



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**July 21, 2024**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE  
*Lord*  
IS MY  
*Shepherd*

**July 21, 2024**

**Please Note:**

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

**Livestreamed  
9:15am MASS 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.

**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 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, JULY 22**

- 8:00 AM † Leonardo Cheechia by Lynn Lewis

**TUESDAY, JULY 23**

- 8:00 AM † Rita Bednarczyk by Dennis & Carol Monahan

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**

- 8:00 AM † Kathy Haywood by Judy Scheiben

**THURSDAY, JULY 25**

- 8:00 AM † Hilda Valutsky by Mary Cramsey

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

- 8:00 AM † Lorraine Eddy by Marc & Lucy Bingcang

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

- 8:00 AM † Robert B. Antanavage by Amber O'Brien
- 4:00 PM † John Assetta by Helen & Bob Tuffy
- 8:00 PM † Peter - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

- 7:15 AM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 9:15 AM † Natalia Marcelo Factora by her family
- 11:15 AM † John Apicella by Roger & Vita Hawkins
- 1:30 PM † Jose Gregorio Hernandez by Familia Bollvar Echegary - Spanish Mass

**\*\*\* MASS INTENTION UPDATE \*\*\***

The 2025 Mass Intentions Book **IS NOW OPEN** in the Parish Office. Availability includes four intentions (two weekend Masses and two weekday) per calendar year, per registered parishioner.

**JULY 28, 2024 - READINGS**

- 1ST READING 2 KGS 4:42-44
- PSALM PS 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
- 2ND READING EPH 4:1-6
- GOSPEL JOHN 6:1-15

## Blood Pressure Checks

*Last Weekend of Every Month*



**JULY 27-28**  
**IN THE NARTHEX**  
**AFTER MASSES**

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MESSAGE FROM

The St. John XXIII Administrator

Fr. Jay



Dear Friends,

In continuation of last week’s gospel, Jesus sending his disciples two by two, this week Jesus holds a reporting session with them. On hearing the jubilant reports on their works, He tells the disciples “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while”.

Let us focus on what could be our ‘deserted place’. We all like a place of our own; a place where we love to spend our day off and rejuvenate after a hard day at work. For some, that deserted place could be a bar with good ambience; company of friends, tv, internet or social media; or it could be a place simply spending time with children and family!

Have we ever considered that we all have a place to reflect? Our Adoration Chapel may look mostly deserted or have a few people attending but it is a place where Jesus leads us to calm ourselves and rest for a while. When I was in the seminary, we had the ‘Examination of Conscience’ every night (based on Ignatian spirituality) during the night prayer, which I still do in a shorter form every day.

Michael Faraday is an English Scientist who was the pioneer in the electromagnetic current. He had to address a convocation of scientists in London on the nature of magnets, where the Prince of Wales and later King Edward VII, was also attending. Soon after his spellbound deliverance of his lecture, everyone applauded, giving him a standing ovation. But Michael paid no attention to this as he immediately rushed out of the hall despite the presence of the Prince of Wales. The reason for him leaving so abruptly was that he was on his way to a little church where he was a member to attend the midweek prayer service! That was his deserted place rather than to be amongst the most powerful men of society!

A good Shepherd is the one who spends his time with God and his sheep. We are all called, not simply to be the leader of the family or community but to be the shepherds of our families or community. Let us seek our deserted place. That place can be in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us bring that Eucharistic revival into our family!

God Bless,  
Fr. Jay Raju

- **Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:1-6**
- **Reading 11: Ephesians 2:13-18**
- **Gospel: Mark 6:30-34**

## PRAYER FOR

# Guidance

Dear Lord,

*I come to you today  
asking for guidance. I feel  
lost and overwhelmed,  
and I need your help  
finding my way. Please  
open my eyes and heart  
to the direction you want  
me to take. Help me to  
make wise decisions that  
will lead me closer to  
Your path for my life.  
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**  
**Braden O'Halloran**  
**Steve Lane**  
**Lucy DeRose**  
**Cynthia & William**  
**David Hilson**  
**Sandy Szymanski**  
**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**  
**Cora Davies**  
**Marie Boutwell**  
**Louis Cooper, Jr.**  
**Bill Acini**  
**Kathleen Atkins**  
**Leyla A. Bolivar**  
**Kate Maloney**  
**Kathy Privhinello**  
**Steven Kapish**  
**Denise Staerker**  
**Carolyn Nieset**  
**Celeste Kane**

