

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 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.

St. John The Evangelist

GOOD WORKS

2023



"And through good works, that we do for our neighbor with love and good cheer, our faith germinates and bears fruit." ~ Pope Francis

Good Works

Dear Parishioners,

We are truly blessed to have such kind, loving, and generous parishioners. Last September, after Hurricane Ian devastated many of our neighbors and friends, you came together to create a resource area in our ballroom filled with food, household items, necessities, and clothing. During each Christmas season, your generosity in support of our Sneaker and Toy drives is nothing short of inspiring. And our recent back-to-school drive resulted in four full bins of supplies for students in our Diocese.

Because of your continued generosity, St. John the Evangelist was in a position to do even more last year. With the support and leadership of our Finance Council, we were able to further support 13 schools and parishes in our Diocese with Good Works funds totaling **\$1,000,000!** Fr. Tom personally delivered each of the 13 checks, and was inspired by the parishioners, staff, and clergy at each site. Projects funded by our Good Works included repairs from Hurricane Ian, a basketball court and STREAM lab, student desks and chairs, new roofs, installation of safety doors, improved technology, and repairs to church halls and rectories.

The parishes and schools will certainly feel the effects of these Good Works for years to come. It is a reminder to all of us how important it is to support our neighbors with love, empathy, and kindness. God bless you!

"Hurricane Ian impacted thousands of people in Lee County and sadly our parish was not spared. After inspections were completed by the Diocese, it was determined that three of the parish buildings' roofs must be replaced. The repair cost is significant, even with insurance. Your donated funds will go toward these projects. Thank you for the donation given from the generosity of your parishioners."

"On behalf of our parish, I want to express my immense gratitude for your generous donation. As you know, our church is one of the poorest parishes in the Diocese and any donation helps us maintain our buildings in better conditions. Please know that your donation will go to our Parish Hall roof."

**"The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being."
-Pope John Paul II**

"Thank you and your parish for this generous donation. Because of your kindness, we will be able to use technology to better communicate with our parishioners."

"Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist and your unwavering support and generosity. Please convey our sincerest appreciation to the parish community and all those involved in making these funds available. The kindness and commitment to nurturing the next generation of faithful individuals is truly inspiring. We will always hold this gesture close to our hearts."

"Teach us to give and not count the cost." - St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Dear Fr. Tom-Our Lord and Our Lady be with you. Thank you so much for your visit today and for supporting us as we recover from the devastation caused by hurricane Ian. Your donation will be very helpful. May God bless you and your parish abundantly!"



"We have suffered such great loss (from the hurricane), but this will help. Thank you. This means so much. This means everything."

"I want to send this letter of gratitude for your support of our school. You and the parishioners have been so supportive --Thank you! This donation will go toward a new basketball court and to support the building of our much-needed STREAM lab."

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi

"We are so grateful for St. John the Evangelist's incredible generosity this past year. While the church has been supporting us (and Catholic education) for many years, this past year their unexpected gift enabled us to accomplish two very large items that have been on our wish list for several years. Replacing our classroom doors was on the top of our list. The over 70 doors, original to our aging buildings, were worn, warped, and difficult to lock, presenting a great safety issue. We were able to replace the wooden doors with Fiber Reinforced Polymer doors. We were also able to replace the plywood transoms above the door with glass to allow more natural light in the classrooms. Also, thanks to the church's extreme generosity, we were also able to completely paint all 12 buildings on our campus a beautiful off-white color that completely transforms the look of the school. We extend our sincere heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Tom and the parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Catholic church for their ongoing loyal support in partnering with us to ensure that we continue to provide a rigorous, Catholic college prep high school education for our young people."

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

35 families joined our parish in August. Welcome to all new parishioners!

Total Households

With our new families, we have 3414 Parish households.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in August:

-Emma Desmarais

-Emma Hankins

-Cali Jiminez



Offertory

8/2/23 - 8/8/23

\$43,166.42

8/9/23 - 8/15/23

\$45,140.65

8/16/23 - 8/22/23

\$59,763.26

8/23/23 - 8/29/23

\$49,042.71

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Pulte Front Desk, and Streamers. Please contact colleen@sjecc.com for information.

CFA 2023

119.27% to Goal

15.46% of Households Contributing



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



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.

