

# St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

## 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.

# Parish Information

## Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

*\*Going forward, there will only be an 8:30am Daily Mass*

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

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

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## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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maureen@sjecc.com

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### Lectors Ministry:

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Youth Lectors: Call the Office, 239.566.8740

### Greeters & Ushers:

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### Altar Servers:

Briana Billanti : servers@sjecc.com

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo: ksanfelippo@comcast.net

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https://sjecc.org/mass-livestream/  
or scan this QR code

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:00 AM + Juana Maria JiMeniez

*Vigil Masses for Sunday*

3:00 PM + Vicky De Francisco

5:00 PM + Jozica and Vitulich

## Requested By

Lan Tran

Janet D'Addario

Romano and Claudia Vitulich

## Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:00 AM SI The Wardein Family

9:00 AM + Leo Reichard

11:00 AM + Annette Carlier

1:00 PM + Richie

5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

## Requested By

The Tedrow Family

Lauren Pavlovich

Family

Twiefel Family

## Monday, January 1, 2024

8:30 AM + Richard Sickler

12:00 PM SI Blaise Lezynski

5:00 PM + Yvonne K. Smirlis

## Requested By

Louis Perry

Roseann Hartley

The Donnelly's

## Tuesday, January 2, 2024

8:30 AM + Gilbert Fernandez

## Requested By

Carmen Fernandez and Family

## Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:30 AM SI Megan Ebert

## Requested By

The Donnelly's

## Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:30 AM + Richard Sloan

## Requested By

Kathleen Sloan

## Friday, January 5, 2024

8:30 AM + Donald Miller

## Requested By

Kevin and Patrice Beach

## Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:00 AM + Andrew Grutkowski

## Requested By

Family

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

3:00 PM + Mary and George Waddell

5:00 PM + Montello and Corbino Families

Terri and Anthony King

Kathryn and Vincent Corbino

## Sunday, January 7, 2024

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

9:00 AM + Beatrice Corcoran

11:00 AM + Bob Hammel and Jose Ricardo Cabrera

1:00 PM + Kreszenz and Anton Podest

5:00 PM + Emilio and Esmeralda Varela

## Requested By

Richard Corcoran

Irvine Family

Carolyn and John Klimek

Carmen Fernandez and Family

## Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - January 1, 2023

8:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM

# Prayer List

- Mary A.
- Priscila Abgala
- Family Agoston
- Noor Ahsan
- Declan Aigner
- Antonio Amador
- Jerry B.
- Anna and Angelo Babbo
- Florence Ballachino
- Barbara Barber
- Jennifer Basile
- Nadine Baxter
- David Bearce
- Linda Berry
- Sara Boettcher
- Frank and Therese Brennan
- Michael Brien
- Bob Capicchioni
- Frank Carillo
- Karen Cassady
- Rita Caven
- Roseanne Christinzio
- Mr and Mrs Ciano
- Tom Collins
- Lucia Cook
- Matthew Cummings
- Mike and Judy Davies
- Tom Despres
- Donna DiMare
- Lorraine Dolan
- Anita Doran
- Tom Duncan
- Elizabeth Harrington Dyer
- Patricia Dynda
- Megan Ebert
- Pamela Eck
- John Eddy
- Monica Ellis
- Ira Faber
- Bill Farley
- Brian Fay
- Tiffany Fellenz
- Bruce Fenske
- Lori Fenske
- Denise Fisher
- Amy FitzGerald
- Rachel Fling
- Bill Flowers
- Anna Focht
- Ron Fongemie
- Phyllis and Peter Foti
- Tom Froh
- Lester Fuller
- Terry Gallagher
- Kathy Gallucci
- Joanna Gasparrino
- Jeffery Gatt
- Veronika Gavelis
- Marg Gheller
- Tamie Gibbons
- Fr. Len Gioeli
- Amy Goodwine
- Florence Gordon
- Lisa Ann Granger
- Richard Granger
- Nancy Graves
- Ian Greenberg
- Sam Greenberg
- Joan Griffin
- Frank Grzesk
- Gary Gwizdala
- Patricia Gynba
- Raymond Hall
- Bob Hearson
- Bob Hilliard
- Kathleen Cleary Hinkle
- Brian Hintz
- Jerry Hirsch
- Patrick Howlett
- Jim Hubbard
- Becky Huff-Cook
- John Michael Jamnusch
- Carolyn Jansen
- Taylor Jansen
- Jimmy
- Cynthia Johnson
- Charry Taylor Jones
- Gesse Joseph
- Josephine
- Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman
- Yvonne Keenan
- Tracey Kirk
- Elizabeth Knott
- Victoria Kramer
- Frank and Mary Lou Kreber
- Richard C. Kruger
- Ramona Langman
- Alicia Laplant
- John Thomas Lawson
- Dr. Constanos Levanos
- Rosemary Litwin
- Drew Loggi
- Michele Loggi
- MaryEtta Loggi
- Elaine Lopresti
- Vince LoPresti
- Teresa Lozano
- Bobby Lutz
- Albert M.
- Nicolas Giovanni Maggio
- Diane Maloney
- Ruth Martin
- Donna Masse
- Robert McAloney Jr
- Lana McBride
- Wendy Mercer
- Lucille Metz
- Edward John Metz
- Orville Middendorf
- Steven Miller
- Eileen Miner
- Patrick Moorton
- Molly Moran
- Marie Morsetti
- Kimberly Mullin
- Robert Murphy
- John Murphy
- JoAnn Natale
- Candy Nordland
- Lea Noyes
- Eleanor Nute
- Jennifer O'Connor
- Mike O'Neill
- Patty Palmer
- Joseph Pandolfo
- Eric Parker
- Patty
- Lenard Pelletier
- Ann Petrillo
- Carol Petrone
- Sylvia & Vinny Pierro
- Mary Lynn Podolak
- Anna Polley
- Alex Portar
- Dennis Powers
- Christ Psilakis
- Doreen Psilakis
- Robert Pulte
- Karen Pulte
- John Repice
- George Reyes
- Mary Ann Riley
- Ron
- Judith & Michael S.
- Peggy O'Neil Saba
- Lisa Sanfelippo
- Steve Savory
- Catherine Schmach
- Karen Schrimpl
- Carlos Somarribas
- Laura Sotkes
- George Sparacino
- Colin Spence
- Norma J. Spriggle
- Jeanne Stoll
- Christopher Suki
- Kathleen Sullivan
- Katie Sutton
- Sue and Tom Sweeney
- Joan Marie Switalski
- Joan Switalski
- Sholle Thomson
- Marilyn Thyen
- Kathleen Trotter
- Lisa Marie Turner
- Raymond Vanasse
- Noah Wagner
- Joy Wagner
- Callie Watson
- Jennifer Weidenbruch
- Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells
- Olivia Whiteside
- Natalie Williams
- Carol Williamson
- Bruce Williamson
- Brynn Wilson
- Harry Witt
- Levente Wolber
- S. J. Zarebi
- Nancy Zilavy

