



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 8, 2023

Epiphany

“ARISE! Shine, for your light
has come, the glory of the Lord
has dawned upon you.”

ISAIAH 60:01



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

January 8, 2023

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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Deacon John Gaulin

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm
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: 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 9

- 8:00 AM † Jack Wolfrum by Mr. & Mrs. Ange Ford

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:00 AM † Nicole Toulas by Kevin Weigand

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 8:00 AM † Donald Corbin by Mary Cipoletto & family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:00 AM † Faustina DeSanctis by her family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

- 8:00 AM † Diane Elyse Homan by Ana Volz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:00 AM † Mary Jo Schulte by her friend
- 4:00 PM † Elsie Holzer by Florida friends
- 8:00 PM † All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:15 AM ♥/† Living/Deceased Members of the Rogers & Podolak families by Rita Rogers
- 9:15 AM † Franca Aurilia by Vivian & Bruno Pica
- 11:15 AM † Karie McClure by Sharon Katorincek
- 1:15 PM † Arturo Reyes, Jr. by Marisa Zavala

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.

JANUARY 15, 2023 - READINGS

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| • 1ST READING | IS 49:3, 5-6 |
| • PSALM | PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 |
| • 2ND READING | 1 COR 1:1-3 |
| • GOSPEL | JN 1:29-34 |



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The Feast of The Epiphany

Parish Life - Catholic News Agency

The Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally recognized on January 6th, is the day that the Magi or Three Wise Men visited the Christ Child and marks the end of the holiday season, thus bringing a close to the Twelve Days of Christmas. The well-known English Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written during the era when Roman Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly in England. The carol was intended as a catechism song for young Catholics exposing an element of hidden meaning or a code word easily recognizable by children.

The "true love" one hears in the song is not a smitten love between a boyfriend and girlfriend, but Jesus Christ, because true Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Jesus because the bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators. Here is the meaning of the rest of the song:

- The TWO turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
- The THREE French hens signify faith, hope, and love.
- The FOUR calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The FIVE golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in promising a Savior.
- The SIX geese a-laying signify the six days of creation.
- SEVEN swans a-swimming are the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The EIGHT maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- NINE ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience (Forbearance), Goodness (Kindness), Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency (Chastity)
- The TEN lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
- The ELEVEN pipers piping are the eleven faithful Apostles.
- The TWELVE drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

Oh God, who by the leading of a star, manifested Your only Son to the people of the earth. Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

Vocation/Seminary Support THIS WEEKEND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

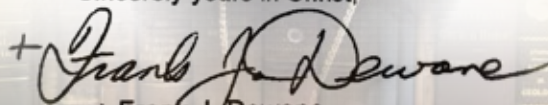
It is a magnificent blessing for the Diocese of Venice to have many dedicated Priests who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him in the Priesthood. Further, the Diocese continues to be blessed with a number of vocations; twelve men are presently in formation, studying for the Priesthood. As we begin this new year, I am asking for your support for these men, and those recruited for entry this coming year, through the Annual Seminary Collection.

This Collection helps to ensure the continued availability of Priests to serve you and your family, and future generations of Catholics throughout Southwest Florida. Every year, the Diocese works to recruit and evaluate committed young men who may have potential vocations. Further, Diocesan Seminarians, the potential future Priests of the Diocese, receive assistance with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Your gift to the Collection helps to offset these costs.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct this annual Collection for the Seminary and Seminarian Support **this weekend of January 7 and 8**, and I pray you will be generous. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for the support of our Seminarian Collection.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings and assurances of my prayers in this New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose
Gary Neubauer
Ron Hudepohl
Laura Ford
Tony Gagnet
Scott Dugan
Cynthia & William
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
Lucy Sloan Pautler
Hayden Lecius
Brook Jones
Ella
Celeste Cavazos
Sue Yingling
John Hagan
Alan Podbesek
Ronald French
Suzanne Lambert
Sandy Peterson
John Matulis

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 epriayer.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, Oh Lord!