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

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

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am (livestreamed), 11:00am (livestreamed), 1:00pm, and 5:00pm (Contemporary Mass)

Reconciliation Times

Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am and 2:00-2:45pm

OFFICE INFORMATION

Mailing Address & Contact Information

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108
Phone: 239.566.8740
Email: info@sjecc.com

Office Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Religious Gift Shop Hours

Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:15pm

Sunday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Clergy

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

Administrative Staff

Operations Manager: Colleen Donnelly: colleen@sjecc.com
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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education: Natalie Campbell: natalie@sjecc.com

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Melissa O'Brien: melissa@sjecc.com
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Christian Initiation of Adults for those who want to become Catholic: Jean Kechejian: jeankechejian@yahoo.com

CYO & Youth Ministry Director: Juliana LoGiudice: juliana@sjecc.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Reed
maureen@sjecc.com

Homebound ministry: Mary Ellen Metro: memetro@gmail.com

Hospital ministry: 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, September 9, 2023

8:00 AM + Albert Edward Kozak

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Carolyn McDonald and Robert Abell

5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

Requested By

Parents, Albert and Vivian Kozak

Kathy and Bob Sims

Sunday, September 10, 2023

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

9:00 AM + Andy Knapp

11:00 AM + Stephen Jack Potz

1:00 PM + Anthony Piccillo

5:00 PM + Orlando Anthony Falcione

Requested By

Bob Collins

Rick and Karen Beebe

Marie and Bob Harris

The Mangines

Monday, September 11, 2023

8:30 AM + Dorothy DeFlaun

Requested By

Denise Guilbert

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

8:30 AM + Marty Sullivan

Requested By

Loretta Sullivan

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

8:30 AM + Rogelio and Isidora Fernandez

Requested By

Mireya

Thursday, September 14, 2023

8:30 AM + Edna Ardivino

Requested By

Carol Ardivino

Friday, September 15, 2023

8:30 AM + Maria Gelormini

Requested By

Mr. and Mrs. Biagio Bernardo

Saturday, September 16, 2023

8:00 AM + Catherine Kay Reid

Requested By

Jim and Marie Novotny

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Margaret Lynch

5:00 PM + Joe Reid

Lan Tran

Kay Reid

Sunday, September 17, 2023

7:00 AM + Marianne Middlemiss

9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM + Simone and Nicole Glowaz

1:00 PM + Patsy and Rose D'Errico

5:00 PM + Jolene and Tom Tracey

Requested By

Tom Middlemiss

Raymond Glowaz

Marie and Bob Harris

The Standish Family



America Needs Fatima Public Prayer Rally

Help us pray on Saturday each month of the Apparition Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, on NE corner of US 41 & Immokalee Rd./Riverchase Plaza.

You may bring a chair, umbrella, water & signs. For more info, text or call 239-246-1676 / Lea Noyes

Dates and Times: 9/16: 9-10 am, 10/14: 12-1 pm, 11/11: 12-1 pm, 12/16: 12-1 pm

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

St. 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.

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*

Distribution of the Precious Blood from the Chalice

Under the guidance of Bishop Dewane, St. John the Evangelist will resume the distribution of Communion under both species. Please note that distribution of the Precious Blood will be based on the number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at each Mass.



Readings for the Week

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

Monday, September 11, 2023

Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday, September 15, 2023

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday, September 16, 2023

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49



Ministries and Groups

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact the Main Office 239.566.8740

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – Every Wednesday from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. 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 will resume Thursday September 7th at 9:30am. We will have a meet and greet with refreshments to meet new friends and catch up with old friends! On September 14th (at 9:30am) we will begin discussing the book “The Lamb’s Supper” by Scott Hahn.

For more information contact 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@SVDNnaples.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



OCIA / Children & Youth Ministries



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

If you are thinking of inquiring about the Catholic faith, do not be shy in exploring what the Catholic Church offers you. You will never know unless you ask.

The Order of Christian Initiation is a process to welcome people into the Catholic Faith. It is designed for you...

- to explore the beauty of Sacred Scripture and Catholic Tradition
- to answer your questions about the Catholic way of life
- to start your journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church

~We invite you to inquire with no obligation~

The OCIA Journey is for those:

- Never Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholic as an infant, but not raised as a Catholic nor received additional Sacraments
- Catholics who have not practiced their faith and want to return to the Church to reconnect with the Sacramental way of life
- Catholics who desire to better understand their faith to cultivate a deeper meaning of who Jesus is in their lives

**OCIA SESSIONS WILL BEGIN ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**For more information, please contact:
Jean Kechejian, OCIA Coordinator
jeankechejian@yahoo.com or 203.521.1179**

Children & Youth Ministries

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 servers@sjecc.com 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

High School Youth Group: Every Sunday from 6 PM to 7:30 PM after 5 PM mass. The first day is Sunday, September 17th in classrooms 7 & 8.

Middle School Youth Group: Every Friday, excluding the second Friday of each month, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. The first day is Friday, September 22nd in classrooms 7 & 8.

We are excited to announce that we will be implementing the **Life Teen** curriculum for youth group and 5 PM Mass! Thus, we are seeking youth for various 5 PM Mass positions. Please use the link to register for all youth events/programs:
<https://form.jotform.com/232166624477158>

Calendars for youth programming will be completed by the end of August. Thank you!