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

# Military Prayer List

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



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.

- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point
- Mark Burger, US Army
- Stephen Burger, US Army
- Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3
- 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
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF
- Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Sophie Koepl - First Lieutenant, US Army
- 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
- 1st Lieutenant Robert W. Raleigh IV - US Marine Corps
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army
- Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Lt. Michaela Scrudato, US Navy
- Luke Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
- Ben Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
- Austin Spagnola
- First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC
- 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
- Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
- Austin Zicht – USAF



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

Sheryl Conway, James Hubbard, Jeffrey Nicol



# 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 be reading the book “Christmas Changes Everything” by Elisa Morgan. It is available on Amazon for \$12.99. We will begin the discussion of that book on December 7th and hopefully finish by December 28th.

Starting January 4th there will be a discussion class lead by Father Nick called “Theology of the Body”

This will take place in the Pulte Center in the Nazareth room. It will start at 9am for coffee and muffins and class from 9:30-10:30. Faith Chat will be attending these sessions in lieu of our regular meetings.

For more information contact Lee Pinto @ [Leepinto2924@aol.com](mailto: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 Pittman: 239.248.3248 or [info@jamaicaoutreach.org](mailto: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. Contact Grand Knight, Jack Kindsvater at [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com).

**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, baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, blankets for veterans in VITAS Hospice Program, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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** - Meets on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Quilts for babies and children which are donated locally and red, white, and blue quilts for veterans in the VITAS Hospice Program. If you are a quilter, we encourage you to join us, but everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or [sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com](mailto:sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com)

**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 contact Marianne Swan 305.965. 5980, email [swan11@bellsouth.net](mailto:swan11@bellsouth.net) or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email [jandpcrivelli@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.NaplesAl-Anon.org)



## Ministries and Groups

### 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. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch room of the Claussen Center. 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.



*May our living Father send the Holy Spirit down upon you to give you healing and wholeness in this difficult time of your life.*



### Thank you

Thank you to the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church for your generosity and kindness during our annual Ladies of Charity Sneaker drive and the Knights of Columbus Toy drive. As always, your support brought happiness and smiles to so many during the Christmas Season!



### St. John the Evangelist-St. Vincent de Paul Conference

In the heart of North Naples, we are on a mission to bring the light of Christ to over 200 migrant worker families every month. At St. John the Evangelist-SVDP Conference, we serve our neighbors with humility and dedication, providing spiritual support, distributing rice, mesa flour, and other essential items as well as hygiene products.

Witnessing the joy of Christ in the faces of these hard-working families is a testament to the impact of your donations. You are the reason we can be "the arms and legs of Jesus: in our community, making a tangible difference in the loves of those in need.

To learn more about our ministry or to get involved, please contact Bob Westenberg, President of SCdP-St. John the Evangelist COnference, at [bwstjohn@svdpnaples.org](mailto:bwstjohn@svdpnaples.org)

### 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](mailto:servers@sjecc.com) for more information.

**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.

**High School Youth Group:** Every Sunday from 6 PM to 7:30 PM after 5 PM mass. Classrooms 7 & 8.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mwychocki@gmail.com)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, December 30, 2023, 2023

Mt Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

### Sunday, December 31, 2023

Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14/Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 or Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5/Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3: 12-21/Hebrews 1: 1-2 or Colossians 3: 15a, 16a/Luke 2: 22-40 or Luke 2: 22, 39-40

### Monday, January 1, 2024

Numbers 6: 22-27/Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Galatians 4: 4-7/Hebrews 1: 1-2/Luke 2: 16-21

### Tuesday, January 2, 2024

John 2: 22-28/Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Hebrews 1: 1-2/John 1: 19-28

### Wednesday, January 3, 2024

John 2: 29 – 3: 6/Psalms 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ John 1: 14a, 12a/John 1: 29-34

### Thursday, January 4, 2024

John 3: 7-10/Psalms 98: 1, 7-8, 9/Hebrews 1: 1-2/John 1: 35-42

### Friday, January 5, 2024

John 3: 11-21/Psalms 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5/John 1: 43-51

### Saturday, January 6, 2024

John 5: 5-13/Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mark 9: 7/Mark 1: 7-11 or Luke 3: 23-38

## 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

#### Total Households

We have 3425 Parish households

#### Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in December:

- Charlotte Brown
- Ella Fortune
- Kinsley Rose Hurtley
- Catherine Zita Kadeli
- Cooper Kellar
- Chase Klopach
- Kellan Robovitsky
- Banks Vanderhagen

#### Offertory

11/22/23 - 11/28/23

\$60,317.80

11/29/23 - 12/5/23

\$80,854.36

12/6/23 - 12/12/23

\$60,826.51

12/13/23 - 12/19/23

\$152,216.04

### Memorial Garden Notes

As a reminder, Please refrain from placing rocks, artificial flowers, and other non-natural items in the Garden. When the landscapers are there, these items can become projectiles and/or damage equipment. We will routinely remove items left in the Garden that are not natural.

