

December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

the  
**EVANGELIST**  
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The Christmas Story Returns December 18*



Liturgy & Music, together with Family Mission, are pleased to again present to you our own annual retelling of the Nativity. ***The Christmas Story*** returns to the church at 7:00 p.m. this Friday, December 18 with an even-larger cast, ready to share their talents. With selections from the gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John, paired with reflections written by Fr. John, the young people of our parish will re-enact the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation of our Lord.

This year there is an extra reason to come! There will be a free family dinner held beforehand in our Ballroom. Catered by Frisco's, the dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and will run until 6:45 p.m. We'd like to particularly thank the Men's Club for donating their time and talent to serve this to our parish family.



Of course, there will be plenty of music, both new and classic. It will feature several young soloists and instrumentalists as well as ensembles, including our Children's Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, and our Adult Choir. Other than the Christmas Masses themselves, of course, ***The Christmas Story*** is always the highlight of our parish this season — you won't want to miss it. Our young musicians have put in many hours of preparation to brighten your Advent. Thank you, in advance, for coming to ***The Christmas Story*** this Friday and supporting our music ministry and youth!

*text submitted by Tom Oram,  
Pastoral Musician and Liturgist,  
photos from 2014 performance*



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Daily Mass: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.; Thursday Evening: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend 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**

<b>December 12, 2015</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Marion Hesselgrave	Iris Horey
		<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	
3:00 PM	+	Cecilia & William Schultz	Schultz Family
5:00 PM	+	Avolio Family	Pauline & Angelo Campo
<b>December 13, 2015</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	+	Martha DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Rita O'Reilly	The Frankens
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM		Kathy and Dave Forness	Deborah Marsh
5:00 PM		John and Irene Bloom	The Family
<b>December 14, 2015</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Vern Osgood	Joyce Mincavage
9:00 AM	+	Frank DiStefano	Betty & Greg Bitondo
<b>December 15, 2015</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Ramy Garrido	Elida Gil
9:00 AM		Paul DiLorio	Joseph & Pat Parisi
<b>December 16, 2015</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Robert Sullivan	Marty & Loretta Sullivan
9:00 AM		Angela Webster	Deborah Marsh
<b>December 17, 2015</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Horey & Thoman Families	Iris Horey
9:00 AM	+	Ann Marie Gray	"Loving Husband"
6:30 PM	+	Maria Gaimari	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice DeVito
<b>December 18, 2015</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Jack Blake	Joe and Marie Langlois
9:00 AM		Edward Kelly	Lucy Kelly
<b>December 19, 2015</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Delores McLaughlin	Elsa McAvoy
		<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	
3:00 PM	+	Jean Smith	Millie Lucanegro, Larry & Kathleen Tominelli Tom Wood, Jeff Wood and Tony Manes
		The Family	
5:00 PM	+	Jane & Stanley Pelak	
<b>December 20, 2015</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	+	Sharon McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy
9:00 AM	+	Stephen Conger	Family & Friends
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Sharon McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy
5:00 PM	+	Frank & Jeanette McCoy	Karen McCoy

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES****AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, December 12, 2015****Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Sunday, December 13, 2015****Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Monday, December 14, 2015****St. John of the Cross**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 16, 2015**

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday, December 17, 2015**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday, December 18, 2015**

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday, December 19, 2015**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday, December 20, 2015****Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Week of December 6-12, 2015:** *Host and Wine in Memory of Nicholas Senatore, requested by wife, Rosalie, and daughters, Debbie and Jodie*

**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.

***Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound*** Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing [emministry@sjecc.com](mailto:emministry@sjecc.com). An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday.