**These names are kept in the bulletin for one month.**

If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater e-prayer community, email [epriayer.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:epriayer.stjohn23@gmail.com)



## 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!*

**William Becker**  
**Christian Colon**  
**Rocky Sullivan**



## Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Stephen Lane, Jr.**  
Requested by: **The Lane Family**



## DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

[myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





## Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



### Monday, July 22

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

### Tuesday, July 23

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

### Wednesday, July 24

- Living in the Father's Love Virtual Bible Study: ZOOM Only - 9am
- Hope Preserve Mass in Fort Myers - 1:30pm

### Thursday, July 25

- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC/St. Elizabeth - 7pm

### Friday, July 26

- St. John XXIII Outreach Ministry Shoes/Backpacks: Main Hall - 5pm-10pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

### Saturday, July 27

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex
- St. John XXIII Outreach Ministry Shoes/Backpacks: Main Hall - 9am-1pm
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

### Sunday, July 28

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex
- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am\* Livestreamed** & 11:15am
- Separation/Divorce Group: PLC/St. Michael - 9am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna - 9:15am
- Summer Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Elizabeth - 11am
- 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/](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/)



## WELCOME

### *New Parishioners*

- Juan & Stacy Turmeque-Escobar
- Daniel & Fiorella Forgey
- Jared & Kiersten Huppenthal

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, September 22, 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: [www.johnxxiii.net](http://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 support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

## PRAYERS FOR

### *Our Military Personnel*

PFC Bryan Bard  
Sean Ball  
Major Bart Boma  
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove  
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi  
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  
Capt. 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

# EVENING *Holy Hour*

UPDATE

*Due to Totus Tuus last week, the Evening Holy Hour has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 23.*

**TUESDAY, JULY 23**  
**6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Our next Evening Holy Hour takes place **Tuesday, July 23 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.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

To learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival, visit <https://eucharisticrevival.org>

You will find a free online course from Bishop Cozzens, "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," which can be utilized in parishes, small groups, or for individual study. Bishop Cozzens is head of the Committee for Evangelization and Catechesis for the USCCB. This is a three year revival of the devotion of The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. See prayer in English and Spanish below.

### Prayer for the Revival:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (Three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

*Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.*

### Oración para el avivamiento:

¡Dios mío, yo creo, adoro, espero y te amo! ¡Te pido perdón por los que no creen, no adoran, no esperan, no te aman! (Tres veces)

Santísima Trinidad, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, yo te adoro profundamente y te ofrezco el Preciosísimo Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, presente en todos los Sagrarios del mundo, en reparación de los ultrajes con los que Él es ofendido. Por los méritos infinitos del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y del Inmaculado Corazón de María, te pido la conversión de los pecadores.

*Nuestra Señora de Fátima, ruega por nosotros.*



**ST. JOHN XXIII**  
Catholic Church

## 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](http://StJohnXXIIICommunity.flocknote.com)
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiiichurch/>
- **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](http://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 has extended hours from 8:30am-8pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/) or email: [stjohnxxiiiadorationchapel@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net) or visit [www.bpjthrift.com](http://www.bpjthrift.com)
- **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.
- **Keep Our Database Current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email [martha@johnxxiii.net](mailto:martha@johnxxiii.net) with any changes or additions to your contact information.
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**HELP!**  
Needed!