June Gallant
Virginia (Ginny) Pearson
Helen O'Neill

Adoration Chapel

For All Parishioners: **New Year Blessings**
Requested by: **Fr. Bob Tabbert**

DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

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





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Bingo: Main Hall - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, January 11

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Faith Formation 1st Session: PLC - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Main Hall - 6pm
- Faith Formation 2nd Session: PLC - 6pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6pm

Thursday, January 12

- Manor Care Mass - 10am
- Parish Office Closed from 11:30am-4pm
- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC/St. Martha/Mary - 7pm

Friday, January 13

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, January 14

- KofC Food Drive: Outside Parking Lot - 10am - 1pm
- Spanish Baptism Class: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 11am
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm

Sunday, January 15

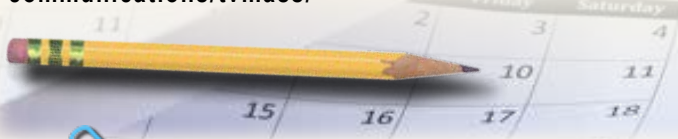
- 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am * *Livestreamed*
- Children's Choir Practice: Chapel - 8:45am
- Pre-school Bible Class: St. Suzanna - 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Therese - 11am
- Carmelite Meetings: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 1:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm * *via YouTube*

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Robert & Mary Eileen Hammond
- David & Marybeth Christiansen
- Jose Guerra & Omayra Hernandez
- Andres Velosa & Melany Hernandez
- Stephen & Penelope Fleming

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 this 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	Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Sean Ball	Ryan Silva, Army
Major Bart Boma	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	Jared Broemmell, US Navy
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces	Tillinghast IV, Army
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Andrew Herman	Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,
PFC Michael P Hughes	82nd ABN
SPC Michael Jednak	CPL Eric Lyons, USMC
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
Michael Klem	Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Major Bradley D. Laux	Specialist US Army
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
SSGT Anthony Padula	PFC Judy Martinez, US Army
Master SGT Peter Parison	1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army	Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton	2nd Lt. Sara Wulff
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson	Sean Dryhurst US Navy
Christian Troutner, US Navy	Lt. Amanda Macaluso
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic	Anthony An Schroeder,
PFC Jordan Feil, USA	11 Bravo Infantry
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG	Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne
Aaron Crump, USCG	Infantry
Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmell	Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo	Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
Col. Scott C. Woodward	Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF
Andrew Hawkinson, USN	PFC Alan Copeland



General Announcements

- **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.
- **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>
- **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 bringing your nonperishable items to church. These donations fill pantries in our area. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex. Please check expirations dates.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. First Friday Adoration and extended Friday hours in December during Advent. 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.bjthrift.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.
- **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
- **Exclusive Use of Rights:** All content on the St. John XXIII Parish website, including the Parish bulletin publication, and social media accounts are for the exclusive use of the Parish. It is unlawful for outside entities and organizations to use this content for promotion or other purposes without the express written permission of St. John XXIII and Diocese of Venice. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (239) 561-2245 - 2020 Copyright St. John XXIII



A total of **874 Tags** with *wish lists* were placed on the Trees in the Narthex, and all but 37 were returned. Most of the missing gifts were filled using extra gifts that parishioners brought in.

The Annual Angel Tree is sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Parish. There's a lot more to this project than the trees in the Narthex adorned with colorful *wish lists*, and most of it goes on behind the scenes. The Parish has no storage space, and we rely on a Team of 11 volunteers to collect the gifts, log them in, and store them in their homes until they are picked up for delivery. A big Thank You to that Team, we couldn't do it without you:

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| • Joann Bernstein | • Diane Harlyvetch |
| • Glenys Collado | • Laura Kakos |
| • Sue Edwards | • Mike Sullivan |
| • Diane Filadoro | • Carol Warrell |
| • JoAnn Gair-Wilson | • Judi Weller |
| • Sue Gartland | |

Our heartfelt thanks to the following sponsors of our parish families in need:

- Bishop Verot Catholic High School
- Stoneybrook Women's Group at Gateway
- Joy & Paul Corriveau
- Virginia & Peter Smith
- Carol Warrell

We are blessed with generous parishioners who really outdid themselves this year. Their gifts and donations brought Smiles and Christmas Cheer to 469 children from St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry, 120 children from the Family Health Centers of SW Florida, 82 Seniors from Catholic Charities, 40 Veterans in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes, our Villa residents and Staff, and our own parish families in need.