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
- Sgt. 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
- Andrew Wieland US Air Force
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
- Austin Zicht – USAF

Recently Deceased / Prayer List

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

Elaine Harding
Mary Louise Leidecker



If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the office at 239-566-8740

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| • Mary A. | • Anna Focht | • Richard C. Kruger | • Karen Pulte |
| • Priscila Abgala | • Phyllis and Peter Foti | • Ramona Langman | • Robert Redman |
| • Declan Aigner | • Tom Froh | • John Thomas Lawson | • Judith & Michael S. |
| • Antonio Amador | • Lester Fuller | • Rosemary Litwin | • Peggy O'Neil Saba |
| • Beckey Atkins | • Terry Gallagher | • Drew Loggi | • Lisa Sanfelippo |
| • Jerry B. | • Kathy Gallucci | • Michele Loggi | • Catherine Schmacht |
| • Anna and Angelo Babbo | • Joanna Gasparrino | • MaryEtta Loggi | • Frank Searle |
| • Florence Ballachino | • Jeffery Gatt | • Elaine Lopresti | • Mary Shea |
| • Barbara Barber | • Marg Gheller | • Vince LoPresti | • Karen Schrimpl |
| • Jennifer Basile | • Tamie Gibbons | • Teresa Lozano | • Carlos Somarribas |
| • Nadine Baxter | • Fr. Len Gioeli | • Bobby Lutz | • Laura Sotkes |
| • Linda Berry | • Amy Goodwine | • M. E. M. | • George Sparacino |
| • Sara Boettcher | • Florence Gordon | • Albert M. | • Norma J. Spriggle |
| • Michael Brien | • Lisa Ann Granger | • Diane Maloney | • Jeanne Stoll |
| • Karen Cassidy | • Richard Granger | • Ruth Martin | • Katie Sutton |
| • Rita Caven | • Ian Greenberg | • Donna Masse | • Sue and Tom Sweeney |
| • Mr and Mrs Ciano | • Joan Griffin | • Lana McBride | • Joan Marie Switalski |
| • Sheryl Conway | • Sam Greenberg | • Wendy Mercer | • Joan Switalski |
| • Lucia Cook | • Gary Gwizdala | • Lucille Metz | • Sarah Thewes |
| • Denise Cooper | • Raymond Hall | • Eileen Miner | • Sholle Thomson |
| • Matthew Cummings | • Fred Harkins | • Steven Miller | • Marilyn Thyen |
| • Tom Despres | • Bob Hearson | • Patrick Moorton | • Kathleen Trotter |
| • Donna DiMare | • Edward John Hendrickson | • Marie Morsetti | • Raymond Vanasse |
| • Lorraine Dolan | • Bob Hilliard | • Kimberly Mullin | • Thelma Varhach |
| • Tom Duncan | • Kathleen Cleary Hinkle | • Robert Murphy | • Noah Wagner |
| • Megan Ebert | • Brian Hintz | • John Murphy | • Joy Wagner |
| • Peter Ebert | • Walter Howell | • JoAnn Natale | • Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells |
| • Paul Ebert | • Patrick Howlett | • Eleanor Nute | • Natalie Williams |
| • Pamela Eck | • Jim Hubbard | • Jennifer O'Connor | • Carol Williamson |
| • John Eddy | • Gessie Jacquet | • Joseph Pandolfo | • Bruce Williamson |
| • Monica Ellis | • Carolyn Jansen | • Eric Parker | • Brynn Wilson |
| • Bill Farley | • Jimmy | • Patty | • S. J. Zarebi |
| • Tiffany Fellenz | • Cynthia Johnson | • Lenard Pelletier | • Mike Zewalk |
| • Bruce Fenske | • Gesse Joseph | • Ann Petrillo | • Noor Ahsan |
| • Lori Fenske | • Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman | • Carol Petrone | • Alex Portar |
| • Lisa Finelli | • Yvonne Keenan | • Mary Lynn Podolak | • Christopher Suki |
| • Amy FitzGerald | • Tracey Kirk | • Anna Polley | • Nancy Zilavy |
| • Rachel Fling | • Victoria Kramer | • Robert Pulte | |

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 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.

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 flyer features a large image of an eagle's head in profile, superimposed over a waving American flag. Below the eagle are seven circular seals representing different branches of the U.S. military: Department of Defense, Department of Army, Department of Navy, Department of Air Force, Department of Space, United States Space Force, and United States Merchant Marine. The text on the flyer is as follows:

"We Served" Veteran's Event
Monday, September 25, 2023, 9:00-11:00am
Veterans and their spouses are invited to join other vets for breakfast and a presentation by guest speakers

**A DISCUSSION
OF FIVE WISHES**

Location:
St. John the Evangelist Church, Pulte Family Life Center
625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108

Registration is required by September 21
You MUST register to attend

Call the Parish Office: 239.566.8740
or
Bill Fuller: 239.280.8870 or wfuller1@comast.net

Readings for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Ez 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, " and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God, and we are the people he
shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2

Rom 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, " and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed

up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Alleluia

2 Cor 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Grief Support

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?
Are you a widow or widower?
Are you grieving any other type of loss?
Are you looking for support and healing?