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

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## Campaign Corner

December 13, 2015



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

*“The Church’s catechetical mission aims to help the faithful of all ages to grow in both human and Christian maturity, enriching the whole of life with the leaven of the Gospel. Consequently, appropriate goals and content will embrace all the faith dimensions of an adult life—for example, understanding and communicating the faith, skills needed for personal growth, the experience of family life, relationships, public service, and concern for the common good.”*

— USCCB Adult Faith Formation

### *New Adult Meeting Space: Providing Environments for All Ages*

For those of you who are familiar with the entirety of the St. John campus, which encompasses two large buildings aside from the church, I am sure you have been impressed about how we can squeeze the 4,800 events we have annually into the various rooms, nooks and crannies we can find. Just this past week, we had Theology on Tap the same night as our Adult Catholicism Class while the Irish Step Dancers danced in a classroom and Al-Anon met next to them. Every age group, every type of program happening here constantly enlivens our Parish Family. While we are bursting at the seams, we are happy and joyous in doing so.

However, there are certainly gaps in the environment’s ability to support the various functions we have here at St. John. Several of those gaps will be filled with the new Life Center. Others will be supported through the renovation of the current buildings, making sure mission-purpose is part of the design process. One mission essential capability we simply do not possess in our current buildings is a comfortable space for adult small-group discussion. Classrooms, of which we have 15, are good spaces for youth learning, and can be substitutes for various meeting spaces, but they are not conducive to encourage a relaxed, mature conversation. Working with our new Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, Jack Kindsvater, and the Capital Planning Committee, we determined a priority for this year to develop such a space. There was a large office in the Claussen Family Center that was underutilized, and so we have repurposed it as our new Adult Meeting Space. With comfortable seating for 10-12 adults, along with technology and tables, this room is ideally suited for small group discussions. It will be used by not only the Faith

Formation program, but also for our Divorced and Separated Support Group and our Bereavement Support Group, which is expanding with additional services to lift up those who have lost loved ones. By creating this adult space, we are hopeful that we can engage the faithful journey of all our Parish Family, through their entire life.

While we have begun the work our current blessings have allowed us to accomplish for the **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** capital campaign, we still need our entire Parish Family to give in order to reach our additional goals. If you have

any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com).

You can also learn more information about the Campaign at: [www.sjecc.com/future](http://www.sjecc.com/future)

Jean-Paul Boucher,  
General Manager  
[jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)



**BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN**

DECEMBER 13, 2015 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

Fr. Robert Murphy	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	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 1:00 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**

**General Manager**  
Jean-Paul Boucher: 228.3910  
**Fax: 239.566.9117**  
[jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

### **Parish Secretary**

Deborah Marsh

### **Assistant to the Pastor**

Tricia Schwarz

### **Pastoral Musician and Liturgist**

Tom Oram: 228-3920

### **Choir Director**

Ellie Roberts

### **Sacristan**

Lan Tran

### **Director of Family Mission**

Jean-Paul Boucher

### **Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor**

Kathy Sims

### **Memorial Garden**

Jean-Paul Boucher

### **Religious Boutique**

Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

### **Maintenance**

566.8740

### **Education Staff**

#### **Director of Religious Education**

Natalie Campbell: 228.3904/3909

#### **Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA**

Jack Kindsvater: 556.8740, ext. 3918

#### **email staff members at:**

[info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com](mailto: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: [www.saintjohntheevangelist.com](http://www.saintjohntheevangelist.com) When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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### **Administrative Office Hours are:**

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 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 and 9:00 a.m.

*Thursday Evening*

6:30 p.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](mailto: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](mailto:kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com) or drop your submission off in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are currently accepting intentions for 2016.

### **Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine**

We have 2016 Mass availability and 2015 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 MISSION STATEMENT

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

## PARISH INFORMATION...

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# Hymns for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 12 & 13

Readings:	<b>617</b>
Entrance Hymn:	<b>64</b> The King of Glory Comes
Preparation Hymn:	<b>370</b> Christ, Be Our Light
Communion Hymn:	<b>238</b> Taste and See
	<b>76</b> Like a Shepherd
Closing Hymn:	<b>343</b> Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

## Choral Anthems at 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Prelude	<b>Cry Out and Shout</b>	<i>Knut Nystedt</i>
Communion	<b>Come To Us</b>	<i>Greg Walton</i>

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

### Monday, December 14: Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Gal 6: 14*

May I never boast,  
except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Mt 16: 24*

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

### Tuesday, December 15: Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Zec 14: 5, 7*

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him;  
and on that day there will be a great light.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. 2 Tm 4: 8*

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness  
on those who eagerly await his coming.

