# St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 16, 2024





#### 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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, 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)

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

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

Lead Sacristans: Lan Tran: lan@sjecc.com

Pollyanna Caddell-Vierling: pollyanna@sjecc.com Bookkeeper: Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com Memorial Garden: Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com Facilities: Jesus Arce: jesus@sjecc.com, Jim Calcaterra,

Nicky Champeon, Ivan Torres

Director of Programs & the PFLC: Jamie Ojala:

jamie@sjecc.com

#### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

**Director of Religious Education: Natalie** 

Campbell: natalie@sjecc.com

#### **Faith Formation Assistants:**

Melissa O'Brien: melissa@sjecc.com Carol Chorba: carol@sjecc.com

**Christian Initiation of Adults for those** who want to become Catholic: Natalie

Campbell: natalie@sjecc.com

CYO & Youth Ministry Director: Juliana

LoGiudice: juliana@sjecc.com

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

info@sjecc.com

Homebound ministry: Mary Ellen Metro: maryellen@sjecc.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

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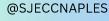


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www.facebook.com/sjeccnaples









https://sjecc.org/masslivestream/ or scan this QR code

## Sacraments, Memorial Garden, Gift Shop

#### 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 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.

#### MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE



We appreciate your continued understanding as we further our improvements in the Memorial Garden. Over the next couple of months, we will begin a project to clean, paint, and seal markers. We will also replace the fountain, which is not able to be repaired.

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.

# St. John's Gift Shop





We are pleased to offer Sacramental gifts, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, homemade gifts, home decor, children's gifts, and more! We also stock the renowned Trappist preserves made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. Located just inside the Church entrance, the Gift Shop is open Saturdays 2:30-6:15PM and Sundays 8:30AM-1:00PM





# Calendar and Weekly Readings

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, June 16

7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
11:00am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

#### Monday, June 17

8:30am Daily Mass (Church) 6:00pm Trivia (Pulte Cafe)

#### Tuesday, June 18

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

12:00pm Galations, Session 8 (Library)

#### Wednesday, June 19

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)

9:30am The Chosen (Nazareth)6:30pm Well Read Mom (Library)

#### Thursday, June 20

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:30am Faith Chat (Alexandria)
10:00am Well Read Mom (Library)
6:00pm Mary's Mantle (Library)

#### Friday, June 21

8:30am Daily Mass (Church

#### Saturday, June 22

7:00am TMIY (Pulte Cafe) 8:00am Daily Mass (Church) 3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church) 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)



#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2

Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-

42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt

5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-

18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-

34/Mt 6:24-34

# DIOCESE OF VENICE SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

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.

#### Giving

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

# DONATE THE EASY WAY

#### WITH ONLINE GIVING

Your weekly contributions to St. John the Evangelist help us in our continued efforts to bring Christ to our parishioners and the community and to make a difference in the lives of so many. Scan below to get started. If you need assistance, have questions, or need to make changes to an existing reoccurring donation, please call Karen Beebe 239.566.8740.



Scan Here

If you currently give online and would like to STOP receiving offertory envelopes, please contact Rachael Jensen in the Main Office: 239.566.8740 or rachael@sjecc.com

### **DONATION REMINDERS**

Please review the guidelines below to help streamline the counting process for our volunteers.

#### Offertory

Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope OT write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the Evangelist.** We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.

#### St. Vincent De Paul

Make check payable to St. Vincent de Paul

#### **Jamaica Outreach Program**

Make check payable to **JOP** 





# 2024 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Thank You Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to our CFA goal, which we reached this week! For those who have not yet donated, please prayerfully

consider giving. Money raised for CFA supports many important programs in our community, such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, and Vocations. And any amount over our goal (up to 125%) is returned to the Parish (unassessed) to help us with programs and operations.

#### 106.63% to Goal - 11.68% of Households Contributing

\$603,000 \$642,980

Goal Pledged

#### TO DONATE TO CFA:

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

#### **OFFERTORY**

**5/22/24-5/28/24** \$46,235.31

**5/29/24-6/4/24** \$53,743.70

**Total Households** 3494



#### Thank you, Fr. Nick

At the end of June, we will say goodbye to a wonderful priest, Fr. Nick. You were our Father, brother, friend, confidant - a piece of our strong, loving family.