Our Office Staff and Maintenance Supervisor were most supportive, fielding phone calls, accepting gifts left at the office, and assisting the volunteers. This is truly a very special parish.

Sue Edwards - President, Women's Guild
Stella McCaffrey - Angel Tree Coordinator
Sandy Szymanski - Chair, Social Justice



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
11am-2pm

HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS AND SALADS PROVIDED

Bounce Houses • Fire Trucks • DJ/Music
Carnival Games • Face Painting • Slides

***Bring your own lawn chairs, shade & blankets**



Saturday, January 21 PARISH PICNIC 11am - 2pm
PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

*Please tear off and return to the parish office or place in the collection basket.
Filling out this form will give us a head count for ordering food. Thank You!*

Name _____

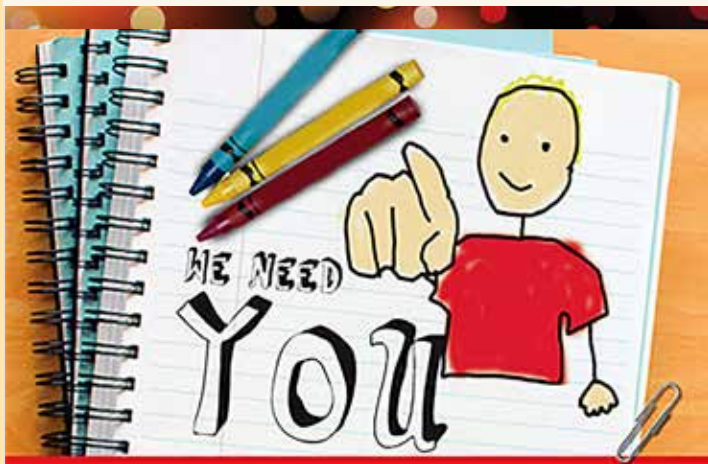
Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____



Faith FORMATION

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



SEEKING TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

YOU do NOT need to be a teacher to share the gift of God's love and word with the children of our parish!

WE NEED HELP, WE NEED YOU!

We are currently in need of extra assistance with our Faith Formation program. You do not need any previous experience as we will provide you with the needed training. You just need to be available on Wednesday afternoons or evenings as we have 2 sessions; one at 4:15pm and one at 6:00pm We are looking for:

- People willing to substitute when our regular catechists are absent
- Additional people to take attendance and walk groups of children from one classroom to another classroom for Grades Kindergarten – 5th grade.

Do you like working with children? Do you have a passion for Scripture? If you answered yes to these two questions, then we hope you will answer the call to volunteer to help us with Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) either at the 9:15am or the 11:15 Mass. If we get enough volunteers, we often only need you to help out once or twice a month. We are organizing a meeting for you to come learn more about CLOW and how rewarding this ministry can be! Mark your calendar for January 8th as we will meet in between the 9:15 & 11:15 Masses, so approximately 10:20am. We will meet in the PLC in the St. Joanna Classroom. Please call or email us at the contact below if you are able to join us for this meeting.

For more information, please call 239-561-7499 or email FrannieDre@johnxxxiii.net

PRAISE & WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 - 4:00PM

St. Luke Adoration Chapel

Saint Augustine once said, "A song is a thing of joy; more profoundly, it is a thing of love . . . and "to sing is to pray twice."

