



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 15, 2023

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25



**DO GOOD;
SEEK JUSTICE.**

- Isaiah 1:17

January 15, 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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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

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00 AM † Guillermo & Rosa Taitano by Mike & Cleo Hasselbach

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 8:00 AM † Paul Vetter by Judy & Richard Yost

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:00 AM † Bill Sante by Jim & Peggy Schweitzer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:00 AM † Greg by Holly & Curtis Atkins

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:00 AM † Kiara Gibbs by Loretta Gibbs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 8:00 AM † Hubert & Zweber by his wife, Sara
- 4:00 PM † Deacon John Gobbi by Mary & Bill Brodeur & Jeanne Parker
- 8:00 PM † All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:15 AM ♥/† Living & Deceased Members of the Savino family by Judi & Frank Savino
- 9:15 AM † Members of the Vaughn/Lehmkuhl families by Angelo & Catherine
- 11:15 AM † Marion Lamone by her husband, Gene
- 1:15 PM † Dulce Frias by Maria DeJesus

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 22, 2023 - READINGS

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| • 1ST READING | IS 8:23-9:3 |
| • PSALM | PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 |
| • 2ND READING | 1 COR 1:10-13, 17 |
| • GOSPEL | MT 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17 |

Remembering....

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 16

*"The time is always
RIGHT to do what
is RIGHT."*



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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

by: **Cynthia James - Catholic News Service**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue their quest for the unity they already share in Christ. It is also a time to gather in praise of the Triune God and to deepen the understanding of the ecumenical movement. By joining in this annual celebration Christians raise their voices, hands and hearts to God seeking the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, "that they all may be one."

The Week of Prayer also invites those who participate to use it as an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the ecumenical movement in seeking to end the divisions among Christians. From the smallest to the largest communities, from all cultures, races and language groups, from all the baptized to all those in ordained ministry, the Week of Prayer is also an opportunity to ask and examine the level of support they have given to this important movement in the life of the Church. An accounting of each Christian's discipleship and faithfulness to the proclamation of the Gospel—the good news of reconciliation—can be taken every year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023 was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for the Christian communities to contemplate ways in which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation and unity.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. These virtues originate in God's love for all, and racism runs counter to this vision. Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice together applies equally to us today.

Each new experience of prayer and gathering provides the Christian faith community with opportunities to grow in our understanding of one another as we celebrate our unity and common mission.

"Do good; seek justice." - Isaiah 1:17

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*Lord, we humbly ask
that, by your grace,
churches throughout
the world may become
instruments of Your
peace. Through
their joint action as
ambassadors and
agents of your healing,
reconciling love among
divided peoples,
may your name be
hallowed and glorified.
Amen.*



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
Jim Benham
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
Mary Paska
Michael Lawrence
Tony Thompson

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, Oh Lord!

Sal Neville
Daniel Komatz
George Percheski
Paul Richards
Mary Buehler



Altar Flowers

Depending on the Liturgical season, flowers may be purchased to commemorate anniversaries, birthdays etc.



For more information contact MaryAnn in the parish office at: maryann@johnxxiii.net or call the parish office (239) 561-2245



Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, January 16

- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 1pm
- Women's Guild: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 17

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM/in Person PLC - 10am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, January 18

- Respect Life Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM ONLY - 10am
- Sacrament Preparation ONLY (Retreat): PLC - 6pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Outside - 6pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6pm
- Modern Ensemble Rehearsal: Church - 7pm

Thursday, January 19

- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Faith & Ale: Main Hall - 6pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC/St. Martha/Mary - 7pm
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM ONLY - 7:30pm

Friday, January 20

- Respect Life Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 11:30am

Saturday, January 21

- 1st Reconciliation: Church/Chapel - 10am
- Parish Picnic: Outside - 11am-2pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

Sunday, January 22

- 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
- Blaze Bible Study: PLC/St. Elizabeth - 12:15pm
- HSYG Session: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 12:15pm
- 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

- Carol Harbeson
- John & Judy Gaggis
- Peg Bentz
- Allen & Laura Harris
- Desiree Lerner
- Phillip & Gail Meissen
- Lisa Wheeler
- John & Birute Hodor

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, March 12, 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	Ryan Silva, Army
Sean Ball	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Major Bart Boma	Jared Broemmell, US Navy
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	Tillinghast IV, Army
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces	Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Andrew Herman	Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	82nd ABN
PFC Michael P Hughes	CPL Eric Lyons, USMC
SPC Michael Jednak	2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Michael Klem	Specialist US Army
Major Bradley D. Laux	Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	SPC 4 Judy Martinez, US Army
SSGT Anthony Padula	1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army
Master SGT Peter Parison	Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army	2nd Lt. Sara Wulff
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton	Sean Dryhurst US Navy
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson	Lt. Amanda Macaluso
Christian Troutner, US Navy	Anthony An Schroeder,
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic	11 Bravo Infantry
PFC Jordan Feil, USA	Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG	Infantry
Aaron Crump, USCG	Maj. Paige Blevins USAF
Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmell	Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo	Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF
Col. Scott C. Woodward	PFC Alan Copeland
Andrew Hawkinson, USN	Augustus Gaggis, Major, USAF
Cavalry Scout Specialist,	Zachary Gaggis, Lieutenant, USN



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 during Lent except Good Friday. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **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
- **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
- **Keep Our Database Current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
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Thank You!