Back to School



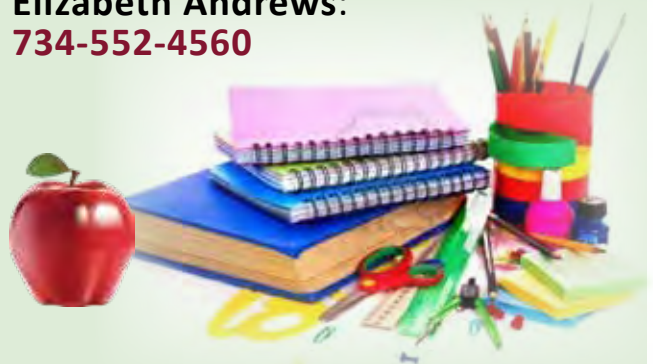
## BACKPACK DRIVE

*The St. John XXIII Outreach Ministry is packing 500 backpacks with school supplies and new tennis shoes for kids in need within our community!*

- We need volunteers with large vehicles to assist in transporting all shoes, backpacks and supplies from volunteers’ homes to the church on **Friday, July 26 at 4pm**
- Teen, family, and adult volunteers are welcome to come to the Parish Life Center on **Friday, July 26 at 5pm** to organize and begin packing backpacks.
- We need volunteers to come to the Parish Life Center on **Saturday, July 27 at 9am** in order to assist in matching shoes to the orders, finish packing backpacks and clean up from the event.
- Kids are welcome! We will have supplies for young kids to write letters or draw pictures for elderly in the senior co-op.

*For more information:*

**Elizabeth Andrews:**  
**734-552-4560**



*Please reach out to Elizabeth to offer assistance. Please make sure to text your name and dates that you can help.*

# Faith FORMATION

Contact: Frannie Cerniglia | 561-7499 | [franniedre@johnxxxiii.net](mailto:franniedre@johnxxxiii.net)

## Faith FORMATION CLASSES

REGISTER NOW



Please use the QR code or the below link to register for Faith Formation 2024-2025 K-5.

[https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/forms/faith\\_formation\\_registration-24-25](https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/forms/faith_formation_registration-24-25)

## Sacrament PREPARATION

REGISTER NOW



Please use the QR code or the below link for more information about First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

<https://johnxxxiii.net/1st-reconciliation-and-1st-eucharist/>

# THE Sacraments



**BAPTISM:** Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. John XXIII, we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered after the preparation process is completed by the parents and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact **Frannie** at **239-561-2245** for more information or to begin the process.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** (also called *First Eucharist and First Reconciliation*) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. For more information or to begin the process, please contact **Frannie** at **239-561-7499**. Parents who home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, contact **Kelly Evers** at **239-561-3022** to begin the process.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Congratulations on your decision to enter the beautiful sacrament of marriage! The heart of Marriage Preparation in the Catholic Church is the realization that "your wedding is one day but your marriage lasts a lifetime." Couples wishing to be married will need to contact us at least six months prior to the desired date. A venue should not be booked prior to first meeting with a priest and getting a confirmation from the parish office. The engaged couple will complete the Witness to Love program alongside a mentor couple, fill out the required forms, provide updated Baptismal Certificate(s) and attend a Diocesan retreat. For more information or to begin the process, please contact the parish office at **239-561-2245**.





Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107  
Contact: Kelly Evers | [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto: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](mailto:kelly@johnxxxiii.net)

- **AUGUST 1 - St. Michael 7:00pm**  
**Rooted 18-22**
- **AUGUST 1 - Parish Life Center 7:00pm**  
**Rooted 23-29**
- **COMING SOON**  
**Rooted and Married**  
*(children welcome)*



### Confirmation Program:

Registration is available on the parish website. Both first year and second year candidates must register and commit to all scheduled dates. **September 22** is our first mandatory gathering

### High School Socials

Sunday morning Gospel Sessions begin September 8. Bring a friend! To use the gatherings as a weekly theology choice for the Confirmation Program, you must attend 10 sessions. Here are the dates: 9/8, 9/15, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 12/1, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

### Middle School Youth Group

Registration is available on the parish website. Sessions begin **Wednesday, August 28** and will continue on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. See our parish website for specific dates and times.

