ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

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Let us invoke the Holy Spirit each day: He guides us along the path of discipleship in Christ. - POPE FRANCIS

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

Please Note:

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

Livestreamed 9:15am MASS on Facebook/Website

ADMINISTRATOR

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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.

FORT MYERS: St. Columbkille 239-489-3973 **Health Park & Hope Hospice**

St. Francis Xavier 239-334-2161 Lee Memorial Hospital

St. Vincent de Paul 239-693-0818 Select Hospital

LEHIGH ACRES: St. Raphael 239-369-1831 Hope Hospice, Lehigh Hospital and Health & Rehab Center

BONITA SPRINGS:

St. Leo the Great 239-992-0901 **Hope Hospice**

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 **Pastoral Team** and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as Business Manager we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.



MONDAY, MAY 20

8:00 AM ♥ Natalie Factora by her family

TUESDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM ⁺ Ted Bierch by Alice Bierch

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

8:00 AM ⁺ Colleen Ryan by Denis

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM ⁺ James Hosp by Pat & Adrian Humbert

FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:00 AM + Jane Lewis by Susan Lewis Bennett

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- 8:00 AM **†** Robert O'Brien by Pat & Adrian Humbert
- 4:00 PM ⁺ Caroline E. Yarnall by Patrick Burke
- 8:00 PM + Joseph Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 7:15 AM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 9:15 AM ⁺ Maria & Anthony Picinic by their family
- 11:15 AM + Caroline McCoy & Emilio Bernal
 - by Donald Perkins
- 1:30 PM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII Spanish Mass

****MASS INTENTION UPDATE****

There are no more English Masses available for the remainder of 2024. Please know we have another option of "Unannounced Masses." This means the particular intention under the Unannounced Masses will be given to a religious or retired priest of DOV to be celebrated at a time of their choosing. Please call the parish office for more details.

MAY 26, 2024 - READINGS

- PSALM
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DT 4:32-34, 39-40 PS 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 ROM 8:14-17 MT 28:16-20

Blood Pressure Checks

Last Weekend of the Month

MAY 25-26

IN THE NARTHEX **AFTER MASSES**

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1ST READING 2ND READING GOSPEL

THE MEANING OF *Pentecost*

It is the great feast that marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Red is the liturgical color for this day and it is encouraged that the faithful wear red to Church that day. Red is symbolic of the love of the Holy Spirit and recalls the tongues of fire in which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles that first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26. He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:3-8).

 \mathcal{H} fter Jesus' ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

 \mathcal{J} oday, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

"The Holy Spirit", The Comforter Has Come. - John 16:7

PRAYER FOR

Lentecost SUNDAY May 19, 2024

God of majesty, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your apostles as they were joined in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus; grant through her intercession that we may serve You faithfully and, by word and example, spread the glory of Your name throughout the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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** Laura Ford Scott Dugan Braden O'Halloran Steve Lane Lucy DeRose **Bill Becker** Cynthia & William Sandy Szymanski Leonard Hall Barbi Cooper Abby Newsome **Collin Carnel Russ Aubrey** MaryAnn Hemmer Girard Cugini **Edward Virtue**

Ray & Janie Sucik Karen Racz Jill Louden **Darlene Kepshire Crystal Heim** Mimi Weaver Linda Anderson **Kristen Lipp** Denis Ryan **Kevin Walsh** Janice Herrington Lucille Ouellette **Cora Davies Marie Boutwell** Louis Cooper, Jr. **Bill Acini David Hilson Kathleen Atkins**

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 eprayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

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

Honoring Your Loved One

You can honor or remember your loved ones by donating the Tabernacle Candle or Eucharistic Host for \$15 for the week. Please inquire in the parish office.

Prayers for Eternal Life

Life is changed, not ended. Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord!

Kathleen Fontaine Marilyn Rose Jarema (mother of Fr. Bill)

Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: Sylvia J. Gibson Requested by: Kathleen Blackford

Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: David Edwards Requested by: Craig & Sue Edwards









Weekly Calendar PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, May 20

- 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, May 21

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael 1pm
- Evening of Adoration & Benediction: Church 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary 7pm

Wednesday, May 22

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room 10am
- Hope Preserve Mass: Fort Myers 1:30pm

Thursday, May 23

• Adult Choir Rehearsal: Church - 6:30pm

Friday, May 24

Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, May 25

- Blood Pressure Checks Narthex
- Hispanic Rosary Prayer: Memorial Garden 10am
- Vigil Mass: Church 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church 8pm

Sunday, May 26

- Blood Pressure Checks Narthex
- 7:15am, NOTE: 9:15am* Livestreamed & 11:15am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna 9:15am
- Spanish Mass: Church 1:30pm

