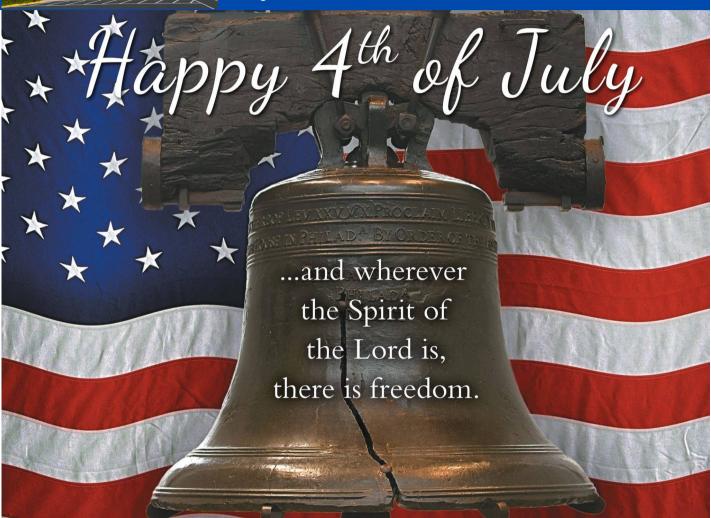


## St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023



#### The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

#### A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

#### **Business Information**



## Donation Reminders 2023



Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please note our updated guidelines below:

-Offertory: please use your envelopes and put your envelope number on the memo line of all checks

-For donations to **St. Vincent dePaul**, please make all checks payable to: **St. Vincent dePaul** 

-For donations to Jamaica Outreach, please make all checks payable to: Jamaica Outreach

-For donations to the Catholic Faith Appeal, please make all checks payable to: Catholic Faith Appeal

-If you would like to give online, please call Karen Beebe at 239.566.8740

#### St. John the Evangelist

#### ~at a glance

#### **New Parishioners**

21 families joined our parish in June. Welcome to all new parishioners!

#### **Total Households**

With our new families, we have 3413 Parish households.

#### **Baptisms**

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in June: Noah, Gavin & Connor Foist and Lawrence Toole

#### Weddings

Congratulations to the two couples who were married in our Church in June. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness: Sara Kelly & Misha Kornienko Mary Zizzo & Gabriel Tornberg

#### Offertory

5/24/23 - 5/30/23 \$43,252.50

**5/31/23 - 6/6/23** \$66,603.31

**6/7/23 - 6/13/23** \$37,365.34

**6/14/23 - 6/20/23** \$28.143.84



#### Safe Environment Training

The Diocese of Venice states that, "all employees, covered volunteers and religious brothers and sisters must be electronically fingerprinted. Eligibility for employment/ volunteer work/ministry will be contingent and conditioned upon a satisfactory background investigation. A reasonable effort shall be made to update the criminal history background information every five (5) years". The Diocese classifies a covered volunteer as "any unpaid adult person engaged or involved in a Diocesan activity in which he/she is entrusted with the care and supervision of children or allowed unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults" (e.g. when screened personnel not present).

**St. John the Evangelist** also requires the following volunteers to go through the background screening process (through fingerprints):

- Volunteers who handle cash, credit cards, and other financial transactions
- Volunteers who are entrusted with confidential information, such as donor records and parish registration forms
- Volunteers who serve, distribute, and administer the Holy Eucharist

Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. If Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

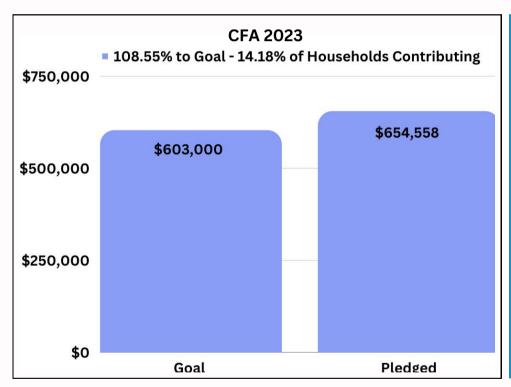
#### Catholic Faith Appeal

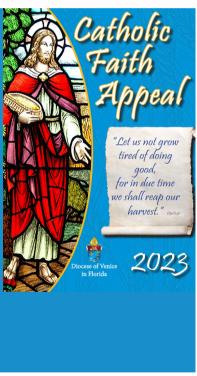
Dear Parishioners,

**Thank you!** Because of your continued generosity and support, we reached our **first** 2023 CFA goal, with \$654,558 pledged to date. We now shift our focus to **reaching 125% of our original goal**. As a reminder, when we surpass our goal, all donations up to 25% over our goal are returned to the Parish to further support our ministries and programs. Anything over that 25% is split, meaning half is returned to the Parish, and half is donated to a Catholic School or Charity of our choice.

