



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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October 23, 2022

CALLED TO SERVE

"You shall be my witnesses"- Acts 1:8



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

October 23, 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, OCTOBER 24

- 8:00 AM † Phyllis Benham by the Harley's

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 8:00 AM † Vin & Pat Capuano by their family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 8:00 AM † Diane Harvey by Marian Loudon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00 AM † Edmund Chung by Ted & Mickey Veenhuis

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 8:00 AM † Phyllis Benham by Maria & John Sturniolo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:00 AM Agnes Joseph by Suja Thomas
- 4:00 PM † Raymond McCallum by Chuck & Wanda McCallum
- 8:00 PM † Matta - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:15 AM † Lisette Ontiveras by Chuck & Charlene Moore
- 9:15 AM † Gaston Lemieux by Sharon Katorincek
- 11:15 AM † Dale & Gene Perkins by Don & Sherron Perkins
- 1:30 PM † Matea Alcantara by Glenys & Freddy



MASS INTENTION UPDATE

The 2023 book is NOW open. Please visit the parish office for requests. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

OCTOBER 30, 2022 - READINGS

- 1ST READING WIS 11:22-12:2
- PSALM PS 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14
- 2ND READING 2 THES 1:11-2:2
- GOSPEL LK 19:1-10

6:00PM VIGIL MASS: Monday, October 31

ALL SAINTS DAY: Tuesday, November 1 - Holy Day
8:00am & 12:00pm Masses, 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

ALL SOULS DAY: Wednesday, November 2
8:00am Mass & 6:00pm Prayer service in the Memorial Garden with recorded deceased names read aloud.



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ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

by: **Marcellino D'Ambrosio, PH.D - Catholic Exchange**

Nothing about the grammar contained in Scripture makes missions sound optional. Throughout the Bible we are directed by God to participate in the global spread of His gospel. Look at the commands associated with missions texts: declare His glory among the nations (Ps 96:3), go and make disciples of all nations (Mat 28:19), you will be My witnesses to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8), go into the world and proclaim (Ma 16:15), say among the nations (Ps 96:10), go to the land I will show you (Acts 12:1), and go from your country (Gen 12:1). What part of those passages sounds optional? Might you be called to missions? No, you are commanded to participate in missions.

The shepherd's sheep have been scattered throughout the world. He has called us to find them and tell them it is time to come home. David Sitton stated, "Nowhere in Scripture is a mysterious (supernatural) call a prerequisite before we can respond to the Great Commission." Christians worship a God who requires unwavering obedience and calls us to participate in a mission that warrants extreme commitment.

Christ started His earthly ministry by calling His disciples to be fishers of men and ended with the instruction to go, and make disciples. Evangelism and global missions were never intended only for disciples who are seminary trained or exceptional orators. All disciples of Christ are called to make disciples for Christ who make disciples for Christ.

Discerning Your Call:

Must then all Christians sell all they own and move to a faraway land? No. Do not interpret this article as an attempt to guilt all Christian disciples onto the mission field. Missions is indeed a compulsory activity for all Christians, done out of a desire to glorify our Lord. How that is acted out in your life is between you and your Savior.

David Platt said, "As followers of Christ, we are all called to be a part of a grand, global mission." Are you called to go, send, or pray? That is the question you must answer. Praying for missionaries, financially supporting missions, or sharing the gospel cross-culturally, that is how we obey our Father.

You may not be called to go, but you are certainly called to pray for or support God's Great Commission. Every Christian is a participant. If God is not currently calling you to serve Him as a cross-cultural missionary please pray fervently for those He has called. Those who are called to pray provide the fuel on the bonfire that is lit by those who are called to go.

Not every Christian is called to leave the country. There are poor, sick, and unsaved everywhere. Service is mandatory, location varies. R.C. Sproul tells us, "We are called to be children of the light, to set forth the light of Christ to this dying world around us." The call to missions has more to do with the condition of our heart than it does the location of our feet.

Obeying Your Call:

Doctor, teacher, or janitor is not your calling. Those are the means God has given to provide His mercy and love to others. That's your calling. Our talent is less relevant than how we use it when called upon by the One who gave it to us.

If you are sitting around and waiting for God's "call" to figure out how you were intended to serve the Lord, wait no longer. You have already been called, and commanded to aid in the spread of God's eternal truth to all nations. Read your Bible and obey that which God has already commanded.

