



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL OF
God's
CHILDREN
ARE
WELCOME

*"Welcome
one another
as Christ has
welcomed you
for the Glory
of God"*

- Romans 15:7



August 24, 2025

Please Note:
SATURDAY
CONFESSIONS
take 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

MASS SCHEDULE:

8:00am Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday)
4:00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)
7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am (Sunday)
1:30pm Spanish Mass (Sunday)
5:00pm Vietnamese Mass (Sunday)

PRAYING THE ROSARY:

7:15am Mon-Fri & Saturday 7:00am
Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel
ADORATION CHAPEL:
8:30am-6:00pm (Mon Tue Thurs Fri)
8:30am-3:45pm (Wed)
8:30am-3:30pm (Saturday)

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

- 8:00 AM † Mark Berglund by Bruce Letmanski

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 8:00 AM † Arleen Patrone by Dr. John & Judy Fernandez

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8:00 AM † Paul Cook by Craig & Sue Edwards

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

- 8:00 AM † Catherine De Phillips by JoAnn Gair Wilson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

- 8:00 AM † David Albanese by Dr. John & Judy Fernandez

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

- 8:00 AM † Maureen Dolan by The St. John XXIII Women's Guild
- 4:00 PM † Tom Leland McCleaf by Judith & John Fernandez

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- 7:15 AM † John Izral by Bernie & Pat Kasiewicz
- 9:15 AM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 11:15 AM † Dr. Nuel Celebrado by Michael Borkowski
- 1:30 PM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII - Spanish Mass
- 5:00 PM † Micae & Phanxico - Vietnamese Mass

***** MASS INTENTIONS INFORMATION *****

Mass Intentions for **JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026** are NOW
available in the parish office. Each registered family may request four
Masses (2 weekend and 2 weekday) per calendar year.

Another option for you to consider is "Unannounced Masses" which
are available by anyone at any time. These "Unannounced Masses" are
said privately by a DOV priest. Please contact the parish office with any
questions. All Mass donations are \$10 each.

AUGUST 31, 2025 - SUNDAY READINGS

- 1ST READING SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
- PSALM PSALM 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
- 2ND READING HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24A
- GOSPEL LUKE 14:1, 7-14

IN MEMORIAM

A FUNERAL MASS will be held in the CHAPEL
Saturday, August 30 at 10:00am for:

Colleen Glancy

No Visitation • Burial: 11:00am/Memorial Garden

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MESSAGE FROM

The
St. John XXIII
Pastor

Fr. Jay



Dear Friends,

This coming Wednesday, I will be leaving for India to visit my family and friends and returning on September 24th. You will not receive my weekly messages during my absence, but all my thoughts and prayers will still be with you. I would appreciate your prayers as well. Thank you to Fr. Jack Costello, who will be assisting us with daily and weekend Masses every Saturday in September.

This week, the readings help us to understand the nature of God as the 'God of everyone'. The kingdom of heaven is not exclusive to some but is inclusive to everyone. I wish to share a joke that I enjoyed: ***St. Peter at the Pearly Gates of Heaven is the core of many jokes...***

A Pastor who had served 40 odd years and a cab driver arrive at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter welcomes the cab driver with great excitement, while the Pastor is almost ignored. The heart-broken Pastor asks for an explanation and St. Peter replies: "Results...Padre.... results.... Up here we go by results... While you preached, many people slept. While he drove, almost everyone prayed hard."

The yardstick of the people on earth may not have relevance in heaven! Jesus introduces a different yardstick to the Jews to accept every human at the gates of heaven. According to Him, all are welcome! When someone is ready to face difficulties or persecutions for the sake of Jesus, they are sure to share the table with Jesus in His kingdom.

Striving to enter through the narrow gate is fighting one's own ego. Losing one's ego makes the person light and easy to relate with others in true love. Such true love is the message of an inclusive God. God welcomes all!

