



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 29, 2023



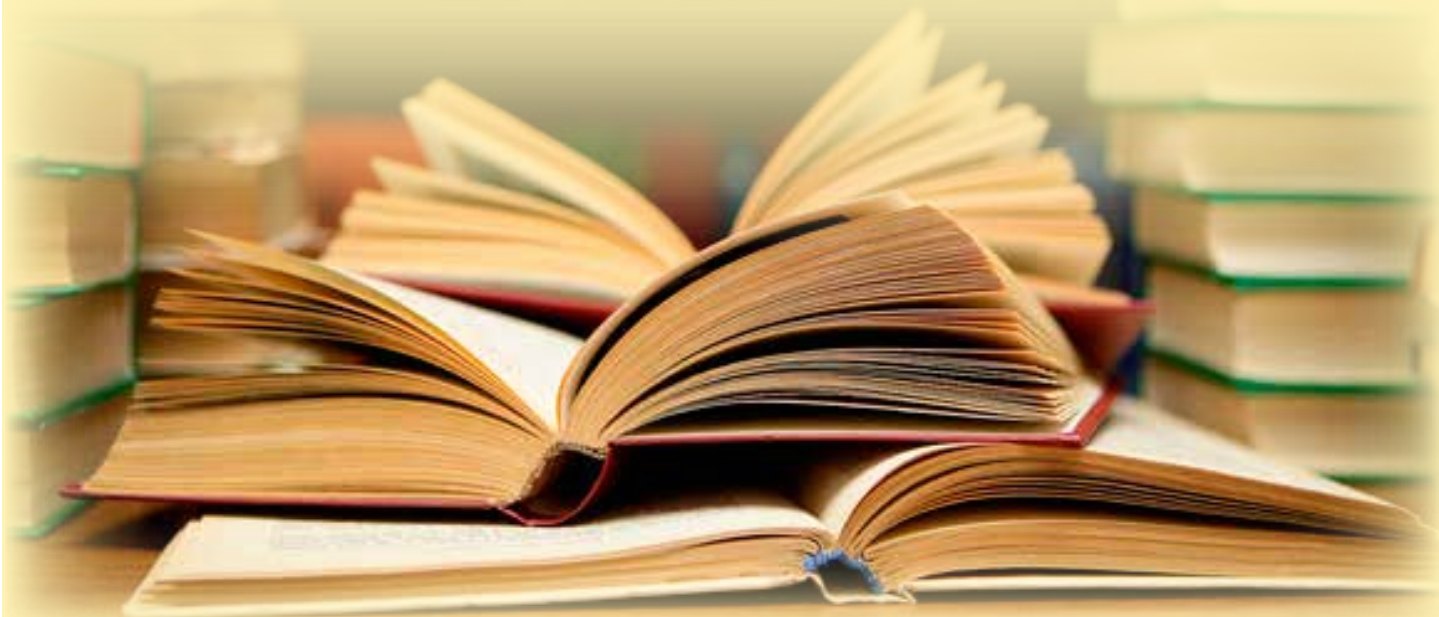
Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29–February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw

#CSW23

Faith. Excellence. Service.



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

January 29, 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

PASTOR

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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 30

- 8:00 AM † Arlene Welsh by James & Joyce Verdi

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:00 AM † Melanie Heuer by her friend

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00 AM † Maria Rozzo by Lori & Joe Erbic

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 8:00 AM † Robert E. Evans, Sr. by Robert & Margaret Evans

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 8:00 AM † Ken Watson by Phil & Anna Marie

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:00 AM † Jose S. Maisog by his family
- 4:00 PM † Brian Hennessey by Mary & Bill Brodeur & Jeanne Parker
- 8:00 PM † Anna - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:15 AM † Eldon Shuey by Jane Hoover
- 9:15 AM † Reynold Welicky by Nancy Welicky
- 11:15 AM † MaryAnn Jamison by Robert & Patricia Ryan
- 1:15 PM † Manuel Pedrano Castro by his family

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.