Every person who calls themselves a disciple of Christ is commanded to participate in God's mission to call the nations to Himself. Our objective in the church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ and teach them to make disciples.

Too frequently we give Jesus our unenthusiastic affiliation and token obedience. It is our absolute devotion and complete sacrifice He merits. God is worthy of sacrifice and He is calling His people to give all they have, even lay down their lives, so His gospel can reach the world.

PRAYER FOR

A Spirit of Service

Dear Loving Lord,
You sent Your Son to serve.

You sent Him to give
His life for me.

Let your Spirit awaken
in me the same
Spirit of service.

Let me not look for a
position of gain, instead
show me how to let
others go before me.

Make me meek and humble
so I too can give my life
willfully, obediently, and
faithfully. In Jesus' name,
Amen

Pope Francis reminds the faithful that every baptized Christian is called to be a witness to Christ. **"You shall be my witnesses"** - Acts 1:8

Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose
Gary Neubauer
Ron Hudepohl
Denise Vannelli
Laura Ford
Tony Gagnet
Scott Dugan
Cynthia & William
Lena Officer
Barbi Cooper
Urs Pfister
Charles Nieset
Dominick Pautler
Tyler Stoffler
Deborah Young
Alma Walton
Carol Gannon
Sophia Bentz

Diane Hedges
Jim Benham
Janene
Elethia
Dr. Gerardo Alfaro, Jr.
Doug Thompson
Tabatha Zavetsky
Kelly Graham
Deborah Moerner
Rosanne Meade
Timothy Shea
Mark Lattner
Mary Monaco
Maeve Walsh
Maureen Gatt
Doris Westberry
Colleen Ryan
Lucy Sloan Pautler

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 epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

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

Join our ePrayer community and give the gift of prayer. Register at: <https://johnxxiii.net/e-prayer/>

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!

Donald C. Poulter
Carmelo Santos

Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Phyllis Benham**
Requested by: **her family**

Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Joseph Percacciolo**
Requested by: **JoAnn Gair Wilson**





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, October 26

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC - 4:15pm
- MSYG Social Session: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Children's Choir Practice: Chapel - 5:30pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC - 6pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6:15pm
- Modern Ensemble Rehearsal: Church - 7:15pm

Thursday, October 27

- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC - 7pm

Friday, October 28

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, October 29

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex after Masses
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Truck or Treat: Outside - 5:30pm-8:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church



Sunday, October 30

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex after Masses
- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am * *Livestreamed*
- Pre-school Bible Class: St. Susanna - 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Children's Choir Practice: Chapel - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm * *via YouTube*
- Modern Ensemble Rehearsal: Church - 2:30pm-4pm
- Contemporary Mass: Church - 4pm
- Confirmation Year 1: Main Hall - 5pm
- Confirmation Year 2: St. Therese/St. Christina/
St. Elizabeth/St. Michael - 5pm



WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Damian Maxwell & Melissa Bacchus
- Richard & Catherine Plasschaert
- Shahin & Maryory Baradaranghasemi
- Daniel Silva & Elvia Contreras Mendoza
- Andres Ferro & Leda Baez de Ferro

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 Sunday, January 8, 2023 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
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
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 Broemmell
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 Broemmell, 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
CPL 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
Anthony An Schroeder,
11 Bravo Infantry
Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne
Infantry
Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF
PFC Alan Copeland

Faith FORMATION

Contact: Frannie Cerniglia | 561-7499 | franniedre@johnxxxiii.net



Faith is being sure of what you hope for.

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 St. 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 Frannie at 239-561-7499 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, please contact Frannie at 239-561-7499 to begin the process.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Saturday, October 29
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Join Us

The St. John XXIII Annual Trunk or Treat will take place on **Saturday, October 29th** from **5:30pm-8pm**. Invite your family and friends to a night of food, fun, music and games for all ages!

Timeline

5:30pm: A parking attendant will direct you where to park. Hot dogs, chips and drinks provided by the Knights of Columbus. Free-will offerings accepted.

6:30pm: Trunk or Treating in the Church parking lot begins with a blessing. Please have your trunk decorated. **GIFT CARDS** will be awarded for the BEST decorated trunks. Youngsters, please come in costume. (*Please, no dark or evil costumes*)

What to Bring

A lawn chair and a trunk full of treats! You don't have to decorate your trunk to join the fun, just bring a bag of candy to share so we have plenty of treats for the children.

**CANDY DONATIONS
CAN BE DROPPED OFF
IN THE NARTHEX**



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.