### CFA 2023

131.53% to Goal

16.61% 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](https://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.

# 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.

## 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

## 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.

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;  
be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the  
devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do you, O prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits  
who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

## The Prayer of Divine Mercy

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body  
and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your  
dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole  
world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy  
Immortal One, have mercy on us  
and on the whole world.



## Readings

### Reading I

#### Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

**OR:**

#### Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying:  
“Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.”  
But Abram said,  
“O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?”  
Abram continued,  
“See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.”  
Then the word of the LORD came to him:  
“No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.”  
The Lord took Abram outside and said,  
“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”  
Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

**OR:**

#### Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

**R. (7a, 8a) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

### Reading II

#### Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

**OR:**

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**OR:**

**Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

Brothers and sisters:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age--and Sarah herself was sterile--for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only

son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

**Alleluia**

**Col 3:15a, 16a**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;  
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**OR:**

**Heb 1:1-2**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**LK 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many

## Readings

hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of

Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Or**

**Lk 2:22, 39-40**

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# Jamaica Outreach Program

## Hosts needed for Jamaican choir members

**Feb. 9 -Feb. 12**

**We are in need of host families for members of Kevin Williams' Jamaican choir who will be visiting our parish on the weekend of February 9, 2024. If you live in proximity to St John the Evangelist Church and feel you might be able to host one or two choir members, please contact Jeanne Pittman at [JBStamant@gmail.com](mailto:JBStamant@gmail.com) or call her at 239-248-3248. No one has ever regretted welcoming these wonderful people into their homes.**



## Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

At the end of today's Gospel there is a very telling sentence. It goes: "Mary stored up all these things in her heart." And after the visit of the shepherds to the manger, we find a similar comment. Luke says that "Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart." Mary kept the memory of these events in her heart with a view to discerning the hidden meaning behind the marvelous happenings.

It's clear that Mary didn't immediately understand the meaning of what was happening to her and what God was asking of her. But that's how it always is. Profound lived experience always begins with perplexity. We never know at the time what is happening to us. It's only afterwards, perhaps long afterwards, that our eyes are opened and we begin to understand. Hence, the importance of reflection.

More than once we read in the Gospels that Mary was perplexed. So what did she do? She pondered, reflected and prayed, seeking to understand what was happening to her and her child. This pondering was not free from uncertainty and anxiety.

Mary comes across as a silent, reflective person. All her life she pondered and prayed over how God dealt with her. When she doesn't understand, she ponders in her heart until she insight comes. And she pondered the painful events even more to discern the purpose of God in them. In this way she acquired insight and wisdom.

Emerson says: 'Life lies behind us like a quarry from whence we get the tiles and copestones for the masonry of today.' Only by reflecting can we come to understand our experiences. We could have the experience but miss the meaning of it because we don't reflect on it. But with reflection, we can derive precious insights from our experiences.

It's easy to recall pleasant experiences, but not so easy to recall painful ones. We are tempted to suppress our painful memories. Even so, they can still influence us. They can distil a poison into us. We need to recall the painful experiences too: it's how we recall them that matters. They can provide the raw-material from which we derive understanding, compassion, and wisdom. The incident in which Jesus got lost in Jerusalem was a painful one for Mary. Yet she stored it in her heart, and, by so doing, learned from it.

Sadly, there are people who seem to learn nothing from experience. But for others experience is the real school. No one has become wise in a day or even in a year. Wisdom is the fruit of much pondering.

Parents need a lot of wisdom. What Mary learned from her praying and pondering she passed on to her child, who St Luke tells us, 'increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and men.' Jesus was taught, nourished, and formed by a wise woman who loved God with all her heart and soul.



# A Rectory for St. John the Evangelist

Dear Parishioners,

On November 4 & 5, I announced a fundraising campaign to fund construction of a Rectory on our grounds for our 3 Priests and one retired Priest. Included here are depictions of the planned structure.

For some time, the question of a rectory has been raised in various parish forums. We currently own a very nice house that I occupy, an owned condominium and a rented apartment for our Priests. Maintenance and operating costs are increasing and there is

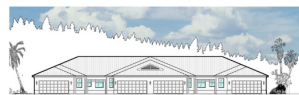
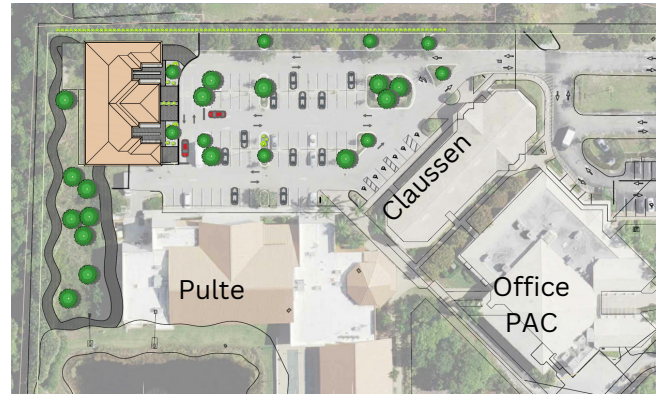
inefficiency in the frequent travel back and forth to the church. Additionally, area housing costs are high and retired Priests are increasingly priced out from being able to reside in the area and help us out.

As I have considered this, I also see the advantages of a Rectory in building cohesion in the Brotherhood of Priests. Simply getting together to share a meal is made complex by our different locations. A Rectory would enhance our priest's availability to one another and the parish. Once construction is complete we would exit and sell currently occupied residences. Our fundraising goal is \$2.5 million dollars.

I'm heartened by the support and energy of those involved to date in the planning process. Everyone has enthusiastically endorsed the concept including Bishop Dewane. I hope you too would get behind this project and consider supporting the effort with a contribution. I believe it will make us more effective, efficient and bring us closer together as we pursue our mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.