St. John the Evangelist provides both group and individual grief support services. Nine-week group sessions are provided through the year, with the next session taking place September 12-November 7 on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch room of the Claussen Center. It is not necessary to begin with the first session. You are Welcome to join at any time during the nine-week period. Sessions are facilitated using the "New Day Journal" by Mauryeen O'Brien- a journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one. There is no fee, and all materials are provided free of charge.

To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: Hal@sjecc.com. Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.

Music for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95 - If Today You Hear His Voice

Gifts: Seek Ye First

Communion Hymns: I Have Loved You, How Great Thou Art

Closing Hymns: Let There Be Peace On Earth, God Bless America

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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

1, 4. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
2. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre -
3. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies Lord And truth e -

1, 4. crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
2. a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
3. ter - nal is thy word; Thy praise shall sound from

1, 4. heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.
2. name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry one.
3. shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Text: LM; Vs. 1, Thomas Kent, 1637-1711; Vss. 2, 3, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748.
Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

If Today You Hear His Voice

(Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

(Psalm 95)

Francesca LaRosa

If to-day you hear his voice, har-den not your hearts.

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If to-day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts.

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Music for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.


3. You do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

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I Have Loved You

Michael Joncas

Refrain




I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love, I have called you



and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love,

Verses



I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and

to Refrain



1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

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Music for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

1. O Lord my God! When I in
awesome wonder
Consider all the *worlds thy
hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the
*rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the
universe displayed;

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my
Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how
great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my
Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how
great thou art!

2. When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel
the gentle breeze;

3. And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can
take it in,
That on the cross, my burden
gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away
my sin;

4. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble
adoration,
And there proclaim, my God,
how great thou art!

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Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller / Jill Jackson

1. Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers
all are we;
Let me walk with my brother in
perfect harmony.

2. Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my
solemn vow:
To take each moment
and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it
begin with me.

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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: God Bless America

**music found on page 15*

Preparation Song: Send Me

1. If it's ban - dag - ing the bro - ken or wash - ing fil - thy feet,
(2. If I'm) poor or if I'm weal - thy, I'll serve You just the same.
(3. If the) truth cuts like an ar - row, I will say it an - y - way,

here I am, Lord, send me. If it's lov - ing one an - oth - er e - ven
Here I am, Lord, send me. On the moun - tain or the val - ley,
'cause here I am, Lord, send me. If it means that they'll re - ject me, Lord,

when we don't a - gree, here I am, Lord, send me. 2. If I'm
I will choose to praise.
I will still o - bey.

Here I am, Lord, send me. If I'm known by how I love, let my life re - flect how much I
Here I am, Lord, send me.

love You, I love You. And be - fore You e - ven ask, oh, my an - swer will be yes, 'cause I

love You, I love You. 3. If the You.

Chords: Eb, Bb, Gm, Fsus, Eb6, Bb, Eb, Bb

Communion Song: Worthy of It All

Verse: All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Bridge: Day and night, night
and day, let incense arise
(Repeat)

Closing Song: Let There be Peace on Earth

**music found on page 15*

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

BLUE MASS

COMMEMORATING THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE IAN

"No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."



**SATURDAY
SEPT. 30
5:00 P.M.**

**REFRESHMENTS
FOLLOWING
IN THE BALLROOM**

*Honoring First Responders
and Community Volunteers of All Faiths*

**REFLECTING ON IAN'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY
WITH SPECIAL GUEST**

LOIS THOME, WINK NEWS

*Join us for a special appreciation for all community
members who helped others during the
emergency response & recovery.*



Respect Life

Spiritually Adopt

an Unborn Child

PRAY

I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 9 months from now until Christmas:

“ Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. ”

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



Diocese of Venice
Respect Life
1000 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL 34285
941-441-1101



www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife

MONTH 7-September

“I can look around!”

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice, and ultrasound reveals that he likes to open his eyes and look around. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

Prayer Vigil / Join our Respect Life Team

The St. John the Evangelist Respect Life team will participate in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each First Friday of every month 9 am - 12. For more info on our Prayer Vigil or to join our Parish Respect Life team, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.



An Afternoon of Healing

A heartfelt personal presentation by Mary Eisman exploring the Far-Reaching Impact of Abortion on Family, Friends, and Society will start off the afternoon. Complemented with Individual Testimonials, Reflections, Intercessory Prayers, a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as recitation of the Holy Rosary, concluding with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, this will be a powerful experience.



Won't you join in the healing process or perhaps suggest it to another that you know is in need?