- **November 3:** Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

Confirmation Program:

Sundays 5pm - 6pm

Both Year one and Year two students must register through our parish website under the sacraments tab. Program begins in September each year.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions: Sundays 11:15am Mass and Social

REGISTRATION and SCHEDULE are located under the EDUCATION TAB on Parish Website.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

Registration and the schedule are located under the education tab on Parish Website.

Youth Council

Meets Quarterly: The mission of St. John XXIII Youth Council is to challenge and equip children of God with the tools to inspire and disciple others while giving a voice to young leaders to serve, love and grow with the St. John XXIII Community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Visit Sign up Genius website at:
www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth



Hispanic Ministry **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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, 12:45pm).

Grupo de Oración de Renovación Carismática

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

Contáctanos

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



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





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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, 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!
- **Online Giving:** We appreciate your donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: <https://johnxxiii.net/giving>
- **Text to Give:** Text the dollar amount to 239-356-6529 to donate to our Offertory Fund and it will be processed.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. First Friday Adoration 8:30am-8pm. For information on the chapel, visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/ or e-mail: stjohnxxiiiadorationchapel@gmail.com
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store** is currently CLOSED due to hurricane damage. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net or visit www.bpjthrift.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. For more information email: 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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asking for a “FAVOR”

It has once again been brought to my attention that parishioners and staff have received email messages pretending to be me. These messages often greet the person by name, ASKING FOR A “FAVOR” and include my name, “Fr. Bob”, in the closing signature of the message.

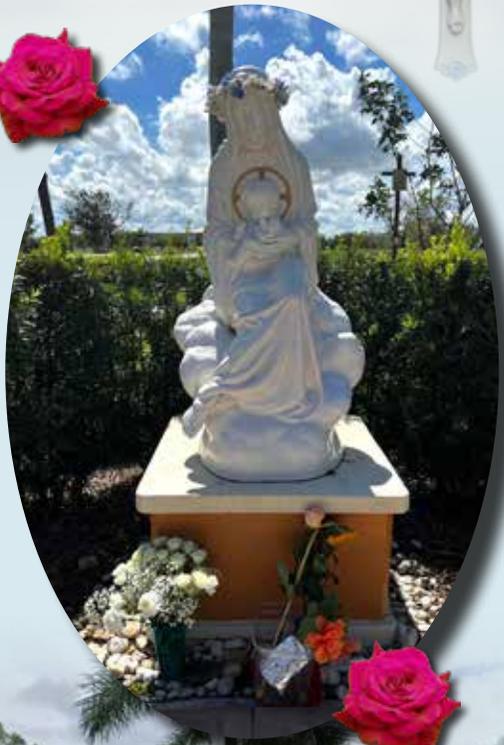
This is a well-crafted and targeted attack on the Church across the country which has hit our Diocese again. The messages are “spoofed” fakes that should not be responded to or taken seriously by anyone. The best defense against this sort of scam is to raise awareness in the community and DO NOT respond or open any worrying attachments. It is Diocesan policy that no priest or staff within the Diocese request donations in the form of gift cards, PayPal, MoneyGram, etc.

If a parishioner is worried about any request for money or favor from the parish staff or priest, I ask that you PLEASE DELETE THE EMAIL and call the parish office. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should you ever respond to these scam requests.



ROSARY RALLY Crusade

Thank You to everyone who joined the Women's Guild for the Rosary Rally Crusade on Saturday, October 15 in the Memorial Garden.



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.

FYI

Paver orders may also be placed at www.KC23.org

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

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 _____

example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK _____

example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____

example: WWII

Please sign and date verifying all information is correct on the paver.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



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Weekly Financials



	10-16-22	10-17-21	Difference
Offertory	\$29,315.33	\$23,821.22	\$5,494.11
Building Fund	\$2,047.30	\$1,157.00	\$890.30
Total	\$31,362.63	\$24,978.22	\$6,384.41
Mass Attendance	2450	2043	
Registered Families	3685	3647	

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

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

2022 Catholic Faith Appeal

2022 Goal	\$458,000.00
Pledge	\$526,053.41
Payments	\$486,439.76

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.

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Ways To GIVE

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Pledging your gift may allow you to make a more generous and affordable contribution to the CFA. The pledge can be spread out over several months. You may pledge with an initial payment while the remaining balance can be donated at any time during the next nine months. The Diocese will send you monthly reminders.