You were a tireless worker for our parish family and community. You visited the homebound, the sick and dying in hospitals, hospice care, and nursing homes. You educated and supported our youth in our Faith Formation program and our schools. You loved supporting the Adult Faith Formation program, OCIA, and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for being there for many in their time of need and being part of celebrating our joys.

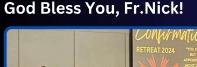


Fr. Nick has been appointed as the Administrator of St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota.

Join us for a special going away party for Fr. Nick in the Ballroom on Sunday, June 30th after the 11:00am Mass.



















Isaiah 40:31









#### **Eucharistic Revival**

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**

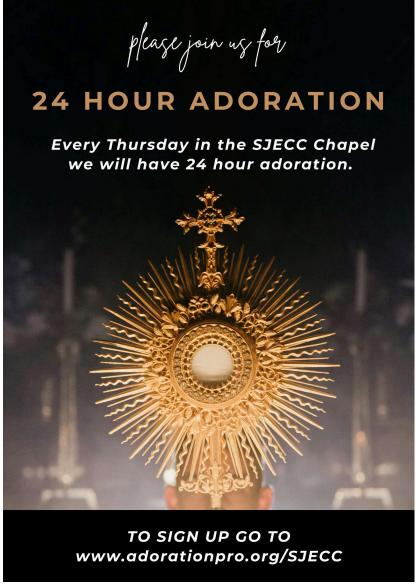
Active encouragement and facilitation for increased participation in Eucharistic Adoration by our parishioners.

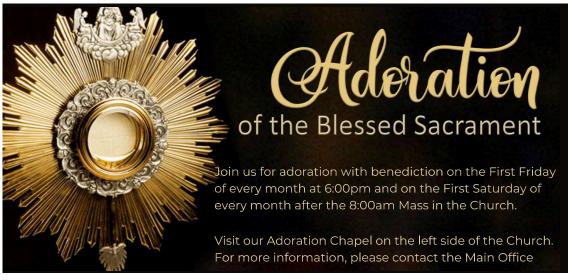
#### **Robust Faith Formation**

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.





Jesus has made
Himself the Bread
of Life to give us
life. Night and day,
He is there. If you
really want to grow
in love, come back
to the Eucharist,
come back to that
Adoration.

~Mother Teresa

## 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 Tuesday from 5:30 pm - 6:30pm n the Church. For more information, contact Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432 or visit our ad on the Respect Life page of this bulletin.

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

Grief Support - 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.

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 information, contact Jeanne Pittman: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus 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.

Knights of Columbus - Wheelchair Program. If you or someone you know are in need of a wheelchair, please contact Bill Fuller at 239-280-8870 or wfuller1@comcast.net

**Knitting & Crocheting**. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. https://stjohnknittersandcrocheters.wordpress.com/

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We 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 50 minutes before daily Mass begins. 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. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, welcome. Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867, sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. https://stjohnquilting.wordpress.com

Respect Life - We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. The team participates in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 1st Friday of every month 9am-12pm. For more info, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

**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 or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

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

**AA** Brian R. 732-735-7037 **Al-Anon** For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

#### Children & Youth Ministries

Altar Servers - 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

## Ministries and Groups

# The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

#### WE ARE ALL CALLED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, of Saint John the Evangelist parish, you are sharing help and hope with neighbors in need,

along with material aid like food and clothing, housing, rent and utility assistance, and more.

#### PLEASE DONATE TODAY





Saint John the Evangelist Members of the Society are inspired by Gospel values to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person

service to neighbors in need.

#### CONSIDER JOINING US





#### TAKE ACTION TODAY - WE HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

Contact Bob Westenberg, President of SVdP-St John the Evangelist Conference.

Email bwstjohn@svdpnaples.org

#### **Grief Support Ministry**

- 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 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.

# Special Volunteer Opportunity with Saint Vincent de Paul

The St. John the Evangelist chapter of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is seeking a Treasurer.

We seek an experienced Leader with accounting and spreadsheets skills, who is also patient and understanding of the needs of our caring aid to Neighbors process.

