



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 30, 2022

The *Lord* will *Fight* for *You*



“They will fight against you but they shall NOT prevail against you. For I am with you says the Lord.” - JEREMIAH 1:19

January 30, 2022

Please Note:
SATURDAY
CONFESSIONS
takes place in the
church from
8:30am-9:00am

We will continue
LIVE streaming
some **MASSES** on
Facebook/Website

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,

8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm

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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 - 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: The chapel will be open during weekend Masses for those who prefer additional space. However, due to Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel will not be available during the 9:15am & 11:15am Masses.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:00 AM † Gary R. Cramer by Brett Urban

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00 AM † Danny Ray Harper by Pat Dougherty

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 8:00 AM † Robert Evans, Sr. by Bob & Marg Evans

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 8:00 AM † Reynold Welicky by Nancy Welicky

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:00 AM † Jim & Diane Wittenauer by JoAnne Walsh

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:00 AM † Jim Kenny by his family
- 4:00 PM † Nita, Zach & Rose Elkin by The Elkin Family
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 7:15 AM † Diego & Antoinette Bosco by Ria Brown
- 9:15 AM † Theodore Bierch, Jr. by Alice Bierch
- 11:15 AM † Edward Baran by Cathy & Ed Wurm
- 1:30 PM † Jose Ramon Rodriguez Kienzler by his daughter

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

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

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 - READINGS

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|---------------|----------------------|
| • 1ST READING | JB 7:1-4, 6-7 |
| • PSALM | PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 |
| • 2ND READING | 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23 |
| • GOSPEL | MK 1:29-39 |

ATTENTION PARENTS

St. John XXIII Parish wants to assure that it is a safe environment for everyone.

Parents please be sure to **accompany your children** to the restroom and keep them with you in the Narthex before and after Mass.

Thank You
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Letting God *Fight* for You

by: **Jonathan William - Catholic Exchange**

As Christians, we're painfully aware that we're involved in a battle for our souls. In this battle, we're outmatched and outclassed because our enemy has thousands of years experience and all the time in the world to think of things to hamper our journeys.

Thankfully, you don't have to fight this enemy alone. The Lord will fight for you. Now maybe you're wondering how the Lord will fight for you so let's talk about it.

How do you know that God is with you in the battle? What proof do you have that the Lord will fight for you?

The Bible is filled with stories of the various ways God has fought on behalf of His people. In Genesis, God appeared to Laban in a dream and warned him not to do anything to harm Jacob. He was told that he shouldn't even speak harshly to him (Genesis 31:22-24).

In Joshua, the Lord sent the commander of His army to lead the armies of Israel into battle (Joshua 5:13-15). For Elisha, the Lord sent the host of His armies to stand with him against the Aramaens (2 Kings 6:8-23).

Are you beginning to see the picture? There are many more stories like this in the Bible. God has all-power and He's able to do anything He can imagine. Since God created the whole world and everything in it, we already know He has quite an imagination. That's the God who will fight for you. The only thing you need to do is stay still. The word translated as "be still" is the Hebrew *râphâh*, (pronounced raw-faw'). It could also have been translated as abate or cease. I don't know about you but for me being still is hard! At any given moment I can think of at least five things I could or should be doing.

Sadly, this "doing" mindset sometimes translates in my relationship with God. I want Him to rush in and move things right away, and, when I think He's going too slow, I try to do things myself.

Is that you, my friend? If it is, we can both learn from Abraham. When Abraham and Sarah tried to "help" God, things didn't turn out quite as they had hoped and the consequences spilled across the ages.

But when they stood still and allowed God to work things out on their behalf, they not only got exactly what they wanted, but they also became part of a miracle.

Being still means being willing to wait. It means we put our agenda aside and allow God to work on His perfect plan. Will it be easy? No. But while we're waiting we can spend time in His presence learning more about Him.

The biggest challenge many Christians face is letting God fight the battle for us. Oh, we know the right words and can say "The Lord will fight for you" with the best of them, but do we really understand that God is in the battle with us? Do we truly understand how to let God fight our battles?

God is with you in the battle. If you're going to let the Lord fight for you, you have to submit your will totally and completely to Him. I know.