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\$ 1,000	\$ 100	\$ 100
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Giving Witness:

St. John XXIII is inviting individuals to share short personal testimonies about how the Lord works in their lives.

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Modern Ensemble:

Our first contemporary Mass will take place on **Sunday, October 30 at 4:00PM** in the main church. We are still looking for instrumentalists, drummers and singers who are interested in praising the Lord in upbeat and traditional repertoire.

To join or for more information, please reach out to: Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net



“I will sing and make MUSIC with all my soul.” - Psalm 108:1

WEEKLY BRIDGE GAME



Our bridge group meets every Thursday in the Parish Life Center. Join our next scheduled game:
Thursday, October 27 at 12:30pm

If you are interested in playing, please contact:
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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.

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ANGEL TREE

2022 GIFT/FOOD REQUESTS

Our **Angel Tree** will be in the Narthex on **November 11**. Each Tag represents a Child, Homebound, Senior, or Veteran in need, who is depending on us to brighten their Christmas. Please purchase appropriate gift, suggested maximum value \$50, and return it wrapped to withstand multiple handling by **December 2, 2022**.

There are a variety of ways to support St. John XXIII Angel Tree Program:

SELECT A GIFT TAG:

Purchase & return your wrapped gift before December 2 with the Color-Coded Tag on top.
(The color-coded tag identifies the gift recipient & the volunteer assigned to handle that specific gift)
(Please do not take a Tag if you are unable to return it by December 2)



DONATION:

Note **"Angel Tree"** in the Memo Portion of your check. Either drop it into the Offertory Basket or mail it to St. John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912

SPONSOR:

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Parent Name:		Phone #	E-mail:
First Name	Gender	Age	SUGGESTED GIFT <i>(If Clothing, State Size)</i>

(Please check ALL that apply):

- Food for Thanksgiving** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on **Monday, November 21 from 1-3pm**)
 - Food for Christmas** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on **Monday, December 19 from 1-3pm**)
 - Christmas Gifts** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on **Monday, December 19 from 1-3pm**)
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A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

Walking with
Moms in Need
a year of service



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and our Diocese support the program called Walking with Moms in Need. The goal is to educate parishes about community resources for pregnant moms. This service is a response to Pope Francis' repeated challenge to go to the margins and bring hope and aid to those less fortunate.

Please consider joining our Diocese and around the country in this nationwide effort to support pregnant and parenting women. Implementation of this program will make sure everyone knows where to go for help!

More Information:

Please visit: www.walkingwithmoms.com



Sincerely yours in Christ,

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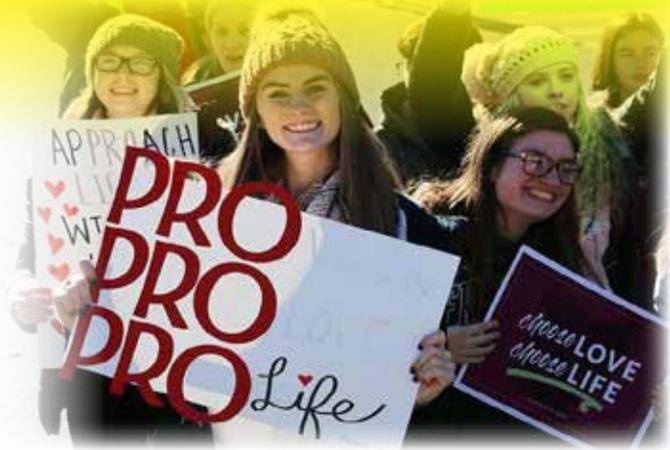
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ABORTION

IS “PRE-EMINENT” HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE:

St. Augustine Bishop Reflects Politics

by: **Kevin J. Jones - Catholic News Agency**



Abortion is a “fundamental threat to the beginning of life itself” and Catholics can’t be passive on the “pre-eminent” human rights issue, the right to life, Bishop Felipe Estevez of St. Augustine has said in a pre-election letter to his diocese’s Catholics about the importance of conscientious political participation.

“Pope Francis has made it clear that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. He also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue: it is first and foremost a human rights issue,” Bishop Estevez said in his previous October letter.

He rejected the claim of those who say, “as a matter of faith, I am against abortion, but I cannot impose my belief on others.” Such claims reflect a commitment to the “false belief” that some human beings don’t deserve legal protection, said the bishop.