- 6-10 hours a week, flexible schedule.
- Checking account supervision and approval
- Maintain accounting documents and paperwork
- Some correspondence with Donors
- Attend two monthly meetings

Experienced, interested Volunteers should contact Bob Westenberg. President of the St John Conference, <a href="mailto:bwstjohn@svdpnaples.org">bwstjohn@svdpnaples.org</a>

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, June 15, 2024

8:00 AM Thomas J. Neville, Jr John and Monica Murphy

Requested By

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**Gail Wernes** 

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**Requested By** 

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM **Dolores Kernochan** Pauline Cataldo 5:00 PM Andy Sanfelippo Kay Sanfelippo

Sunday, June 16, 2024

SI For Our Parishioners 7:00 AM 9:00 AM + Frank LaBarbera Family of Frank LaBarbera

11:00 AM + Rachel Emanuel A Friend

1:00 PM Beverly Cornell and Rose Acquarulo + William Kilty

5:00 PM Barbara Parada The Standish Family

Monday, June 17, 2024

SI Fr. Simon Caldwell 8:30 AM Karla Capasso

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

8:30 AM + William Betancourt Joseph and Sandra De Jesus

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

8:30 AM John and Monica Murphy Robert Murphy

Thursday, June 20, 2024

8:30 AM George Ferdinand Lenora Ferdinand Requested By

Friday, June 21, 2024

Carol Gelfer 8:30 AM

Saturday, June 22, 2024

8:00 AM SI Fr. Dominic Castro Don and Janet Free

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM For Our Parishioners 5:00 PM Thomas Patrick Raby, Sr. Kathleen Raby

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Marcella 7:00 AM + The Souls in Purgatory 9:00 AM SI James Cattano and Family The Danilos 11:00 AM + Mary Joyce Bruet Family

1:00 PM Maryann Lagonigro Rosemary and Phillip Erickson 5:00 PM Nicholas and Rosalie Senatore Daughters Debbie and Jodie



## Prayer List

#### We pray that those on our prayer list find hope, healing, and health

Mary A. Nicholas Acquaviva Declan Aigner **Hugh Andrews** Josie Arpaia Jordan Ball Barbara Barber Agatha Barczynski Jennifer Basile Stephen Benisch Elizabeth Bennett Denise Bennett Julie Bentura Michael Bertsch Patricia Bleicher

Frank & Therese Brennan

Sara Boettcher

Romilda Bryden Charlotte Byron

Candice

**Bob Capicchioni** Frank Carillo Joseph D. Cellitti Richard Chibbaro Al and Lorraine Ciano Norma & Tom Collins

Merlyn Comeriato Linda Cook Frank Corselli Ellie Daniels George Deuchar Julie Dieter Donna DiMare

Jennifer Douglas-Joseph

Sarah Dovi Megan Ebert John Eddy Steven Edgerton

John and Monica Ellis Tiffany Fellenz Ashlynn Fieldler Denise Fisher Darlene Follese Ron Fongemie Peter & Phyllis Foti

Lester Fuller Barbara Fuller Kathy Gallucci Mary Jane Gibley Fr. Len Gioeli Lisa Granger

Sam & Ian Greenberg Maria Grisafi Frank Grzesk Gary Gwizdala Makayla Hall Gabriel Hanley Elaine Hill

Kelly Honsberger Marie Houston Kathy Hower Murray Hunkin

Deanne Hutchinson-Pinto

Deacon John Carolyn Kasischke

Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman

Robyne Keane Yvonne Keenan Dennis Killian Tracey Kirk Hannah Kirk Richard Kruger Elaine Kurland

Mary Langdon Ramona Langman

Alicia Laplant Myles Levy Nancy Loftus Danny Loggi Maryetta Loggi

Michelle Loggi Drew Loggi **Bob Lutz** 

Steve Machacek Karen Madigan

Ruth Martin Barbara McDonald

Wendy Mercer Orville Middendorf Tom Middlemiss

Fileen Miner Joyce Morrissey

Tom Nell

Barbara O'Leary Wyatt Olenn Michael O'Neill Peg Palen

Janina Pasadyn Carol Petrone Wiesia Petroske

Eric Parker

Tom Petroske Ray Pierce

Anthony Piermani

**Amy Pine** Sheila Pittman

Anna Polley Jose Ignacio Ramirez Trisha Reed

Maureen Reed

John Repice Julie Rownd

Martha Ryder Peggy O'Neil Saba

Steve Salinas Lisa Sanfelippo Steve Savory

Catherine Schmacht Makenzie Schutt

**Tony Schutt** 

Kathleen Sievert

**Bob Sims** Rosalie Slevin Joanne Smyth Antonio Sorrentino

Norma J. Spiggle Jeanne Stoll

Christopher Suki Kathleen Sullivan

Kate Sutton

Susan and Thomas

Sweeny

Kelli Jo Tenreiro Kathleen Trotter Lisa Marie Turner Raymond Vanasse Maria Elena Vassalotti

Jimmy Warren Callie Grace Watson Dana, Geneva & Greigh

Wells

Gabrielle Williams

Jimmy Wise Harry Witt Jessica Zacholl Joyce Zimmer

If you would like to add a name to either of our prayer lists or delete a name, please contact our Main Office 239.566.8740. Names will stay on our prayer list for a period of six months.