The thought of not being in control of everything is scary. It's not something we're used to because we have been told for years that we need to be brave and learn to do things on our own.

But you see, that doesn't work when it comes to spiritual warfare. Yes, we are to put on the whole armor of God but that's just to make us battle-ready.

Sometimes it's difficult for us to remember we need to let go and let God fight our battles and that's where Christian fiction comes in. Characters who experience the challenges and struggles we go through because it takes us out of my situation so we can see it clearer. God's Rebel had a strong theme of spiritual warfare and allows the Lord to fight the battle for you. When it comes to spiritual warfare, we're not the ones fighting the enemy, it's God who fights through us.

7 STEPS TO:

Stand Still and Let God Fight for You



- 1. TRUST GOD:** This seems like a no-brainer but trusting God takes effort. It takes faith. It takes faith to allow the Lord to fight your battles.
- 2. REPENT OF SIN:** Here's the truth, sin separates us from God. When we have sin weighing us down, the enemy likes to convince us that there's nothing we can do to get right with God.
- 3. PRACTICE OBEDIENCE:** As Christians, we are called to walk in obedience. When we are being obedient, it is easier for us to remain still in God's presence.
- 4. FIND SCRIPTURES:** There are scriptures that remind you how to wait. The Bible has a lot to say on a number of topics including being able to wait. Spend some time reading, studying and praying scripture.
- 5. SUPPORT GROUP:** Surround yourself with people who love God and want to pursue Him. Learn from others who have learned to be still. Spend time with those who have learned how to let God fight their battles.
- 6. SERVE OTHERS:** One of the best things we can do when we are waiting on God to fight for us is to serve other people. Devote some of your energy, effort, and time to help other people. Maybe you will be the tool God uses to fight someone else's battle.
- 7. PRACTICE PATIENCE:** You've probably heard it said before, patience is a virtue. When you find yourself becoming impatient, remind yourself that God's timing is best. Remind yourself that the Lord will fight for you if you'll only be still long enough.

Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan
Marlene LaRose
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Jeff Hlavacek
Gary Neubauer
Tom Biedak
Ron Hudepohl
Denise Vannelli
Laura Ford
Tony Gagnet
Susan Davies
Cynthia & William
Sue Edwards
Doris Westberry
Sandra Averhart
Ken Marple
Steven Clausen

Donald Dantino
Melissa Yost
Desiree Vinci
Marilyn Marr
Jean Reiser
Anthony Prichinello
Kevin Natella
Ann Pezzano
Cathy McManus
Elethia Oliver-Ajose
Jake Williams
Daly Lynn-Hajian
Sophia Bentz
Colleen Ryan
Lynne Mogell
Fran Lietz
Helen Hitch

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

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!

Gerry Jarema
Hubert Zweber



FIRST FRIDAY *Adoration*

FEBRUARY 4

ADORATION CHAPEL

open: 8:30am - 8:00pm

johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER

Monday, January 31

- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: The Villas - 1pm
- Mini Retreat for Volunteers w/ Fr. Bill : Main Hall - 6pm

Tuesday, February 1

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Faith Alive: Zoom Only - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, February 2

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Walking w/Purpose Bible Study: PLC/Zoom - 10am
- Faith Formation 1st Session: PLC - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: PLC - 6pm
- Faith Formation 2nd Session: PLC - 6pm

Thursday, February 3

- Bridge: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Rosary Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:30pm
- End of Life Workshop: PLC - 6:30pm
- Rooted: PLC/Martha & St. Mary - 7pm
- Walking w/Purpose Bible Study: Zoom - 7pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Friday, February 4

- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- First Friday Adoration: Church 8:30am
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church 8pm

Saturday, February 5

- Growing Rich in Mercy: PLC - 9am-12pm
- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

Sunday, February 6

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm

EVERY SATURDAY (via FACEBOOK)

- 4:00pm Mass with Fr. Angelo

EVERY SUNDAY (via PARISH WEBSITE/FACEBOOK)

- 11:15am Mass (*Mass is removed by Monday*)