“It is not a matter of imposing a belief, but of being committed to the truth about human life, which, as biological science confirms, begins at conception,” he said.

Citing the Declaration of Independence, Estevez said the Founding Fathers knew that the right to life “surpassed all others in importance” because “without the right to life, none of the other rights could be protected.”

“The right to life was, and is, preeminent,” said the bishop.

He said the bishops are praying for Catholics who seek to be educated voters with well-formed consciences.

“This is a difficult time in our nation and a critical time to not only exercise your right to vote but to do so with the utmost integrity,” he said.

Discussing the importance of participation in public life, Estevez said that politics is about “securing justice in society” and is thus “a fundamentally moral activity.”

“While the Church and its clergy cannot endorse a particular candidate or political party, we do have a responsibility to encourage you to understand the issues in the context of Church teaching and to help you in this area of the ‘proper formation of your conscience,’” he said.

“As Catholics, our belief is that there are fundamental truths about the human person and society that are accessible to both faith and reason,” he continued. “We, therefore, have a right and a duty to participate in the public square in a way that reflects these truths, both for the good of our community and for the glory of the God who created us.”

He cited the words of the Our Father, when Christians pray to fulfill God’s will “on earth as it is in heaven.”

“We cannot with integrity pray the words of the Our Father or say ‘Amen’ when receiving the Eucharist, and then be passive on the issues that destroy God’s creation,” he said. “This is true for all people of faith, elector, and elected officials.”

“Some would prefer that Catholics and others of faith remain silent, or they will say that such beliefs have no place in the public square,” Estevez said. “Such views run contrary to our fraternal bonds and commitment to the common good as equal and valued citizens.”

He rejected the claim that focusing on “the preeminent issue of abortion” means the Church promotes “single-issue voting that will tend to support a particular candidate or party.”

“The Church will always act to promote the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural death. We care about both mothers and their children, born and unborn, as well as the poor, the immigrant, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, those who are marginalized, and those on death row. We seek to promote a Culture of Life through our teaching and through our ministries, some of which are threatened by the extreme positions taken by some on issues of life and the family.”

“The political parties and their candidates have provided you with information that they believe will help you to understand their positions on issues that are important to you and for the good of the country,” he explained. “The Church engages in this political process by providing you with the faith context to judge some of these positions.”



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Hurricane Ian Support:

IF YOU NEED HELP: For those in need of help, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org. There you will find an updated list of distribution points for food, water, and supplies. This list is updated regularly.

TO VOLUNTEER: For those interested in volunteering or wish to bring needed supplies (food, water, diapers, new clothing/footwear for children and adults), you can go to Catholic Charities distribution points. For more information visit: www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

TO DONATE: For those interested in making a financial donation to the Diocesan response to Hurricane Ian, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/hurricaneian or send a check to Diocese of Venice in Florida, ATTN: Hurricane Ian Relief, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Administrative Assistant Wanted: St. Cecilia Catholic Community is looking for a fulltime Administrative Assistant to work Monday-Friday 8AM to 4PM. Applicant needs to know Word, Excel, Publisher and Data Entry, working closely with the Pastor and Business Manager. For more information please call Jeanne Conklin at (239) 936-3635 ext. 112.

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).

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.

Regret Having an Abortion? Hope and healing are available. Contact Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 for confidential help and information about the next Project Rachel One Day Retreat or visit project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

Men's Support after Abortion Program: According to a national survey, 71% of men said they had an adverse effect after abortion. Participate in a confidential and free healing series for men, led by Father Mark Harris. To schedule/register for the virtual sessions, call (941) 412-5860 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

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Maureen was born in Kansas City, Missouri. Her childhood was influenced by her devout Catholic parents, and thanks to them, these values continued throughout her life. Maureen, and her husband Dave of 56 years, have two sons. She moved to Florida in 1992 and served in several ministries. But her passion is Respect Life which she has been involved in for 15 years. She is currently on the Respect Life committee, as the leader of 40 Days For Life in Lee and Collier County.

Maureen will share how God's grace has influenced her to use her talents to bring awareness and knowledge to those who are unaware of the horrors of abortion. Her goal, "God's goal", is to change hearts and minds, to bring our culture of death into a culture of life, to encourage respect for the sanctity of all life, and to stand up for the most vulnerable, the unborn child in the womb. In her presentation she will show how being present at Planned Parenthood is one of the most powerful ways to end this horror!

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Information Websites

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

WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA:
whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE:
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