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

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



WELCOME

- New Parishioners • Lenny Castillo Rodriguez
- Oscar & Ana Arroyo
- Ivan Munoz & Migdalia Jusino
- Christopher Brooks

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, June 9, 2024 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: <u>www.johnxxiii.net</u>

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 support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

PRAYERS FOR



PFC Bryan Bard Sean Ball Major Bart Boma Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove Sgt. Phil Dellibovi M/Sgt Jarod Gaudet Capt. Kellyn C. Hall Andrew Herman Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl PFC Michael P Hughes SPC Michael Jednak PFC Andrew Kanopkh Michael Klem Major Bradley D. Laux Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army SSGT Anthony Padula Master SGT Peter Parison Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army Lt. Col. Brady Sexton Christian Troutner, US Navy Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic PFC Jordan Feil, USA Aaron Crump, USCG Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo BG Scott C. Woodward Andrew Hawkinson, USN Cavalry Scout Specialist, Ryan Silva, Army 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC Jared Broemmel, US Navy 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson Tillinghast IV, Army Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force

Eric Sanchez, US Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army, 82nd ABN Sgt. Eric Lyons, USMC Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army Robert Trenton Morell, Medic Specialist US Army Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy SPC 4 Judy Martinez, US Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG 2nd Lt. Sara Wulff Sean Dryhurst US Navy Lt. Amanda Macaluso Anthony An Schroeder, 11 Bravo Infantry Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne Infantry Maj. Paige Blevins USAF Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF **PFC Alan Copeland** Augustus Gagis, Major, USAF Zachary Gagis, Lieutenant, USN Andrew Duffy, USSF A1C Mark Greenwald, USAF Col. Jeffrey Greenwald, USMC Sarah Lambert, USAF 1st Lt. Jarod Pankau USAF 1st Lt. Curi Pankau USAF Charles Robert Connolly, US Navy PFC Abner Casiano, US Army Ranger Ensign Aaron Humphrey



TUESDAY, MAY 21 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Our next Evening Holy Hour takes place **Tuesday, May 21 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm** in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel.

As we continue to celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival at the parish level, we are providing an additional opportunity to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, especially for those who find it difficult to visit our Adoration Chapel during the week. It will include Exposition and Benediction.

We invite you to come spend some quiet time with Jesus amidst all the hustle of our every day lives.



BEREAVEMENT

MISSING YOU.

YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING, YOUR MEMORY A TREASURE, YOU ARE LOVED BEYOND WORDS, AND MISSED BEYOND MEASURE.

If you lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event.

The Bereavement and Beyond Group meets each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in the Parish Life Center in rooms: St. Bernadette and St. Michael.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Parish office at (239) 561-2245



SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 4:00PM St. Luke Adoration Chapel

Come join our Praise & Worship Ministry in the St. Luke Adoration Chapel on **Sunday**, **May 19** at **4:00pm**, and sing a joyful song to the Lord in the presence of Jesus.

ALL ARE WELCOME: No choir experience necessary, just a loving prayerful heart.

For more information, contact: Gaby Frei at gabriela@gabrielafrei.com

We look forward to seeing you and praising the Lord together! Use this QR code to access the music.



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General Announcements

- Like our Facebook Page: For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- Our Weekly Newsletter: Visit https://www.johnxxiii. net/e-newsletter-sign-up/ and enter your email address.
- St. John XXIII Flocknote: Sign up for updates at StJohnXXIIICommunity.flocknote.com
- 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
- Free FORMED Account: Discover all the best Catholic content in one place! Go to formed.org and click on "register". Create your FREE account by entering our parish code and your email address. Our Parish Code is 1823ee
- Low Gluten Hosts: If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- St. Luke Adoration Chapel: Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. Every first Friday, the chapel is open 8:30am-8:00pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/ or email: stjohnxxiiiadorationchapel@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
- 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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JUNE 7, 8, 9 PRE-SALE MAY 28 - JUNE 7

The Belk Charity Sale is dedicated to supporting local non-profit organizations, including the Women's Guild of St. John XXIII Church.

When you purchase a ticket for \$5.00, Belk allows the Guild to keep 100% of the ticket proceeds to help fund our Outreach Projects.

PURCHASE a **\$5** TICKET and Receive **\$5 OFF** your first PURCHASE!

Also receive (on the same ticket) a 25% off stackable coupon! It's a WIN-WIN!

> **PRE-SALE** for the Charity Sale BEGINS **Tuesday, May 28**:

> Items purchased during the pre-sale will be rung up on **Friday, June 7**.

