

February 23, 2014
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Ministry Parade March 1-2;
Ministry Fair March 9**



Saint John the Evangelist is blessed to have over 50 ministries of dedicated volunteers providing a vast spectrum of services to the parish and our community. These ministries embody our new Vision: **To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in his church and our community.**

If you are interested in learning more about these ministries, representatives will parade their banners during the Masses the weekend of March 1 and 2 to illustrate their commitment to our parish. Additionally, these ministries will be on-hand during the Ministry Fair on March 9 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the PLC Ballroom. Please stop by to ask any questions you might have and sign up with any that engage your aspiration to serve.

photos (from last's year parade) by Tom Middlemiss, EventPixer.com



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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. – Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions	Requested by
February 22, 2014 Saturday	
8:00 AM + Joseph Murphy	Ellen Hooper
Sunday Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM + Janice A. O'Connor	Douglas O'Connor
5:00 PM + Mary Frances O'Donnell	F.A. & Registrar
February 23, 2014 Sunday	
7:00 AM + David DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM + Franco & Giovanni Catalano	Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Carpentieri & Barbaro Family	Gaspere & Phillis Barbaro
5:00 PM + John C. Miller	Reimeri Family
February 24, 2014 Monday	
8:00 AM + Thomas Murphy	Ellen Hooper
9:00 AM + Gaetano Cocozza	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Guido
February 25, 2014 Tuesday	
8:00 AM + Mary Ann Shekadeh	Rita & Don Pasternak
9:00 AM + Peter Roder	Carol Daly & Family
February 26, 2014 Wednesday	
8:00 AM + Nicholas Tedeschi	William Murphy
9:00 AM + Doris Weiner	John & Maureen Wurtz
February 27, 2014 Thursday	
8:00 AM + Dennis Noone	Anne & Mike Colleary
9:00 AM + William Byrne	Marianne Byrne
February 28, 2014 Friday	
8:00 AM + Sharon Ann Sama	Parents
9:00 AM + Cliff Dickens	Ann Marie
March 1, 2014 Saturday	
8:00 AM + Frank Brinkman	Jan Brinkman
Sunday Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM + Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D'Addario	Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM + Anita Anderson	Tom & Lisa Godlasky
March 2, 2014 Sunday	
7:00 AM + Nick DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM + Vito & Franco Nardulli	Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Donna Powers	Ellen Hooper
5:00 PM + Carter Childs	Paul & Mary Wondrasch
<i>Altar Flowers in Memory of James Underwood</i>	

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 22, 2014
 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday Vigil Mass
 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Sunday, February 23, 2014
 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 24, 2014
 Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25, 2014
 Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
 Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27, 2014
 Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 28, 2014
 Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1, 2014
 Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
 Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday Vigil Mass
 Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday, March 2, 2014
 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Friday, February 28 10:00 AM
 at Harbor Memory Care
 + Mary Smith req. by Peter & Jay

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.
 Contact the office: 566.8740

MASS INTENTIONS...

Hymns for Sunday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time, February 22 & 23

Readings:	699	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	402	We Gather Together
Preparation Hymn:	page 12 in the bulletin	In This Place
Communion Hymn:	265	Take and Eat
	491	We Have Been Told
Closing Hymn:	523	They'll Know We Are Christians

Choral Anthems at the 9:00 & 11:15 Masses

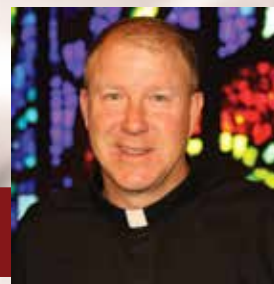
Before the Mass	Cry Out and Shout	<i>Knut Nystedt</i>
Communion	Bread of Heaven	<i>David Ashley White</i>

parish mission

Encountering Christ: Responding to God's Call to Holiness

with **Rev. James Spahn**

*Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic Church, Northglenn, CO*



March 10 - 12

Focus: Call to Holiness

- as found in Scripture
- as found in the Church's teaching
- how the Lord calls us to conversion and holiness
- how we are all called to be saints

Morning Sessions
after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and
Evening Sessions
at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. James Spahn will preach at all weekend Masses March 8 and 9.

Rev. James Spahn was born in 1964 in Denver, CO. He attended CSU in Ft. Collins with an interest in animal research and conservation. Later, after having felt called to the priesthood, he attended Conception Seminary in Missouri for his philosophical studies. The path to the priesthood continued with theological studies in Denver at St. Thomas Seminary. He completed his studies at the Pontifical Josephinum in Columbus, OH where he earned two masters degrees in theology — a Masters of Divinity degree and a Masters of Theology in Biblical Studies. He was ordained 15 years ago.

His first parish assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial, CO. As pastor, he served the parishes of Our Lady of the Valley in Windsor and St. Mary in Ault. He became pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Northglenn, CO in June, 2013.

Rev. James Spahn has a great love for children and has expressed a particular joy in visiting with the children after each Sunday Mass. His personal interests include: fly-fishing, hiking, mountain biking, golf and scuba diving.

"Fr. James Spahn is very energetic using a young preaching style to show how close Jesus is to us in our everyday life." — Fr. Jim

All parishioners are invited to attend the Parish Mission.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Panicia	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:15 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

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Margie Lynch: 228.3909

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Call the Office: 566.8740
email staff members at:
info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit all ordinary time submission requests by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **10 days prior** to the Sunday publication you are requesting. You can **e-mail:** kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com or drop your submission off in the parish office.

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2014.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 2014 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

PARISH VISION

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God
in his church and our community*

PARISH INFORMATION...

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ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, February 24: Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 13 (12): 6*
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (9a) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 9: 2-3*

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Tuesday, February 25: Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 13 (12): 6*
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (23a) Throw your cares on the Lord, and he will support you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 11: 27*

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Wednesday, February 26: Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 13 (12): 6*
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (Matthew 5:3) Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 9: 2-3*

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Thursday, February 27: Thursday of the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 13 (12): 6*
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (Matthew 5:3) Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 11: 27*

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Friday, February 28: Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 13 (12): 6*
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 9: 2-3*

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Saturday, March 1: Saturday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 13 (12): 6*
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (2a) Let my prayer come like incense before you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 11: 27*

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 5 will be:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Daily Masses will be:

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and Noon (no Noon mass on Tuesday, March 11)

Saturday Morning Masses will be:

8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be:

Fridays following Noon Mass and at 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, Prayer Around the Cross will include Veneration of the Cross.