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 - READINGS

- 1ST READING IS 58:7-10
- PSALM PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
- 2ND READING 1 COR 2:1-5
- GOSPEL MT 5:13-16

FIRST FRIDAY Adoration

FEBRUARY 5

THE ADORATION CHAPEL
will be open **8:30am - 8:00pm**

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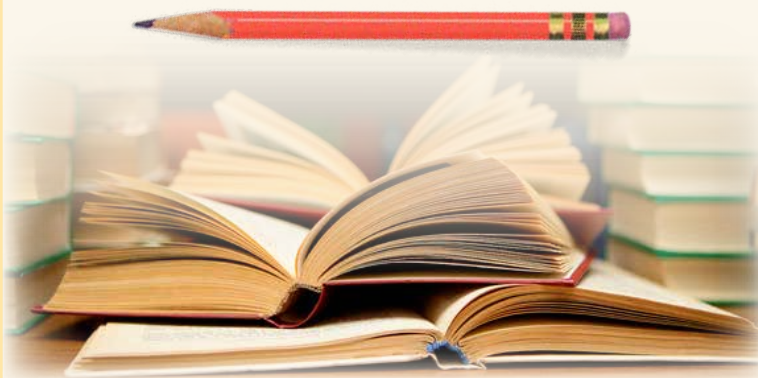
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Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2023 is January 29 to February 4. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2023 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Catholic Schools Week offers an annual opportunity to engage the community and demonstrate what makes your school stand out. The following tactics can help you encourage participation in your festivities. For more information visit:

<https://www.ncea.org/csw/>



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer the **Barry L. Carey M.D. Scholarship** to a practicing Catholic student graduating from a Catholic, private, public or homeschool high school within the 10 counties of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. Scholarship recipients must be first generation in their family to attend college or university.

One renewable scholarship, valued at approximately \$400, will be awarded this year for tuition, books, fee and housing expenses. This scholarship can be renewed annually for up to 4 years for students maintaining a 3.0. GPA.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Practicing Catholic (submission of Parish Affiliation form)
- Current high school senior at a Catholic, private, public or home-school of the 10 counties within the Diocese of Venice: (Manatee, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Sarasota, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, Collier)
- Completion of an online application and financial needs assessment.
- Acceptance into an accredited college or university.
- Academic performance in high school
- Submission of an essay on what your Catholic faith has meant to you and how it has impacted your life.
- Description of extra curricular activities and volunteer hours.

APPLY:

<https://ccfdioceseofvenice.org/scholarships/>

All applicants and supporting documents must be submitted electronically by 11:19pm on February 21, 2023

A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane



BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over thirty-five years, the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans, and African Americans throughout the United States. This important collection assists Parish-based catechetical programs, helps educators reach students in remote villages, and empowers ministries to sponsor events that encourage living the Christian life in enculturated ways.

Your financial support of the Black and Indian Mission Office enables the missions to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and promote vocations, along with the formation of the laity in the areas of ministries. Further, it helps build hope, which can often be difficult to find in the areas the missionaries serve.

The Diocese of Venice will be participating in the collection for the Black and Indian Mission **the weekend of February 4 and 5, 2023**. With your support, the Church can make an impact to the pastoral work across the country and fund programs that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to you and your family of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose
Gary Neubauer
Ron Hudepohl
Laura Ford
Tony Gagnet
Scott Dugan
Cynthia & William
Jim Benham
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
Kevin Ferreira
David
Deborah Young
Fran D'Aleo
Jim Bedenko

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!

Paul Tobin

Mike Paegelow



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Maria Fioribello**
Requested by: **her family**



CREDIT CARD POLICY:

We **MUST** request that any credit card transactions made at St. John XXIII be a minimum of \$25.

Thank You!



Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

- 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, February 1

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM - 10am
- Faith Formation Session 1: PLC - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Main Hall - 6pm
- Faith Formation Session 2: PLC - 6pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6pm
- Social Justice Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6:15pm

Thursday, February 2

- Mass at Cypress Point: Discovery Commons - 9:30am
- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC/Classroom - 7pm
- Rooted: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm
- Walking w/Purpose: ZOOM - 7:30pm

Friday, February 3

- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- First Friday Adoration: Church - 8:30am
- Respect Life Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 11:30pm

Saturday, February 4

- Growing Rich in Mercy: Main Hall - 9am-12pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm



Sunday, February 5

- 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am * *Livestreamed*
- Hospitality after 7:15am & 9:15am Masses: Main Hall
- Bloodmobile: Parking Lot - 8am-12pm
- 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
- 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

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Curtis & Peggy Hall | • David & Pat Zborowski |
| • Adam J. Bilder | • Robert & Judith Bennett |
| • Jane Connolly | • Monico & Grace Nadera |
| • Ms. Freddie Alcide | • Todd & Carolyn Brattan |
| • Glen & Olga Beatty | • Mark & Michelle Drezdson |
| • Bob & Judi Griffiths | • Bill & Teresa LeClaire |
| • Ron & Donna Heinz | • Andy & Kathleen McMillan |
| • Emily Morgan | • Kenneth & Susan Rosinski |
| • Frithza Zuniga | • Colleen Donovan Brady |
| • Ronald & Anita Benn | • Enrique & Rafaela Del Riego |
| • Ann M. Reehil | • George & Sharon Wagner |
| • Maria T. Guanci | • Robert & Christine Gaetano |

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

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 Gagis, Major, USAF
Cavalry Scout Specialist,	Zachary Gagis, 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 expiration dates.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm & Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. 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/
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net or visit www.bpjthrift.com
- **Respect Life Ministry:** This is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com
- **Yarn/Fabric Needed:** The Craftie Ladies are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex.
- **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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ATTENTION PARENTS

St. John XXIII Parish wants to be sure that it is a safe environment for all.

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

Thank You
Father Bob

Coffee & Donuts HOSPITALITY



Join Us! - February 5

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring our monthly Coffee & Donuts Hospitality!

Join us on **Sunday, February 5** after the **7:15am** and **9:15am** Masses in the **Parish Life Center** for friendship and fellowship!

Save a Life

Lee Health Bloodmobile
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
8am-1pm

St. John XXIII Parking Lot



CALLING ALL MEMBERS

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:15PM - PLC

St. Martha/St. Mary Room

SANDY SYZMANSKI has created this amazing ministry, with the help of many of our parishioners, which operates our annual Soles for Souls, Angel tree, Thanksgiving meal distribution and backpack drives along with so many other efforts. It is now time for Sandy to act as an advisor within this ministry and allow **ELIZABETH ANDREWS** to take the lead. Elizabeth is happy to coordinate overall, but is seeking many volunteers to assist in leading projects throughout the year for this outreach effort.

Please join us Wednesday, February 1 at 6:15pm in the St. Martha/St. Mary room of the PLC.

PAST MEMBERS:

Consider your involvement of this committee's work in the past and please come to our meeting to share your wisdom and insight to go forward with the wonderful momentum that Social Justice has had in our community due to your generous sharing of your time, talent and treasure.

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Come to share your involvement now and whether you need help to continue your work or if you are able to assist in other ways.

FUTURE MEMBERS:

Come to see what amazing work this ministry has done in the past and make a plan to get involved as much or as little as you would like.

Feel free to reach out directly to Elizabeth with suggestions, comments or to let her know you are happy to help this great effort.

Elipchik@hotmail.com

734-552-4560



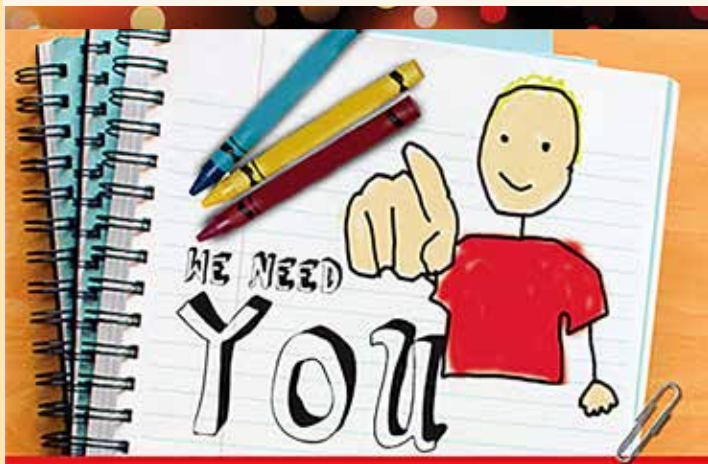
Thank You

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who made this year's parish picnic a huge success! It was a fun-filled day spent with family and friends!