Contributions should be made to Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church – Rectory Campaign. Alternatively, **pledges can be made on a pledge card (available in the Narthex)** and paid by April 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Donnelly (Operations Manager – 228-3910), or Jim Culkar (Finance Council Chair – 254-9510).

In Christ,  
Father Tom



**St. John the Evangelist  
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# Music

Opening Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128 - Blessed are those who fear the Lord

Gifts: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Lamb of God: Christmas Carol Mass

Communion Hymns: What Child Is This, O Little Town of Bethlehem

Closing Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

## Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Verses

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,  
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,  
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye  
2. Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -  
2. God-head see! Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty! Pleased as  
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!  
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.



# Music

## Psalm 128 - Blessed are those who fear the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5



Bless-ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your  
handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored. R.

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of  
Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. R.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table. R.

Text: Refrain trans., *Lectioary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL; verses, *New American Bible*, © 1970, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine  
Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, 1998, GIA Publications, Inc.

## God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,



1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day
2. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
3. This day is born a Sav - ior Of Vir - gin pure and bright,
4. And with true love and char - i - ty Each oth - er now em - brace;



1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
2. How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
3. To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
4. This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Is filled with heav'n - ly grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; Trad. English Carol, 18th cent.  
Music: Trad. English Carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.

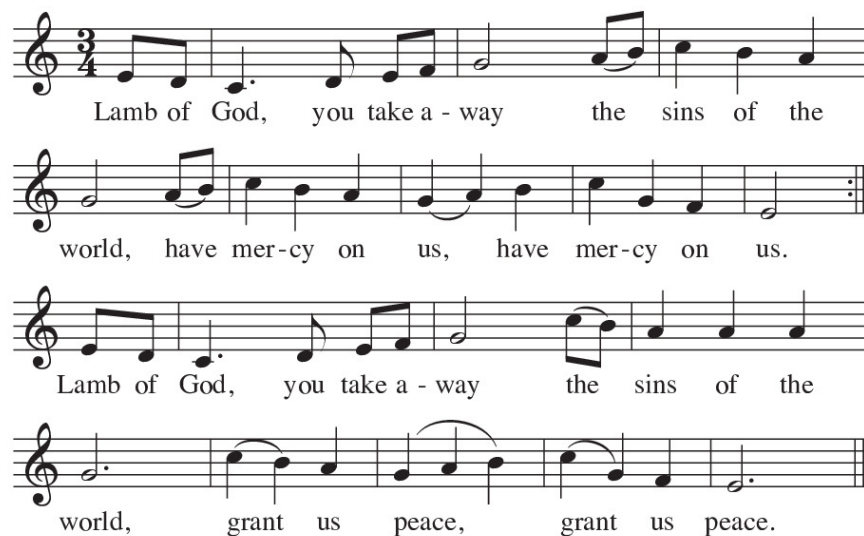
# Music

## Lamb of God: Christmas Carol Mass

THE FIRST NOWELL, English Carol  
Originally adapt.

Carroll Thomas Andrews, 1918–2014  
Adapt. John T. Kyler

From the Ordinary of the Mass

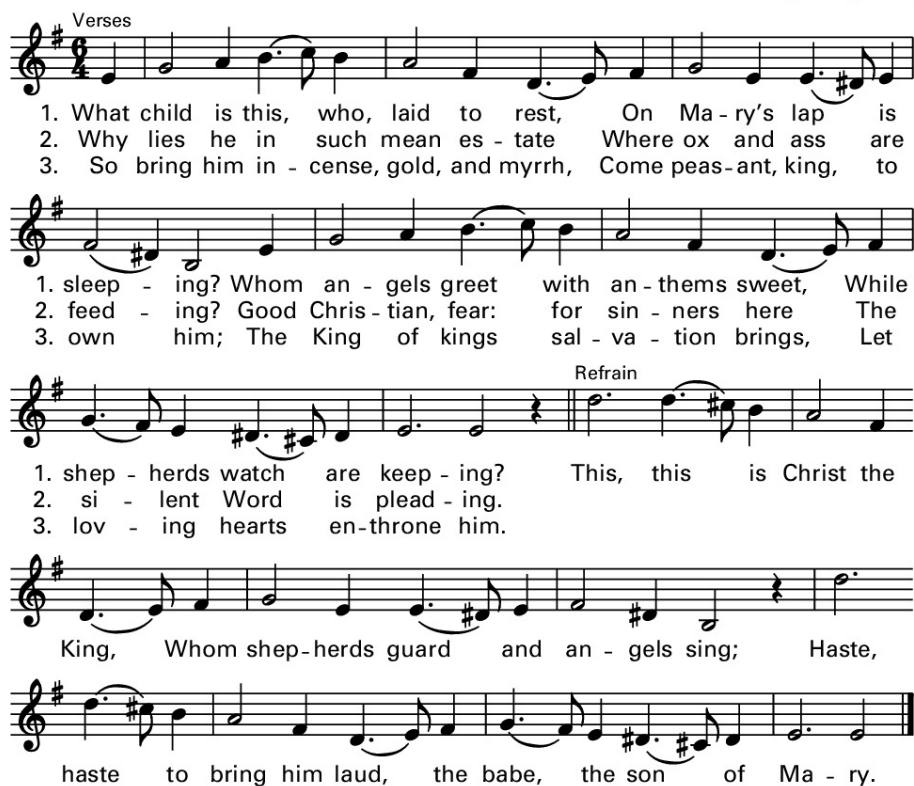


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES



Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to  
1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While  
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The  
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the  
2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.  
King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,  
haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; William C. Dix, 1827-1898. Music: English melody, 16th cent.

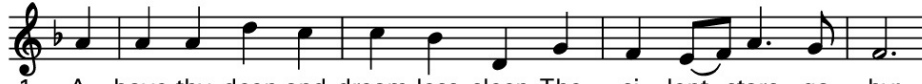
# Music

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire you heav'nly song.