<https://johnxxiii.net/streaming-mass/>

- 1:30pm Spanish Mass (via Youtube)

www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmas/

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Audrey Anne Wagner
- Rana Naik & Lorna Namara
- Maria Macchiarolo
- Nicholas Schoettle
- Jose Nasiff & Maria Andreina

Those who are new to our parish, or have been attending mass without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the parish office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners or those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, February 13, 2022 after the 11:15am Mass.**

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, you 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 or are unable to contribute at this time, please 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
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces
Sgt. Jared Gaudet
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
Major 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. Woodrard
Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmel, US Navy
2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
Tillinghast IV, Army
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army
82nd ABN
PFC Eric Lyons, USMC
2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Specialist US Army
Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
PFC Judy Martinez, US Army
1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army
Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG
2nd Lt. Sara Wulff
Sean Dryhurst US Navy
Lt. Amanda Macaluso

Faith FORMATION

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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

(Classes 4:15pm-5:30pm & 6pm-7:15pm)

2/2: Faith Formation Classes

2/9: Faith Formation Classes

2/16: Faith Formation Classes

2/23: Sacrament Preparation Only



VACATION BIBLE CAMP:

Please mark your calendars for our annual Vacation Bible Camp which will be held June 13-17th from 9:00-Noon for students entering Pre-K 4 through students entering 6th grade. Registration for the camp will begin in late February. Watch bulletin for more details.

TOTUS TUUS:

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program assists parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are currently doing.

The camp will be held at St. John XXIII July 11-15 from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$50.00 per camper. The age range for the day program is grades 1-5 .

There is also an evening program for students in Middle and High School. Please watch future bulletins for registration information. To learn more about the program, please visit:

<https://totustuus.church/>

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS



**Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am
PARISH LIFE CENTER**

Meetings are available in person and through ZOOM. For more information email **Linda Stanley** at: lindastanley.ls@gmail.com

Watch a short video each week on Formed.org to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. You can 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.



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church....

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are considering it.

For more information, please contact:

Leslie Robertson at (239) 560-5617

Join Us!



MEETINGS in the PLC or ZOOM:
Sunday Morning after the 9:15am Mass





Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month.

- **February 3:** We will continue the series *"The Chosen"* and participate in the Bible study for season 1. Check the Facebook page for more information.



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

Confirmation Program

- **January, 30 - First Year Students:**
"Why Catholic, How we Differ"
- **January, 30 - Second Year Students:**
"The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

Please be sure to turn in all documents, complete 10 hours of ministry work, and do a weekly theology study. Check the Program Overview Booklet for a more detailed list of requirements.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions - Sundays 5pm to 6pm

All high school teens and their friends are welcome to attend. We will end each session in the Adoration Chapel for final prayer and quiet time with Jesus. Please watch emails for dinner and location plans.

- **January 30:** Mandatory Confirmation Classes
- **February 13:** The 7 Deadly Social Sins

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **February 2:** To be Determined

Volunteer Opportunites

Visit Sign up Genius website to view and sign up for youth and adult volunteering opportunities. Confirmed high school students can sign up as small group leaders at the HSSS.

Events: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth>

Hispanic Ministry **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



La comunidad Hispana de St. John XXIII les desea una feliz semana.

Misas en Español

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

Las misas también están siendo transmitidas a través de YouTube. Recuerda el rezo del Santo Rosario (antes de la misa de los domingos, 12:45 pm).

Crecimiento en la Fe

- Lugar: Video conferencia, enlace: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85742764481>
- Fecha y Hora: Todos los segundos jueves del mes. 7:00pm.

Grupo de Oración de Renovación Carismática

- Capilla Nuestra Señora del Rosario.
- Fecha y Hora: Todos los martes del mes. 6:45pm

Misa de Inicio del Santo Rosario

- Lugar: Capilla Nuestra Señora del Rosario.
- Fecha y Hora: Jueves 3 de Febrero 2022. 7:00pm.