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!

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



HELP
Needed!

Are you **BEING CALLED** TO BE OUR NEXT **ASSISTANT FAITH FORMATION Director?**

Are you Catholic and do you have a high school diploma or higher degree?

Are you upbeat and friendly? Extremely organized and have great time management skills?

Do you possess strong computer skills, with a proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher?

Does the idea of working in a fast-paced environment and having fun while sharing our faith with children of all ages sound exciting to you?

If you answered **YES** to all of the above, please email your resume to:

FRANNIE CERNIGLIA

franniedre@johnxxxiii.net

For questions, please call Frannie Monday - Thursday from 8:30am to 4:00pm at **239-561-7499**



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



Fully Alive

YOUTH RETREAT

*"I came that they might have life
and have it more abundantly."*

- John 10:10



Featuring Talks & Music
by: **JOE MELENDREZ**

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2023

COST: \$20 (cash or check at the door)

OPEN TO ALL: 8th - 12th Grade Students

9:00AM Check-in (BVHS Gymnasium)

3:30PM Mass in Theater (parents welcome)

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



BISHOP VEROT HIGH SCHOOL
5598 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33919



History Showcase

LIVING HISTORY: Eye Witness Accounts - Part 2

by: **Maureen Dombrowski**

The beginning of a new year serves as a perfect time to reflect upon the past and savor sweet, special memories. The following remembrances of original members of St. John XXIII capture the spirit of hope, joy, and love upon which this parish was built and continues its mission of welcome to all.

"I was the first parish nurse and the first parish office volunteer. I remember making the first data entry of parishioner #0001. We all need a family since many of us come from other places. St. John's is our family. It's a church of hope, faith, and love. It started in love and continues in love." - **Colleen Glancy**

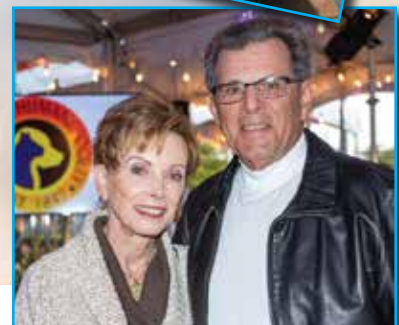
"Our first Christmas in our new Church building I was asked to provide Christmas gifts for 69 children at Jesus the Worker parish. I spoke with Fr. Sullivan and he agreed to support the project. He said we will now start a social justice ministry. Sandy, you are in charge." - **Sandy Symanski**

"Fr. Sullivan was gracious in letting us spread our wings. I found the Sunday by Sunday pamphlet which helped prepare for Sunday readings. We met in my home weekly using this tool and later moved to Barbara Catineau's home. This was an early paper attempt at the FORMED video platform we use today and that Barbara still leads. The vibrant discussion on the readings now are equally fresh and new as they were 20 years ago." - **Leslie Robertson, RCIA ministry**

"Fr. Sullivan asked me to come over from St. Columbkille and help him. So I was here from the very beginning, serving as wedding coordinator, working in the funeral ministry, and singing as one of the very first cantors." - **Mary Zizzo**

"It was a wonderful spiritual journey filled with tremendous ministries for many needs. St. John's will always be in my heart. Fr. Bob Tabbert is like one of your best friends. St. John's really feels like family." - **Kay Mullin**, former sacristan and widow of **Mike Mullin**, who led the Strategic Planning Committee

Perhaps **John and Ernestine Bruno** best sum up the reflections of many of the original parishioners. *"There was a solid following of people who wanted to succeed. We stood up and made it happen. The tradition is being maintained and supported by parishioners and priests who want to see a successful, well-managed parish. It was an exciting time to share the beginnings days of Blessed Pope John to St. John XXIII. Our family has enjoyed many special, blessed moments with everyone intent on making our parish warm, successful, and inviting to all."*