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: Trad. French carol.

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# Respect Life

## Prayer Vigil Join our Respect Life Team



The St. John's Respect Life team will participate in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 1st Friday of every month 9am - 12. For info on our Prayer Vigil or to join our Respect Life team, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

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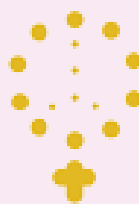
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- St. John Paul II



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### F A C T # 4

This proposed amendment could eliminate abortion clinic **safety regulations** putting women's health at risk.

*Women deserve better care!*

**DECLINE TO SIGN** the petition for this dangerous pro-abortion amendment!

Questions? Go to [dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife).

## PREGNANT?

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Explore your  
options and find the help  
you need here.



### These are the closest pregnancy help centers:

Community Pregnancy Clinic  
239-689-1543 Fort Myers  
239-262-6381 Naples

[www.communitypregnancyclinic.com](http://www.communitypregnancyclinic.com)

Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida  
239-990-8186 Fort Myers  
239-280-5523 Naples – [www.prcnaples.org](http://www.prcnaples.org)

Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center,  
Fort Myers 239-433-1929  
[www.pregnancyfortmyers.com](http://www.pregnancyfortmyers.com)

Immokalee Pregnancy Center, Immokalee  
239-657-2016 – [www.immokaleepregnancy.com](http://www.immokaleepregnancy.com)

# Faith Formation

## Happy New Year!

Our Faith Formation Team wishes you all a Happy New Year! Our Faith Formation regular sessions will resume on Sunday, January 7th. On Wednesday, January 3rd, we will have our First Reconciliation Meeting at 6:00PM. Please keep our 80 children in your prayers as they prepare for their First Reconciliation on January 17th.



## Thank you, St. John Parishioners!

### 17 Baskets Delivered to Teen Moms for Christmas!

We would like to thank our Parish Family for their support of contributions for our Teen Baskets for 17 local teens in the Naples TAPP (Teenagers as Parents) Program at Golden Gate High School. The mission of the program is to provide individualized education and support services for pregnant teenagers or teenage parents to graduate from high school. Because of your generosity, each teen mom received a large, wrapped basket filled with your donations, as well as a large bags full of diapers! Our facilities teams helped to deliver the baskets and the teen moms were very excited! Thank you also to our Sewing Ministry and Knitting and Crocheting ministry that made blankets and quilts for each of the teen moms. We are so grateful for your support!

## Get Ready to DIVE into Vacation Bible School this Summer!

### VBS SCUBA: Diving Into Friendship With God

Save the Dates:

June 3rd- 7th – 9:00-12:00PM

Registration Opens March 1st

Applications for Crew Leaders Coming Soon!



## This Week in Faith Formation

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024

6:00PM Parent Meeting First Reconciliation

Faith Formation Prek-8 Sessions resume Sunday, January 7th and  
Wednesday, January 10th



## Made for More

**save the date**

**Limited tickets available, get yours early!**

**Brought to you by St. John the Evangelist, St. William Parish & The Cor Project**



World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to **St. John the Evangelist** with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

For more information about the event, or to purchase your tickets today, go to: [tobinstitute.org/made-for-more/](http://tobinstitute.org/made-for-more/)

Tickets are also available for purchase in our Main Office during business hours. **Checks only** - made payable to THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE - \$25 per ticket

**For More Information: Natalie Campbell - [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com) - 239-566-8740 ext 3909**



CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE

# MADE FOR MORE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**  
7:00 - 9:30PM

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
[M4MNAPLES.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://M4MNAPLES.EVENTBRITE.COM)

# Adult Faith Formation

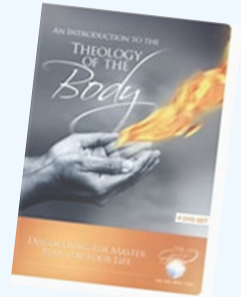
## Discovering God's Master Plan for Your Life

An 8-Week Study – Video Presentation by Christopher West and Study Facilitated by Fr. Nick Thompson

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life is an eight-part, four-hour study designed to give you a solid understanding of God's plan for humanity. It addresses the two most fundamental and universal questions:

1. What does it mean to be made human, male and female, in the image and likeness of God?
2. How can I live my life in a way that brings happiness and fulfillment?

This study is for every "body" who desires to reach his or her full potential in this life. For group or private study. Join Fr. Nick as he leads us through this study for 8 Thursdays beginning on January 4th, 9:30-11:00AM in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Center. Coffee and light refreshments. Optional Study Guide available for \$20 purchase- with video access included. Register at [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com).



## A MOST IMPORTANT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION with Dr. Brant Pitre: "Lectio Divina and Your (Spiritual) Life" - Facilitated by Dee Schwartz - January 4 & 11 at 3:30– 5:00 in the Claussen Center

Unite with your Soul Sisters and Brothers to bring in the New Year by learning and practicing together LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading). Each session presents a 25-minute video followed by discussion and a review of handouts and closes with LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading and Praying the Holy Scriptures). The reading will be the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading.

Pope Benedict XVI issued an impassioned plea for everyone in the Church to reap spiritual rewards by having "an ever-greater love for The Word of God", as "we must never forget that all authentic Christian spirituality is based on The Word of God proclaimed, accepted, meditated upon, lived, and celebrated in the Church". He said we must discover the spiritual meaning that God intends to communicate to us in Holy Scriptures.

The Pope's new Apostolic Exhortation, "Verbum Domini" (The Word of the Lord) is life eternal, life enriched, life healed, and life celebrated in Christ Jesus our Lord. Dei Verbum proclaims that, "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body".