We'll see you at the **PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**
Saturday, October 7th, 2023 - 12 Noon to 3pm

Walking with
Moms in Need

SHE'S
PREGNANT!

LET HER KNOW
SHE'S NOT ALONE

If you heard someone you know is pregnant and considering abortion, what would you do?

Help her find the closest pregnancy help center. There is a list on the diocesan website below under *Walking with Moms in Need* or have her use the QR code below which will direct her to the list. The center will give her accurate information about her options, confirm her pregnancy and show her the child in her womb via ultrasound, all for free. They will help her with other community resources, parenting classes, baby items and other needs.

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide program in the Catholic Church to connect pregnant women with pregnancy help centers. Join the effort to walk with her!

Parish volunteers can also coordinate efforts with the center to help her stay connected to her church or discover a faith community that cares about her.



For additional information, contact:
Diocese of Venice Respect Life Office
www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife
Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org
941-441-1101



Decline to Sign Petition for Dangerous Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative - An extremely grave initiative is underway in FL that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the FL State Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. To do so, they need nearly 900,000 signatures and are working right now in communities across FL to collect them. Floridian Catholics should not sign the petition. Please also continue to pray for the protection of the unborn and spread the word to your spheres of influence.

Parish Eucharistic Revival



Bishop DeWane says of the Year of Parish Revival *"It is in a precise way, in the Eucharist, the Lord is given to us, and we receive Him. We must also have the strength to spend time in front of the Eucharist. Let the strength that Jesus Christ is; let His presence in the Eucharist, fill your heart, fill your mind, fill your soul."*

The four pillars for St. John the Evangelist Year of Parish Revival are: Reinvigorate Worship, Personal Encounter, Robust Faith Formation, and Missionary Sending.

Reinvigorate Worship

Attentiveness to full preparation, reverent celebration, and offering many opportunities for parishioners to experience the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist more profoundly.

Personal Encounter

Active encouragement and facilitation for increased participation in Eucharistic Adoration by our parishioners.

Robust Faith Formation

Providing opportunities in our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for instruction about the Eucharist; and personal engagement for our children, young adults, and their families. Providing parishioners resources to learn more about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Missionary Sending

Welcoming our parishioners and their families when they are drawn to the Church for sacraments. Proactive outreach and welcome to non-Catholics to join our Church. Attentiveness to our Eucharistic Ministry to encourage ongoing learning and to engage more volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers who bring Christ to all in our Parish, both at Mass and to those who are not able to attend Mass.

Eucharistic Revival - Blessed Carlo's Corner



Find Carlo!

Join us 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.

**In the September 3rd bulletin, Carlo was on page 24 in the Youth Sports ad*

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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Miracle of the Week - Betania, Venezuela, 1991

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

This Eucharistic Miracle occurred during the midnight Mass of December 8, 1991, at the Marian Shrine of Finca Betania in Cúa, Venezuela. Father Otty, Chaplain of the Shrine, thus describes the event: "After having consumed one of the pieces of the large Host which I had divided into 4 parts, I returned them to the paten. A little later I looked down towards the paten and I could not believe what I saw: one of the pieces of the Host that I divided was showing a red spot and from it a red substance began to emanate, similar to the manner in which blood escapes from a wound. After Mass, I took the Host and preserved it safely in the sacristy of the Shrine. The next day, at 6 in the morning, I went to see the Host and verified that some blood continued to flow that a little later began to dry. However, still today, the blood appears as fresh. The strange thing is that the blood flowed only from one side of the Particle, nevertheless, without staining the remainder of the Eucharistic species". During the Mass there were numerous pilgrims who immediately verified that the priest did not have wounds from which the blood present in the Host could have flowed. Besides, from the analyses, the result concluded that the blood of the priest did not match the one of the Particle. The Host of the Miracle was subjected to some special studies, requested by the then Bishop of Los Teques, H. E. Most Reverend Pio Bello Ricardo, and the results confirmed that the blood was human blood of type AB positive which matches the one found in the cloth of the Shroud of Turin and in the Host of the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, that occurred in Italy in 750 AD and was analyzed by 500 commissions of the World Health Organization. Since then the Host has been an object of veneration and of devotion on the part of thousands of pilgrims coming not only from Venezuela but from the whole world. It is possible to go to the convent of the Augustinian Recollects Nuns of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Los Teques to see the miraculous Host all the days of the year at any hour in their chapel devoted to Perpetual Adoration. A young faithful from New Jersey, Daniel J. Sanford, having gone on a pilgrimage to the Convent of the Augustinians to see the bleeding Host, was able to film another miraculous episode. Here is the story: "On the 12th of November of 1998 I went on pilgrimage to Betania with a prayer group and they took us to see the miraculous Host of Betania in the Chapel of the Augustinian Sisters of Los Teques. Our spiritual director, Father Mazzarella, celebrated the Mass. After the celebration ended he opened the door of the Tabernacle which contained the Host of the Miracle. With great astonishment I saw that the Host was as if in flames, and there was a Pulsating Heart that was bleeding in its center. I saw this for about 30 seconds or so, then the Host returned to normal. I was able to film a part of this miracle with my video camera..."

