



# The Venetian UN Ball

## STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7pm



Visit our Auction today at: <https://ccdov.afrogs.org/>  
to bid on these and other great items.



Join us virtually to raise awareness and stop **MODERN DAY SLAVERY**.  
Listen to a survivor-leader share her inspirational story and learn how  
**YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT.**



### PRIVATE SOUTH ITALY VILLA VACATION

Enjoy a stay at the private Italian Villa Casa di Gasperi, located in Altomonte, Calabria.



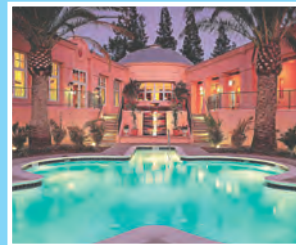
### WINE PULL

Take your pick at a bottle of wine, valued up to \$160. It's the luck of the draw for a delicious bottle of wine.



### ATTEND THE 2021 FINAL FOUR

Be there as the best two remaining teams tip-off for what's sure to be an action packed thriller which the whole nation will be watching.



### 5 STAR GETAWAY TO WINE COUNTRY

Visit Napa Valley and enjoy a 3 day/2 night stay at the 5 Star Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn Resort and Spa for 2 people.



### SING-A-LONG ZOOM WITH A BROADWAY STAR

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a private Zoom session with a starring cast member from one of your favorite musicals.



TO DONATE or for more information please visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)  
or contact Janet Pavelack at [janet.pavelack@catholiccharitiesdov.org](mailto:janet.pavelack@catholiccharitiesdov.org) or 239-334-4007 ext. 2101

## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**Maritn DePorres Help Needed:** St. Martin DePorres has just achieved something they were praying for. They just bought the building where they have been providing food to so many desperate people for more than 6 years! Now that they have the building, they are looking for someone with building engineering expertise to help them with the planning for the renovation and upgrades. If you know of someone who can help, please contact Barbara Durkin at [admin@smdpministry.org](mailto:admin@smdpministry.org)

**Monthly Days of Prayer/OLPH Retreat:** The retreat center of our diocese continues to offer single days of prayer and weekend retreats in a safe, tranquil setting along the Myakka River. Next dates are Nov. 8 and Nov. 11. The day begins at 9:30am with continental breakfast, and includes two conferences, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation. A weekend retreat, "Women at the Well," will be offered Nov. 6-8. Both events can be viewed online if you are unable to attend in person. To register, call (941) 486-0233 or please visit [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org) and click on "Schedule of Events."

**Do You Need Help?** If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance or tele-mental health counseling, please call the number for your area listed below between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday:

- Sarasota/Manatee/DeSoto/Hardee/Highlands Counties: (844) 385-2407
- Charlotte/Lee/Hendry/Glades Counties: (844) 385-2423
- Collier County: (844) 385-240

**Help Your Parish:** Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effects on everyday life. Please prayerfully consider an online donation to your parish by visiting <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/parish-donations-online/>

**Catholic Charities Support:** Financial support is needed during its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To help, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate) or send a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

**Project Rachel Post-Abortion:** Reconciliation and healing is available to you. For more information, please call: Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 e-mail: [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org) or visit: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

**Spiritual Adoption Program:** You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. Visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program) and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. Call (941) 441-1101 or email [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

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

**Treatment Center for Teens:** This treatment center is for teen substance abuse at the Vince Smith Center. Located at 2450 Prince St. in Ft. Myers. They offer a therapeutic environment for teens ages 13-17. Education is provided by the Lee County School District. For more information call (239) 338-2306



GUEST SPEAKER: ROSE SWEET

**SURVIVING DIVORCE FACILITATOR TRAINING:**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20** (10:30am - 2:30pm)

This training session is for priests, deacons and parish staff/volunteers. **COST: \$10**

**SURVIVING DIVORCE RETREAT:**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21** (9am - 3pm)

This retreat is open to all, but especially beneficial for separated and divorced Catholics. **COST: \$15**

Both programs will be held at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive in Ft. Myers. Lunch is included as well as a continental breakfast for Saturday's Retreat.

**REGISTER ONLINE:** [www.dioceseofvenice.org/divorce](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/divorce)  
For more information: Carrie Harkey (941) 484-9543 ext. 3019 or email: [harkey@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:harkey@dioceseofvenice.org)



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - 6PM**

Join our VIRTUAL EVENT to hear Bill Eggers share the story of his son, Captain Daniel Eggers, KIA in Afghanistan in his talk titled, "Teach Your Children Well." Bill served in Vietnam as a U.S. Army door gunner and flew in over 150 combat missions. Captain Daniel Eggers served as a U.S. Army Green Beret and was killed in action in 2004.

The program begins at 6PM ON ZOOM. This event is FREE, however, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Reserve online at [www.faithandale.com](http://www.faithandale.com)

**Guest Speaker: BILL EGGERS**

"Teach Your Children Well"