Reconciliation:

Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service:

Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week:

April 13 ~ Palm Sunday

April 17 ~ Holy Thursday

April 18 ~ Good Friday, Prayer

April 19 ~ Blessing of the Easter baskets; Easter Vigil

April 20 ~ Easter Sunday

April 27 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

More specific celebrations and times will be published in a later bulletin.

#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#ToKnow – Transparency

St. John has welcomed the new concept of Family Mission with open arms and I want to thank all of you who have commented to me about the opportunity to engage the full lifecycle of youth and family as a cohesive program. Our parish is blazing a path for our faith to shake off the “punch-card” mentality that can cause Catholicism to be de-prioritized and instead make it a central focus of love and joy in people’s lives.

As part of the effort to create the Family Mission, each of us has the chance to provide their voice in the priorities, programs, and foci that will define it. Each week, this area of the bulletin, as well as persistent postings on our website, will be dedicated to informing, and even more importantly, soliciting details on the Family Mission. There will be full transparency in this development process and I welcome all your perspectives.

#ToLove – Families in Christ, Ministry Fair, and Family Picnic

This coming Wednesday, February 26, is the next Families in Christ, supported by the amazing sisters of Saint John Neumann High School. Please join us for tasty food and educational lessons for children aged 2 to 99.

#FamilyMission

by Jean-Paul Boucher
Director, Family Mission
& Communications

jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com



Additionally, I am very excited to see all the parishioners on March 9 at the Ministry Fair and Family Picnic from Noon to 3:00 p.m. This joint event includes fun games for the kids, a dunk tank I have been told Scott will be perched in for the adults, and delicious food. It will also provide the venue for everyone to learn more about the over 50 ministries dedicated to service in our parish and larger community. Mark your calendar so you can learn more about how you can be engaged in our parish.

#ToServe – Diakonia

Diakonia is a Christian theological term from Greek that encompasses the call to serve the poor and oppressed. This term will be used throughout Lent and for all our future efforts to support individuals that, as the Pope has stated, live in “material destitution”. Working with Saint Matthews House, Saint John the Evangelist will be providing direct relief to the homeless right in our own backyard. More details will be given soon.

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST

24th ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

Friday, March 21, 2014 • 5 P.M. Mass
Followed By Dinner/Dance and St. Joseph’s Altar

Traditional St. Joseph Feast Italian Dinner

Catered by Frisco’s

Soup and Salad Course, Entree and Dessert
Beer, Wine and Soda 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT: “Greg & Claudia”

All Tickets \$40.00 per person

To Purchase Tickets:

- via saintjohntheevangelist.com website – “NEWS” section
- on sale in February and March after Masses, or
- contact Bill Warvel wwarvel@aol.com; 239.331.7151



Knights of Columbus Council # 11281



Celebrant/Homilist: Very
Rev. Fausto Stampiglia,
S.A.C., S.T.D., V.F.

(Tables of 8 available)



Breads and Altar
Offerings/Blessing
“la tavola di San Giuse”



Procession to PLC

Family Fun and Ministry Day

Sunday, March 9 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Meet with representatives from the Ministries and enjoy a family fun-filled afternoon.

Event will be held in the courtyard, ballroom and back fields near the Claussen Center.

If you are a retiree, single parent or the parents of a family of 12, We want you in attendance!



Something for Everyone!

- bounce houses and obstacle courses
- a dunk tank
- a climbing wall
- numerous crafts
- a balloon toss
- potato sack races
- a cake walk
- and many more activities
- a clown and a juggler who fabricates balloon characters
- live entertainment outside

Food and More Food!

- a full picnic fare complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese
- snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn
- Beer and wine

Food Service hosted by the St. John's Men's Club.

ABSOLUTELY FREE, but you must RSVP by March 5.

Family Fun and Ministry Day RSVP

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or drop off in the parish office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Family Name _____

Number in family attending _____ Phone Number _____

Ages of children attending _____



Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher
jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740

Eucharistic Ministry

Nace Baier EMMinistry@
saintjohntheevangelist.com

Homebound

Call the Office 566.8740

Greeters & Ushers:

John Smith 598.2306

Jamaica Mission:

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Victor Yopez 290.9090

Youth Lectors Bill Janes
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Family Mass Lectors Tricia
and Scott Schwarz
566-8740, ext. 3902; email:
tricia@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Parish Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Offers adult education programming for continued growth in our faith through such activities as retreats, Bible & Catechism studies, lectures, seminars, social action opportunities and workshops. Margie Lynch: 228.3909; margie@saintjohntheevangelist.com

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. March 20 Speaker: John Killinger, Ph.D. Pastor

AA. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion; all in PLC. Carol: 804.306.5323

Ala-Teen. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Virginia: 597.7687

Bible Story Time. Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m., in PLC preschool classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m. in the Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and retelling of the Scriptures. Join us in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us. Victor: 290.9090

Choirs:**Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 495.9741

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 p.m.

The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop on Sunday contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

Faith Chat. Wednesdays at 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. in Library. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 3 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 732.5979

Grief Support. Sessions will run for seven weeks beginning February 18 at 10 a.m. in room 1 of the Claussen Center. Dee: 594.7193

Job Skills Search & Support. Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are third Tuesday of every month at Noon in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Bill Wright FN 593.5965

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

Ladies of Charity. Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Dianne Pesce at 630.571.0707. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

Mah Jong. Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m.. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 348.1828

Gospel Forum. Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Narcotics Anonymous. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m. PLC.