## Upcoming : Save the date: Wednesday, January 10th: A Review of the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles with Dr. David Keys

The presentation will discuss and present ten different types of Eucharistic Miracles as seen in the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic miracles. Seven miracles will be discussed in detail. This presentation will take place in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Center from 9:30AM-11:00AM. Breakfast will be served in the Pulte Center Café following the 8:30AM Mass and before the presentation by Dr. Keys. Email [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com) to reserve your spot.



## Adult Faith Formation



**There are more than 300 million people, worldwide, that have viewed episodes of the widely acclaimed hit drama, *"The Chosen."***

This is a four- season series that is true to the gospel, but includes terrific dialogue and character portraits of the men and women that Jesus chose. We get a real sense of the daily life of the apostles, their struggles, and how their relationship with Jesus begins and blossoms. You will grow and appreciate their personalities. We will meet important characters like Mary Magdalene and Nicodemus as well as Roman administrators. You will understand the motivations and feelings of those men and women that Jesus cured by his miracles.

The Chosen will be presented every Wednesday morning, beginning January 17in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center. Start with attending Mass at 8:30am, walk to the Pulte Center right after Mass, and enjoy a wonderful hot breakfast, compliments of the parish. Somewhere around 9:30am, you can walk to the classroom with beverage in hand, if you wish, and watch the movie.

You may be interested to know that the actors in this movie are deeply religious. The actor who plays Jesus is a devout Catholic and daily communicant.

Each episode will last about one hour. Deacon John Sebastian will be your moderator and host. He will briefly introduce each episode and answer any questions you may have about the content.

This is a "do not miss" attraction. What a wonderful morning you will have! Mass, breakfast, and a great series. You do not need a reservation. Feel free to bring a friend. Season One Episode One of The Chosen begins Wednesday morning, January 17th -- See you then!

### **This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

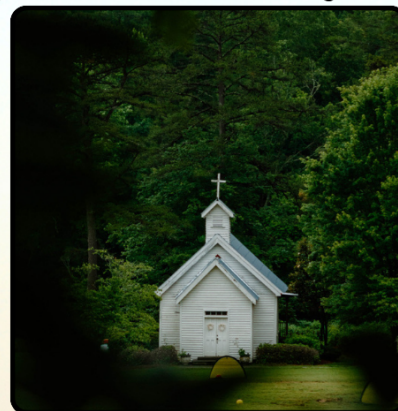
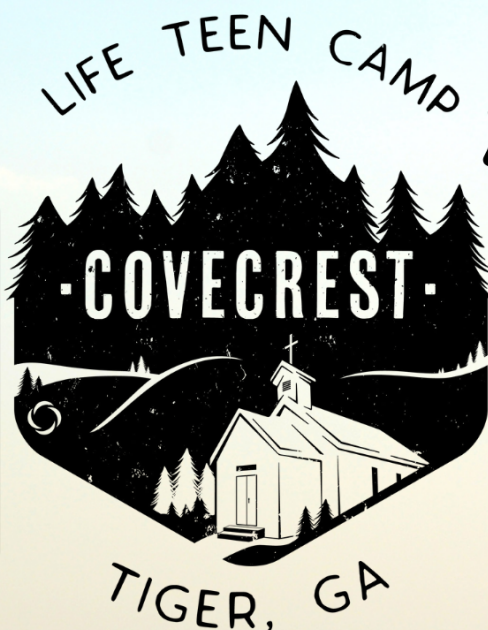
**Thursday, January 4th – Theology of the Body Study with Fr. Nick**  
9:30AM-11:00AM – Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center

**Thursday, January 4th – Lectio Divina and Your Spiritual Life- Dee Schwartz**  
3:30-5:00PM - Claussen Center



# Youth Ministry

*\*For High School students  
- from rising freshman to  
graduating seniors.*



**JUNE 24 - 29, 2024**



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## Youth Programs

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**1/11**

**1/18**

**1/25**

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**2/1**

**2/8**

**2/15**

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# 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.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

## 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!



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 December 24th bulletin, Carlo was on page 26 in the Made for More ad*

# Eucharistic Revival

## Miracle of the Week - Montserrat, Spain 1657

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

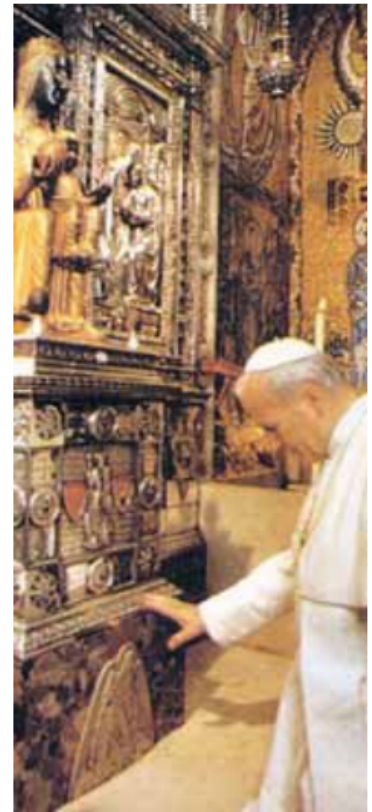
In 1657, the Most Reverend Father Don Bernardo de Ontevieros, general of the Benedictine order in Spain, and Abbot Don Millán de Mirando, ended up in the Monastery of Our Lady of Monteserrat in order to participate in some conferences. During one of the conferences, a woman and her young daughter showed up and the daughter began to beg the Abbot Millán de Mirando to celebrate three Masses in memory of her deceased father, whole-heartedly convinced that with these Masses the soul of her father would be freed from the pains of purgatory. The good abbot, moved to tears by the girl, began to celebrate the first Mass of suffering the next day, and the girl, who was present with her mother, confirmed seeing her father kneeling, surrounded by frightening flames, at the step of the main altar during the consecration. The priest and general dubious, asked the girl to put a tissue close to the flames that surrounded her father in order verify her story. Following their request, the girl put the tissue into the fire, which only she could see, and the tissue began to burn with a lively flame. During the second Mass the girl confirmed having seen her father dressed in a vibrantly colored suit standing next to the deacon. At the third Mass, the father appeared to his daughter dressed in a snow-white suit. As soon as the Mass ended the girl exclaimed, "There is my father going away and rising into the sky!" The girl then thanked the community of monks on behalf of her father as he had asked her to do. The Most Reverend general of the Benedictine order in Spain, the Bishop of Astorga and numerous citizens of the town were present.