Come join our new Praise & Worship Ministry in the St. Luke Adoration Chapel on **Sunday, January 15** at **4:00pm**, and sing a joyful song to the Lord in the presence of Jesus. No choir experience necessary, just a loving prayerful heart.

For more information, contact:

Gaby Frei at gabriela@gabrielafrei.com

Guest Speaker

MARY KAZOR

Saturday, January 14

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 15

9:15am Mass

Ministry Need:

The Arimatheans are a dedicated group in our parish who attend Funeral Masses to provide prayerful support for the deceased and their families. Many times, there are not many family and friends that are able to attend, so the Arimatheans are there to represent the faith community.

For more Information:

Contact **Mary Kazor** at mary.kazor@gmail.com or call the parish office at (239) 561-2245



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 2:** 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



SAMANTHA ROMERO

On behalf of Fr. Bob and the parish community, we would like to congratulate Samantha Romero and her family. Sam won an award from FGCU (Florida Gulf Coast University), for her 700 hours of service to her community while earning her Bachelor's degree, which included her service in the Video Ministry and as a Eucharistic Minister here at St. John's. She is a wonderful role model for the youth of our parish!



DEACON JOHN GAULIN

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

St. John XXIII Catholic Church is proud to introduce **Deacon John Gaulin** to the Parish Team! We look forward to experience his faith and commitment to the Parish!

From Deacon John:

Greetings to our new parish family of St. John XXIII! My wife, Deborah and I are excited to be part of such a vibrant and welcoming Faith Community.

As many of you know, we have moved here from Buffalo, New York, where I was ordained some 14 years ago. I was blessed to be able to serve the diocese and our parish, Our Lady of Pompeii in Lancaster, in many different ways. It was a powerful experience, and I am grateful to the priests, fellow deacons and especially those parishioners whose support, encouragement, and love so enhanced my ministry.

It was not a difficult decision for my wife Debbie and I to follow our daughter Michelle and her husband, Jordan to Fort Myers. Why, you might ask? Because they were taking our three grandchildren: Landon, Darren, and Lauren (ages 8, 7, 6) with them! To complete the cycle, our daughter Jennifer also moved down, and we all live in the same subdivision in the Gateway area. We've also been joined by my wife's brother and his wife, Joe and Paula Riccione. It is a joy and blessing to have the family so close.

In the short time that I have been around, I am truly amazed at the strength of Faith in this parish. The number of ministries, the number of young families and children, the activity, energy and generosity of this Faith Community is something I have shared with my friends and brother clergy in Buffalo. It is impressive, and we are blessed to be able to join you in service to Christ and His Church.

I look forward to meeting you and spending time ministering to you, and with you. There is much work to be done, as we all know. Our culture today struggles with God and Church. Yet, everyone – regardless of their worldview – has been redeemed by Our Savior, and we are called to live our faith so as to touch the lives of those around us and to give our God the glory and honor He deserves. Each week, we are dismissed from Mass with this mission: To preach the Gospel by the way we live our lives. And so we shall... together.

May God bless us on our journey!
With much love, Deacon John



Deborah & Deacon John Gaulin



Weekly Financials



	12-25-22	12-26-21	Difference
Offertory	\$76,622.58	\$77,205.42	(\$582.84)
Building Fund	\$1,681.50	\$1,631.00	\$50.50
Total	\$78,304.08	\$78,836.42	(\$532.34)
Mass Attendance	5646	3584	
Registered Families	3713	3833	

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	\$591,545.78
Payments	\$583,944.92

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



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CHANGING OUR MINDS

by Joanne Halt, M.A.