FROM THE

Women's Guild

CHRISTMAS COOKIES & CANDY UPDATE

The St. John XXIII Women's Guild wishes to thank all those who bought, sold, or made items at Cookie and Candy Sale in December. We were able to raise approximately **\$2300** that will be distributed to the charities we support. Thank you for the continued dedication to our parish community!

FRIDAY FISH FRY



FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00PM TO 7:30PM - PARISH LIFE 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.

ADULTS: \$15 children 12 & under: \$10

Tickets will be available in the Narthex this weekend. **LIMIT 150 TICKETS**



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 _____

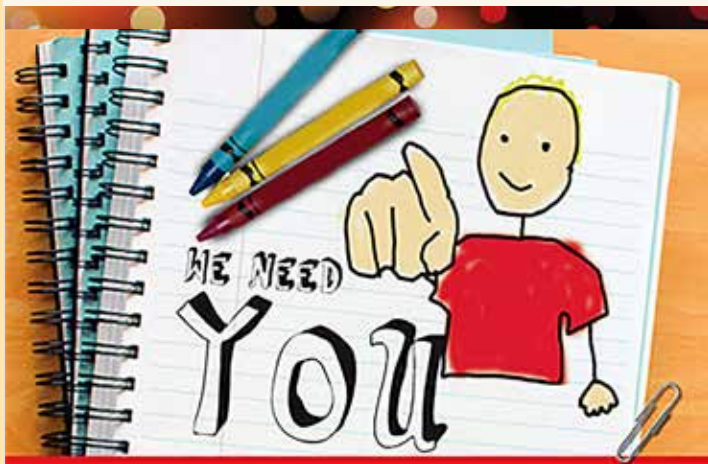
Number of Adults _____

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

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We are grateful to our parishioners for shopping at AmazonSmile. We have recently received a **\$206.72** donation! Thank you for supporting St. John XXIII. **Use our charity link:**

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

Arimatheans 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



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



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



DISCIPLES OF
CHRIST

Youth SPOTLIGHT

***Nishini Fernando** has been an active participant in youth ministry since 6th grade. She is currently studying to be Confirmed next year and recently organized a visit to the Golisano Children's Cancer ward where they brought the children a little Christmas' cheer. We are proud to announce Nishini as January Youth Spotlight. Congratulations!*



Why is your Catholic faith important to you?
When everything in life seems to go dark, Christ is the light at the end of the tunnel.

What do you like most about St. John XXIII?
We have a great sense of community generosity in our parish.

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

It means helping others, whether they have grown apart from Christ or simply need some aid.

Happy Anniversary



Adoration Chapel

This month we celebrate 4 years that the St. Luke Adoration Chapel has been open. We would like to thank everyone who has committed to spend time reflecting with God. The chapel has served as a wonderful addition to our parish community!

Chapel Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-3:45pm & SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm
For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry visit:
johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/

Adoration TESTIMONIALS

Why do you visit the Blessed Sacrament?

"I find PEACE in a chaotic world."

What Impact has it had on your Life?

"CALMNESS - Time for one on one with CHRIST."

How do you make the time?

"I put it on my calendar."

WHY ARE Votive Candles USED?

by: **Msgr. Charles E. Pope - Simply Catholic**

People purchase and light votive candles to symbolize their prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some hours or days (depending on the size) and thus signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a "burnt offering." In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

Catholics who light candles are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray." Electric votive candles do not as clearly show these symbols, but the idea is still the same.



The Votive Lights of the Vine are in the Adoration Chapel. They are electric and can be lit for one hour while you pray with the Blessed Sacrament for your special intention.

A donation is requested.

Adoration PRAYER

Let the PEACE of this ADORATION CHAPEL surround you as you sit or kneel quietly.

*Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away. You are **GOD'S CHILD**. He loves you and cares for you and is here with you **NOW** and **ALWAYS**.*

*Speak to Him thoughtfully. Give yourself **TIME** for Him to bring things to **MIND**.*



ST. JOHN XXIII
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Weekly Financials



	1-08-23	1-09-22	Difference
Offertory	\$39,396.05	\$38,214.69	\$1,181.36
Building Fund	\$1,679.00	\$1,873.00	(\$194.00)
Total	\$41,075.05	\$40,087.69	\$987.36
Mass Attendance	3498	2613	
Registered Families	3720	3595	

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	\$627,830.78
Payments	\$621,731.62

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



Paul McKenna and his wife Penny maintain the Vietnamese Memorial Garden and the pots on the St. Patrick Patio and at the Adoration Chapel.