God Bless,
Fr. Jay Raju

• ***Reading 1: Isaiah 66:18-21***

• ***Reading 2: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13***

• ***Gospel: Luke 13:22-30***

A PRAYER

TO LIVE AS A *Child of God*

*Dear Jesus, Today I
humbly come to You in
acknowledgment of how little
I really have under control.
The world is turned upside
down and my peace wavers.
Anxiety wants to take over.
But I know that You are God
and You are on the throne.
You are bigger than any
calamity or struggle I may
ever face. Father, I want to
rest in the knowledge that I
am a child of God. I am Yours.
Today I set the reflection of
the world down and pick up
Your reflection, calm, steady,
and unwavering. A reflection
of righteousness, love, and
mercy. Make me whole in
You, Jesus. Make my heart
overflow with You. I pray in
Jesus' name. 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
Cynthia & William
Sandy Szymanski
Celeste Kane
Cole McGinnis
Paul Bock
George Flaherty Sr.
Ed & Jan Rybczyk
Kelly Roper
Brian Collins
Vicki DiVona
Dahlia Garcia
James Hickey**

**Kathleen Kelmer
Bryce Smedley
Linda Bissett
Linda Anderson
Bob Van Arnum
Kevin Rando
Maria Maragioglio
Bob McQueary
Kevin Walsh
Anthony Donatelli Jr.
Michael Alicanti
Meghan Hemmer
Mary Ann Owen
Chuck Nieset
Glen Beatty
Marilyn Dittrich
Jackie Ryall**

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 ep prayer.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!*

**Charles Donches
Dana Steele**



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Michael Granchi**
Requested by: **Ron & Linda Vitticore**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Dana Harrington**
Requested by: **The Harleys & Sue Ammon**





Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, August 25

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 6pm
- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Craftie Ladies: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 1pm
- KofC 4th Degree Meeting: PLC/Martha/Mary - 7pm

Tuesday, August 26

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 6pm
- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Michael - 1:30pm
- Bingo: Main Hall (Doors open at 5:30pm/Games 6:30pm)
- Pilgrim Confession: 5:15pm/Pilgrim Mass: 6pm - Chapel
- Pilgrim Adoration & Benediction: Chapel - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 7pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, August 27

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 3:45pm
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Blaze (Middle School Girls) Meet & Greet: Parish Office Conference Room - 6pm
- Sacrament Preparation Class: Main Hall - 6:30pm
- Sisters of Strength (High School Girls) Meet & Greet: Parish Office Conference Room - 7:30pm

Thursday, August 28

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-6pm
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Rooted - Ages 18-35: PLC/St. Martha/St. Mary - 6:30pm

Friday, August 29

- Rosary - 7:15am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 6pm with Overnight Adoration from 6pm-8am
- Pilgrim Confession: 11:15am/Pilgrim Mass: 12pm - Chapel
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 8pm

Saturday, August 30

- Rosary - 7am/Daily Mass: Chapel - 8am
- Confessions after 8am Mass
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 3:30pm
- Vigil Mass: Main Hall - 4pm
- Blood Pressure Checks after the 4pm Mass: PLC

Sunday, August 31

- 7:15am, **NOTE: 9:15am* Livestreamed** & 11:15am in the Main Hall
- Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses: PLC
- Pre-School Bible Class: St. Susanna - 9:15am
- OCIA: PLC/St. Christina/St. Elizabeth - 10:30am
- Spanish Mass: Main Hall - 1:30pm
- Praise & Worship: Adoration Chapel - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Chapel - 5pm



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Genevieve Erickson & Alan James Gillerain
- David Rojas Figueredo & Dania Arochena
- Carlos Castedo & Johanna Torres
- Jose Angel Gutierrez & Doraly Emanuel
- Christopher Gormley & Anne Keane

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, November 17, 2025 after the 11:15am Mass.**

Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address or you can even update it on the parish website: www.johnxxiii.net

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate marriage, baptisms or serve as sponsors for confirmation or baptism, request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, you must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate or are unable to contribute at this time, please note your 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 Broemmell
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
BG Scott C. Woodward
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmell, 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
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
Zachary Gagis, Lt. Cdr, 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 Connolly, US Navy
PFC Abner Casiano, US Army Ranger
Ensign Aaron Humphrey
Lieutenant Adam Blevins USAF
Lt. Colonel Ken Hussey
Lt. Com. Zachary Gagis



ST. JOHN XXIII
YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAISE & WORSHIP

YOUTH CONCERT *and Adoration Night*

FAMILIES WELCOME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

6:30pm - Main Hall

snacks and 50/50 raffle tickets will be available for purchase



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



SPECIAL *Jubilee* CELEBRATIONS

Mondays, Wednesdays Thursdays & Fridays:

- 11:15am - 11:45am Confessions
- 12pm(Noon) Pilgrim Mass

Please Note: The Adoration Chapel is open until 6:00pm during the week but closed at 3:45pm on Wednesdays.

Tuesdays:

- 5:15pm - 5:45pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Mass
- 6:30 Adoration
- 7:00pm Benediction

The 9 prayer site locations selected below are located around our campus. Visitors to our parish will be able make this pilgrimage! We are so honored to share this opportunity with our parish community.