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

Joseph Fisch, Teresa Lozano, Richard Hetnarski

# Military Prayer List ===

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. We also give our sincere appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. Amen.

Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK

Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point

Sam Bradley, Marines Mark Burger, US Army Stephen Burger, US Army

Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary

Private David Clark

Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3

Adam Decker

Alexander Denha 1st Lt. Army Ranger, Ft. Bragg N.C.

Major Derek-Army National Guard

Nick Detloff

LT Andrew Douglas, United States Navy

SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army

Capt. Stephen English – US Army

Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF

SFC Lon Giancola

Matthew Gordon, US Navy

SSG Douglas Hennessy

2nd Lieutenant Daniel Huber, US Marines

Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy

Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce

Sophie Koeppl - 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

1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc, US Army

Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps

Daniel Petito – US Army

Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany

Captain Anthony James Raguso, US Marines

1st Lieutenant Robert W. Raleigh IV - US Marine Corps

Lt. Jill Rice, Commander in the US Navy

Lt. Joseph Rice, Commander in the US Navy

Clayton Rutz, US Army

Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army

Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division &

75th Infantry

Luke Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army

Ben Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army

Austin Spagnola

Lieutenant Jane Shelley- US Navy

First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC

LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans

Lt. Brendan Tourek - USN

Corporal Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps

Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait

Lance Corporal, Christopher Vandyck- US Marine

Corps

Andrew Wieland US Air Force

SFC Eugene Williams-US Army in Poland

Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

Austin Zicht - USAF



# Honoring Veterans



**HONORING ALL VETERANS** 

Saturday, June 22, 2024 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Ballroom

Help us celebrate our independence and honor the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who protect our liberty and freedom.



(Honorees:

Sergeant Robert Balas, Air Force 2nd Class Quartermaster Richard Cain, Coast Guard Lieutenant Colonel Bryan Odekirk, Army/Navy Specialist E-4 Steve Huff, Army Chief Master Sergeant E9 John Irvine, Air Force



Chicken Wings & Rib Dinner Dessert & Coffee, Cash Bar

Entertainment by Classic Juke Box

Presented by Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308

 $$40^{\rm per}_{\rm Guest}$ 

#### FOR FVFNT TICKFTS

Tickets available by contacting Don Free at 210-373-1645 or email: donsfree56@yahoo.com

Tickets also on sale beginning June 1st, after the St. John weekend masses.





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# Let's Hit The Water

Guest Speaker

Debra Frankel

FreedomWaters

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#### Location:

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#### **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.

#### **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 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 for Safety In Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger
over which we have no control:
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep
its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

# Readings for The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reading 1 Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

#### R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

#### R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

#### R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

#### R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

#### Reading 2 2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

#### Alleluia

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

#### He said,

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



#### Fr. Tom's Gospel Refelction

In Jesus' parable of the seed growing of itself what is stressed is the certainty of the harvest once the sower has done his job. It was meant to give encouragement to those early disciples who had become discouraged because little seemed to be happening. It was telling them to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. It is a very encouraging little parable.

Like those early disciples we too want results and we want them fast. We live in the age of the instant product. We have instant soup, instant tea... pretty well instant anything. We know that the quality suffers, but we are willing to sacrifice that for quick results and time and effort saved.

We forget that certain things cannot be rushed. To grow to maturity as a human being is the job of a lifetime. To build a good relationship with someone takes time. To get to know and understand one's children takes time. To overcome one's sins and weaknesses takes time. Our age could also be called the age of the push button. All we have to do is press a button or turn a switch and things happen.

Many of today's labor-saving devices are good. They take some of the monotony and drudgery out of life and work. But there is a danger in living in the world of the push button. The push button encourages the minimum effort, the least cost, the shortcut approach to everything. It may lure us into always seeking the easy option, even when there is no easy option - at least not if we want the genuine article. Why bother to visit that old or sick person if you can phone them?