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support and encourage one another through the joys and struggles of life, work and motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 407.615.9017 or mjr.oram@gmail.com

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 1 of the PLC. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 239.514.0410

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays in the PLC after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667

Sing-A-Long. Tuesday, March 4 at Harbor Chase of Naples - at 2 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We pray in the Church every morning except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. *(We have printed guides with the prayers.)*

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., in the Adoration Chapel. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	Recon (Afghanistan)
CSM Paul Bianco U.S. Army,(Afghanistan)	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army,(Afghanistan)	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Houng Tran U.S. Army
S. Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN) Co. Glenn Yeck U.S. Navy (Afghanistan)

Divine Will Prayer Group

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 6 p.m. in Room 15 Claussen Center. Following the morning

Mass, every Wednesday, Wednesday Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library.

Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

Prayer group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in cry room. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Deacon Al	D.F.F	Lindsay Levery	Michael Scheidemann
Marie Amont	Claire Febrezio	Becky Locke	Cathy Schloendorn
Jim Amont	Taelor Fiedler	Catherine Lombardo	Joanne Scimone
Jacob Andrew	Tiffany Fiedler	Alex Magiera	Douglas Scott
Michael Arnold	Troy Feidler	Mary Jo Magner	Mary Seeger
Bev Basler	Thomas O. Flood	Ann & Ray Maniuszko	Carol Seiffert
Molly Bayer	Jim Follese	Anne McCarthy	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Margie Benefico	Sophia Forrester	Michael McCormack	Teresa Shengulet
Barbara Berg	Stephen Gibson	Carolyn McDonald	Sue Shepherd
Gloria Bergeron	Dick Goepel	McKee Family	Karen Shin
Linda Berry	James Gullilan	Brenda McLaughlin	John Skoviak
Mary Bessner	Diana Gust	Dodd Millard	Jean Smith
Lucretia Biasi	Barbara Hanson	Jim Moran	Jeff Smith
Marge Bond	Frank Harris	Ed Moriarity	Winnie Smith
Vicki Brenner	Raymond and Virginia Hartwick	Mary Ann Myslewiec	Inga Sovia
Brooks Family	Peter Heaney	Mark Nichols	Kathy & David Struble
Frank Caccavo Jr.	Jerry Heyen	Peter Nicoletta	Pat Sutter
Lois Caprata	Chad Hickman	Ed O'Brien	Joanmarie Switalski
Joe Carpino	H.J.	David and Helose Ogilvie	Tara & Family
Robert Carnevale	Henry Hobaila & Family	Stephanie Ogilvie	Rita Taranto
Christine Cassara	Jack Hodges	Jim Orlando	Zack Thoma
Diane Centenaro	Ann Hogg	Tyler Ostos	Evo Tomei
Joanne Chalhoub	Karen Hohne	Maryla Panagos	Patricia Trapnell
Drew and Kanema Clark	Charlotte Hollohan	Irene Pires	Norma Trevino
Richard Clark	Kaitlin Mae Hooper	Patricia Poczatek	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Claussen Family	Peggy Hooper	Joe Pohrer	Chris Vetter
Edna D' Antuono	Jeff Horkey	Kimberly Porter	Larry Watson
Alice Daley	Donald Howe	Katherine Prince	Lucy Westman
Kay Davis	Val Hunt	Radel Family	Frederick Wilhelm
James Diamante	Nevaeh Jones	Joe Reid	Raymond Wilson
Julie Dieter	Charleen Kasabian	Esther Riley	Don and Lucille Wilson
Alexandria Dolkas	Chester T. Kauffman	Mary Rossi	Aimme Witcoff
Margaret Dudley	Colleen Kirkmaier	Betsy Russo	Brandon Woods
Michael Dunlop	Joanne & Glenn Krume	Francisco Saigos	John Yotis
John Dzedzic	Anna LaGrasta	Edna Sanvidge	Mary Yotis
Trudy Eddy	Lampport Family	Cynthia Scariati	
Nancy Ellert	Diane Leahy		
Sue Ells	Mary Jane Leake		
Ann Marie Esposito	Mary Lenick		
Edith Esposit			

LET US PRAY...

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

FEBRUARY 23, 2014 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



On the opposite page you will find a consolidated financial statement for the period July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013 with a comparison to the same period one year ago. I will spend the remainder of my column discussing the revenue and expenses as well as explaining any large variances recognized. My apologies to

those of you bored by my column this week but this financial discussion is necessary so that we remain transparent.

On the income side, you will notice first and foremost that regular offertory has increased substantially and is up over 7% compared with the same period last year. As a matter of fact this increase continues to be recognized fiscal year to date. When budgeting for 2013-2014, we kept our regular offertory flat (no increase) with regards to last year due in large part to the great fiscal year we had in 2012/2013. The thought process was that we could not replicate those kinds of increases year to year even with the better than average membership growth we experienced and an improving economy.

Votive candle offering continues to be a great revenue source with income increasing over 25% versus last year. Restricted gifts and donations is off substantially due to the fact that many of those gifts were to complete the new lighting system. Stole fees are also off versus last year due in part to our decision to no longer host destination weddings.

The newly remodeled Diving Gift Boutique really experienced astronomical growth with gross revenue increasing well over 100%. I guess the old adage that “if you build it they will come” really applies in this situation. The new renovation and increased inventory have been very well received by everyone. Memorial garden income is off considerably versus last year. The reasoning behind this large variance is as follows. At the end of 2012, we announced that rates would increase from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for a plot in the garden. There was a massive influx of buyers at the tail end of 2012 as all those waiting in the wings came out in force to save \$300.00.

On the expense side, we recognized an overall increase versus the first six months of our fiscal year in 2012-2013, however, there are reasonable explanations for this variance.

Salary expense has remained very stable over that past several years. We did recognize a modest 2.5% increase, but we also had some turnover in the first half of the fiscal year.

Repairs and maintenance expense decreased, however, there are numerous budgeted expenses not recognized in this period. Church renovations decreased dramatically as we did not have the expense of a new lighting system in this period. As you know, because of a lightning strike in July, we had to replace

our entire phone system and much more. The expense is recognized here, however, the ancillary expenses were much higher than expected also. Basic utilities actually decreased slightly. Property and liability expense which is normally recognized in September was instead recognized at the tail end of the prior fiscal year and will again be recognized in June of this year.