We exist in a web of human relationships that is at once complex, life giving, and beautiful. Even in times of loneliness or despair, we remain bound to one another by the smallest daily acts, the realities of interdependence, and the mysteries of the heart. Acknowledging dependence on our Gracious God and on one another is at the heart of gratitude. Science supports a gratitude practice as a powerful antidote for depression and anxiety. Perhaps Jesus is referencing the wonder, receptivity, and openness of children when He speaks of children entering the Kingdom. We lose these childlike qualities growing up, as our egoic mind becomes our operating system. One lesson life taught me is that expectations are ego manufactured gratitude killers. By simply wanting to control outcomes, we gravitate toward resentment, the opposite of gratitude. We can't control outcomes, but our egoic mind resists that. We can become a slave to desires of our heart unless we practice the curious detachment that a daily gratitude practice produces. Ask yourself how often in a day you feel insufficiency - loved ones are not giving you enough of themselves, or you are insufficient in a role. Perhaps expectation plays out in work, health, friendship. I don't deserve my supervisor, this illness, or the way my friend betrayed me. Loss of a beloved person or pet upends us. We didn't deserve Ian. The attitude of gratitude teaches us that life is about lesson learning, and savoring good memories. We are meant to be observant of life's little moments and dependent on a higher power whose grace enables us to light a candle of hope instead of cursing the darkness. When the discipline of gratitude accompanies our human emotions as a spiritual practice, we gain freedom from the wounds and failures that life hands us. St. Paul learned to rejoice whatever hardship occurred. Faced with brokenness, gratitude heals and brings hope when there is despair. Let's prepare for a 2023 filled with gratitude (Grateful.org may help) and trust in the Providence of our God.

Thank You

FROM THE ST. JOHN XXIII VILLAS



We wanted to reach out and say thank you to all of the parishioners that donated to the angel tree for our residents. They were all so happy and grateful, and it came at a time where they all could really use it!

Happy New Year!

- Rachel LeBlanc

St. John XXIII Villas

FRIDAY FISH FRY



FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00PM TO 7:30PM - PARISH LIE CENTER

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a fish fry on **Friday, January 27** from **6:00pm to 7:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. **The dinner will include:** fish, french fries, coleslaw, beverages and dessert.

Tickets will be available in the Narthex next weekend. Tickets are limited to 150.



MEN HEALING AFTER ABORTION

January 11 - February 15

This six-week program is in person at the parish office and real-time on Zoom for 1 hour with Fr. Bob and Nathan Misirian from Support After Abortion.

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Did you know that 1 out of 4 women have experienced abortion? With every woman's experience is a man. Based on research with Support After Abortion, men are hurting from abortion. Often, men who are impacted by abortion feel anger, frustration, shame or regret. You are not alone. **Fr. Bob and Nathan Misirian** from **Support After Abortion** will lead a guided, six-week, confidential healing program for men at our Parish.

January 11 - February 15 in person at the parish office and real-time on Zoom for 1 hour. Begins at 6:30pm. This is a free event for men only. Call the church office at **(239) 561-2245** to register. Limit is 10 people.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration Masses



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 Masses will be celebrated at **11:00am on February 4 at St. Leo the Great Parish**: 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and at **11:00am on February 18 at Epiphany Cathedral**: 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week prior to the event you choose to attend.

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



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

Contact: **Richard Owen** | musicdirector@johnxxiii.net

The music ministry is seeking inspired volunteers to join our exciting music programs. Please find below more information or contact our music director, **Richard Owen**, at: Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net

"Those who sing, pray twice", said St. Augustine and 'Those who sing well, sing thrice'.

St. John XXIII Parish Choir:

The Parish Choir is composed of adult women and men who lead the congregation at the Sunday 11:15AM Mass. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6-7:00PM.

St. John XXIII Children's Choir:

The choir is composed of children age 6 - 14 who sing monthly at the Sunday 9:15AM Mass. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 8:45-9:05AM in the Chapel.

St. John XXIII Modern Ensemble:

This vocal and instrumental group of teenagers and adults present diverse upbeat repertoire at a monthly 4:00pm Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are twice a month on Wednesdays from 7-8:00PM in the church.