Besides, the old problems remain in the age of the push button. There is the problem of bringing up one's children well. There is no magic switch for that. There is the problem of acquiring a skill. There is no button you can press that will make that happen painlessly. In other words, for some things there are no shortcuts.

In Jesus' story the farmer did his part - he sowed the seed. Things were now beyond his control. The one thing he wanted to see happen, namely, for the seed to grow, he couldn't do anything about. All he could do was wait in patience, humility and hope. These are not easy virtues. Yet life calls for these virtues. Some people think they must always be up and doing - as if everything depended on them. They are unable to take time out, to let things be, to trust, to be patient, to be humble, to wait. There is something we can do, and which God will not do for us. But that done, we have to acknowledge that we can't do everything. Spiritual development, and indeed human development, is a process. It will go on provided we do not resist it. In the great processes of growth, healing, recovery, and spiritual progress we are only facilitators. We can plant the seed, but we can't make it grow. God has to take over. It is God who gives the increase.

We should learn patience from watching nature. Things take time to grow. And they take time to ripen. Nature doesn't take shortcuts. All the seasons are needed.

We need all the seasons too. Nothing is wasted. Look at the example of Jesus. Before beginning his public ministry, he spent thirty years at Nazareth. To some it might seem a waste of valuable time. Nothing could be further from the truth. In his humanity he needed those years. During them he was growing quietly in the shadows.

The lovely little parable of the seed growing of itself shows us that there is an almighty power working for us. Our job is to sow the seed. Then God has to take over. And God does. Any farmer will tell you that. If we do the right thing, the harvest will come. But can we be patient, can we wait, can we trust?

#### 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.



Entrance Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92 - Lord it is good to give thanks to You.

Gifts: We Walk by Faith

Ordinary Time Mass Settings: People's Mass

Communion Hymns: The Lord is my Light, One Bread One Body

Closing Hymn: Faith of our Fathers



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#### Lord it is Good to Give Thanks to You



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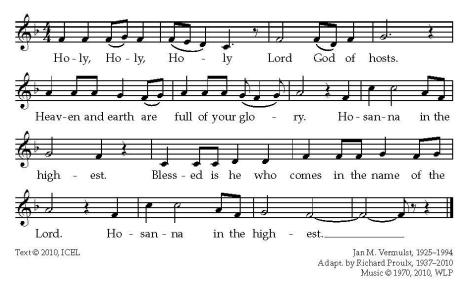
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#### Holy, Holy, Holy



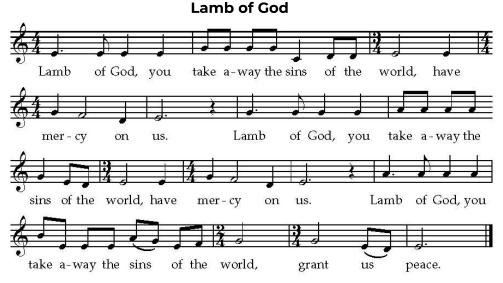
#### **Memorial Acclamation**



#### **Great Amen**



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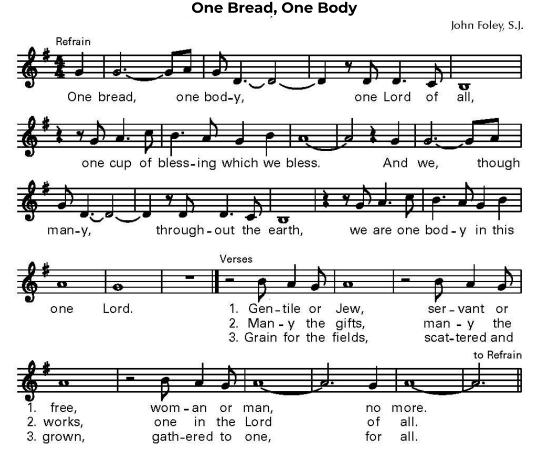


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## Music for the Sunday Mass at 5:00pm

#### The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord She is His new creation By water and the Word From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died

Elect from every nation Yet one o'er all the earth Her charter of salvation One Lord one faith one birth One holy name she blesses Partakes one holy food And to one hope she presses With every grace endued

#### **New Wine**

In the crushing in the pressing You are making new wine In the soil I now surrender You are breaking new ground

Pre-Chorus: So I yield to You and to Your careful hand. When I trust You I don't need to understand

Chorus: Make me Your vessel Make me an offering Make me whatever You want me to be I came here with nothing But all You have given me Jesus bring new wine out of me