Celebración Aniversario 20 de la Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII

- Lugar: Capilla Nuestra Señora del Rosario.
- Fecha y Hora: Viernes 11 de Febrero 2022. 5:00pm
- El costo por persona es \$30.
Para más información contactarse a: comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net

Contáctanos

Estamos ofreciendo el servicio de misas especiales como Quinceañeras, Bautismos y Matrimonios para más información comunicarse con nosotros al email: comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net



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, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **Download Our Parish App:** 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!
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> and enter your email address.
- **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/>
- **Serve our Parish Family During Mass:** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. 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!
- **Text to Give:** Text the dollar amount to 239-356-6529 to donate to our Offertory Fund and it will be processed.
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3pm. Please Note: First Friday Adoration Friday, February 4, the chapel will be open 8:30am-8pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net or visit www.bpjthrift.com
- **Respect Life Ministry:** This 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
- **Yarn/Fabric Needed:** The Craftie Ladies are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex. Please no clothes or knick-knacks.
- **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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Fr. Bill's Evening

REFLECTION

We invite you to come Rekindle the Spirit of Volunteerism!

St. John XXIII parish is offering a free mini retreat with Fr. Bill Jarema for all our volunteers in all ministries. The next opportunity to attend this reinvigorating event in the Parish Life Center will take place:

- **Monday Evening, January 31 from 6:00-8:00pm**

Come be Spiritually fed, informed, renewed, and recommissioned in your ministry.

Information/Reservations:

If you would like more information or a chance to reserve your spot, please contact:

Bethany Myers at bethany@johnxxiii.net



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
10AM-1PM



PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES

END OF LIFE PLANNING



THE CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACH ABOUT...

Estate Planning? health care surrogates?
cremation? living wills?
Trust Law? the Sacrament of the Sick? DNR orders? burials?
proportionate vs. disproportionate care? pre-planning a funeral?

Thursday, February 3 - 6:30pm
Parish Life Center

INFORMATION ABOUT: The St. John XXIII Memorial Garden
For planning purposes, an RSVP is requested, but not required.
To RSVP, call the Parish Office at **(239) 561-2245**
This is an informational Meeting Only / No Selling

Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations:

- **St. Leo the Great Parish**
28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL
FEBRUARY 12 - 11AM
- **Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, FL**
FEBRUARY 19 - 11AM

Please call the parish office at (239) 561-2245 for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



St. John XXIII Parish, along with the Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild, are excited to offer **12x12 pavers**, which will be placed on the walkway around the site for our St. Michael the Archangel statue. **The price for each paver is \$350.** This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has served, or is currently serving in the military or as a first responder.

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

Name _____

Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payments may be made by cash, credit card or check.

I would like to pay by:

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

If paying by check, please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.

To order, or check the status of an order, please contact The Knights of Columbus:

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or
TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



Please print clearly. The 12x12 paver has 3 lines.

LINE 1 NAME _____
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Weekly Financials



	01-23-22	01-24-21	Difference
Offertory	\$23,963.02	\$19,732.00	\$4,231.02
Building Fund	\$1,226.00	\$1,979.00	(\$753.00)
Total	\$25,189.02	\$21,711.00	\$3,478.02
Mass Attendance	2961	1748	
Registered Families	3600	3566	

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

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

2021 Catholic Faith Appeal

2021 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$756,351.78
% of Goal	153.73%
% of Households	20.12%
Payments	\$754,842.28

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



GIVING TO THE CFA Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution

In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years old or older to begin taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA). However, only those who will turn 70½ (born on or after July 1, 1949) in 2020 or later may wait until age 72 to begin taking required distributions. If you are currently receiving RMDs (or should be) because you are over age 70½, you must continue taking these RMDs.

FOR TRADITIONAL ACCOUNTS THIS INCOME IS TAXABLE!

To avoid paying taxes on this income while also meeting the obligation of the RMD, you may designate the distribution as a gift directly from the IRA custodian to the CFA. You can donate up to \$100,000 and married couples can donate up to \$200,000 if the spouse has a separate IRA.

Help lower your tax burden while making a **GIFT OF HOPE** to those in your community!

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

Matching gifts are a type of corporate philanthropy that allows donors giving smaller donations the opportunity to maximize the impact of their donation on an organization.



In a matching gifts program, a company donates to a nonprofit organization in response to one of their employees giving a gift.

These gifts can range in maximum sizes and ratio, but many companies will match an employee's donation at a 1:1 ration, starting at \$25. Retirees and/or spouses may also qualify.