Adult Faith Formation



Well-Read Mom YEAR of the Seeker

Well Read Mom- Kickoff Event! Wednesday, September 27th 6:30-8:00PM in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center. All Members and Non-Members welcome to “Kickoff” Session. Register online to become a member and receive member benefits. Please RSVP to aff@sjecc.com if you plan to attend the “Kickoff.” See you soon and happy reading!

Basic Membership - www.wellreadmom.org/join-today/ (Other Membership Levels Available) \$49.95 Per Year (auto-renews)

Membership Includes:

- A printed copy of our Reading Companion and a beautiful bookmark
- Monthly Audio Resources to enrich your reading and group discussions
- Ongoing access to Members-Only Features, podcasts, videos, and bonus materials
- A printed copy of our beautiful Well-Read Mom Summer Magazine



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 Lena Costain at aff@sjecc.com . Explore the National Website at wellreadmom.com . Subscribe to the apple podcast Read More, Read Well

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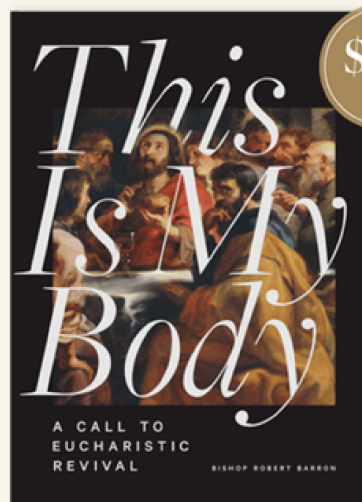
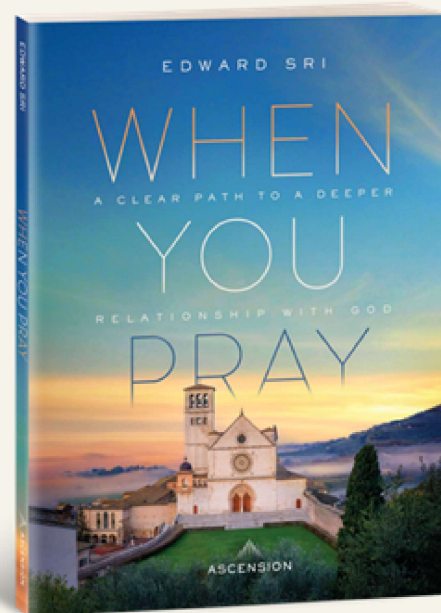
Cultivate a Rich and Lasting Prayer Life This September Study

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace. What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. This study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Authored and presented by Dr. Edward Sri, When You Pray also features Fr. Jacques Philippe, Fr. Josh Johnson, Fr. Gregory Pine, Sister Josephine Garrett, Fr. Donald Haggerty, and Sister Maris Stella.

Join Sue Hamilton as she facilitates this 7- Week study called When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God. The study will be on Tuesdays beginning on September 26th from 12:00noon-1:30PM. To register early and reserve your study guides, please email aff@sjecc.com by September 15th. Study Set available for \$25.00 that includes 2 books along with immediate digital access to all video sessions.



A recent Pew Forum survey revealed the startling statistic that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For the majority of Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life.

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany that revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely.

Copies available for Sale in the Gift Boutique for \$2.00 each.



This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, September 12th– 9:30AM-11:00AM


Understanding Divine Mercy

Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center



CYO & Youth Ministry

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Edge Middle School Youth Group



Edge Middle School

GRADES 6 - 8
FRIDAY'S
6:00PM - 7:30PM

EVERY FRIDAY, EXCLUDING THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, FROM 6 PM TO 7:30 PM. KICKOFF IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND IN CLASSROOMS 7 & 8.

Ignite High School

GRADES 9 - 12
SUNDAY'S
6:00PM - 7:30PM

EVERY SUNDAY FROM 6 PM TO 7:30 PM AFTER 5 PM MASS. KICKOFF IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH IN CLASSROOMS 7 & 8.