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Weekly Financials



	1-22-23	1-23-22	Difference
Offertory	\$35,472.88	\$23,963.02	\$11,509.86
Building Fund	\$1,446.30	\$1,226.00	\$220.30
Total	\$36,919.18	\$25,189.02	\$11,730.16
Mass Attendance	4113	2961	
Registered Families	3744	3600	

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	\$631,142.78
Payments	\$625,804.52

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



Families OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

ALLOWANCE DISCOUNT

We welcome our families who are sending their children to area Catholic schools (Bishop Verot High School, St. Francis Xavier and St. Andrew grade schools) for the 2023-2024 school year. We wish to provide clarification for receiving the Catholic Faith Allowance discount for those who are **registered** at St. John XXIII Catholic Church and attending Catholic schools in the Fort Myers/Cape Coral area. This Catholic Faith Allowance is subject to the following criteria as set forth by our Pastor, Fr. Bob Tabbert:

The term "*practicing Catholic*" is applied to parents and guardians who are registered at St. John XXIII. For those registered as St. John XXIII parishioners, the following criteria will be used:

Fr. Bob Tabbert expects weekend Mass attendance. Attendance should be on a regular basis to foster the faith in your families and especially in the lives of your children.

Families must submit weekly envelopes provided when they attend weekend Mass. The amount of tithing is not factored into determining if a student receives the tuition discount set forth by the school.

Multiple envelopes for unattended Masses that are placed in the collection basket all at once will count as (1) Mass attendance. If they are left at the parish office or in the mailbox in front of the parish office, they will not be counted as Mass attendance.

If you are part of our on-line giving program or use direct payment from your bank, we ask you start and/or continue to put an envelope in the collection basket- for attendance purpose. We keep pink envelopes in the Narthex and at the back door, just add your number and name if you have left your envelope at home.

If you are registered but not receiving envelopes, please call the parish office to request them.

Grandparents' registration and attendance do not qualify a school family to receive the tuition discount unless the grandparent is the official guardian of the student.

The Catholic Faith Allowance cannot be used towards the registration fee and cannot be used towards the balance of tuition. This procedure is set forth by each school.

We support Catholic Education! God bless all families as you begin the 2023-2024 School Year!



Exploring the Seven Dwelling Places of ST. TERESA OF AVILA

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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

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: ☐ CHECK ☐ CASH ☐ CREDIT CARD

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.

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Adoration: 3pm - 6pm (Our Lady of Rosary Chapel)

Friday, February 10

Exhibition: 9am-6pm (Parish Life Center)

Saturday, February 11

Exhibition: 9am - 6pm (Parish Life Center)

Special Activity for Children - The Eucharist:

The Great Miracle: 10:30am - 12:15pm

(St. Martha and St Mary Room)

K-2nd Grade: 10:30am - 11:15am

3rd-5th Grade: 11:30am - 12:15pm

Pre-registration is required for this activity.

Sunday, February 12

Exhibition: 9am - 6pm (Parish Life Center)

For more information contact:

comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Rites of Acceptance & Welcoming

On **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**, at the the 9:15am Mass, our parish celebrated the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming where we, as a parish community, welcomed our new Catechumen, **Bryan de Faria**, and 3 Candidates: **Bethany Button**, **Teresa Grain**, and **Lisa Wheeler**. These faith-filled individuals have been coming to meetings and desire to enter into a closer relationship with Christ and learn more deeply about the Catholic faith.

In these Rites, they publicly declared their intent to continue on this path. We are blessed to have them in our midst and we ask you to support them with your love, prayers, and life example as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments.

Welcome



BRYAN DE FARIA



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LISA WHEELER

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

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For more information, please contact:

Leslie Robertson at **(239) 560-5617**



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!



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PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

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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:

www.catholicnews.com

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PLEASE NOTE: We received the wrong part of a parishioner's ticket. Please return the stub that shows your name, address and phone number.

You may return the stubs and payment to the collection basket by **Sunday, January 29** or by mail to arrive by **February 10**. The drawing will take place on **Saturday, February 11, at 9:00pm**, live-streamed on the St. Andrew Catholic School Facebook page.



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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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