### Wednesday, December 16: Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Is 49: 13*

Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth,  
for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Hg 2: 7*

Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come,  
and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

### Thursday, December 17: Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Is 49: 13*

Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth,  
for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Hg 2: 7*

Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come,  
and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

### Friday, December 18: Friday of the Third Week of Advent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Christ our King is coming,  
he is the Lamb foretold by John.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Mt 1: 23*

His name will be called Emmanuel, which means God-with-us.

### Saturday, December 19: Friday of the Third Week of Advent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Heb 10: 37*

He who is to come will come and will not delay,  
and now there will be no fear within our land,  
for he is our Savior.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Lk 1: 78-79*

The Dawn from on high will visit us, guiding our feet in the way of peace.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

General Manager

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### #ToKnow – End of Year Giving Opportunities

Over the past several weeks, we have been blessed to receive wonderful gifts from our Parish Family. These gifts enable us to serve both our church and our community in countless ways. If you still would like to provide additional stewardship for St. John, in your time, talent, and treasure, I would like to provide you with a few options:

- **Capital Campaign:** While we have reached our Core Goal and have the pledges in place to begin construction of the Life Center, we have not yet reached our other goals, which will allow us to renovate all the rest of our facilities, as well as provide future assurance for our Parish Family with endowments and programs. If you have not yet provided a pledge, I urge you to do so. If you have pledged, please consider accelerating your payments, since that will enable us to move forward quickly. Please contact Joe, our Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com) if you have any questions.
- **Catholic Faith Appeal:** A few weeks ago, I provided an introduction to everyone about the Catholic Faith Appeal, a Diocesan fundraising program which engages every parish to give to the Diocese to support Catholic Charities, the Seminarians, and many more programs. If you would like to make a donation that will make an impact in the region, I recommend giving to the CFA. Please visit the Diocese website: <https://secure.pledgeconnect.com/donation.aspx?catholicgiving> to make a donation or call our office and we can assist you. (see page 22)
- **Christmas Gift for Our Parish Family:** We have an easy way for you to give specifically to Saint John the Evangelist during this Christmas Season. Please go to: <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/Christmas> and you can set up a one-time donation, or establish annual giving for the holidays.

Thank you so much for all your continued support and generosity!



### #ToServe – Ministry Spotlight: Sacristans

There is a group of highly dedicated ministers at St. John whose complete focus is to ensure all of our Parish Family has a completely joyous experience when we attend Mass. They are called Sacristans. Sacristans are responsible for the setup of our church, the preparation of all Masses and services within those walls, and countless other functions. From ensuring clean clergy vestments to replacing all the candles for prayers near our Blessed Mother and St. John statues, the Sacristans handle every facet of the church. You may see them placing items on the Altar or checking the book before Mass, as well as cleaning up afterward. If you enter our church, you are supported by the Sacristan in all your faithful activities. At St. John, we have a wonderful Sacristan named Lan Tran, who leads a core set of ministers who devote their time for all the rest of us.

As our church continues to grow, we are looking to increase the total number of Sacristans who serve our community. If you are interested in becoming part of this sacred and essential ministry, please contact Lan at: [lan@sjecc.com](mailto:lan@sjecc.com) or call the office.



## Mass Times ~ Christmas and New Year

### The Christmas Story

Friday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. (See details page 1.)

### Advent Penance Service at St. John

Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 24, 2015

*Christmas Eve Mass*

*Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. (featuring the Children's Choir)

10:00 p.m. (Music starts at 9:00 p.m.)

### Friday, December 25, 2015

*Christmas Day Mass*

*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m.  
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

### Thursday, December 31, 2015

*Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

5:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 1, 2016

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

**See Advent Penance Services for area churches below**

## Jamaica Outreach Program

### *Kevin Williams and His Jamaican Choir to Visit St. John In February*

Once again, Kevin Williams and his Jamaican choir will be visiting St. John from February 5 to February 8, 2016. As always, we are in need of host families for the choir during their stay. Host families are asked to offer lodging, transportation, and some meals to their guests. The evening meals for each day of the visit are arranged by the JOP.