Sept. - May

"However far you may wander, He is always there..."
Pope Francis

Dinner & Snacks Are Provided

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

RECREATIONAL SCHEDULE
FREE TO PARISHIONERS -NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

FUTSAL
MONDAY: GRADES 5 - 8
5 PM - 6 PM

BASKETBALL
TUESDAY: GRADES 5 - 8
5 PM - 6 PM

VOLLEYBALL
WEDNESDAY: GRADES 2-8
AFTER FAITH FORMATION 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM



COMPETITIVE SCHEDULE
PAID LESSONS PARISHIONER DISCOUNT


FUTSAL
MONDAY:
6PM TO 7PM (9YRS-10YRS)
7PM TO 8PM (14YRS-15YRS)

BASKETBALL
TUESDAY: GRADES 6 - 12
6 PM TO 8 PM

VOLLEYBALL
THURSDAY & SATURDAY:
GRADES 6-12
5:30 TO 9:30 (THURSDAY)
9 AM TO 1 PM (SATURDAY)

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"While the world changes, the cross remains the same."

St. Bruno

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH MINISTRY

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HOLY HOUR

Adore Jesus in
the Eucharist

Middle School
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FIRST SUNDAY 01 OCTOBER 2023
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 05 NOVEMBER 2023
AFTER 5:00 PM MASS 03 DECEMBER 2023



ADORATION
CONFESSION
PRAYER

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“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you’ve already begun.”

St. Josemaría Escrivá



Never forget

September 11th
Eternal Rest Prayer
Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May
the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PARENT

Prayer



NIGHT

for college students

FOR PARENTS WITH
CHILDREN IN COLLEGE...

COME LIGHT A CANDLE WITH
US, AND SAY A LITTLE PRAYER

*Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the
mysteries of the universe. Send
your Spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom
and blessings. Grant that they
may devote themselves to their
studies and draw ever closer to
You, the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord.
Amen.*



*Prayer Service
Candle Lighting Ceremony
Intentions for Each Student
Mini-Care Packages
Light Refreshments*

OCTOBER 11, 2023, WEDNESDAY
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

ALEXANDRIA ROOM LOCATED
IN THE CLAUSSEN CENTER



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
YOUTH MINISTRY

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO TELL US
WHERE YOUR CHILD ATTENDS COLLEGE!

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Faith Formation



Faith Formation Registration

Our Faith Formation program encourages participation of all children in the parish continuously from ages PreK-12th grade. At specific ages and grades along the journey, our Faith Formation Program provides sacramental preparation for the children of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. To receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, children must attend a minimum of two consecutive years of religious instruction. Specifically, to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, children must be at least seven years old and in the second grade. To receive the sacrament of Confirmation, children must have a minimum of two consecutive years of religious instruction, be at least 15 years old, and be in tenth grade or higher.

Registration Forms and Calendars are currently available at the Parish Office, at the Children's Area near the Gift Boutique in the church, in the Faith Formation Office and at our website at www.sjecc.com.

Registration Forms were due by August 31st. \$10 Fee Added per child after September 1st. We will accept late registrations through September 15th. Some Sessions may be full but we will do our best to accommodate on the days that sessions are available. At this time our Wednesday Kindergarten session is FULL.

RENEWED: NEW Sacrament Preparation Curriculum this Year! Helps Children Discover Christ's Mercy and Experience His Real Presence

We are excited to pilot a NEW Sacramental Preparation Curriculum this year from Ascension Press. With online components for parents and families at home, as well as robust teachings of the faith, our catechists are busy preparing for this exciting journey of faith!



Preparing to go to your first Reconciliation can be intimidating. There is a lot to understand and remember. Beyond that, it can just be scary. Admitting to sin is something we all struggle with. *Renewed: Your Journey to First Reconciliation* offers children and their parents an engaging, interactive way to grow in their understanding of God's love and mercy. It helps prepare them for what comes next.

The first time we encounter the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a beautiful and powerful moment in the life of every Catholic. Children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion can sometimes miss just how special this moment is amid all the hustle and bustle of that First Communion Day. *Received: Your Journey to First Communion* helps children understand and appreciate the incredible gift we're offered in the Eucharist.

Parent Session for children attending CATHOLIC SCHOOLS will take place on, September 13th at 6:00-7:00pm in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center. Parent and child should attend.

This Week in Faith Formation

Wednesday, September 13th

First Reconciliation Parent and Child Session – 6:00-7:00PM

*Alexandria Room of the Claussen Family Center

*This session is for **CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Parents and their child.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 17th

First Day of Sunday Session Faith Formation – 9:30-10:45AM

Sunday, September 17th

First Session of High School Confirmation and Parent Meeting 3:45-6:00PM

Wednesday, September 20th

First Day of Wednesday Session of Faith Formation – 5:00-6:15PM

Catholic Schools/Young Adult Groups

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB

8th Annual
Celtic Scramble

\$100 Per Golfer
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September 30, 2023

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Registration at 7:30 AM

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The Rookery - 8:30am shotgun/scramble