To find out if your company offers a matching gift program, please visit:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/stewardship-and-development/matching-gifts/>



FEBRUARY 8 PARISH LIFE CENTER

**Doors open at 5:30pm
Games begin at 6:30pm**

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Food and snacks will be available for purchase.

MUST BE 21 TO PLAY

All proceeds will go to a charity in our community.

WEEKLY BRIDGE NIGHT



Our bridge group meets every Thursday in the Parish Life Center. Join our next game: **February 3 at 12:30pm**

If you are interested in playing, please contact:

Jan Krahn at (239) 689-1142

Please leave a message if there is no answer, or email at krahnd@hotmail.com with "bridge" in the subject line. Please register with Jan before coming to play.

A LETTER TO *God* from a TEENAGER



I am thankful for You and all You have done. I look forward to what I still have coming for me in my path. I continue to learn more about You and be a follower in You. I will fill these young minds about You as they get older and learn more about Your word. I ask that they understand their purpose in life. As kids grow older, they forget their purpose. Teenagers struggle finding their purpose and question their worth. Let them feel Your love and passion You have for them.

"For God so loved the world." This is something I remind myself on a daily basis. Understanding that You loved the world so much You created me in 9 months to be a part of Your beautiful creation.

I am thankful for the opportunity I have being a teacher of Your word. I'm also thankful for the breath of life, the chance to be here and live in Your creation and know You.

I ask You to protect me and my family and watch over us as we go through our battles.

Sincerely,

Lauren (Krosley) Rost, 14

Faith Formation Assistant Catechist Kindergarten

Dear GOD,





Tickets available after all Masses

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

20th Anniversary

DINNER DANCE

5:00PM - 9:00PM

Parish Life Center

The tickets are **\$30 PER PERSON**, which includes appetizers provided by the Vietnamese and Hispanic communities. (Egg rolls and Empanadas). The entrée is provided by Two Meatballs (a chicken dish, a fish dish, and pasta), beverages (beer, wine, lemonade, iced tea and water). Music provided by the SWFL band **ELECTRIC LIPSTICK**. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Seating is limited to 250 people - Advance purchased tickets only.



CHANGING OUR MINDS

by Joanne Halt, M.A.

What's in your first aid kit?

A certain amount of stress is healthy but chronic stress shrinks the hippocampus, our major brain memory center and suppresses our immune system. Perceiving a threat, our primitive brain goes automatically into fight or flight mode and stress hormones are released. If resilient, our parasympathetic nervous system (rest & digest) can counterbalance our sympathetic nervous system (fight or flight). Continued stress or trauma (pandemic) can cause these systems not to regulate. Feeling hyper vigilant and restless, we end up depressed exhausted and disoriented. We need a personal first aid kit that promotes self-care and brain health. Sometimes we need to add medication.

Faith helps rebalance our nervous system; meditation, prayer, guided imagery show up in research as protecting brain health. We can surrender to the fact that we are not in control yet feel strengthened through daily devotions. Psalm 23 is in my kit. Physical exercises like walking or dancing are brain healthy. Breathing deeply brings calm, so add diaphragmatic breathing to your kit. Use a 4-4-6 breath pattern (inhale to a count of 4, hold for 4, then exhale to a count of 6 with hands placed on the abdomen to feel the lift up and then softening down) and end with 5 count in and 5 out breath. Placing attention on breath also interrupts the constant downloading of negative thoughts. Research suggests our senses can help reduce stress hormones/heart rate, and calm our emotional brain. These include: (touch) hugging a loved one, petting an animal, getting a massage; (sight) visualizing a nature scene you love, flowers on the table; (hearing) listening to songs that soothe, talking to a trusted other; (smell) aromatherapy with oils/candles, cooking favorite meals; (taste) savoring a meal by noticing spices and flavors. A first aid kit like this produces a much healthier brain than using alcohol, substances or addictive behaviors to calm ourselves. "God cooperates with those who love by turning everything to their own good." Romans 8:28



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UPDATE

The first session, "Introduction to Mercy" took place on Saturday, January 8 and was well received! 63 people registered for the class. Don't miss your chance for spiritual growth! You can still register even if you missed the first session or other dates. **Please note:** The cost remains **\$100** for your workbook and supplies.