Rent expense decreased with the purchase of a new condominium in which Fr. Jim now resides. We still have one rental property for Fr. Len.

Under ministry expense, we can begin with music expense which increased dramatically due to timing and the purchase of A LOT of new sheet music as well as unexpected repairs to the sound system. The budget for Families in Christ was increased to accommodate a new format this year explaining the variance in Family Life. Due to countless unexpected events, pastoral expense increased 150% over the prior year, although there should be less disparity as we move through the remainder of the fiscal year. Finally, liturgy expense increased by 100% due to the purchase of our new Missals which encompass three years versus one.

Under general and administrative, we had a large variance in subsidy to parishes which will be recognized as we move through the remainder of the fiscal year. In addition, we have recognized all of our Tuition expense in the first half of the fiscal year rather than expensing after Easter. Office expense increased dramatically due to the lightning strike and subsequent new phone system. Much of the expense was for technical support and equipment for our IT system.

Under other expenses, increased inventory and expense to remodel the boutique resulted in a large variance with regards to the new Gift Boutique. The replacement of old markers in the Memorial Garden also resulted in a dramatic increase in memorial garden expenses. Ultimately, the new change will be aesthetically pleasing and result in greater future sales.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

Editor's Note: Collection Summary data appears on page 18.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Statement of of Receipts and Disbursements Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013

Receipts	<u>July 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013</u>	<u>July 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Assessable Receipts			
Offertory Collection	869,523	811,468	7.15%
Special Parish Collections	1,185	2,013	
Rental Income	11,114	13,932	
Votive Candle Offering	14,520	11,614	
Interest on Checking Account	388	534	
Total Assessable Receipts	896,730	839,561	57,169
Non Assessable Receipts			
Religious Education Fund Drives and Fees	12,460	12,734	
Gifts and Donations (restricted)	6,675	31,635	
Youth Ministry	4,525	4,711	
Interest Income - Diocesan Savings Accounts*	4,181	3,349	
Bequest	-	-	
Stole Fees	6,985	12,838	
Total Non Assessable Revenue	34,826	65,267	(30,441)
Other Income			
Festival Income	-	-	
Religious Store Income	18,384	8,597	
Memorial Garden Income	22,300	40,850	
Total Other Income	40,684	49,447	(8,763)
Total Receipts From All Sources	972,240	954,275	17,965 1.88%
Disbursements			
Personnel Expense including Salaries and Benefits (10 full time and 17 part time clergy and laity)***	465,878	454,532	11,346 2.54%
Facilities Expense (includes rectory)			
Repairs, Maintenance, and Cleaning	101,352	129,452	
Church Renovations	9,000	45,071	
Utilities including telephone costs	86,663	60,075	
Property and Liability Insurance/Taxes*	1,117	72,222	
Rent and Household Expenses	10,190	15,719	
Table Expense	4,348	2,544	
Vehicle Maintenance and Insurance	2,068	1,930	
Janitorial/Cleaning	4,813	4,047	
Prior year Expense	(40,138)		
Total Facilities Expense	179,413	331,060	(151,647)
Ministry Expense			
Music Expense	29,395	16,371	
Faith Formation including R.C.I.A.	14,028	9,991	
Continuing Education and Retreats	-	-	
Religious Publications	389	835	
Hospitality	8,573	10,501	
Youth Ministry	7,732	2,902	
Family Life	10,432	4,406	
Pastoral	25,813	10,118	
Liturgy Expense	39,162	19,019	
Total Ministry Expense	135,524	74,143	61,381
General and Administrative Expense			
Advertising Expense	2,150	1,232	
Subsidy to Parishes	15,000	32,500	
Tuition Assistance	71,312	14,629	
Office Expense	44,297	15,743	
Contracted Services	6,024	7,023	
Stewardship and Fund Raising	16,355	13,958	
Total General and Administrative Expense	155,138	85,085	70,053
Other Expenses			
Festival Expense	-	-	
Religious Store Expense	22,592	13,681	
Memorial Garden Expense	24,264	9,532	
Total Other Expense	46,856	23,213	23,643
Total Disbursements	982,809	968,033	14,775
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	(10,569)	(13,758)	3,190

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, February 23, 2014

the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude **10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)** Jonas Myrin / Matt Redman

Opening Song **God of Wonders** Byrd / Hindalong Words and music by Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong;
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V.1) Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky, V.2) Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light;
 The heavens are your tabernacle, When I stumble in the darkness,
 glory to the Lord on high! I will lift your name by night.

God of won - ders be - yond our gal - ax - y, You are ho - ly,____
 ho - ly.____ The un - i - verse____ de - clares____ Your maj - es - ty, You are
 ho - ly,____ ho - ly,____ Lord of heav - en and____ earth,____

Bridge) Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Kyrie • spoken

Gloria • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

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Response The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful; the Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

Gospel Acclamation *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Preparation Song
In This Place

Trevor Thomson

Verses
 1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need shel - ter and
 2. All our lives are a Mys - t'ry; we see not where they
 3. Though the world may ____ tell us to ____ look at our -
 4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the Christ that re -
 1. strength. We are one in our hurt - ing, we are
 2. lead. We are asked now to trust you and we
 3. selves, we reach out to an - oth - er where ____
 4. stores. As we take, now re - ceive him, we find
 1. one ____ in our pain. In our suf - f'ring and sad - ness,
 2. know we must be - lieve. As our feet be - come Christ's feet,
 3. suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands be - come Christ's hands,
 4. love ____ ev - er - more. As the bread be - comes Bod - y,

1. we are saved by the grace
 2. we go forth with the grace
 3. we are healed by the grace
 4. we are filled with the grace

of the pow - er and the

Refrain
 1-4. Spir - it that is here in this place. We are
 gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord. We are
 (*to - geth - er)
 gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word. Our
 hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is
 Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

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Memorial Acclamation (C) •
 Great Amen • *Agnus Dei*
The Mass of St. John the Evangelist
 (please see worship aid in pew)