The choir's visit is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and welcome Jamaicans into our homes. Most choir members are students at a Jamaican University or gainfully employed. Each and every one of the group comes as an ambassador of their country with a smile on their faces and a song in their hearts.

If you are interested in becoming a host, please contact Martha Mador at 239.992.2646 or [martha@madors.net](mailto:martha@madors.net).



## Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

*St. Finbarr* – Monday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m.  
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

*St. Agnes* – Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

*St. Peter the Apostle* –  
Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

*San Marco* – Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.  
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

*St. William* – Friday, December 18, at 5:30 p.m.  
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

*St. Elizabeth Seton* – Monday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.  
2730 53rd Ter Sw, Naples

*St John the Evangelist* –  
Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.

### SAVE THE DATE for Valentine Dinner Dance

Please mark your calendars now for the Knights of Columbus Annual Valentine Dinner Dance scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Tickets go on sale January 2.

**Altar Servers:**

Jean-Paul Boucher  
 jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com

**Arts & Liturgical Environment:**

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

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Call the Office 566.8740

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Victor Yopez *Lectors@sjecc.com*

**Youth & Family Mass Lectors**

Miguel Castillo *miguel@sjecc.com*

**Prayer Group:**

Linda Reilly 821.8982

**Respect Life:**

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

**Pastoral Stewardship Council:**

President/Contact Rick Beebe  
*psc@sjecc.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. Jack Kindsvater: 566.8740, ext. 3918

**AA.** Monday, 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**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. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building. Carol: 804.306.5323

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

**Arimatheans.** A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

**Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist.** Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. For information: *scoutmaster@troop-226.com*

**Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist.** All 1st - 5th grade boys welcome.

Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. For information: *pack226naples@gmail.com*

**Choirs:**

**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 566.8740

**Companion Driving Ministry.** Ongoing "Need a Ride/Give a Ride" program offered to anyone in need of transportation to attend church services. For more information or to sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver, contact the parish office at 566.8740 or the ministry director, Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or email *sjeride@gmail.com*

**Cursillistas.** Third Tuesday monthly at 7:00 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 restrooms). **Winter Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

**Divorced and Separated Support Group.**

Anyone who is going through a separation or has experienced it in the past (no matter how many years ago) is welcome. Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lhara Echevarria: 239.293.3694 or *Lhara@sjecc.com*

**Faith Chat.** Wednesdays at 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. Call office: 239.566.8740

**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. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

**Grief Support.** The next 7-session series begins February 16 and ends March 29 (Tuesdays only). For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry contact Dee: 594.7193

**Hospitality Ministry.** Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for

sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

**Job Search Skills & Support.** Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the library. This is an open meeting for anyone who is unemployed or seeking a career change. 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 7:15 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Scott Schwarz, Grand Knight: 293.6876

**Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.** Meets third Tuesday of every month at Noon except January and February when they meet at 6:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 821.5115

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Tuesdays from 10:00 - 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. Call the office: 566.8740

**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 Carolyn McNichols at 239.919.2675 or *carolyn@tsusa.us*. 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, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 239.495.2001

**Narcotics Anonymous.** Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m.

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

**Project Rachel Lay Companion.** A post-abortion healing ministry providing one-on-one counseling. Loretta Judy: 239.293.5897 or *lnbjudy@comcast.net*

**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. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

**Sewing Group.** Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

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

**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. and Monday evenings. (Will resume on first Thursday in January.) Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or *maggnana@comcast.net* or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

■ Please check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week. ■

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## 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 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.