Giving Witness:

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

If you would like to share something meaningful with our congregation, please reach out to: Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net



THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 - 6PM

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\$10 Suggested Donation

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Guest Speaker:

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Guest Speaker:

KATHLEEN BECKMAN

God's Armor: "How to Pray for Healing and Deliverance of Your Family"



Exploring the Seven Dwelling Places of ST. TERESA OF AVILA

COME JOIN *Fr. Bill Jarema*

OVERVIEW: The Growing Rich in Mercy Program is a dynamic and exciting program that empowers each person committed to a way of holiness. We believe that Spiritual growth is a pilgrimage that takes us on a journey that we walk together and alone.

A well-balanced spiritual life touches, integrates and becomes aware of how God mingles with our whole-person. God is continually healing and redeeming the spiritual, physical, social, and psychological dimensions of our personhood; each reflecting His image and likeness. (1 Thes. 5:23)

The 2023 Growing Rich in Mercy Program will explore the Seven Dwelling places of Teresa of Avila. To help us understand St. Teresa's spiritual journey we will borrow from St. John of the Cross who was a spiritual companion for St. Teresa as she struggled to articulate her experiences of consolation and desolation, mystical encounters, meeting God in the pots and pans of life and explaining her experiences of ecstasy and rapture. St. Teresa has been called a psychological mystic because she can teach us what happens to us psychologically and spiritually when we encounter the depths of mysticism.

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.

The cost is **\$100.00** with half going to the Mercy Center and half to the parish for the 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.

PARISH LIFE CENTER: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 7** - ~~Introduction to St. John of the Cross~~
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28** - *Introduction to St. Teresa of Avila*
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4** - *Exploration of Dwelling Places 1 & 2*
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18** - *Exploration of Dwelling Places 3 & 4*
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 4** - *Exploration of Dwelling Places 5 & 6*
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 11** - *Exploration of Dwelling Places 7*



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 40 years and a clinical psychotherapist for 43 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



Exploring the Seven Dwelling Places of St. Teresa of Avila

REGISTRATION FORM

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For more information email **Holly Atkins** at **holly@johnxxiii.net** or call the office (239) 561-2245



You Are Invited!

JANUARY 21 • 9:30am-12:30pm

Be Blessed and Encouraged at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, **Saturday, January 21, 9:30am-12:30pm** at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center, in Fort Myers. Our guest speaker is **Karen Dwyer**.

Karen is an inspirational speaker and has been an award-winning college teacher specializing in helping students and adults of all ages conquer their public speaking anxiety.

Karen is the author of 10 books, including WRAP Yourself in JOY: Find the JOY & Fight the Fear, WRAP Yourself in Scripture, Esther for Such a Time as This: Prayer, Reversals & Joy, Nehemiah—Rebuilding Hope & Joy in Your Life, The Joy of Advent—Journey with the People, Events & Prayers at the First Coming of Jesus Christ, and I Conquer Speech Anxiety.

Karen has been a guest on EWTN's The Choices We Face and on several Catholic radio programs, including programs on Spirit Catholic Radio. She is the Coordinator for Magnificat-Omaha, founder of the Heart of Jesus Prayer Groups, a Council Member of USA Pentecost Today, and has served on the Board of Directors for KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio and the national Mission Advisory Council for the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF).

To Purchase Tickets:

Space is limited. No walk-ins or payment at the door. Advanced registration ONLY.

MAIL REQUEST:

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For More Information:

CONTACT:

Margaret Mengle (239) 826-7475



CASH RAFFLE TICKETS

The drawing will take place on **Saturday, February 11**, at **9:00PM**, live-streamed on the St. Andrew Catholic School Facebook page. Please consider purchasing the raffle tickets available at the church door. Your annual support of this important fundraiser is even more crucial now, as we begin to make plans for future expansion. The proceeds help our school to provide excellence in Catholic education for our precious children. St. Andrew Catholic School is growing and excelling in every area, in great part to your faithful support. To purchase additional tickets, please contact St. Andrew School office at 239-772-3922. You may return the stubs and payment to the collection basket by **Sunday, January 29**, the **parish/school offices**, or by mail to arrive by **February 10**.

Thank you for your participation!

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