Communion Songs **Enough** Chris Tomlin CCLI Song No. 3599479 © 2002 worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music
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All of You _____ is more than e - nough _____ for _____ all of me, _____
 _____ for ev - 'ry thirst _____ and _____ ev - 'ry need. _____ You _____ sat - is - fy _____
 _____ me _____ with Your love, _____ and all I have _____ in You _____ is more than e-nough. _____

V.1) You're my supply, my breath of life
 Still more awesome than I know
 You're my reward, worth living for
 Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)

V.2) You're my sacrifice of greatest price
 Still more awesome than I know

You're my coming King, you are ev'rything
 Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)
 Bridge) More than all I want, more than all I need
 You are more than enough for me
 More than all I know, more than all I can say
 You are more than enough (to Chorus)

Amazing Love (You Are My King) B.J. Foote CCLI Song No. 2456623 © 1996
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Verse) I'm forgiven because you were forsaken; I'm accepted; you were condemned
 I'm alive and well; your Spirit is within me: because you died and rose again (to Chorus)

Chorus) Amazing love, how can it be, that you, my King, would die for me?
 Amazing love, I know it's true; and it's my joy to honor you in all I do, I honor you.

Bridge) You are my King; you are my King. Jesus, you are my King, Jesus, you are my King.

Closing Song **523 They'll Know We Are Christians** Peter Scholtes

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

The Word & Life

The Perfect Jesus in an Imperfect World

W

e live in a world that favors a philosophy of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Our judicial system favors punishment and retribution. The reality is that no one likes to be hurt or compromised. Whenever someone does something against us a very human response is to fight back. Who among us would offer the other cheek if someone was to strike us? As human beings we are complex creatures who have to react to certain circumstances and work through powerful emotions. There are so many people who walk in our midst who hold on to painful memories of the past. Many are left bearing grudges and carry around unnecessary resentments.

The Sacred Scriptures offered in today's Mass call us to holiness and a different way of life. Our first reading is very clear. It tells us not to hold on to grudges and to seek revenge.

Reflection Questions

1. What is most challenging about today's Scripture?
2. What are the blocks to God's mercy in your life?
3. Do you still harbor grudges or resentments from the past? If so, how is God challenging you to move beyond them?
4. Why is forgiveness important to God? How does this impact your life?
5. What needs to change in your life?
6. How can you help others to heal from past hurts?

Instead, we are called to our neighbor as ourselves. In the gospel reading Jesus challenges us to choose another way when faced with opposition from others and whenever they do things to harm us. He turns certain sentiments contained within the Old Testament upside down. Jesus clearly demonstrates that an eye for an eye mentality has no place in the restoration of God's kingdom. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to love our enemy and pray for those who persecute us. This wisdom is very challenging for each one of us. This apparent pacifism goes against the grain. It is hard to love someone who has become an enemy to us and equally pray for those who persecute us. For example, how many times do you hear of Church communities praying for terrorists or enemies who attack the freedom of citizens? It seems that faith communities collectively struggle with these issues also. Regardless of our need to hit out in revenge, Jesus calls us to a more excellent and perfect way. It is God's way of saying, "Forget the hurt and break the cycle of bitterness and violence. Choose the way of love!"

The simple fact remains – if we hold on to these negative emotions, they will hold on to us! A priest once said, “If we do not transform our pain and resentment, all we will do is transmit it!” So many of us waste so much energy in not forgiving and not forgetting. How many of us spend our time avoiding those who have hurt us in the past? Sometimes family members have not spoken in years because of something someone did to them or said to them. There are often times when people wait a life time to forgive another and reconcile at someone’s death bed. Even more sadly, people go to the grave still holding on to the grudge. Jesus tells us that it does not have to be this way. He calls us to transform our pain into a new path of love and forgiveness. The greatest examples to the world are those times when we witness another’s ability to forgive even when their hearts are broken. For example, look at the Amish community who forgave the killer of five of their children in Philadelphia in 2007 and reached out to the killer’s family. Here was a powerful demonstration to the world that things can be transformed through the ability of love and forgiveness.

Each one of us is challenged to choose the way of mercy and forgiveness in order to build the kingdom of God. If there are situations in our relationships or in our families that are still unresolved, we are called to apply the wisdom of today’s Scripture – to let go and to let God’s mercy and love to pave the way. Let us all pray for the grace of Jesus’ example to help us in the midst of an imperfect world.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“How can we love those who decide to “bomb and kill so many people?” How can we “love those who out of their for love money prevent the elderly from accessing the necessary medicine and leave them to die?...

It seems hard to love your enemy, but Jesus asks it of us. It is a teaching that is “so hard, but so beautiful, because it makes us look like the Father, like our Father: it brings out the sun for everyone, good and bad. It makes us more like the Son, Jesus, who in his humiliation became poor to enrich us, with his poverty...

...Jesus forgive his enemies and does everything to forgive them. Taking revenge, on the other hand, is not Christian. The second thing that Christians should do to love their enemies is to pray for them. When we pray for what makes us suffer, it is as if the Lord comes with oil and prepares our hearts for peace...

Pray! This is what Jesus advises us: ‘Pray for your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!’ Pray! And say to God: ‘Change their hearts. They have a heart of stone, but change it, give them a heart of flesh, so that they may feel relief and love.

Let me just ask this question and let each of us answer it in our own heart: ‘Do I pray for my enemies? Do I pray for those who do not love me?’ If we say ‘yes,’ I will say, ‘Go on, pray more, you are on the right path!’ If the answer is ‘no,’ the Lord says: ‘Poor thing. You too are an enemy of others!’ Pray that the Lord may change the hearts of those. We could say: ‘But this person really wronged me,’ or they have done bad things and this impoverishes people, impoverishes humanity. And following this line of thought we want to take revenge or that eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth...

Pray for those who do not wish us well: it would be nice if we offered the Mass for them: Jesus, Jesus’ sacrifice, for them, for those who do not love us.”

— Pope Francis, comments during Mass on June 18, 2013 in the chapel of St. Martha’s House.

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



Prayer

Heavenly Father, open my heart to your ways and teach me your paths. Let resentment lead me not but your mercy and compassion be my guide. Help me to let go from the hurts that others may have caused me. Enable me to see the world and those around me through loving eyes. Amen.