#### O Lord I Am Not Worthy

O Lord I am not worthy That Thou shouldst come to me But speak the word of comfort My spirit healed shall be

And humbly I'll receive Thee The bridegroom of my soul No more by sin to grieve Thee Or fly Thy sweet control

Eternal Holy Spirit Unworthy though I be Prepare me to receive Him And trust the Word to me

Increase my faith dear Jesus In Thy real presence here And make me feel most deeply That Thou to me art near

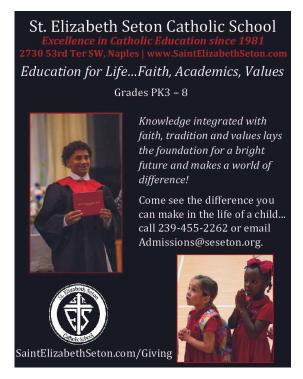
#### For the Beauty of the Earth

Chorus: Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the beauty of the earth For the glory of the skies For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night Hill and vale and tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of ear and eye For the heart and mind's delight For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight



#### Faith Formation





Faith Formation calendars for the 2024-2025 school year are now online.

We are pleased to announce that our new online registration process is open.

On our website: sjecc.org under "Faith Formation/Youth Faith Formation"



# A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to
do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ
our rock and defender.
Amen.

## Respect Life



#### What We Believe

We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

# Join our Respect Life Team & Prayer Vigil

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, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432. Join our Respect Life team at our next monthly meeting, the 1st Monday of the month at 10:30 am in the Pulte Center.

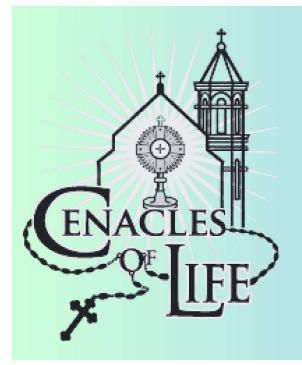


Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard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

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into

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

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!



# Join us in prayer

The Cenacle is an opportunity to pray for the conversion of our American family in support of protecting the human rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We do this as a community in the presence of our Lord, present in the Tabernacle, with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and other traditional Catholic prayers.

The Cenacle meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm in the Main Sanctuary For additional information, contact us at 239.250.0432 or relife@aol.com

# A Message from Bishop Dewane



#### FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT EXPLAINED

Why Floridians Should Vote NO on Amendment 4

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine UNREGULATED ABORTION in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **MOST PRO-ABORTION** states in the nation. The amendment language is MISLEADING, and its proposed outcomes are DANGEROUS.

#### **WHAT IT SAYS**

#### **BALLOT SUMMARY** No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion

before viability

or when necessary to protect the patient's health,

as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or quardian before a minor has an abortion.

#### **WHAT IT DOES**

#### **PUTS WOMEN AT RISK**

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support. including health and safety laws that protect women.

#### ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS

Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

#### CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

#### WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT

"Healthcare providers" - not just physicians - could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

#### **ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT**

While preserving parental *notification* in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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#### Adult Faith Formation



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 in 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.

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.

We resume this week with Season, 3, Episode 4



#### CATHOLIC COMMENTARY ON THE CHOSEN

Join Dr. Barber and Dr. Hefelfinger as they unpack the Catholic and scriptural roots of each episode of THE CHOSEN highlighting the ways the series brings biblical events to life. View with our FREE Parish Subscription to FORMED.org. Search for St. John the Evangelist by using our zipcode 34108. Enjoy!

#### **FAITH CHAT BIBLE STUDY**

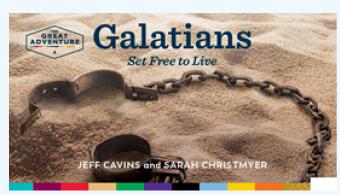
Faith Chat will begin studying the Book of John (using the Ignatius Study Bible as our guide) on April 18 at 9:30am in the Claussen Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Janis Bolbrock: janis\_bolbrock@msn.com



#### Adult Faith Formation

#### GALATIANS: SET FREE TO LIVE - 8-WEEK BIBLE STUDY FACILITATED BY SUE HAMILTON TUESDAYS 12:00-1:30PM

#### STILL TIME TO JOIN



Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice. In Galatians, we learn what it means to have this filial relationship with God the Father, how he honors us as His children, and how we must honor him as our loving Father.