This year, we have an additional goal: to increase the number of contributing households. Last year, we surpassed our goal with just 20% of households contributing. We are currently at 108.55% to our goal, with 14.18% of households contributing. Please prayerfully consider donating, within your means, to support our CFA goal. Any amount given now fully supports our ministries, groups, youth, Faith Formation, Parishioners, and local community.

If you need assistance, please contact Colleen Donnelly, our Operations Manager, at: colleen@sjecc.com. Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.





#### To donate to our Catholic Faith Appeal:

- Use a contribution envelope from the CFA table in the Narthex,
- Give directly on the Diocese of Venice website at dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa, or
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



#### Parish Information

#### **Mass Times**

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed), 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 11:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

(Contemporary Mass)

#### **Hours of Operation**

Main Office: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Religious Gift Shop: Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

#### **Clergy and Administrative Staff:**

Fr. Tom Zalewski, Pastor

Fr. Mark Harris, Associate

Fr. Nick Thompson, Associate

Fr. Len Gioeli, Retired

Deacon Jim Walworth

Deacon Hal Brenner, Senior Status Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

Operations Manager: Colleen Donnelly: colleen@sjecc.com Front Office Manager: Tricia Hoffman: tricia@sjecc.com Front Office Assistant: Rachael Jensen: rachael@sjecc.com Director of Music: Edward Persin: edward@sjecc.com

**Lead Sacristan:** Lan Tran: lan@sjecc.com **Lead Sacristan:** Pollyanna Caddell-Vierling:

pollyanna@sjecc.com

Bulletin: colleen@sjecc.com

**Memorial Garden:** Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com **Bookkeeper:** Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com **Facilities:** Jesus Arce: jesus@sjecc.com, Ivan Torres:

Ivan@sjecc.com

**Director of Religious Education:** Natalie Campbell:

natalie@sjecc.com

Faith Formation Assistant: Melissa O'Brien:

melissa@sjecc.com

Faith Formation Assistant: Carol Chorba: carol@sjecc.com Christian Initiation of Adults for those who want to become Catholic: Jean Kechejian: jeankechejian@yahoo.com

**Director of Programs and the PFLC:** Now Hiring! **CYO & Youth Ministry Director**- Juliana LoGiudice

juliana@sjecc.com

## Mailing Address & Contact Information

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

Phone: 239.566.8740 Fax: 239.566.9117 Email: info@sjecc.com

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saint John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the Church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

#### **Ministers:**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Maureen Reed maureen@sjecc.com <u>Homebound ministry</u> Sara Catlett sara@sjecc.com <u>Hospital ministry</u>

Mary Pat Salomone marypat@sjecc.com

#### **Lectors Ministry:**

L. Philip Baier: lectors@sjecc.com

Youth Lectors: Call the Office, 239.566.8740

#### **Greeters & Ushers:**

Bill Fuller: wfuller1@comcast.net

#### **Altar Servers:**

Briana Billanti: servers@sjecc.com

#### **Arts & Liturgical Environment:**

Kay Sanfelippo: ksanfelippo@comcast.net





Watch our livestream Masses at: https://sjecc.org/mass-livestream/ or scan this QR code



#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 1, 2023 Requested By

8:00 AM Joann Lombardo Laurie and Scott Woodward

Vigil Masses for Sunday

8:30 AM

1:00 PM

3:00 PM Kass Mattimore **Kay Davis** 5:00 PM Joe Nix Ferreira Family

Requested By **Sunday, July 2, 2023** 

7:00 AM Leah Guarsci Kevin and Michelle Beddor

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Jack Family Lucci Family

11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners 1:00 PM

5:00 PM George F. Matouk Maureen and Bob Murphy

Richard Mulvey

Monday, July 3, 2023 Requested By

8:30 AM Children Nick and Connie Episcopo

Gary Lee

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 Requested By

8:30 AM Deborah McLoughlin Bernard and Ryan McLoughlin

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 Requested By

8:30 AM **George Naples** Frances Naples

Thursday, July 6, 2023 Requested By

Gary Kriger Pam Kriger Friday, July 7, 2023 Requested By

8:30 AM Mary Troup Theresa and Mike Norton

Saturday, July 8, 2023 Requested By

8:00 AM John F. Pierce Bernard and Fran Hirl

(Vigil Masses for Sunday) Therese Olsen Dennis and Denise Edson 3:00 PM

5:00 PM Carol Netzer Margo Buttino

Sunday, July 9, 2023 Requested By

7:00 AM + Joan Huss Kathryn Drew

9:00 AM + Tim and Tom Regan Joan Exner (mom)

11:00 AM + Paul Francis Sheehan, Jr. Ginger SI For Our Parishioners

5:00 PM **Thomas Weiss** Michele Murtagh



#### Sacraments

#### Sacraments of the Church

**Baptism:** The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

**Matrimony:** Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. Tricia Hoffman: tricia@sjecc.com.

**Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements:** Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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#### St. John the Evangelist seeks prospective Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound

We visit residents in facilities, communities and individual homes; bringing Communion on a weekly basis, following morning Mass. If you would like further information, or to join this worthwhile ministry which reaches out to our parishioners currently unable to attend Mass, please send an email to:

mlkopenspaces@aol.com.