Image: Pope Francis celebrates Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on the outskirts of Rome Feb. 16. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

Faith Formation



“Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you”

Mark Your Calendar

February 26

Families in Christ

March 5

Ash Wednesday

(No Faith Formation Classes)

March 12

Families in Christ

April 2

First Communion Activity Night

April 17-20

Easter Triduum

April 20

Faith Formation News

Families in Christ...will take place on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

Ash Wednesday...is on March 5, 2014 and there are no Faith Formation classes. However, families are encouraged to attend Mass and receive their ashes as a symbol of our Catholic faith.

Families in Christ...will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

First Communion Activity Night...will be on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom, seminar room and classrooms. Banners will be made that will be hung in the church for the First Holy Communion Ceremony. All sacramental students must participate.

Easter Triduum...starts on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus, the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening.

Easter Sunday...is on April 20, 2014.

Faith Formation continues on page 17

REFLECTION

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks us to give without expecting anything in return. When we give money or material goods without expecting anything back, it is called charity. When we give of our time without expecting to be paid or rewarded, it is called service or volunteering.

Jesus wants us to go an extra mile with people, to give our coats to anyone who wants our sweater, to turn the other cheek when someone hits us. These are generous and peacemaking actions.

Jesus says that even people who don't believe in him will love those who love them. Jesus asks us to love our enemies. By enemies, Jesus means people who don't love us, who possibly hate us, and who probably won't love us back.

Jesus comes among human beings to bring us into the one family of God. Jesus calls us to help build this one family of God's friends. We will need a lifetime to learn to love as Jesus asks.

Gospel for All Ages, Good Ground Press and Pflaum Publishing Group



By Kathleen M. Carroll

It is not hard to imagine what would happen to a political or religious leader today who preached what Jesus was teaching in the Gospel: love your enemies, go the extra mile, give to everyone who begs from you. Whether that person would be injured in a riot or merely ostracized is a moot point, but the message would find little acceptance.

All of us are tempted to being at least a little bit selfish. We work hard, we do our best—don't we deserve a slice of the proverbial pie? Jesus reminds us that we're swimming in the gifts of God. We have life and the hope of eternity: Do we really want to quibble with our neighbors over whose car is the most shiny?

St. Paul tells us that if we must compete, we should compete to be merciful, generous, and loving. Once we recognize how much we truly have, it becomes a lot easier to give some of it away.

Bringing Home the Word, February 23, 2014, Franciscan Media

PRAYER

Loving God, Make us a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, help us bring your love.
Where there is injury, help us bring pardon.
Where there is doubt, help us bring faith.
Where there is despair, help us bring hope.
Where there is darkness, help us bring light.
Where there is sadness, help us bring joy.
Make us a channel of your peace. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What should you do when someone says or does something mean to you?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus say we have to do with our enemies?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: Do you have any enemies? Why or why not?

Gospel Question: How will you act to live out Jesus' saying to "love your enemies?"

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: When was the last time you showed kindness toward someone who wasn't a friend or member of your family? What did you do?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus' teaching differ from the eye-for-an-eye approach?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: How do sports and teamwork help enemies become friends?

Gospel Question: What's hard about loving enemies?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: How has playing with war toys or violent video game affected you?

Gospel Question: When have you turned the other cheek?

ADULTS

Life Question: Who are the neighbors at risk in your community?

Gospel Question: Who is the holiest person you know? Why do you say this person is holy?

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Direct from the Emerald Isles: The Saint John the Evangelist
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 16th 🍀 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Dinner 🍀 Dancing 🍀 Harp & Thistle Band 🍀 Tir-Na-Nog

Open Bar 🍀 Traditional Corn Beef Dinner 🍀 Casual Dress
Be Wearing Your Green!

Music by Jim Dalia *"The DJ with Class"*

Tickets: \$25.00 per person. On sale in the parish office and on our website

Please make checks payable to: Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

**Family Fun and
 Ministry Day**

Sunday, March 9
 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

See page 7 for details
 Please RSVP
 by March 5

COMMITMENT MONDAY. This week is the fourth Monday of the month, which means it is our Parish Commitment Monday at Planned Parenthood on February 24. Join the sidewalk counselors in prayer for an end to abortion.

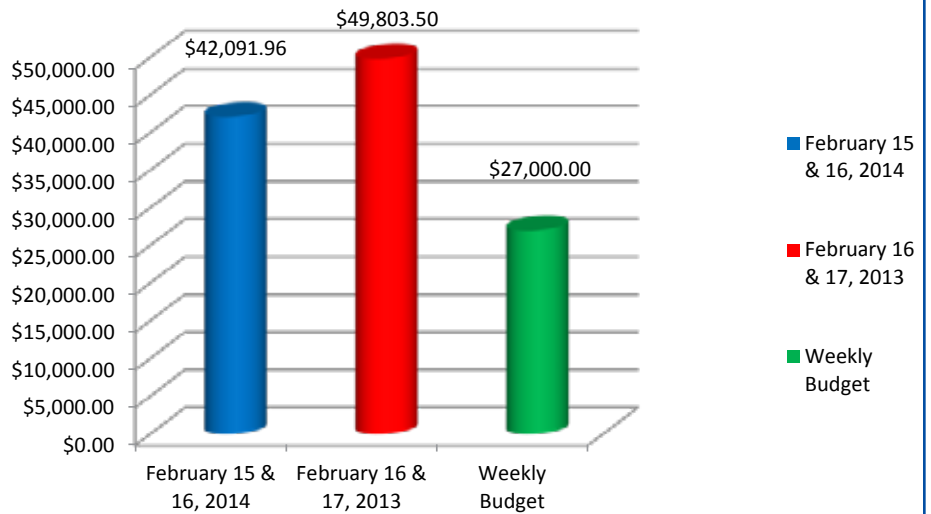
**Ladies of St. John's Luncheon
 Wednesday, February 26**

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, February 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Dunes, located on Vanderbilt Road. The cost is \$17.00, all inclusive.