> Your purchase can be picked up any time after store opening on **June 7**.

(Orders must be picked up within 10 days)

PURCHASE TICKETS *please contact:* STELLA MCCAFFREY

Stellamccaffrey@aol.com or Text: 239-823-5421



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



Sign up today for this summer's Vacation Bible School. It is sure to be *"Deep"* as we *"SCUBA"*- dive into Friendship with God!"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 24 - June 28 (8:00am – 12:30pm) ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH PLC - Main Hall/Classrooms DEADLINE: May 20, 2024



Online Registration Link:

https://www.osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/forms/ registration-1-1-2-2-2

Use the QR code to Register



TOTUS TUUS: GRADES 1- 6 Week of July 15 - 19 (9:00am to 3:00pm) OUR LADY OF LIGHT PARISH Fee: \$75 per child, \$125 (2 children) \$200 (3 children) \$300 (4+ children) debbie@ourladyoflight.com DEADLINE: May 31, 2024

TOTUS TUUS: GRADES 7 - 12 July 15 - July 18 (6:30pm - 8:30pm) ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH Summer Nights Fee: \$20 per child kelly@johnxxiii.net DEADLINE: May 31 , 2024



Use the QR code to Register

ADULT FAITH



Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS

Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am PARISH LIFE CENTER

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

Watch a short video each week on Formed.org to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. You can register at https://johnxxiii.formed.org/ and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. Formed log in code: 1823ee





ACCESS ON THE GO!

There are two ways to get FORMED right at your fingertips:

1. Apple users can download the iOS app.

2. Android users can use FORMED on the go with these easy instructions.

For more audios and e-books visit: www.formed.org



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

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

For more information, please contact: Leslie Robertson at (239) 560-5617



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

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Please visit our Rooted Facebook page for exciting information starting this summer. Email Kelly for for updates: kelly@johnxxxiii.net

- JUNE 6 St. Michael 7-8:30pm Rooted Newly Graduating and College (18 - 25)
- JUNE 6 Top Golf 7-8:30pm Rooted 26 and older
- COMING SOON
 Rooted and Married
 (children welcome)

RODED

Confirmation Program:

Classes have ended for the 2023-24 season. Registration will begin July 1 on the Parish website. Both first year and second year candidates must register and commit to all scheduled dates.

High School Youth Group

Our last gathering of the season is 5/12 where we will sell flowers for moms after the 9:15am Mass. Visit our summer offerings page for ways to encounter Christ over the summer.

Middle School Youth Group

Sessions have ended for the 2023-24 season. Registration will begin July 1 on our parish website. Visit our summer offerings page for ways to encounter Christ over the summer.

Youth Council

Mission statement: 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 St John XXIII Community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Scan this code with your mobile device photo app to be directed to the sign up genius webpage for opportunities to volunteer.





CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



We are glad you are sending your children to Catholic Schools, and we want to support you in your efforts. Financially, it is a sacrifice for many families. The schools offer a discount for members that are regularly attending Mass.

Each year Bishop Verot High School gives families a form and asks that the Pastor of the parish you attend sign to say that you are using your envelopes and attending Mass each week. This is a school form not a parish form. Please use your envelopes each week. St. Francis Xavier gives a list of all families that applied to their school and mark St. John XXIII as their parish. We check to see if envelopes are used on a regular basis and send this back to the school.

Fr. Jay is not concerned if there is money in the envelope, as much as the fact you are regularly attending Mass with your children. The only way Fr. Jay can know you are coming each week is by the envelope use. This is stated on the form from the school. Many of you give online, which is great, but you still need to put your envelope into the basket each week if you are applying for the discount.

Thank you!



Guardian Angels WAIKWA PAVER MEMORIALIZATION

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

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

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

Guardian Angels WAIKWAY

Name ______

Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip____

Phone _____

Email

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:

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<u>SHERIFF</u>	Õ		
	BARINE CORP		

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

LINE 1 NAME

example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK

example: SGT. USMC

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

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

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

I would like to pay by:

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

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

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

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact: SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church					
Weekly Financials					
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	05-12-24	05-14-23	Difference		
Offertory	\$28,540.41	\$33,517.74	(\$9,952.29)		
Building Fund	\$1,213.00	\$1,071.40	\$141.60		
Total	\$29,753.41	\$34,589.14	(\$4,835.73)		
Mass Attenda	nce 2827	2576			
Registered Far	nilies 3589	3678			

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity! *Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"

2024 Catholic Faith Appeal

2024 Goal Pledge Payments

\$492,000.00 \$345,473.67 \$242,787.44

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. LAST WIL AND TESTAMENT

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

RECYCLING EQUALS MONEY

Here at St. John XXIII, we encourage you to recycle!