1. Relics in the Church: St John XXIII and St. Maria Goretti
2. St. Gerard Majella: Patron Saint of Fertility & Pregnancy
3. St. Patrick's Patio
4. Vietnamese Martyrs Memorial
5. Memorial Garden
6. St. Michael the Archangel Statue
7. The Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8. Rosary Walk
9. Adoration Chapel



TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 PARISH LIFE CENTER

**Doors open at 5:30pm
Games begin at 6:30pm**

PLEASE NOTE: August Bingo will benefit the young students at Pinecrest School in Immokalee.

- 1 book of game cards is \$20
- 2 books of game cards is \$35
- Daubers cost \$1
- Each game pack includes 18 chances to win!
- Food and snacks available for purchase
- Must be 21 to play



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE



PATRIOTIC LAPEL PINS

Weekend of August 30 & 31

----- COST: \$5 -----

The St. John XXIII Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 4015, will be selling Patriotic Cross Pins next weekend: August 30 and 31 after each Mass.

The pins are \$5 each and can be purchased at a table in the PLC lobby. The proceeds from this effort will go toward supporting their programs for our military, veterans and first responders.

Faith FORMATION

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

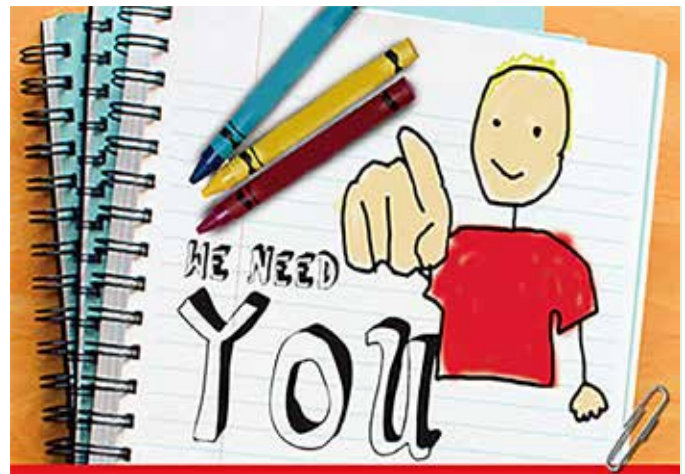
Sacrament PREPARATION

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 **Viviana** in the parish office at **239-561-2245**.



We are *Seeking* TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS and other VOLUNTEERS, RETIRED TEACHERS, and those with a gift for sharing God's love and Word with others!

We need *YOU* for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry programs:

FAITH FORMATION
Grades K - 5

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM
Grades 6-8

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
9:15am & 11:15am Masses

PRESCHOOL BIBLE CLASS
Pre-K ages 2 ½ -5
9:15am Mass

For more information:
Frannie Cerniglia:
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Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
Contact: Kelly Evers | kelly@johnxxiii.net

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Visit our Rooted Facebook page for more information or join our Flocknote contact group: <https://StJohnXXIIICommunity.flocknote.com/Rooted2024-2025>

ROOTED 18-35

MEETS *Every Thursday*
6:30pm - PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary

ROOTED YOUNG FAMILIES

(children welcome)

MEETS THE *First Thursday*
OF EACH MONTH
7pm - PLC/St. Susanna



Confirmation Program

Registration for 2025-26 Season is NOW OPEN!

Visit the parish website under the Sacrament Tab

- **First Year Study** - There will be a Eucharist Retreat with parents on **September 14 at 5pm**
- **Second Year Study** - Parent and child meeting will take place on **September 14 at 3pm**

Gospel Talks for Teens

Registration is NOT REQUIRED

All high school parishioners are welcome to join in on the conversation from 10:15am to 11:15am on the **following Dates:** 9/21, 9/28, 11/14, 11/21, 1/18, 1/25, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/22, 3/29, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3

Middle School Youth Group

Registration for 2025-26 is NOW OPEN!

Dates include: 8/24, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

Faith in Action Team (F.I.A.T.)

This is a group of Middle and Highschool aged youth who meet together to plan events such as our upcoming **Praise and Worship Concert on 8/24 with Adoration.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Scan this code to be directed to our SignUp genius page to register for youth volunteer opportunities.



Order of Christian Initiation

OCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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

Welcome to Participate!

Reflection QUESTIONS

All parishioners are invited to share in the OCIA experience by making them aware of the Reflection Questions that the participants are discussing each week.

Below are the next session reflections:

8/24 - Who is Jesus?