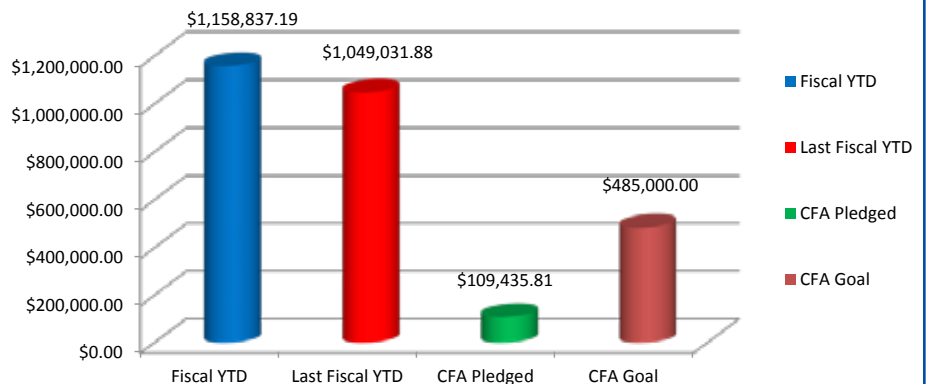
For reservations, call Shirley Bender at 239.246.5633. Mail your check payable to Jayne Potter, 564 109th Ave., Naples, FL 34108.

There will be raffle for a surprise gift certificate. The funds collected will benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Open to all women.

Collection Summary



**Fiscal YTD (7/1/2013-6/30/2014)
 & CFA Summary**



st. john the evangelist youth ministry

SPOTLIGHT ON..RETREAT(S)!

If you're planning to get **confirmed** *either this year or next*, you must have attended a **retreat** (among other requirements, of course). And even if you're not, a retreat is always a good idea. It's a quiet and relaxing time to take stock of your relationship with Christ and his Church; it's a good refresher.

Below please find information about a wonderful opportunity next month down at San Marco parish on Marco Island. (The next opportunity will be in April). Contact Martha (info below) for more information and to sign up.



CONFIRMED IN JOY
RETREAT DAY
Date: Saturday: March 8, 2014
Place: San Marco Catholic Church
Time: 8:30am-3:30pm
Lunch and Music Included COST \$20.00 per person
Hosted and Main Speaker
Matt Laboda
Musical Guest Aaron Gregory Smith
Speaker Theresa Barbale
San Marco Catholic Church is Located at 851 San Marco Rd. Marco Island, FL
For more information or to register contact
Theresa Barbale at: teresabarbale@gmail.com or (239) 776-5489

Middle School meets every Wednesday, 5:30 to 7, in the Youth Room.

High School meets every Sunday, 6 to 8, in the Seminar Room.

For more information about youth ministry, please contact Martha Oram at 228-3915 or youthministry@SaintJohntheEvangelist.com.

Jamaica Outreach Program

JOP Food Drive One Month Away — Weekend of March 22-23

...the entry paths to our church doors will be bustling with activity before each Mass. The cause? ...our annual JOP food drive held for the benefit of parishioners of St. Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. Hunger among the poor is rampant world- wide...Jamaica is no different.

A 20 foot ocean bound container will be parked at St. John the weekend of the drive. Our challenge is to fill it to its doors. Longtime members of our parish will be familiar with what it takes to fill this container; new members need to know that it will take hundreds and hundreds of cartons of food to fill it. With the help of hundreds of parishioners we accomplished this challenge last year. We need to do it again.

To put it simply, **this early notice is to alert our parish members that donations to the food drive are limited and restricted by the Jamaica Customs Office.**

APPROVED food items include:

- **medium sized** canned vegetables, canned juice, canned fruit (not fruit cocktail), canned meatless beans (kidney beans not allowed)
- boxes of cereal, boxed pasta, dried fruit, cornmeal, flour, oatmeal (not instant)
- canned or jars of shelled nuts (**new on our list this year**)
- **boxed or bagged rice no bigger than 2 -3 lbs.** are especially welcomed this year. Handling and distribution is easier in this weight class. (**dried beans and rice combinations are not allowed**)

BANNED food items include:

- **NO! dried beans**
- **NO! meat of any kind** (no sardines, sausage, tuna, etc. no canned stews or soup with meat)
- **NO! milk or milk by product:** (Ex. no cookies, baby formula, cake mix, mac & cheese)
- **NO! sugar,** honey, medications of any kind, salt, nutritional supplements (**NO! Ensure, Gatorade**)
- **NO! coffee,** oil, peanut butter, **NO! spaghetti sauces or barbeque sauces,** fruit cocktail.
- **NO! adult diapers NO! GLASS CONTAINERS!**

Please keep the JOP food drive in mind when local markets feature Buy One Get One Free items. Saving this page of your bulletin might be a good idea.

That 20 foot container looms in our future...daring us to fill it.....BIG TIME!

Any questions? Call Martha Mador at 992.2646.

*article submitted by Martha Mador,
Jamaica Outreach Program*

BIG BAND DANCES

Tuesday, February 25 • Tuesday, March 11

Tuesday, March 25 • Tuesday, April 8

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in PLC

Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra
Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*

Admission: \$10.00 cash only at the door
~ includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water and Soda ~ \$1.00
Beer ~ \$2.00 per 12 oz. cup; \$7.00 per 60 oz. pitcher
Wine and Mixed Drinks ~ \$3.00

Dress: Country Club Casual (*No shorts please.*)

Singles Welcome Sponsored by the Men's Club

EVERYONE WELCOME!

March 9th, 2014 • 7:00 PM

PAUL TODD'S
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BROADWAY RHYTHMS
THE MUSIC OF THE LIGHTS
BARBARA MANN
Performing Arts Major Florida State College

Over 75 Performers Together To Celebrate Favorite Hits From Broadway

Performances By:

Paul Todd	Gabriela Frei
Paul Todd Jr.	Penny Mae
Amy Van Wyk	Jeff Ramsey
Christi Cole	Venedikt Garfunkel

**Steffanie Pearce with vocalists from Opera Naples
The St. Ann Music and Drama Students
Dancers from Dance Arts By Maria**

Support Jamaica Outreach by ordering your tickets either online at bbmannpah.com or by phone (239) 481-4849 and giving the code JOHN. 50% of each ticket sold with the code will go to Jamaica Outreach. See a great show and help raise funds for Jamaica Outreach!



faith & ale

a GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:
April 22, 2014: Patrick Novocosky
The Divine Legacy of St. John Paul II



FR. ROBERT McTEIGUE, SJ

WHY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING THE CHURCH?