\*Safe Environment Training, and Fingerprinting are prerequisites for serving

#### **Serving Communion in our Community**



St. John the Evangelist is blessed to be able to serve Communion to those in our community who are unable to attend Mass. For more information, please contact our Main Office.



#### **Readings for the Week**

#### Saturday, July 1, 2023

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54 55/Mt 8:5-17

#### **Sunday, July 2, 2023**

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/ Mt 10:37-42

#### Monday, July 3, 2023

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

#### Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

#### Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

#### Thursday, July 6, 2023

Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

#### Friday, July 7, 2023

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

#### Saturday, July 8, 2023

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17



Join us for adoration with benediction on the First Friday of every month at 7:00 PM and on the First Saturday of every month after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Church.

Visit our Adoration Chapel on the left side of our Church. For more information, please contact our Main Office.

#### Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

The parish of Saint John the Evangelist invites you to inquire about the Catholic faith.

#### The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process designed for you...

- To ask your questions about the Catholic Faith.
- To explore the beauty of Sacred Scripture and Catholic Tradition
- To journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil

#### The OCIA Journey is for those:

- Never Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian tradition.
- Baptized Catholic as an infant, but not raised as a Catholic or received additional Sacraments.
- Catholics who do not practice their faith, and want to connect with the Sacramental way of life.
- Catholics who have left the Church, and want to return to their Sacramental roots.

We welcome you to inquire about our Catholic Faith and the many blessings it has to offer you.



For more information, please contact: Jean Kechejian - OCIA Coordinator: jeankechejian@yahoo.com or (203) 521-1179



## Ministries and Groups

**Arimatheans.** Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact Ann Petrillo: 239.248.2189

**Cenacle of Life Prayer Group –** Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina** – Mondays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

**Faith Chat** - Faith Chat is currently watching and discussing the TV series The Chosen. We will be watching 2 episodes (6&7) on June 22 and the final episode on June 29th. We will NOT be meeting during July and August but will resume the first Thursday in September at 9:15am. Have a great summer. For more information email Lee Pinto at Leepinto2924@aol.com

**Jamaica Outreach Program.** JOP provides goods, food, medical-vision-dental services, education, and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more information, contact Jeanne Stamant Pittman: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

Knights of Columbus. At St. John the Evangelist, Knights serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. You can learn more about the parish K of C Council on our website https://11281.knights.church or contact us, at info@koccouncil11281.org or leave a message at 239.228.3938, and we'll respond promptly. Fourth degree Knights can find information about our Assembly at https://3308.patriotic.degree.

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Knits and crochets baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com

**Ladies of Charity.** Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We strive to serve the poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Karen Kaspar at kcmk77@aol.com or 216.496.7414.

#### Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena

• Every Saturday at 7:50 a.m. before Mass on the 1st Saturday and immediately after Mass on the other Saturdays of the month. Allan Degnan:, 239-919-4465

#### Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy –

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. Barbara Hardebeck: 765-714-6589

**Quilting Ministry -** The Quilting Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 10 AM – noon in rooms 3/4 in the Parish Activity Center. We work on quilts for babies and children which we donate locally. Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. There's something for everyone to do, from cutting to assembling to quilting to hand sewing bindings. For more information, call Sharon Campbell at sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com 239.438.7867

**Sewing Ministry.** Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of fabrics and supplies are welcome. If you like to sew we encourage you to come and see what we are all about. Please call either Barbara Arthur at 239.250.4162, email Bka1678@hotmail.com or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans fighting food insecurity, keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in classroom 1, in the Parish Life Center. Contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDPnaples.org.

**AA** Brian R. 732-735-7037 **Adult Children of Alcoholics** Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

**Al-Anon** For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

#### St John the Evangelist SVdP Conference

July Donation Appeal



Please pray for us and our work. When you receive your donation envelope in July, we humbly ask for your continued donations so that we can materially and spiritually help our neighbors in need. Our work is an extension of your generosity and faith. Our caseworkers visit one on one with our neighbors delivering aid, hope, and knowledge that they are not alone. We greatly appreciate your donations. They go 100% to helping them through difficult circumstances.

#### Ministry Spotlight / Children & Youth Ministries

#### Ministry Spotlight: Knights of Columbus - Independence Celebration

On Saturday, June 24, the **Knights of Columbus** held their annual **Independence Celebration**. The event, which honors our veterans, is sponsored by the Arthur J. Corr Assembly #3308 portion of the Knights who have reached the vow of the Fourth Degree "Patriotism".