St. John the Evangelist will begin the eight-week Bible study Galatians: Set Free to Live on Tuesdays at 12:00-1:30PM. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Please register in advance for this study at <u>AFF@sjecc.com</u> Optional Study Guide available for \$30.00 for sale in the Parish Office. This group meets on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:30PM in the **Library of the Claussen Center.** Walk-Ins welcome at any point in the study.

#### This Week in Adult Faith Formation

#### Tuesday, June 18th

Galatians- Session 8- Library of the Claussen Center - 12:00-1:30PM

#### Wednesday, June 19th

THE CHOSEN – 9:30-10:45AM Nazareth Room – Season 3, Episode 4.

#### Wednesday, June 19th

ONG AND ONGOING WELL READ MOM - 6:30-8:00PM- Library - "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" by Annie Dillard

#### Thursday, June 20th

FAITH CHAT- 9:30AM-11:00AM- Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

#### Thursday, June 20th

WELL READ MOM – 10:00-11:30AM- Library – "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" by Annie Dillard



Jean Kechejian is stepping down as the Coordinator of St. John the Evangelist's OCIA ministry. We are most grateful to Jean for her love and dedication to OCIA. Jean brought with her a wealth of knowledge, compassion, and experience to the ministry, accompanying so many into the Catholic faith. We are blessed and honored to have had her serve with us. Thank you, Jean!

## Meet Chiara Luce Badano

# Meet our new "Find & Pray" Friend





In 1971, after praying and hoping for a baby for more than 10 years, Ruggero and Teresa Badano of Sassello, Italy, welcomed a little girl whom they named Chiara.

Even at the age of four, Chiara seemed aware of the needs of others. She would sort through her toys to give some to poor children, and she would never give away just the old or broken ones. She invited less-fortunate people into the family's home for holidays and visited the elderly at a retirement center. When other children were sick and confined to bed, Chiara visited them. She loved the stories of the Gospel and loved to attend Mass.

When she was 9, Chiara became involved with the Focolare movement and its branch for young people. Focolare emphasizes brotherhood and unity among all people.

Chiara was very popular. She had a lot of friends, she played sports, and she loved to sing and dance. But when asked, she said she did not try to bring Jesus to her friends with words. She tried to bring Jesus to them with her example and how she lived her life.

When she was 17, Chiara learned she had a very serious form of bone cancer. Treatments were painful and unsuccessful. She became paralyzed. One day someone asked her if she hoped to walk again, and her answer was no. When she suffered, she felt closer to Jesus. She even refused to take pain medication that would make her too sleepy to continue to live her life.

Despite her illness and being confined to bed, Chiara wrote letters and sent messages to others. She attended Focolare youth meetings. She inspired everyone who she encountered with her faith and love for others. She gave all her savings to a friend who was becoming a missionary in Africa. When her life was nearly at an end, she said, "I have nothing left, but I still have my heart, and with that I can always love."

Chiara died in 1990. Within nine years, the bishop of her diocese began the work on her cause for canonization. Pope Benedict XVI declared her "Blessed" in 2010. "Only Love with a capital L gives true happiness," and that's what Chiara showed her family, her friends and her fellow members of the Focolare movement, the pope said.

She was a normal, everyday girl, and possibly a normal, everyday saint. Chiara's brief life showed us how much one person can accomplish in God's name.

#### Meet Chiara Luce Badano

Chiara was just an average teenage girl who lived from 1971-1990. The exceptional thing about her was her deep love for God and how massively it transformed her. She is a wonderful example of how even though faith and relationship with God doesn't stop suffering, it does bring joy into all aspects of life, even those which we hope never to have to experience.

#### **FIND CHIARA**

Each week in the bulletin, the illustrated version of Blessed Chiara Luce Badano will be hidden. When you locate her, say a prayer for her canonization. Learn more about her selfless life. She truly is an amazing example for all of us.



# PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CHIARA LUCE BADANO

O Father, fount of every good, we give You thanks for the wonderful testimony of Blessed Chiara Badano. Filled with the Holy Spirit, and guided by the radiant light of Jesus, she believed firmly in Your infinite love and wished to return it with all her strength, surrendering herself in complete trust to Your paternal will. We humbly beseech You that You may also grant us the gift to live with You and for You, and ask You, if it be Your will, for the grace... through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **MEET THE ARTIST**

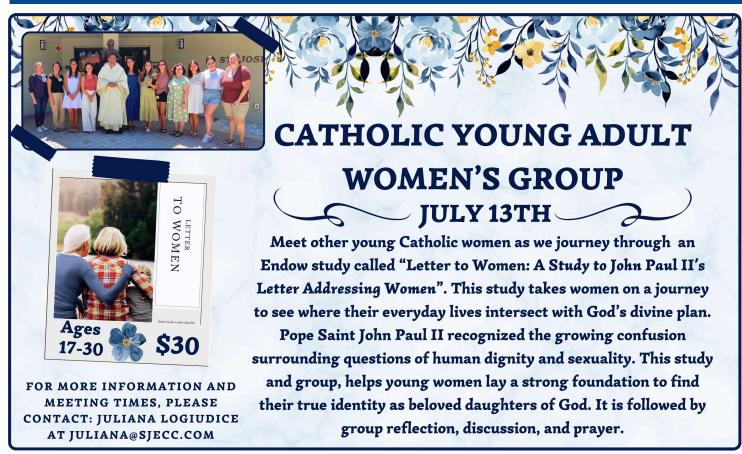
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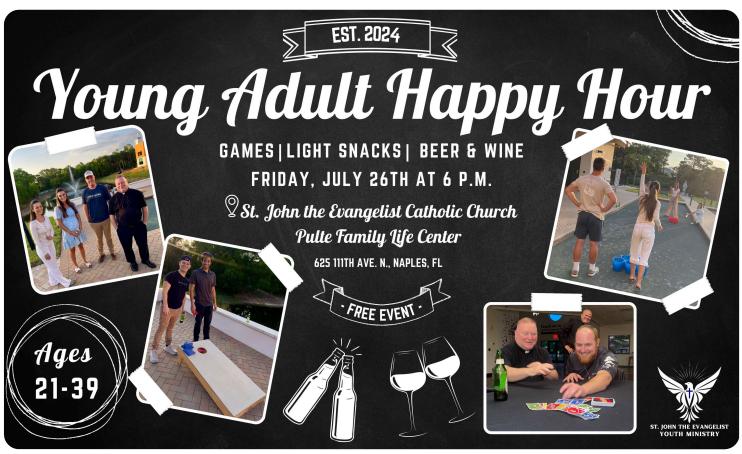
Facebook: <u>UpliftingcolorsKC</u> Etsy Shop: <u>UpliftingColorsShop</u> "I have nothing left but I still have my heart and with that, I can always love."

-Blessed Chiara Luce Badano



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# Events & Programs











# FLYING SOLO & DIVINE CONNECTIONS

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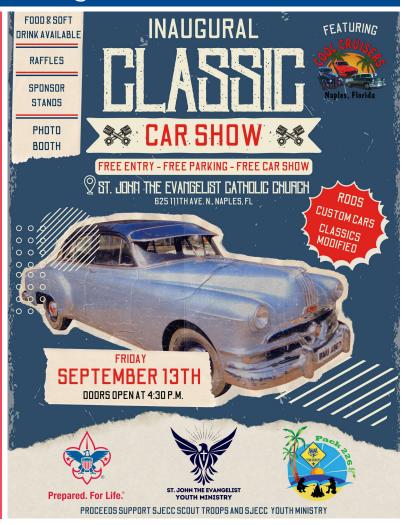
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# SAVE THE DATE Polish Dinner Dance February 22, 2025

## **Events & Programs**







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Join St. John the Evangelist for a supercalifragilistic expialidocious

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Wednesday, August 7 Bus leaves from the Pulte Center at 10:00am or you can drive yourself

\*\*a <u>very</u> limited number of seats are available on the SJECC bus.

Please add bus tickets to your order at check-out\*\*

11:30-lunch at the theater 1:00-showtime

\$60.00/adult (includes lunch and show) \$30.00/child (includes lunch and show)

# Pulte Family Life Center

# ESS ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PLILTE FAMILY LIFE. PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER MEMBERSHIP







INVEST IN YOURSELF & ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH A PULTE GYM MEMBERSHIP

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS\*:

\$250 PER FAMILY PARISHIONER

\$500 PER FAMILY NON-PARISHIONER

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS:** 

\$150 PER PERSON PARISHIONER

\$300 PER PERSON NON-PARISHIONER

\*UP TO 6 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD. \$25 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER.

TO BECOME A MEMBER, OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER OR CONTACT JAMIE OJALA AT JAMIE@SJECC.COM