A professor of philosophy at Ave Maria University, Fr. McTeigue is renowned for his insightful and compelling preaching.

Wednesday, March 19

6 pm - 8 pm

Parish Life Center Ballroom
St. John the Evangelist Parish
625 111th Ave., Naples

Suggested donation at the door: \$20
includes dinner and beverages

Faith & Ale is monthly gathering of men. We gather for food, drink, camaraderie, and an inspirational speaker. All men are invited: the saints, the sinners and everyone in between. Faith & Ale strives to encourage, exhort, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes.

FaithAndAle.com

HELP SAVE LIVES from March 5 - April 13

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful – and proven effective – pro-life campaign that has already been embraced by more than 600,000 people worldwide and saved over 8,000 lives from abortion.

SAVE THE DATES! St. John the Evangelist parish has adopted three dates to pray for an end to abortion outside Planned Parenthood:

- March 14 from 9am-5pm
- March 20 from 9am to 5pm
- April 1 from 9am to 5pm

Why should I pray to end abortion?

"The right to life is the first of human rights. To abort is to kill someone who cannot defend himself." *Pope Francis*

Ask your family, your friends, members of your prayer groups or committees to join you in prayer outside of Planned Parenthood.

Signups will be available after all Masses on Feb 22/23 and March 1/2. Contact Nancy or Paul Curti at plancurti@gmail.com or 612-616-1434.

Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves.



The Knights of Columbus will host

"Friday Night Fish Bake"

at St. John the Evangelist PLC during Lent
Dinner will be served from 5 PM to 7 PM

Fish Bake Dates: March 5 (Ash Wednesday) and Friday Nights in Lent: March 7, March 14 and March 28; April 4 and April 11 (No Fish Bake on Good Friday)	\$12.00 Adults, \$5.00 under 10 yrs. old Tickets at Door Only Tickets for Wine & Beer Available at \$2.00 each
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Menu

Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Mac and Cheese,
Coleslaw, String Beans Almandine,
Stewed Tomatoes, New England Clam
Chowder, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea,
Lemonade & Soda, Dessert
(Take Outs Available)

Please plan on attending.



Saint John the Evangelist 2014 Cruise

It was an unusually cold and windy morning Saturday, January 18 as 140 parishioners and friends began gathering shortly after 7:00 a.m. for the annual parish cruise. Staff members Marcos, Ovideo and Sebastian unloaded their luggage, after which they checked into the ballroom to enjoy a continental breakfast with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers provided by Fr. John. Shortly after 9:00 a.m. the buses departed for the Port of Miami, arriving around noon, and everyone boarded the *Reflection*, Celebrity's newest vessel. At 6:00 p.m. most gathered in the Opus Dining Room where a special section had been reserved for the St. John travelers.

Sunday, January 19

Our first sea day was especially busy. Fr. John, assisted by Deacon Frank celebrated the liturgy in Celebrity Central at 9:00 a.m., during which Pat and Hoople Lampe, who are celebrating 60 years of marriage, renewed their marriage vows. From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Fr. John hosted a cocktail reception in the Skye Observation Lounge, located on Deck 14, which has spectacular ocean vistas.

Monday, January 20

Fr. John and Deacon Frank again celebrated the liturgy at which Dominick and Jane Sama, who were celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary, renewed their marriage vows. Around 2:00 p.m. the *Reflection* docked in old San Juan, Puerto Rico. Many took advantage of the shore excursions and stayed ashore for dinner, as the ship did not depart until 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21

Today was a shopping extravaganza for many, as the ship docked in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, and Virgin Islands considered, by many, to be the "duty free shopping capital of the world". Those who chose to stay at the ship visited many of the 140 shops at the Havensight Mall, where the ship was docked. Once again numerous shore excursions were available.

Wednesday, January 22

The *Reflection* docked in Phillipsburg, St. Maarten early in the morning. St Maarten is a unique island, only 37 square miles in size; it is the smallest land mass in the world shared by two different nations, France and the Netherlands Antilles. The

two separate lifestyles offer charming vignettes of French and Dutch life. Phillipsburg, just a short walk from the dock, has numerous shops, especially jewelry stores. It is one of the few ports where you can walk or water taxi to a lovely beach, spend some time there and then "shop till you drop".

Thursday, January 23

Our second sea day began with a morning liturgy at which Tom and Barbara Smith renewed their vows. Two of their sons and one daughter were in attendance to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. In addition, a couple from Louisiana, Brian and Kathy Rodrigue, who learned about the Masses from one of our parishioners, also renewed their vows. For them it was an unexpected and very moving moment. At 10:00 p.m. Fr. John celebrated Mass for members of the crew in the crew lounge, located two decks below the water line.

Friday, January 24

At the morning Mass, Gary and Carolyn Ray renewed their marriage vows. Married actually one year ago to the day, they were joined by many friends from Naples. In the evening an anniversary celebration was held at their table hosted by their friends, Fr. John and other St. John parishioners.

Saturday, January 25

Shortly after 7:30 a.m. passengers began to gather in the *Reflection* Theatre to await departure. Departure day on any cruise is hectic as the ship needs to get everyone off and prepare for the arrival of new passengers in a very short time. Eventually the buses were boarded, with no luggage lost, and we returned to Naples full of many wonderful memories. Arriving at St. John we were greeted by Scott and Marcos, who helped the drivers unload the luggage. Fifteen minutes later the parking lot was deserted. Not a bad way to end a wonderful week.

The 2015 Parish Cruise aboard the new *Royal Princess*, January 28 - February 7, is now available for booking. For more information contact Dave Quist at dquist@comcast.net or call 239.594.2071.

*article submitted by Dave Quist,
Parish Cruise Coordinator*



*more photos will appear
in a later bulletin*