At this year's event, four local veterans who served our country proudly were honored: Berniece Pak & Arthur Heigl (WWII) and Jeff Cresswell & Don Goller (Vietnam).

Guests enjoyed an evening of delicious food and great music - including some patriotic songs with entertainer Dave DeLuca.

This event is the Assembly's primary financial source of income for supporting patriotism throughout the year.



## Children & Youth Ministry



**Altar Servers** - Altar Servers participate with the Priest in performing various parts of the liturgy. They assist the Sacristan with preparing the altar, lighting the candles and other tasks as assigned. This ministry is open to Youth who have been Baptized and have made their First Holy Communion. Youth altar servers assist at weekend masses, at weddings, and other special liturgies. Training is conducted several times each year. Email <a href="mailto:servers@sjecc.com">servers@sjecc.com</a> for more information.

**Boy Scout Troop 226** – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. scoutmaster@troop-226.com

**Cub Scout Pack 226** – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: mwychocki@gmail.com

**5:00 PM Contemporary Mass** - Children and Youth who have made their First Communion are invited to serve at our weekly Contemporary Mass. Contact Juliana LoGiudice for more information: Juliana@sjecc.com

#### Military Prayer List



Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve... Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praying for Our Men and Women in Service – We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States.

To submit a name to add to our Military Prayer List, please contact our Main Office at 239.566.8740

Please inform us when a loved one has been discharged in order for us to keep our list current.

#### Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- Lieutenant Carson Brial US Navy
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Adam Decker
- Alexander Denha 2nd lieutenant ARMY, Ft Bragg N.C.
- Major Derek-Army National Guard
- Nick Detloff
- SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army
- Capt. Stephen English US Army
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
- SFC Lon Giancola

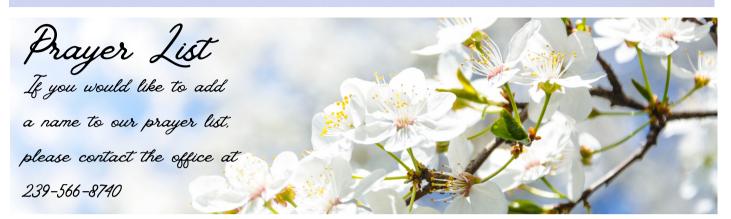
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber USAF
- Drew Kendall Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Sophie Koeppl
- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- Sgt. William McKinney
- PV2 Alexander McMickle Ft. Eustis, VA
- Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue
- Col. Brian Murphy
- Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
- Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
- Sgt. Larry Oldenburg US Army
- Cpl. Derek Perez US Marine Corps
- Daniel Petito US Army

- Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti US Army
- Hunter Scalzo Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Lt. Michaela Scrudato, US Navy
- Austin Spagnola
- LTJG Tanis K. Taylor US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Lt. Brendan Tourek USN
- Lance Cpl. Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
- Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait
- Staff Sgt. Andrew ZecchinoUSAF, Turkey
- Austin Zicht USAF

#### Recently Deceased / Prayer List

#### We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

Richard Sullivan, Frances Warren



- Mary A.
- Priscila Abgala
- Declan Aigner
- Beckey Atkins
- Bob Augustine
- Ierry B.
- Florence Ballachino
- Barbara Barber
- Iennifer Basile
- Nadine Baxter
- Logan Bennett
- Linda Berry
- Sara Boettcher
- Michael Brien
- Paula Cantoni
- Karen Cassady
- Mr and Mrs Ciano
- Sheryl Conway
- Matthew Cummings
- Tom Despres
- Donna DiMare
- Lorraine Dolan
- Megan Ebert
- Peter Ebert
- Paul Ebert
- Pamela Eck
- John Eddy
- Monica Ellis
- Bill Farley
- Tiffany Fellenz
- Bruce Fenske
- Lori Fenske
- Amy FitzGerald
- Rachel Fling

- Anna Focht
- Phyllis and Peter Foti
- Tom Froh
- Terry Gallagher
- Joanna Gasparrino
- Marg Gheller
- Fr. Len Gioeli
- Amy Goodwine
- Florence Gordon
- Lisa Ann Granger
- Richard Granger
- Peter Greenberg
- Ian Greenberg
- Gary Gwizdala
- Kay Hackett
- Raymond Hall
- Fred Harkins
- Ann Harper
- Bob Hearson
- Edward John Hendrickson Patrick Moorton
- Bob Hilliard
- Kathleen Cleary Hinkle
- Brian Hintz
- Walter Howell
- Patrick Howlett
- Jim Hubbard
- Gessie Jacquet
- limmy
- Cynthia Johnson
- Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman
- Yvonne Keenan
- Carey Kendall
- Tracey Kirk
- Barbara Kopp