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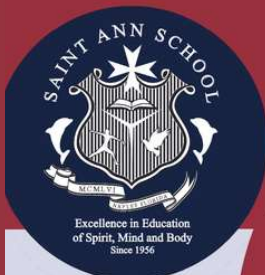
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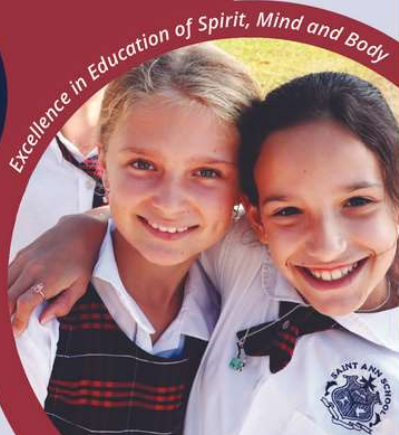
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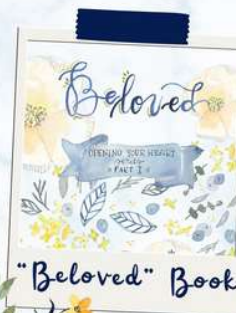


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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
MEETING TIMES, PLEASE
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LOCATION : OLPH RETREAT CENTER
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DATES:
2023
Oct 27: Check-in begins at 3:00 p.m.
Oct 28: All day
Oct 29: Concludes at 3:00 p.m.

Registration will be accepted
Until October 14, 2023 for the 2023 retreat

COST
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Contact information
Veronica Betancourt 941-321-0496
Judy Thomas at jthom10@hotmail.com or 941-416-5645

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THE CHALLENGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD

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OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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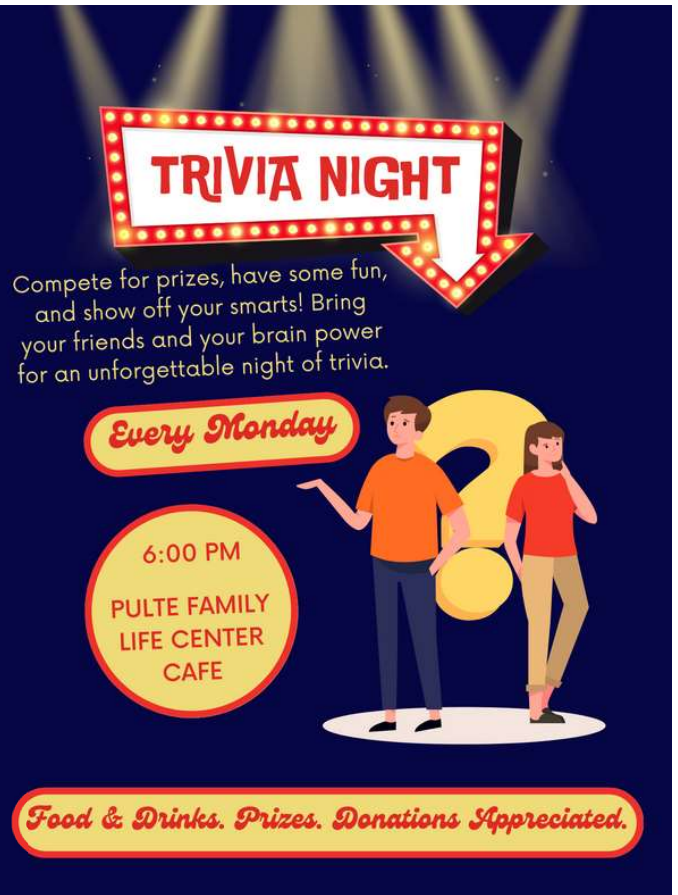
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St. John XXIII Catholic Church
13060 Palomino Lane | Fort Myers, FL 33912

REGISTRATION
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CLICK TO REGISTER

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Pulte Family Life Center



My name is **Jamie Ojala**, and it is a joy and honor to be the new Director of Programs and Pulte Family Life Center at St. John the Evangelist. I am grateful to Father Tom and Colleen for their trust and goodness to me throughout the hiring process. I am excited to work with the entire staff at St. John's.

I look forward to meeting and serving you, the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist and the Naples community at large. The Pulte Family Life Center is a great opportunity to foster and nurture a community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Catholic values. The Pulte Family Life Center is part of the church's effort to build a Catholic culture by engaging the community through programs: sports and wellness, arts and music, and social and spiritual activities for all ages.

I am from Sault Ste. Marie, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and have been a lifelong practicing Catholic. I studied Elementary Education at Lake Superior State University. After graduating, I taught sixth grade for nine years at St. Mary's Catholic School and served as Director of Religious Education at the third oldest parish in the United States, Holy Name of Mary. For the past two years, I have served as the Pastoral Associate at Holy Name of Mary. My father and mother, Steve and Tina, reside on the St. Mary's River in Sault Ste. Marie. I have one older sister, Nina, who serves as the Catholic School Advancement Coordinator for the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan. I am a lifelong Michigan State Spartan fan – Go Green!

God bless you,
Jamie