### Youth Council

Join us **Sunday, August 18** for our annual YOUTH CONCERT! Doors open at 4:15pm for pizza, concert starts at 5pm.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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



# *Families* OF 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 WALKWAY

## PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



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



Paver orders may also be placed at [www.KC23.org](http://www.KC23.org)

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

# Guardian Angels WALKWAY

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

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

LARRY EVENER: [larryevener@yahoo.com](mailto:larryevener@yahoo.com)

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: [sgedwards007@gmail.com](mailto:sgedwards007@gmail.com)

## PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



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

LINE 1 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK \_\_\_\_\_  
example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_  
example: WWII

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

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



## Weekly Financials

|                     | 07-14-24           | 07-16-23           | Difference          |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Offertory           | \$24,096.77        | \$26,634.44        | (\$2,537.67)        |
| Building Fund       | \$956.00           | \$938.30           | \$17.70             |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$25,052.77</b> | <b>\$27,572.74</b> | <b>(\$2,519.97)</b> |
| Mass Attendance     | 2291               | 2417               |                     |
| Registered Families | 3588               | 3705               |                     |

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 | \$492,000.00        |
| Pledge    | \$440,746.67        |
| Payments  | <b>\$362,571.85</b> |

## 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](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)



## REMINDERS FROM THE

# Bookkeeping

## DEPARTMENT

### Envelopes:

Please use your envelopes whenever possible. If using pink or green envelopes located at the back door and welcome center in the Narthex, include your envelope number. All registered parishioners are provided an envelope number. Otherwise, please fill in the envelope completely with name and address. To keep cost down, please notify us of any address changes or if you don't need them.

### Credit Card Donations:

Please remember to update the parish office with any changes to your card. Please call the office if your card has expired or been compromised. This will allow your donations to continue without interruption.

### Checks:

Please use only **BLACK** or **BLUE** ink when writing checks. **PINK, PURPLE, RED**, etc. does not scan well when deposited.

### CFA: (Catholic Faith Appeal)

The large **WHITE** envelopes in the pews are for the Catholic Faith Appeal. Please make checks payable to the CFA.



*Thank you for helping us save time and keep our records accurate.*



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

**FYI**

**Deacon John will be speaking at all Masses this weekend about the OCIA process!**

## *Are you or someone you know interested in joining our Catholic Community?*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a formation process, which culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. The OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion as you come to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple. Participants in this process are introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church as they prepare themselves for full communion with the Church.

*For more information, call the parish office at 239-561-2245, option 3, or complete the form below and simply place it in the collection basket.*

*I am interested in learning more about the OCIA process at St John XXIII. Please have someone contact me to explain the program in more detail.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Facing Loss - By Bill Cushnie

When someone we love dies, it is inevitable that questions of faith and spirituality arise. For some, faith is challenged, for some it is dashed, for some it is a comfort, and for some it is a new exploration.

Allow for the search for meaning within the grieving individual's religious or spiritual values. Listen without judgment or advice. If they are angry with God, or confused, simply acknowledge by saying, "It's hard to believe at a time like this." Each individual will work through this search in their own way, and in their own time.

Each individual grieves differently. Additionally, individuals grieve different losses differently. Be flexible, and gentle with yourself and others, and allow the grief and mourning to unfold naturally.

Remember that for the young child, play is the focus of their world. Play is spiritually uplifting for a child. Children grieve in spurts, and may move quickly from sadness to play, and back again. By playing during somber times, they are not intending to be disrespectful, nor should we assume they are 'OK,' and not grieving. Play helps children cope and heal. Join them if you are up to it, and always make it OK for them.

Seek the help of a grief counselor if your or your child's spiritual struggle doesn't soften. Support groups where others are experiencing some of the same struggles are often very helpful.



Include children in the rituals that surround death—funerals, memorial services, burials. They should never be forced, but included as appropriate to age. The very young may just attend with a loving adult. The adolescent may read a poem or speak. Excluding a child from these rituals does not protect them. Including them helps start their healing journey.