### **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. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

### **Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina**

One hour of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday morning Centering Prayer in the Parish Library

following the morning Mass. Maria Jones: 348.5361

### **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. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

## PRAYER LIST

*We remember those who have died recently, especially:*

Karl Bublitz Jr. and Frederick A. Lourenso

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

### THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

**Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga**  
U.S. Marines

**Sp. Petrus Botha**  
U.S. Army

**S. Isaiah Brutus**  
U.S. Air Force

**Ensign Stuart Campbell**  
U.S. Navy

**BM2 Charley Davidson**  
U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

**Adam Decker**  
U.S. Air Force

**Nicholas Detloff**  
U.S. Air Force

**Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante**  
U.S. Army

**Joshua Emmons**  
U.S. Air Force

**LCpl. Conor Fleurant**  
USMC

**Lt. Colin Flood**  
U.S. Army, Special Forces

**Lt. Bernardo Garcia**  
U.S. Marines

**Lt. Joseph Gilig**  
1st Marine Division  
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U.S. Army

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(USN)

**SSGT. Matthew Watson**  
U.S. Air Force (Afghanistan)

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Donna Flynn  
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Janet Gainey  
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Dick Goepel  
Laura Harbrough  
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Maaria Torres  
Jennifer Toth  
Patricia Trapnell  
Pat Urban  
Pat Velasquez  
Lena Vittolo  
Anne W  
Patti Wakim  
Wardein Family  
Max West  
Tom Wood  
Bob Wright  
John & Mary Yotis  
Helen Zaks  
Ed Zerrer

**LET US PRAY...**

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

DECEMBER 13, 2015 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Christmas for Everyone in Divine Gift Boutique

It is a Christmas Wonderland in the Divine Gift Boutique. From a beautiful manger set to Christmas crosses, Christmas figurines, and Christmas clocks. From an assortment of holiday candles and votive holders to baby, children and adult ornaments and Christmas magnets. There are also festive night lights, cookie cutters and holiday spatulas.

The gift shop also stocks a Christmas book by our own Maggie Gadsby. There are Irish Christmas plaques and a variety of stocking stuffers and holiday gift bags. There is a wide range of gift items for all the favorite people on your Christmas list.

Please stop by and get lost in this wonderland right here in your own church across from the restrooms.



## Hospitality Ministry Needs Volunteers After 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Masses

The St. John Hospitality Ministry serves light refreshments after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses for parishioners who gather for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. Sharing and meeting new people in the parish is rewarding and provides much satisfaction when other parishioners "feel the warmth" of the St. John Parish community. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they steal away their prized cookie or the adults sharing thoughts, wishes and conversation over a cup of coffee has its own personal benefit to those giving of their time.



The Hospitality Ministry would love to have more volunteers to share in this experience, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. If you are interested or want more information,

please call Elida Gil at 592.7973 for the 9:00 a.m. and Darlene Follese at 566.8740 for the 11:15 a.m. Mass.



All volunteers who serve in active ministries, including the Hospitality Ministry, must be fingerprinted and take the Safe Environment Training (SET) class, as mandated by the Diocese of Venice.

## Wanted - Business Owners

### *for Business Expo Sunday, January 17*

If you are a registered business owner and a parishioner of Saint John the Evangelist, you qualify to participate in our annual Business Expo to be held on Sunday, January 17 after all the Masses.

It is an opportunity for fellow parishioners to meet business owners who are also members of Saint John the Evangelist parish.

If you would like to participate at no cost, please call Carol Marlow at 239.948.0050 or email her at [carolmarlow@ymail.com](mailto:carolmarlow@ymail.com).

## *Volunteers Needed At Eden Park in Immokalee*

Five volunteers are needed to assist children with learning in Eden Park School in Immokalee every Thursday beginning January 7, 2016. If you cannot commit to every week, substitutes are also needed. A teaching background is desirable but not mandatory.

Volunteers are transported by bus, leaving from two locations — Sam's Club and McDonald's on Immokalee Rd. — at 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. respectively. The bus pick-up is at Noon to return to Naples.

If interested in volunteering and have a desire to assist children in need, call Diane Stanley, Volunteer Coordinator, at 239.353.4942.

## *Save the Date for Milestone*

### *Anniversary Mass*

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 13 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and March 12 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Registration will be through the parishes and information will be received by January.

## *Faith and Wine - Naples*

Ladies mark your calendars now for the remainder of the Faith and Wine season here at St. John. Upcoming dates are January 28, February 18, and March 31.