Interior of the church where the miracle took place



The miraculous Madonna of Montserrat

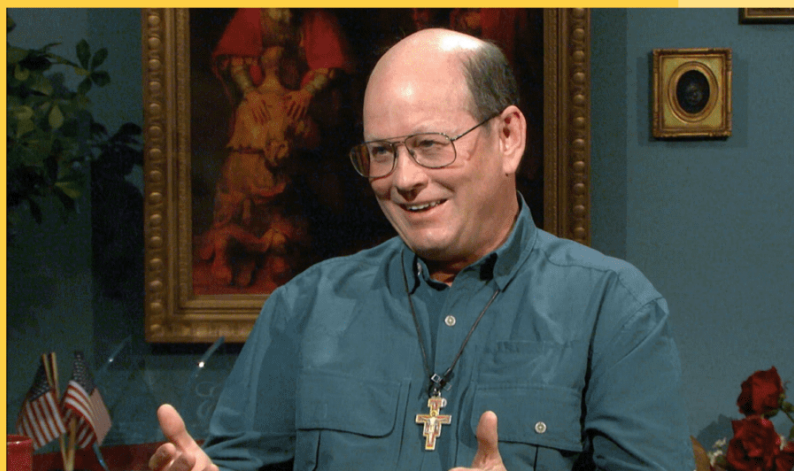


*The Eucharistic miracle of Montserrat brings us to reflect on the reality of purgatory and reminds us that every Mass has an infinite value because it makes the unique sacrifice of Christ suffering on Calvary present in our minds. This Eucharistic prodigy is reported by the Benedictine priest R.P. Francio de Paula Crusellas, in his text, New History of the Sanctuary and Monastery of Our Lady of Monteserrat*



# Eucharistic Conference

**March 16, 2024**



**Steven Ray, Keynote Speaker**

English and Spanish Sessions!

Bishop Verot High School  
5598 Sunrise Drive  
Fort Myers, Florida

QR Code to register!

For more information contact:  
Jim Gontis, 941-486-4754  
[gontis@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:gontis@dioceseofvenice.org)




**Bishop Frank J. Dewane**


## Around the Diocese

**Wedding Anniversary Mass** - All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: 11 a.m., Saturday, February 3 at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, and 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 24 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.

**Catholic Street Evangelization** - Interested in learning about Catholic Street Evangelization? If so, register now for the January 27 Saint Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) training at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Ave N, Naples. Registration deadline is January 23. SPSE is a response to the mandate of Jesus Christ to “preach the Gospel to all nations...” taking the Catholic Faith to the streets. The organization seeks to train others to witness effectively to the truth, beauty, and goodness of Jesus and His Church in the public square in a non-confrontational way. Saint Paul Street Evangelization is supported and encouraged by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. All Catholics who are 18 years of age and older are cordially invited to register. The daily Mass is at 8:00 a.m., and the workshops are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A “Live Lab” will follow. The cost is \$15 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please visit [dioceseofvenice.regfox.com](https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com) to register. For other questions, please contact Jim Gontis at [gontis@dioceseofvenice.com](mailto:gontis@dioceseofvenice.com).

**Save the Date - Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Program** - The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County invites all to the program “Jewish and Catholic Perspectives on Sin and Forgiveness,” at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 21, at the Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center, 4720 Pine Ridge Road, Naples. Father George Ratzmann, Pastor of St. William Parish in Naples, and Rabbi Mark Gross of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, will present their commentaries on the topic. Table discussions will follow the presentations and refreshments will be served. Please call 239-263-4205 to RSVP for this event.

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Roger Nutt, STL, STD


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Sr. Michaela Serpa, FSE, MA, PharmD, BCPS

The Role of the Medical Community in Service to the Sick and Dying in a Throwaway Culture  
Natalie King, MD, MA


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**Various Retreat Opportunities** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice, is open for several different retreat opportunities: 1) There are dates available for our Desert Day retreats, a one day overnight private retreat. 2) OLPH is offering single-day Youth Retreats for grades 6-12. 3) Dates are now available if you are interested in the 3-night, 5-night, or 7-night private, directed retreat schedule. To learn more or to register for a group or private retreat, please call 941-486-0233.

**Volunteers Needed** - Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., dedicated staff to help in the mission of serving all. There are many opportunities to volunteer in one of many different programs, located throughout Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier, Desoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties. Catholic Charities offers programs for infants, afterschool programs, the elderly, and much more. Join and make a difference. To learn more about amazing volunteer opportunities, please visit <https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/volunteer>.

## Events & Programs

# POLISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 3, 2024 4:00 - 9:00 P.M.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

**Tickets Now On Sale - Advance Tickets Only!**  
**Act Now - Event Sells Out Quickly!**

*Spend a Night Enjoying...*

- Authentic Polish Dinner - appetizer table, hot foods, including: golabki, pierogi, kielbasa, kraut, and full dessert table
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For tickets:

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ADULTS: \$65

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Tables of 10

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The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Groups **FEST**

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**6 - 9 PM** Gates open at 5:30 PM  
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Please bring your own chairs

Event will be moved inside if weather not permitting

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## Events & Programs



## Knights of Columbus **Baby Bottle Drive**



The Knights of Columbus are raising money to help build a Culture of Life in our community. We are planning to purchase an Ultrasound Machine for CPI (Community Pregnancy Clinics) and provide financial support to other Pro-Life organizations.