Our recycle bin is located to the far right of the Vietnamese Statue near the other side of the parking lot.

Items such as cardboard, newspapers, office paper and aluminum cans can be deposited in the recycle bin.

With your diligent help, we are able to receive money from the recycling company, Garden St. Paper Products, which in return, goes back to help the church.

Thank you for your support of our common home and the Parish community!





SPRING RAFFLE WINNERS

APRIL 1: \$100 EACH

- **Agnes Hines**
- Paul Kielmeyer

APRIL 8: \$200 EACH

- Caron Hall
- Nancy Kerpchar

APRIL 15: \$300 EACH

- **Carmella Dixon**
- Victor Santucci

APRIL 22: \$400 EACH

- Margaret Cassi
- **Chuck McCallum**

APRIL 29: \$500 EACH

- Sandy Motz
- Leo Fishburn

MAY 6: \$2,500 GRAND PRIZE Amber O'Brien - donated back

Sacrament of First HOLY COMMUNION

GROUP 1



Congratulations to the children who recentley celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. A sincere "Thank you" to all the parents and families for supporting your child's faith journey. You are the first teachers of your child's faith. Live God's peace and love.

Thank you to all the Catechists and Assistants for helping to prepare the children for First Communion this past year. To the priests of St. John XXIII and to all who served in ministry for this Liturgy: The Sacristans, Ushers, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers. And to Barbara Lange and Marie Talley for providing the beautiful music!

GROUP 2



LOOSE ENDS

finishing projects loved ones left behind



knit / crochet / sewing / quilting / tatting / rug-making embroidery / cross-stitch Tunisian crochet / mending / amigurumi needlepoint / basketry / turkey work / felting nalbinding / applique spinning / latch hook / punch needling / weaving

About Loose Ends:

When a crafter dies mid-project, or is no longer able to do hand work due to disability or illness, they will likely have unfinished items they were making for friends and family. These tangible, handmade expressions of love could get lost, donated away, or thrown out.

The Loose Ends Project matches unfinished projects to volunteer finishers who complete and return the garments, blankets, & accessories, to their loved ones.

Need a project finished?

Visit us online to find out if your project qualifies to be completed by a Loose Ends finisher. If it does, simply fill out the online form and we will match you with a volunteer who has the skills and time to get the job done.

Have some time to give?

As a crafter, you understand that a handmade gift is priceless. The materials and hours that go into making something for a loved one are a gesture of love. Your efforts will reconnect an individual with a garment or accessory that had been begun for them by a loved one who died or became ill mid-project.

For more information visit: looseendsproject.org



Women's Guild

SHOWER

MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May, The St. John XXIII Women's Guild is sponsoring a baby shower to support women in need of help with their babies. Items will be donated to the pro-life pregnancy centers in town.

All items donated must be new. Due to Covid, they are **unable to accept used items**.

You can donate one item or if you wish, you can make up a basket for a child of a particular age. Items may be left at the display crib in the narthex. They are looking for items for ages 0-2T. Items needed are:

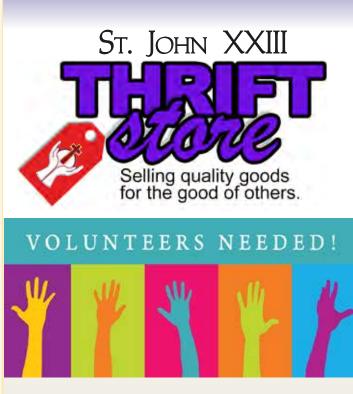
- Diapers of any size
- Onesies
- Clothing 0-2T
- Blankets
- Bibs
- Lotions etc.
- Crib sheets
- Gift cards to Walmart or Target
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
 - Donations of cash for cribs and car seats

Please write in the check memo line: "Women's Guild Baby Shower"

All gift cards and checks can be left in the church office or in the collection basket. Please mark your envelope: *"WG Baby Shower"*

For more information contact **Sue Edwards** at: sgedwards007@gmail.com





WE WILL TRAIN! MANY SHIFTS ARE OPEN MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Please consider helping our Thrift Store Ministry. We need volunteers to process clothing, handbags, footwear, table/bed linens and someone knowledgeable with replacing watch batteries.

We are also in need of dock attendants to receive donations at our dock, then to sort and disseminate the donations to the various departments within the thrift store.