## *For the Love of Children*

### **Please Support The Ladies of Charity**

# **Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive**

*to benefit the needy children of  
Naples Park Elementary School  
& the children of Immokalee*

*Items must be NEW.*

**Starting: November 21**

**Goal: 500 Pairs**

**Ending: December 13**

- Ornaments depicting the children's different shoes sizes can be found on Christmas trees in the Narthex.
- Please take an ornament, or two, and generously donate NEW only sneakers and socks.
- Please wrap your package and be sure to attach your ornament to the outside of the gift box.
- You may also write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with "Sneakers Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- Please bring your gift to the church by Sunday, December 13.

**Please help us reach our goal of 500 pairs.**



# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, December 13, 2015: the Third Sunday of Advent

Opening Song      **64**    **The King of Glory**      Traditional Hebrew / Willard Jabusch

Kyrie      •    **5A**    *hymnal*

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Response (cf. v.6)

Cry out with joy and glad - ness, for a - mong you is the great and ho - ly one of Is-ra-el!

Gospel Acclamation      •    **11A**    *hymnal*

Preparation Song      **One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)**    Johnson / Gifford / Riddle

Verse 1) Higher than the mountains that I face	Verse 2) On and on and on and on it goes
Stronger than the power of the grave	It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
Constant in the trial and the change	And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains ( <i>chorus</i> )	One thing remains, one thing remains ( <i>chorus</i> )

*Repeat 3x*

Your love — ne - ver fails, it ne - ver gives up, ne - ver runs out on — me.

*Bridge*) In death in life I'm confident and covered by the power of your great love  
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate my heart from your great love

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Sanctus      • <b>19A</b>	Memorial Acclamation (A)      • <b>20A</b>
Great Amen      • <b>21A</b>	Agnus Dei      • <b>24A</b>

Communion Songs      **238**    **Taste and See**      James E. Moore

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Refrain

Dear Je - sus, help me to spread your fra - grance ev - 'ry - where

that I go.      Dear Je - sus,

flood my soul with your spir - it and your love.

1-3  
to Verses

Verses 1, 2

1. Pen - e - trate and pos - sess my be - ing so ut - ter - ly that all  
 2. Shine through me and — be so in me that ev - 'ry soul I come

to Refrain

1. my life may on - ly be a ra - di - ance of you.  
 2. in con - tact with may feel your pres - ence in my soul.

Verse 3

3. Let them look up and see no long - er me but on - ly you, my Je - sus.

3. Stay with me and then I shall be - gin to shine as you shine so to shine

2 to Refrain

3. as a light to all.

Closing Song

Trading My Sorrows

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I'm tra - ding — my — sor - rows, — I'm tra - ding — my — shame, —  
 5 I'm tra - ding — my — sick - ness, — I'm tra - ding — my — pain, —  
 I'm lay - ing — them down for the joy of — the Lord.

9 Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord! Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!

13 Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, a - men! —

*Bridge*) Oh, I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned,  
 struck down, but not destroyed.

I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure  
 that his joy's gonna be my strength!

Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with the morning!

*prepare ye the way of the LORD*



# The Word & Life

Zephaniah 3:14-18A

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

## *Expectation and Joy*

**J**ohn the Baptist appears a second time as we journey through advent and the year of Luke's gospel. We hear how people may prepare within their own specific way. In order to make straight the pathways for God, they are to share a cloak if they are blessed with more than one and to share food. The tax collectors are asked to be honest in their dealings as well as the soldiers. John the Baptist is reminding the people of his day that repentance was not just changing the mind but mending ways. Many wondered if John was the Anointed One. John tells them he is not the Messiah. In fact the people are told by John that he was unworthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. The Christ would be the one who would empower others

with the baptism of the Spirit. When the Christ was to arrive, people would know that a mighty savior was in their midst. They would know Emmanuel, i.e. God with Us!