### **Here's how the Baby Bottle Drive works:**

- 1) Pick up a baby bottle after mass from the Knights this weekend.
- 2) Take the baby bottle home with you and fill it with coins, cash or a check made payable to "St. John's Council 11281". Write "Baby Bottle Drive" on the memo line.
- 3) Drop the baby bottle off with the Knights before mass next weekend, January 6/7.

**Please give what you can to support these great organizations!**



### *Adult Paint & Wine*

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-paint-night-northern-landscape-tickets-769167118557?aff=oddtcreator>



## ST. JOHN THE EUANGELIST

ROARING TWENTIES  
CASINO NIGHT & DINNER

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**MARCH 9, 2024**



**TICKETING INFORMATION AND MORE DETAILS  
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## Events & Programs



12TH ANNUAL  
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FOR AGING**  
*Symposiums*

**JANUARY 25**  
St. John the Evangelist  
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9am-3pm

**SIGN UP TODAY!  
SPACE IS LIMITED**

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Join us for the upcoming **2024 Seniors Blue Book Symposiums**. Our annual events are designed to provide *information, education* and *share community resources* focused on the process of aging gracefully and being Pro-Active vs Re-Active.



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*Pulte Family Life Center*



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**Trivia  
Night**

**Mondays  
@ 6:00 PM**

**Pulte Life Center Cafe**  
\*light snacks and beverages



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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The Pulte Family Life Center is looking for volunteers to help at our Front Desk. Duties include:  
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and assisting with programs.

Contact Jamie Ojala for more  
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**January 16  
January 30**

**BINGO**

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*at the Pulte Life Center Courts*

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**Gentlemen: Thursdays at 9:30 am**

# FITNESS

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## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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**\$300** PER PERSON  
NON-PARISHIONER

GUESTS ARE WELCOME. EACH GUEST MUST COMPLETE A WAIVER FORM. \$10/GUEST PER VISIT

INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN TRAININGS OR CLASSES MUST REGISTER AS A PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER MEMBER

TO BECOME A MEMBER, OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER OR CONTACT [JAMIE OJALA AT JAMIE@SJECC.COM](mailto:jamie.ojala@sjecc.com)

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**PLEASE COME & JOIN OUR TRIP PRESENTATION  
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YOU NEED TO RSVP FOR THE PRESENTATIONS**

### "All Are Welcome"

DATE	ITINERARY
Day 1: 15 Oct, 2024	DEPARTS THE USA
Day 2: 16 Oct, 2024	The Holy Haven of San Giovanni Rotondo
Day 3: 17 Oct, 2024	Walking in the Footsteps of Padre Pio
Day 4: 18 Oct, 2024	Trabocchi Coast & the Miracle of Lancia
Day 5: 19 Oct, 2024	Loreto and the Hallowed Path to Assisi
Day 6: 20 Oct, 2024	Assisi's Serenity and a Journey into the Wine Country
Day 7: 21 Oct, 2024	Norcia and the Allure of Spoleto
Day 8: 22 Oct, 2024	Rome's Revered History Unveiled
Day 9: 23 Oct, 2024	A Papal Audience and the Riches of the Vatican
Day 10: 24 Oct, 2024	Catacombs, Basilicas, and Castel Gandolfo
Day 11: 25 Oct, 2024	DEPARTURE DAY

#### OPTIONAL 3 NIGHT PRE AMALFI COAST EXTENTION

Day 1: 12 Oct, 2024	DEPART THE USA
Day 2: 13 Oct, 2024	Sorrento - A Coastal Marvel
Day 3: 14 Oct, 2024	Exploring the Charms of Amalfi and Ravello
Day 4: 15 Oct, 2024	Iconic Capri and Breathtaking Beauty
Day 5: 16 Oct, 2024	DEPARTURE Sorrento/San Giovanni Rotondo

#### OPTIONAL 3 NIGHT POST TUSCIA - LAZIO EXTENTION

Day 11: 25 Oct, 2024	Tuscia Tarquinia - Unveiling the Secrets of Etruria
Day 12: 26 Oct, 2024	Tracing History and Miracles of Lake Bolsena
Day 13: 27 Oct, 2024	Caprarola & Villa Lante - 16th Century Marvels
Day 14: 28 Oct, 2024	DEPART BACK TO THE USA.

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- Services of an English Speaking Tour Manager
- Guided tours, admissions and entrance fees
- Wine tastings, daily masses & experiences
- Breakfasts daily, 2 Lunches and 5 dinners
- Air Conditioned motor coaches
- All VAT, City and local taxes

**US\$ 4,595**  
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This spiritual sojourn takes you on a mesmerizing path with daily mass from the tranquil shores of San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio's miracles come to life, to the hallowed streets of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, a man deeply connected to nature and is an iconic Saint of the Catholic Church. Along the way, we'll trace the miraculous Eucharistic events of Lancia and uncover the wonders of Loreto and the eternal Madonna. We'll also immerse ourselves in the cultural treasures of Rome, visiting iconic sites like the Colosseum, Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel. Our pilgrimage culminates with the Major Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs and a special mass, and visit to Castel Gandolfo, the summer residence of the Pope.

#### Optional pre tour: AMALFI COAST Supplement of \$1,099 pp

Venture southwards to the picturesque Sorrento Peninsula, a region of enchanting beauty and rich culture. Discover the Costiera Amalfitana, a dramatic coastline that winds from Sorrento to Salerno, the landscape boasts majestic cliffs cascading into the crystal-clear Mediterranean waters, charming fishing villages nestled in small harbors.

#### Optional post tour: Tuscia - Lazio Supplement of \$999 pp

Journey to the Heart of Etruscan Civilization. "La Tuscia," the ancient name of this region, resides in the northern part of Lazio. Nestled between the captivating destinations of Tuscany and Rome, this is the cradle of the illustrious Etruscan civilization. Tracing History and Miracles by the Shores of Lake Bolsena, journey through 16th Century marvels exploring architectural wonders and enchanting gardens of the region.



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