Create new rituals that touch the spiritual side. Anything from lighting candles, to releasing balloons with notes, to quiet time at a grave side visit, to reminiscing with family and friends, to laying a flower on an altar. Rituals affirm landmarks in our lives – birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, baptisms, etc. The loss of someone we love is also a landmark in our lives and deserves the attention rituals give.

Faith and/or spirituality are a part of life and contribute to our mental health and ability to survive hardship. However spirituality takes form in your beliefs, embrace it for yourself, and nurture it in others, as they seek peace and comfort at such critical times in life.

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**NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK  
(NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING)  
JULY 21 - JULY 27**



The Church has designated the **week of July 21-27** as National NFP Awareness Week. This provides an opportunity to spread the word about Catholic teaching on marriage and conjugal love. Our Mission: *Helping married couples to deepen conjugal love and achieve responsible parenthood is part of the Church's total pastoral ministry to Catholic spouses. Fulfillment of this ministry includes both education and pastoral care. This means "instilling conviction and offering practical help to those who wish to live out their parenthood in a truly responsible way".*

For more information visit:

[www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week](http://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week)

### JOIN US:

#### **365 PRAYER:**

Come join in 365 prayer every Wednesday any time from **12pm-5:00pm** at Planned Parenthood:  
6418 Commerce Park Dr. Fort Myers

#### **FIRST FRIDAY of Every Month:**

If you are at the Adoration Chapel, we ask that during the regular hours people offer up special prayers for an end to the death penalty.

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# PARISH LIFE CENTER GUIDELINES

*Treat Our PLC with TLC*

## REGISTRATION:

- Submit a registration form and have it approved by authorized staff to reserve a requested space and be added to the parish calendar.

## SAFETY:

- Take care of yourself and be respectful of others. Document and report all accidents or injuries to a parish staff member.
- At least one authorized, trained kitchen user must be present. You must be at least 15 years old to be in the kitchen, unless special permission has been granted by authorized staff.
- All spills or trip hazards are to be contained and corrected. Report maintenance or repair needs.
- The stages are reserved for speakers, performers, and authorized personnel. Always keep children safe and off the stage.

## CLASSROOMS:

- When having a meeting in one of the flex rooms, please DO NOT move any of the panels/walls. Those are to be moved by trained staff for security purposes. If you need a smaller room than what is provided please advise when requesting the room for your meeting. Also if any tables or chairs are moved please return everything back to where it goes.
- Classrooms are food-free zones. No food or drinks are allowed in the five stand-alone classrooms.

## UPKEEP:

- Keep walls, windows, and doors free of decorations. Free-standing banners, easels, and portable walls are available for approved requests.
- Table decorations are allowed, including weighted balloons. All decorations must be removed during event clean-up.
- Only floor cord protectors, not tape, are to be used for extension cords.
- Refrain from placing feet on walls.

## CLEAN UP:

- Return the PLC to pristine condition after your event. All trash must be removed.
- Tables/chairs must be returned to original placement.
- Do not leave extra items without staff approval.

## TECHNOLOGY:

- Air conditioning and heating will be controlled only by authorized staff.
- Audio/visual equipment is to be operated by authorized and properly trained personnel.

## SEPARATION/DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP



**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

**9AM - PARISH LIFE CENTER**

**Room: St. Michael**

You are welcome to attend at any time in whatever stage of separation/divorce you are in.

**Join our next session, Sunday, July 28 at 9:00am in the Parish Life Center, room St. Michael.**

*For more information contact:*

**Carole Wheeler-Antle (239) 850-7443**  
email: [cdwante819@gmail.com](mailto:cdwante819@gmail.com)



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## SHROUD OF JESUS EXHIBIT

Welcome to our Shroud of Jesus Exhibit at the Ark Chapel in the Bob Thomas Student Union and on the second floor of the Canizaro Library at Ave Maria University.

### *The Sign*

Come to the Ark chapel and see the visual Sign that Jesus predicted 2000 years ago, telling us who He is. And only now it comes to light. And here, for the first time, is an exhibit of the words of John, the onsite witness, that reveals the meaning of what we see on the Shroud of Jesus. See the first sculpture of the sign that Jesus left us. This sign, that John ingeniously concealed, shows the world that Jesus is the Son of God.