If you are interested in helping with gardening, trimming, watering etc.,

Please Contact:

Paul McKenna (412) 606-1650
email: 007phm@gmail.com

Cindi Knudsen (616) 560-4827
email: cmknudsen@charter.net



Congratulations

FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

NOVEMBER 7: \$100 EACH

- Joanne Donches
- Terry Citti

NOVEMBER 14: \$200 EACH

- Leslie Robertson
- Beverly Loo

NOVEMBER 21: \$300 EACH

- Jim Glendon
- William Lentulay

DECEMBER 6: \$400 EACH

- Catherine Bourgraf
- James Lazzara

DECEMBER 5: \$500 EACH

- Marie Percheski
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- Frank Mannarino





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.



Musicians/Singers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers to help with our 3 musical groups: Children's choir, Adult choir and Modern Ensemble. For more information contact Richard at: Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net

We always welcome instrumentalists, drummers and singers who are interested in praising the Lord in an upbeat and traditional repertoire!



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 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, 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.**

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A group of parishioners, St. John XXIII Social Justice, Women's Guild, St. Martin de Porres, and others donated Christmas gifts to students living in poverty at Pinecrest Elementary School in Immokalee.

Each of the **650 STUDENTS**, preschool through grade 5, received a fabric bag filled with toiletries such as: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap etc., along with a candy cane, a toy, and a water bottle. The preschoolers each received a blanket. Also, 50 bags of groceries were donated.

Thank you to all who donated, filled the bags, transported gifts, and distributed the gifts to the children.



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The 2023 Growing Rich in Mercy Program will explore the Seven Dwelling places of Teresa of Avila.

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**



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:

themeracycenter@aol.com

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REGISTRATION FORM

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

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.

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Magnificat Breakfast: Be blessed and encouraged at our next Magnificat breakfast for women on Saturday, January 21, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center. Guest speaker is Karen Dwyer. For more information contact Margaret Mengle at (239) 826-7475. Space is limited. No walk-ins or payment at the door. Advanced registration only: <https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/>

Divine Mercy & The Eucharist: Attend a one day conference on Wednesday, January 25 at St. Cecilia Catholic Community Marian Hall, 5632 Sunrise Dr., Ft. Myers, FL. 8:30am: Coffee and Donuts, 9am-4pm Conference, 12pm Mass followed by lunch. Cost is \$20 with box lunch included. Guest speaker, Dr. Bryan Thatcher, founder and director of Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy. Registration must be received by Monday, January 16. Checks payable to St. Cecilia Catholic Community. Checks can be mailed to: Margaret Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919. For more information call Esperanza at (239) 822-8655 or Peg at (239) 826-7475.

DOV Eucharistic Congress: As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Venice is hosting a Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, March 25 at the Conference Center and Luminary Hotel in downtown Fort Myers. The theme for the Eucharistic Congress is "The Word Made Flesh - John 1:14." Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the opening prayer at 9:am. A portion of this event is being presented in both English and Spanish. In addition, the afternoon will include breakout sessions geared toward men and women. Featured speakers include Father Don Calloway, Hector Molina, Teresa Tomeo, Mary Ann Weisinger-Puig, and others. There will be a Eucharistic Procession and the day will conclude with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 5pm. The day will also include the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, breakout sessions and vendors. Registration is now open. Visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/eucharistic-congress/> to register and for additional details.

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

Witnessing the Faith: Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio at 8:30am the last Friday of every month. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com

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

Florida Catholic: The Florida Catholic is available to all members with no cost in an online format. You can sign up with your email at: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/news>



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Guest Speaker:

KATHLEEN BECKMAN

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





MEN HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Through 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.

The program **began January 11 and runs through February 15**. You may join **ANY SESSION** 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.** Limit is 10 people. For questions or to register, please email: nathan@supportafterabortion.com

Venetian Ball: **SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023**



Delight in an elegant evening of cocktails, stories of perseverance and hope, dinner, auction and dancing. Proceeds will benefit Resilience, Rebuilding and Community for Hurricane Ian Survivors in Lee, Hendry & Glades Counties.

LOCATION: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
Parish Life Center - Bonita Springs, Florida

COCKTAILS: 6:00PM **DINNER:** 7:00PM **TICKETS:** \$250 Per Person

Sponsorship Opportunities Available. For information, please contact **(239) 334-4007 ext. 2100** or email: venetianball@catholiccharitiesdov.org

HELP NEEDED: Catholic Charities Ft. Myers needs help with your ideas and perhaps footwork to pull together a badly needed Venetian Ball to refill the coffers. Please join us by contacting **(239) 225-0264** to help raise money for the many very needy people. Thank you for your time, talent and treasure.

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