In two or more paragraphs, reflect on how the love of Jesus has touched your life thus far, and how that has affected your faith journey.

8/31 - No Class/Labor Day Weekend

9/7 - Bible Overview & Navigation/Use

What part of the Bible has most shaped your faith journey?

9/14 - The Mass

As Catholics, we believe that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of worship. In two paragraphs or more, explain why you believe this to be true.

*It is more blessed to
give than to receive.*

ACTS 20:35b

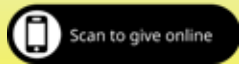




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***Please consider
an online gift
by using our
QR code!***



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ST. JOHN XXIII
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GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH TEAM



Getting to Know

MARK BELLIS

St. John XXIII Maintenance Assistant

Mark Bellis is a dedicated member of the Parish Team. We thought you would be interested in getting to know him better!

How long have you worked at St. John XXIII?

I started working at St. John XXIII in January of 2024, but my family and I have been parishioners here for about four years—ever since we moved to Fort Myers from Illinois. It already felt like home when I started, which made the transition into my role even more meaningful.

What do you want the parishioners to know about your role within the Church?

I help take care of the physical space of our Church—from making sure everything is running properly to helping with meeting and events in the Parish Life Center, Masses in the church and anything else that comes up. I am also involved in our video ministry, helping live stream Mass so that those who can't be with us in person can still stay connected. In addition, I'm proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus here at the parish.

How does your faith reflect in your Parish work?

Being raised Catholic, it's very meaningful for me to now be working in the Church. I try to approach every part of my day with gratitude and purpose, whether I'm working behind the scenes or helping a fellow staff member or parishioner. I see my work as a small way to serve God and our community—and that mindset helps me stay grounded and focused on what matters.

How does your job benefit a parishioner?

Hopefully, the work I do helps make parishioners at St. John XXIII feel peaceful and comfortable. Whether it is a family arriving for Mass, someone attending a funeral or baptism, or attending a meeting or special event I want parishioners to feel like the Church is ready—safe, welcoming, and well cared for. It is an honor to support that experience.

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Blood Pressure Checks

NEXT WEEKEND
in the PLC
after Masses



You may want to bring your digital blood pressure cuff to church this weekend and we can compare readings to evaluate the accuracy of the cuff you are using at home.

Want to Volunteer?

Anyone who may be interested in assisting with blood pressure checks after Mass on the last weekend of every month, please call the Parish office at (239) 561-2245 and leave your name and phone number. One of our parish nurses will get back to you.

It is required you get fingerprinted and attend Safe Environment Training. We will provide you with information on the process.

We do provide the cuff and stethoscope. Join us as we perform a service to our parishioners that thus far has been very beneficial! Thank you.

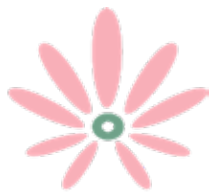
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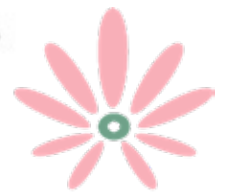
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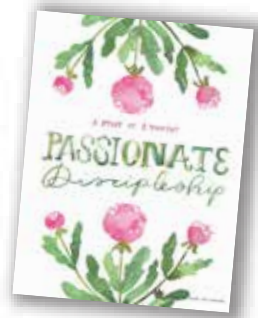
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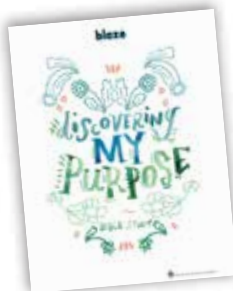
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- Presentations, Table Discussions, Confession, Adoration and Great Fellowship.
- The completed registration form and fee may be turned into the office or placed in an envelope in the collection basket.

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For more information email: Mike Reese at mjreese@ptd.net

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

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 for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

St. Andrew Annual Golf Tournament: All are welcome to join us Saturday, September 13 for our annual Golf Tournament at Palmetto Pine Country Club. \$125 per golfer, \$500 team of four and sponsorships available. Register now at standrewscs.org/sacs-golf or call **239-772-3922** for more information. Visit our website: www.standrewcs.org

Natural Family Planning Introductory Session: Learn about NFP with a free introductory session. The Diocese of Venice supports the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, and free online training sessions are being offered by the St. Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility Care on Saturday, September 20, and Tuesday, October 21. Choose one that fits your schedule! The sessions are free, but registration is required. Register at bit.ly/SGIntroSession For more information, visit stgiannacenter.com or contact Jim Gontis at gontis@dioceseofvenice 941-486-4754

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