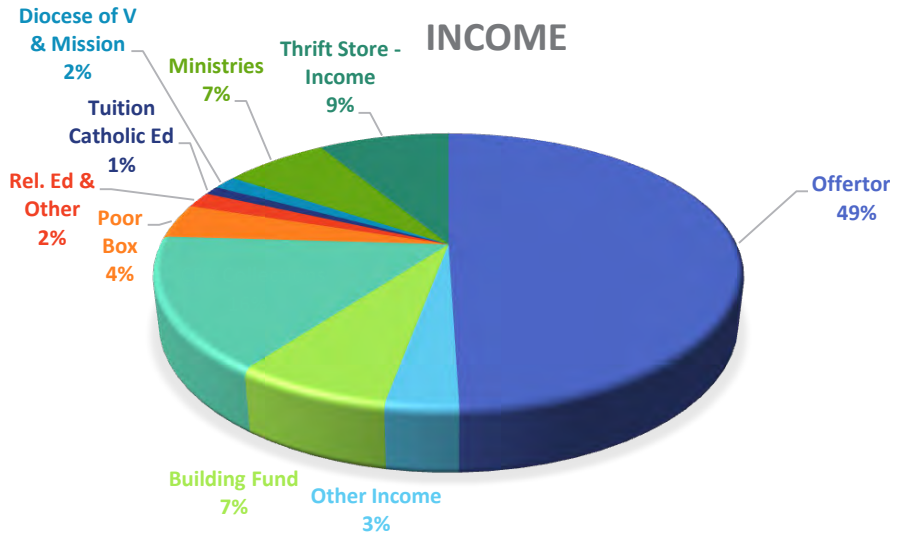
# ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Annual Overview

Fiscal Year JULY 2019- JUNE 2020

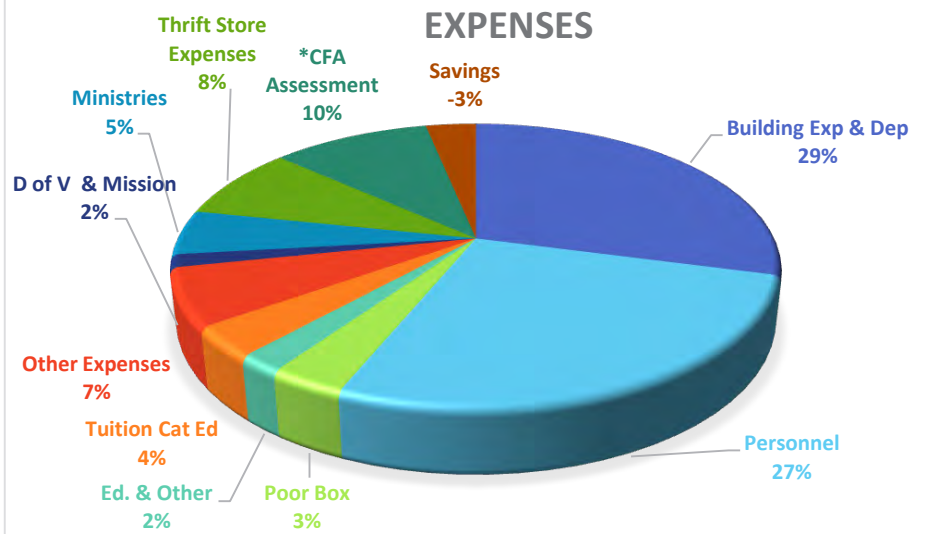
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Offertory	1,584,216.08
Other Income	108,377.86
Building Fund	233,326.10
*CFA Collections	503,928.68
Poor Box	128,381.70
Rel. Ed & Other	59,056.61
Tuition Catholic Ed	32,631.00
Diocese of V & Mission	49,969.00
Ministries	222,194.77
Thrift Store - Income	277,324.29
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,199,406.09</b>



### Expenses

Building Exp & Dep	995,639.49
Personnel	925,948.37
Poor Box	118,047.64
Ed. & Other	69,603.55
Tuition Cat Ed	119,451.67
Other Expenses	223,654.01
D of V & Mission	49,919.00
Ministries	174,581.42
Thrift Store Expenses	285,422.21
*CFA Assessment	347,000.00
Savings	(109,861.27)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,199,406.09</b>



### BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

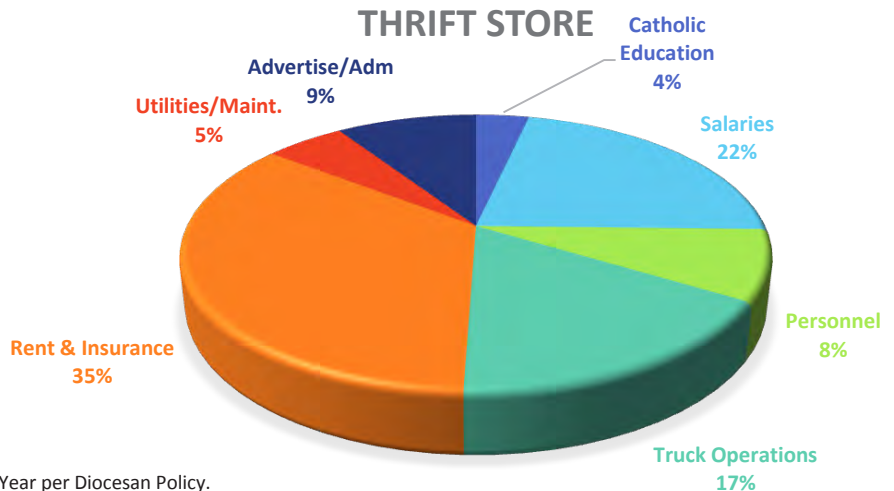
#### Assets

Current Assets	1,145,692.63
Prepaid CFA & Liab Ins.	367,345.63
Fixed Assets	13,309,133.47
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>14,822,171.73</b>

#### Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	65,912.78
Retained Earnings & Equities	14,756,258.95
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>14,822,171.73</b>

### THRIFT STORE



\*CFA numbers reflect the Calendar year instead of the Fiscal Year per Diocesan Policy.