Come to the second floor of the Library to view the life size replica of the Shroud of Turin and view the blood of atonement on the Shroud of Jesus.

To learn more about this exhibit and sculpture please refer to the source of this data in the following book: *The Shroud of Jesus and the Sign John Ingeniously Concealed* by Gilbert Lavoie, M.D., published by Sophia Institute Press. The shroud photos were done by Vernon Miller © 1978. The sculpture, The Sign, by the sculptor Pablo Eduardo, go hand in hand with the book.

***There is no more comprehensive book for those who are curious—or skeptical—about the Shroud.***

—Scott Hahn, Founder and President,  
St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Please visit our bookstore for more information.



***Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.***

—John 2:19

## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**Witnessing Faith:** Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio on 106.7 FM and 1410 AM in Fort Myers and 93.3 FM and 1660 AM in Naples. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard at **8:30am on Friday, July 26.**

**Prayer for Safety During Hurricane Season:** Hurricane Season continues until November 30. All are encouraged to pray for protection from the storms that can and have threatened Southwest Florida. The devastation, as witnessed by Hurricane Ian, reinforces the fact that we need to pray for God's protection and care during these next months.

**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](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife) for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

**Join a Prayer Group:** Who is Jesus to you? A picture or a statue? Is He flesh and blood to you? We are a group of women who gather to meditate on the Gospels, to develop a personal relationship with the Living Word Himself. To share our experience of the Word, apply it concretely to our daily lives, and provide spiritual support to one another. In short, to "know" Jesus intimately through prayer according to Catholic Tradition and the Doctors of the Church. "Come taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Interested? We meet twice monthly in the afternoons on the second and fourth Thursdays. Contact **Peggy Kepple** at **(734) 223-8151** or email [peggykepple@yahoo.com](mailto:peggykepple@yahoo.com) for more information.

**4KIDS Brings Hope:** The 4KIDS model and paradigm extends Hope, Homes, and Healing to children and families across 13 Florida counties. Hope is experienced through preventative based care. Homes are open to children in foster care. And Healing is made possible for children and families who have experienced trauma with the help of training and therapeutic care. Here is how 4KIDS brings Hope, Homes, and Healing to those in need. For more information, please call **(239) 266-8354** or visit <https://www.4kids.us/4kidsswfl>

**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](mailto:mike.vega@catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call **(239)270-3291**

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

**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**



## Amendment 4 FREE Training Opportunity SATURDAY, JULY 27 9:00 am - 3:00pm

We're excited to invite you to join the Florida Physicians Against Amendment 4 for an expert communications training, described by one of your fellow doctors as **"the best training I have attended since graduating residency."** This is an invaluable opportunity that is **FREE OF COST** and the session takes place in Miami, Florida on **Saturday, July 27 from 9am-3pm.**

Hundreds of doctors have found the training beneficial to all areas of their practice, and in addition to specifically preparing them for media appearances with reporters across the political spectrum as well as for conversations with colleagues and friends.

Florida doctors and medical professionals of all types (including med students) are welcome at this day-long expert training. Come and learn the specifics of Amendment 4, which could allow for abortions up to birth and do away with basic health and safety standards for abortionists. The training will equip you to respond to tough questions and speak with the press to raise concerns about how this measure could affect your patients and your ability to provide them with excellent healthcare. We hope you can join us.

## Sign up NOW

[https://aaplog.wildapricot.org/  
event-576300](https://aaplog.wildapricot.org/event-576300)





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## FLORIDA BISHOPS OPPOSE Extreme Abortion Amendment *Vote No on Amendment 4*



## *Prayer* TO DEFEAT AMENDMENT 4:

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes fullterm abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.\* These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment.

*Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.*

*Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!*

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\* Florida law distinguishes between parental consent prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5) which would be invalidated by Amendment 4 and parental notice of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.



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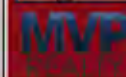
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