- Richard C. Kruger
- Judy Kruzich
- Ramona Langman
- Drew Loggi
- Michele Loggi
- MaryEtta Loggi
- Elaine Lopresti
- Vince LoPresti
- Teresa Lozano
- M. E. M.
- Albert M.
- Diane Maloney
- Ruth Martin
- Donna Masse
- Lana McBride
- Wendy Mercer
- Lucille Metz
- Fileen Miner
- Marie Morsetti
- Kimberly Mullin
- Robert Murphy
- John Murphy
- IoAnn Natale
- Eleanor Nute
- JenniferO'Connor
- Joseph Pandolfo
- Eric Parker
- Patty
- Ann Petrillo
- Carol Petrone
- Anna Polley
- Robert Pulte

- Karen Pulte
- Iim Rankin
- Robert Redman
- John Thomas Lawson Judith & Michael S.
  - Peggy O'Neil Saba
  - Lisa Sanfelippo • Catherine Schmacht
  - Carlos Somarribas
  - Norma I. Spriggle
  - Jeanne Stoll
  - Sue and Tom Sweeney
  - Joan Marie Switalski
  - Ioan Switalski
  - Sarah Thewes
  - Marilyn Thyen
  - Kathleen Trotter
  - Raymond Vanasse
  - Thelma Varhach
  - Noah Wagner
  - Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells
  - Natalie Williams
  - Carol Williamson
  - Bruce Williamson
  - Brynn Wilson
  - S. J. Zarebi
  - Mike Zewalk • Adriana Zuniga
  - Donna McCabe
  - Lisa Sinelli
  - Laura Sotkes
  - Denise Cooper
  - Frank Searle

#### **Prayers**

#### **Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### **Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living, and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### **Communion Prayer**

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### **Ukraine Prayer**

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen

## **Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



#### Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom



Crosses are everywhere these days. You see them on buildings, stationery, jewelry shops... You noticed now that crosses seem to be a chief feature of punk style and the outfits of young celebrities, even rock band members. Crosses have become a standard fashion accessory. Crosses didn't have any religious meaning in Jesus' time.

A cross was an instrument of torture and death the Roman government used to keep people in line. Nothing worse could happen to you than being hung up on a cross and you would do anything to avoid it. No retail outlet would put a huge poster on its store front window with the caption, Be warned! Items on sale are very costly, unless they were planning their own financial ruin. That may be true of any business, but not of Christianity. We display our crosses proudly, issuing the invitation, Be warned! This is not an easy way to follow.

In today's Gospel Jesus says that whoever does not take up his cross and follow after him is not worthy of him. Taking up your Cross and following Jesus IS Risky business. Risky because you will change and others will notice. Risky because you may get some push back. Jesus asks us to deny ourselves, change our value system, and take on the values of God. If you chose love, truth and justice, some people will applaud and encourage you. However, there may be those who shun you because you are no longer the same person. You're not out drinking until dawn, you chose to study rather than party. Or you may choose to spend more time with the family than climb the social ladder, accepting a higher paying, stressful job.

The risky change is really not all that risky-----to believe in Christ is to live a life of his love. The change in you, in the world, in other people lives is worth the risk. To take up the cross and follow Jesus implies you will lose your former life and receive a transformed new life in Christ.

To many people, taken up with living a busy and fulfilled life, the Cross is more or less meaningless. At best, it was no more than a noble act of martyrdom, or a fine example of devotion to duty. At worst, it was a bad mistake, a terrible miscarriage of justice. In any case, it's something which never ought to have happened, like all the great tragedies of history. What are we to say to this? Has the Cross no particular meaning for us today?

There is a story about a little girl who proudly wore a shiny cross on a chain around her neck. One day she was approached by a man who said to her, "Little girl, don't you know that the cross Jesus died on wasn't beautiful like the one you're wearing? It was an ugly, wooden thing." To which the girl replied, "Yes, I know. But they told me in School that whatever Jesus touches, He changes."

The cross! This is the fundamental teaching of Christianity.

Absolute loyalty to Jesus and His ways.

If you bowed your head right now, and asked God, "Lord, look at my life. Show me what you want me to give up in order to follow You. Show me what You want me to deny? Lord, if it is grudges that I've held on to in core relationships, show me. If it is hurts that I will not let go, show me. If it is my stuff, my wealth, my earthly toys, show me. I know the Lord will answer this prayer, IF you are serious! So take up the cross and follow him. It will change you. It will change everything.

### Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reading 1 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

## R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.



#### Reading 2 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

#### Alleluia 1 Pt 2:9

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel Mt 10:37-42

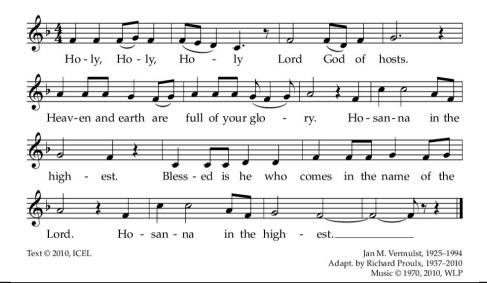
Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

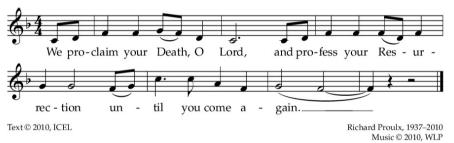
"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

## Ordinary Time Mass Settings: People's Mass

#### Holy, Holy, Holy



#### **Memorial Acclamation**

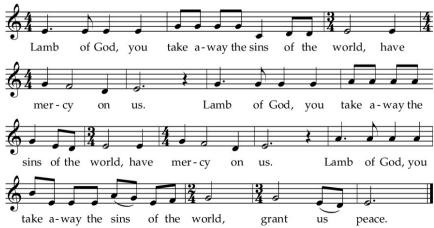


#### **Great Amen**



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#### Lamb of God



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#### Music for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

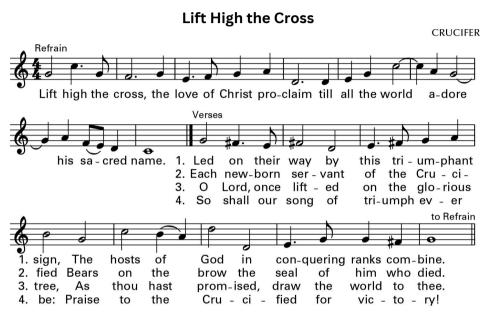
Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: Forever I Will Sing

Gifts: Baptized in Water

Communion Hymns: The Supper of the Lord, Center of My Life

Closing Hymns: America, God Bless America



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#### Psalm 89: Forever I Will Sing



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We are pleased to offer Sacramental gifts, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, homemade gifts, home decor, children's gifts, and more! We also stock the renowned Trappist preserves made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts.

Located just inside the Church entrance, the Gift Shop is open Saturdays 2:30-6:15PM and Sundays 8:30AM-1:00PM

#### Music for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

- 1. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3. Baptized in water,
  Sealed by the Spirit,
  Marked with the sign of
  Christ our King:
  Born of one Father,
  We are his children,
  Joyfully now God's praise
  we sing.

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#### Music for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Center of My Life



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#### **America**

1. My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From every mountainside Let freedom ring!

Text: 66 4 666 4; Samuel F. Smith, 1808 1895. Music: Thesaurus Musicus, 1744.

#### God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her. Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies To the oceans white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

#### 5:00 PM Contemporary Music

#### Opening Song: Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in–the lost and forsaken, Gather us in–the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- here we will take the bread of new birth,
  Here you shall call your sons and your
  daughters,
  call us anew to be salt for the earth.
  Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
  Give us to eat the bread that is you;
  Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
  lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water.

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#### Preparation Song: Only This I Want

Dan Schutte

#### Refrain:

Only this I want: but to know the Lord, and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

- 1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me, for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
- 2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight, so to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.
- 3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord, so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

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#### Communion Song: Here at This Table

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker / Max Whitaker

#### Refrain

Come and be filled here at this table. Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst. Drink of his love, wine of salvation. You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.

- 1. You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace, you who steady the plow in the field of the Lord,
- 2. You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep, you, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him!
- 3. Children of ev'ry color in ev'ry land, you are his own, he gathers you gently. Don't you grow weary, for when you run, you run with the Lord!
- 4. You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise, may the wisdom you share form our lives and our world!
- 5. Let each woman and man learn from the stranger we're not so diff'rent and so much unites us. For we are one, blest with the Spirit and the power of love!

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#### Closing Song: Go Make a Difference

Steve Angrisano / Tom Tomaszek

#### Refrain

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

- 1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God in you and me. We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen. Go make a diff'rence in the world.
- 2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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#### **Eucharistic Revival Continues**

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The **National Eucharistic Revival** is a **three-year** movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



## YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL - COMPLETED June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023

This first year of the Revival invited diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equipped them to share this love with the faithful through eucharistic congresses and events.

#### YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL - BEGINS NOW June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

#### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS July 17 – 21, 2024

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith. Indianapolis, Indiana

#### YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord as we enter the universal Church's jubilee year in 2025

#### ADORATION AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

St. John the Evangelist parishioners are encouraged to visit our newly-renovated Adoration Chapel. Contact our Main Office for more information about accessing this space. We also invite you to join us for Adoration in our Church on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm and on the first Saturday of each month following the 8:00 am Mass. Learn more about Adoration on the main page of our website, or by following this link: <a href="https://sjecc.org/news/eucharistic-adoration/">https://sjecc.org/news/eucharistic-adoration/</a>

#### Eucharistic Revival - Blessed Carlo Acutis



#### **Blessed Carlo Acutis - PATRON OF YOUTH**

Born: May 3, 1991 - Died : October 12, 2006

This year in Faith Formation, we will look to Blessed Carlo Acutis as our Hero of the Year! We plan to take time to learn about who he was and how he can inspire us to live a holy life. By his life and example, he is on the path to becoming recognized as a Saint in the Catholic Church. On October 10, 2020 he was the first millennial to be beatified in the Catholic Church. Though he died young at age 15 of leukemia, he lived a life devoted to Jesus and to the Eucharist. He referred to the Eucharist as "his highway to

heaven." From a very young age of 11, he started researching the many Eucharistic miracles that occurred through history and created a website to document them. He had a devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary, and prayed the rosary. As a teenager, he loved ice cream and videos games and was a real expert on the computer. We will learn more about how he lived his life and the holy habits he practiced that led him to live a live of pure joy close to Jesus! There will be much more to come about Blessed Carlo Acutis! Below is a prayer that we can all pray asking for the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

#### Official prayer asking for Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Oh Father, who has given us the ardent testimony, of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis, who made the Eucharist the core of his life and the strength of his daily commitments so that everybody may love You above all else, let him soon be counted among the Blessed and the Saints in Your Church.

Confirm my faith, nurture my hope, strengthen my charity, in the image of young Carlo who, growing in these virtues, now lives with You. Grant me the grace that I need...

I trust in You, Father, and your Beloved Son Jesus, in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother, and in the intervention of Your Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

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#### Find Carlo!

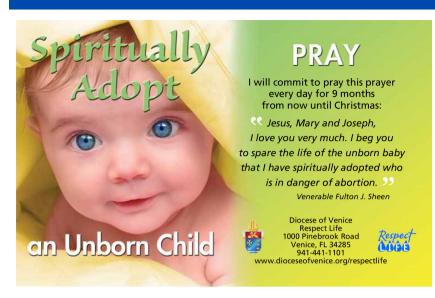
We invite all Parish families to join Faith Formation in praying for the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Each week this year, we will hide a cartoon of Carlo somewhere in the bulletin. When you find him, say a prayer asking for his Canonization.

#### Miracle of the Week - Eucharistic Miracle of Krakow, Poland

From **The International Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit**, designed by Carlo Acutis:

In the year 1345, King Casimar III the Great of Poland gave orders to build a church named Corpus Christi in honor of the Eucharistic miracle that was verified that same year. It had taken place in the village of Wawel, near Krakow. Some thieves broke into a little church (The Collegiate Church of All Saints), which was a short distant from Krakow. They forced their way into the tabernacle and stole the monstrance, which contained consecrated Hosts. They got away, but when they figured out that the monstrance was not made of real gold, they threw it (including the Hosts) into the muddy marshland that was prevalent in the area. Priests from the church began a search, but they did not hold out much hope. When darkness fell, however, a mysterious light emanated from the spot where the treasure had been abandoned. Bright flashes of light were visible for several kilometers. Frightened villagers approached the area and reported back to the Bishop of Krakow. The bishop called for three days of fasting and prayer. On the third day, he led a procession out to the marsh. There, they found the monstrance, and within it they found the Hosts, which were unbroken and were the source of the unusual lights. The people began to pray and to celebrate the miracle. Annually on the occasion of the feast of the Corpus Christi, the miracle is celebrated in the church of the Corpus Christi in Krakow

#### Respect Life





## MONTH 4-June Developing Baby -- "I had a dream!"

Well, your little spiritually adopted baby now weighs six ounces. She has fingernails and evelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected - a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she

Isaiah 49:1 - "Before birth the Lord called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name."

## Prayer Vigil / Join our Respect Life Team

The St. John the Evangelist
Respect Life team will be
participating in a prayer vigil at
Planned Parenthood in Naples
each first Tuesday of the month
10 am - 12 pm.

For more information on our Prayer Vigil or to join our Parish Respect Life team, please call Rosemary at 239-250-0432.

"Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life."

– St. John Paul II

# UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY



**UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY,** by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, is a powerful book covering the history and spirituality of the devotion of Divine Mercy through Saint Faustina. It is easy to understand and provides a message to us all to not only understand Divine Mercy, but LIVE Divine Mercy. The themes of this study are as follows:

- † Saint Faustina: Her Life, Her Spirituality
- † The Image of Divine Mercy
- † The Feast of Divine Mercy
- † What is Divine Mercy?
- † Jesus I Trust in You
- † God's Mercy in Suffering and Loss

Join us on Tuesday Mornings this summer to focus on what Divine Mercy means to each of us personally..... and to the whole world.

Dates: Tuesdays, July 11- August 22

Time: 9:30~11:00 a.m.