You can make out a check to St. John XXIII and drop it off at the office or in the collection baskets along with your registration.

The Growing Rich in Mercy Program reviews some of the fundamentals of personal and spiritual growth. We will explore our spiritual life history and traditions. Acknowledging our personal talents and honoring the charisms we have received from God enables us to be more receptive to mercy and more generous in celebrating God's tender love with others.

Understanding the differences between the spirit, mind and body will be an on-going challenge and understanding. Each level of the Growing Rich in Mercy Program will continue to explore, separate, differentiate and dialogue about the differences of the body, mind and spirit and how we grow and become a spiritually mature Christian.

Our ultimate goal for those who journey with us in the Growing Rich in Mercy Program is to become more aware of God's mercy and active loving influence within our daily life.

Sharing the spiritual journey with a loving community will enhance your desire to become a generous distributor of God's Mercy.



Rev. William J. Jarema, BA, MS, M.Div., MAS. NCC, is an international retreat and workshop provider. He has been an ordained Catholic priest for 39 years and a clinical psychotherapist for 42 years. Fr. Bill has published numerous books and CD's on healing and personal growth and development. Fr. Bill's books and CD's will be available at the classes.

For more information about Fr. Bill and his work with the Mercy Center Inc. and a list of all his retreats and workshops held in Colorado Springs, books and CD's go to:

themercycenter@aol.com

SESSIONS: 9AM - 12PM IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5** *Exploring Dream Work*
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19** *Myers Briggs*
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 5** *Spiritual Inventory*
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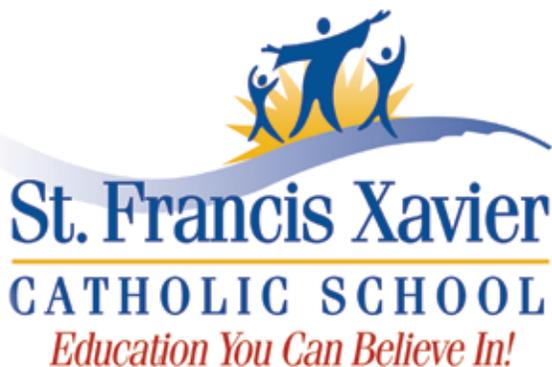


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For more information, please call **(239) 772-3922**



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Treasurer Job Description: The SWFL Coalition Against Human Trafficking's Board of Directors, all volunteers, is seeking a new member to serve as Treasurer. Qualifications include the desire to help prevent and combat human trafficking, experience in using QuickBooks, and experience/willingness to learn to complete the annual IRS Form 990. The Treasurer receives monthly bank statements and prepares both monthly and annual Profit & Loss statements, completes the annual Form 990, prepares and sends the annual 1099 and 1096 forms to the Coalition's intern/communications person, attends monthly Zoom board meetings lasting 1 to 1 ½ hours, and gives feedback on Survivor Support Grant applications as well as all other Board proceedings. Please contact Board President Janet Ortenzo for further information: Janet@swfl-humantrafficking.org

English as Second Language Classes: Free classes for Beginning and Intermediate students sponsored by St Columbkille Church. Offered via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, and In Person classes on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the Ministry Center. Individual tutoring available. If interested, please call Mary at (443) 567 9200

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).

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 or visit: www.hopeafterabortion.com

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.

Free Mental Health Counseling: Catholic Charities is providing free mental health counseling services. For help or support, please call our staff at (844) 385-2423 or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

Theology on Tap: Young Adults are invited to attend Theology on Tap at Southern Fresh Farms, 8500 Penzance Blvd. in Fort Myers. The event runs from 7-9pm on the second Thursday of each month. Please contact Joshua Mazrin at evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org

Free Consultations: The National Catholic Bioethics Center answers questions from individuals who seek to better understand or apply Catholic moral teaching to specific ethical issues they are facing in health care or the life sciences, real life problems or dilemmas. These consultations are free and confidential. Complete the online form at www.nbccenter.org or call 24 hours/7 days per week (215) 877-2660

Catholic Charities Support: To help, please visit 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

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