For more information, please contact Clayton Goodridge, Tuesday through Saturday at (239) 433-4097 or email: thrift@johnxxiii.net

> MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM SATURDAY - 10AM - 4PM www. bpjthrift.com



For those who may be unfamiliar with OUR MOTHER'S HOME in Estero, please check out these opportunities to make a difference in the life of a young mother. Our mother-s home is dedicated to fostering a positive environment for young moms who have been in the Florida Foster care system. There are many ways to help.

Please prayerfully discern how you CAN make a difference by "WALKING with Moms in NEED"!

https://www.ourmothershome.org/volunteeropportunities/

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES



St. Martin DePorres is in need of an economical car/SUV in good working order for their day to day operational needs. If you have this type of vehicle and are able to donate it to SMDP, this would be an answered prayer and they will be very grateful. SMDP is a 501(c)3 non-profit and your donation would be tax deductible.

For more information contact: Leslie Robertson (239) 560-5617





TICKET PRICEDINING ROOM OPENS AT 5:30PM\$65 EACHSHOW STARTS AT 7PM

Contact Lois Becker at (239) 826-2558 or email lasftmyers@embarqmail.com

Jump and jive with over 30 songs from the Big Band Era! Swing exploded out of Harlem and shattered cultural and ethnic barriers and now you can relive the dance phenomenon that swept the world. This all singing, all dancing extravaganza features *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got that Swing, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, In the Mood, Sing Sing, Stompin' at the Savoy, Cry Me a River, Bounce Me Brother* and more.

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Decline to Sign Petition: Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. To do so, they need nearly 900,000 signatures. Floridian Catholics should not sign the petition as we approach the November elections.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers for our Food Pantry, located at 4235 Michigan Link Avenue in Ft. Myers. Help is needed Wednesday 8:30am-11am and/or Thursday 8:30am - 12pm noon. On Wednesdays we bag the food and receive the delivery. Thursdays is the actual distribution with bagging also occurring. If you would like to help, please contact Mike Vega mike.vega@catholiccharitiesdov.org or call (239)270-3291

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.

Healing after Abortion: For more information or questions, contact Sylvia Jimenez by email or on the Project Rachel Helpline at (941) 412-5860

Good Counsel Camp: Summer adventures await at Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp in Floral City, FL. This is a co-ed overnight camp which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. All Children 7-15 years of age are invited to attend. One and two week sessions are currently offered at affordable prices. All information is available on the camp website at **www.goodcounselcamp.org** or by emailing the camp director at: **info@goodcounselcamp.org**

St. Andrew Summer Spanish Summer Camp: Children will have Spanish lessons based on the day's theme via visual support, tasting food, storytelling, dance and art. 4 weeks available from 9am -3pm. (June 3-7, June 10-14, June 17-21 and June 24-28. \$200 per week/per child. Payment due by May 24. For sibling discounts or more information, contact **ymartinez@standrews.org** or **chinks@standrews.org**

TEC Retreat: "To Encounter Christ", a Catholic Retreat for Young Adults. Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 25 to Monday, May 27. Location: Cursillos de Cristiandad, 16250 SW 112 Ave. Miami, FL. For more information and sign up, visit **www.SonshineTEC.com**

Safe Environment Training: The Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further details please visit https://dioceseofvenice.org/ offices/programs/safeenvironment/

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7 service for those in emotional distress. Veteran services are also available. **Simply call 988**



The Lee County Sheriff's Office Fraud Line has received at least a dozen complaints from residents reporting the same information - a telephone call from someone claiming to be from the "Microsoft Refund Department".

This is a SCAM designed to trick you into believing you are due a refund from the technical support company used to protect your computer. The motive is to gain remote access of your computer in order to steal your personal data and money.

Avoid This Scam:

- Hang up on unexpected calls from anyone who claims to be tech support.
- Do not return voice messages from anyone who claims to be tech support.
- Never give control of your computer or share passwords with anyone you do not know.
- Know that Microsoft will not make unsolicited phone calls to help you with your computer.

More Information:

If you have questions regarding this scam or you believe you may have been victimized by tech support scammers, contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office Fraud Line at (239) 258-3292 or email at fraudline@sheriffleefl.org

If you would like a Crime Prevention Specialist to speak to your community group or organization about frauds and scams, please visit our website at www.sheriffleefl.org for more information call Community Relations at (239) 258-3280 to schedule a security assessment.



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BENEFITS TO HAVING A PARISH APP

Your church Mobile App is a powerful tool that brings great benefits to our local and seasonal parishioners.

There are many exciting possibilities to being connected. It is important to stay informed and take advantage of the resources that are available. Below are some stimulating avenues to explore:

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- Real Life
 - Catholic
- Reflect Daily
- Daily Mass
- Rosary
- Audio Bible
- The Good News
- Resources

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