Where: Alexandria Room in the Clausen Center

Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

To register *email* the Office of Faith Formation: aff@sjecc.com

"There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy."

Pope St. John Paul

#### Adult Faith Formation / Young Adult Groups

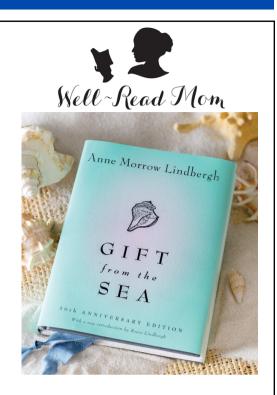
Women, do you want to grow in your capacity to read quality literature and engage in meaningful dialogue to discuss how literature can draw us closer to Christ?

We invite you to join the Well-Read Mom reading movement! The goal is to provide a way for women to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship. Our groups are open to women at all stages of life.

WRM groups read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Our year together includes great books, spiritual classics (during Advent and Lent), and worthy reads that explore the human condition and reorient us to what is good, true, and beautiful.

Questions? Contact Natalie Campbell at <u>aff@sjecc.com</u>. Explore the National Website at <u>wellreadmom.com</u>. Subscribe to the apple podcast Read More, Read Well.

Our next book is Gift From the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.



We will meet on Wednesday, July 19th from 6:30PM-8:00PM in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center





Meet other young Catholic women as we journey through "Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History" with group refelction and discussion, ending with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession.

For more information and meeting times, please contact: Sarah Pinto, 239.404.7275

#### Faith Formation

#### 2023 -2024 Faith Formation Registration is NOW OPEN

We are so blessed to serve PreK through High School Confirmation. Registration Forms are currently available at the Parish Office, at the Children's Area near the Gift Boutique in the church and in the Faith Formation Office. Please visit our website for more details. Registration Forms are due by August 31st.

Thank you parents and volunteer catechists for a great Faith Formation Year!

#### The Confirmation Experience- Registration Open Now!

Join us as we build friendships and encounter Jesus along the way!

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is an exciting time for high school youth. Confirmation encompasses two years of preparation, typically in ninth and tenth grade. However, each program year often includes students in eleventh and twelfth grade who have not yet received this sacrament. We view the program as a journey, rather than a race ~ an experience to Encounter Jesus. In this way youth are afforded the opportunity to explore their faith at a reasonable pace given the myriad of other obligations that occupy time in their lives. Students study the faith, choose sponsors to help them along their journey, and get to learn more about their chosen Saint who will provide inspiration to each candidate through extraordinary stories of living the faith.

Our confirmation program is open to ALL high school age youth. We meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:45 – 6:00 p.m. approximately twice a month. As part of our class sessions, we attend mass together, and families are welcome to join us for mass. Video-based programs provide the framework for what will be small-sized supportive formation groups.









#### CYO and Youth Ministry



## CAMP COVECREST 2023



God has blessed all of us who had to the opportunity to take 22 high school students to Camp Covecrest in Tiger, Georgia. As we are in the Second Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, Covecrest focused on the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, where they supported His presence in the Eucharist through sharing stories of Eucharistic miracles, writings of Jesus' existence outside of the Bible, and leading the youth to seek the three transcendentals: truth, goodness, and beauty. Teaching the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is essential, considering it is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324); however, today, only 31% of U.S. Catholics believe that "during Catholic mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus" (Pew Research Center 2019). Thus, exposing our youth to other youth their age who also seek the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Eucharist brought them closer to His mercy, joy, love, hope, and charity. Each of us is broken in our own way, but because of Christ, He has given us a "new heart" of flesh and a "new Spirit" (Ezekiel 36:26) and an authentic identity that is fruitful not only to ourselves but for those who are also seeking the heart of Jesus. And to see so much light and love pour out of the hearts of our youth through adoration, praise and worship, small-group sessions, and team-building games was beyond moving because no matter where each of them are in their faith journey, their hearts yearned to feel the real presence of Christ. Please keep our youth in your prayers for their hearts to continue to seek Jesus, His truth, and wisdom, especially in His real presence in the Eucharist. For our youth, always remember that "it is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world

more human and more fraternal" (Pope St. John Paul II).

Juliana LoGiudice

Director of CYO Sports & Youth Ministry

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"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity."

1 Timothy 4:12



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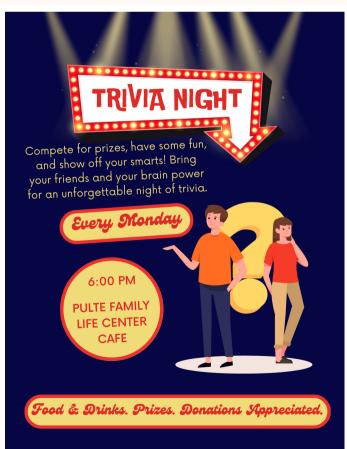
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