As we journey toward the celebration of Christmas, we are being reminded that our Christian calling is not just to give lip service to the gospel, but to allow that good news to penetrate our lives. The Word of God has to be alive and effective in our lives. The decisions that we make have to be imbued by the example of Christ. As we observe the world around us we can see that there is so much suffering and many needs. Our Christian community is asked to respond to those needs and support God's poor. Many organizations do great things to help needy families during this special season. There is a special grace that is experienced when we reach out in love to others. There is an inherent dignity in bringing happiness to others by supporting them with the blessings of our treasures. By the virtue of our baptism we are anointed by the same Spirit that Jesus bestowed upon the first community of disciples, to engage ourselves in charity.

Since the Incarnation took place the Lord is forever near us. Every time we gather in Jesus' Name, he is there. Whenever we listen closely to the gospel proclaimed, Jesus speaks to us. As the gifts are brought to the altar in our churches and the priest calls down the Holy Spirit in epiclesis, Jesus becomes truly present in the bread of life and the cup of

### Reflection Questions

1. Do I live my life in the expectation of Jesus' coming?
2. How does the gospel impact my life?
3. Does my knowledge of God change my perspective and shape my decisions?
4. Am I transformed by the wisdom that the Lord is near?
5. Will I reach out to others during this season of grace?
6. What sacrifices am I going to make to witness to the gospel?
7. What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?
8. How do you think John's baptism differs from the baptism that Jesus offers the world as the Christ?
9. The term "Christ" means "Anointed". What have you been anointed to do?

eternal salvation. As we go forth from our churches to love and serve the Lord, He is near in the guise of the poor and the broken-hearted. We are baptized by a Holy Spirit that enables us to see life in a new way. Such knowledge instills joy in our hearts and hope for the dream of the soul. We now live in the expectation of the coming of the savior in our own individual lives, especially as we approach our journey's end. Preparing for Christmas ultimately reminds us that we must always be prepared to meet Christ for he is forever near.

## Prayer

*As we journey toward Christmas, may you find our hearts ready to receive you, O Lord. Empower us with that Spirit that will set the world on fire with the desire of your love. Let every step that we take walk more deeply in your ways. Joy and peace are the fruits of your presence. May our prayer and decisions fill others with those beautiful gifts. Amen.*

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



## Voices of Faith

### *Called from the Shadows into the Light*

John the Baptist  
Fearless preacher of the good news  
A doer of God's Word  
Solace for the sinner  
Who steps into the Jordan River  
Making a return to the Lord

“What should we do?”  
The contrite of heart ask the Baptist  
And so the prophet speaks  
Share your food with the hungry  
Clothe the naked with your spare coat  
Take courage to do what is right and change your life

“What should we do?”  
Ask the unlikely candidates  
Whose lives have been lived in the dark shadows of sin  
The prophet bids the unjust collector of taxes  
To steal not and give what Caesar prescribes  
And bids them to walk out of the darkness into God's wonderful light

“What should we do?”  
The soldiers ask  
Men corrupted by the power of their position  
And so the prophet speaks  
Remove the darkness of extortion and deceit  
Be happy with the blessings of your life

“What should we do?”  
The courageous Christian may ask  
The message of the Baptist preacher lives on  
Receive the anointing of your Christ  
Feel the power of the Holy Spirit  
Be ignited by the fire of His love

As companions on the journey  
The disciples of Christ's Church forward on  
Filled with longing and expectation  
We prepare ourselves to receive Christ once again  
Walking away from the shadows that obscure the light  
The Christian rejoices in the light of God's love

And so we approach the feast  
Of the Word made flesh  
Knowing full well that God's luminosity  
Not only changes heart and mind  
But also a radical change of life  
Which incarnates God's love left behind in the  
footprints of life

—“Peaceful Moments” by Fr. John J. Ludden

# Faith Formation

## 2015-2016 School Year

### ***First Reconciliation Rehearsal and Ceremony Date Change***

Please note, that the **First Reconciliation Ceremony has been changed to Wednesday, February 3 at 5:45 p.m.** in the church. Please arrive with your child by 5:30 p.m. Our First Reconciliation Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, January 27 at 5:45 p.m. in the church. *We needed to make the changes due to the additional Thursday evening 6:30 p.m. Mass added to the Mass schedule.* Thank you for your patience and understanding. Childcare will be provided for those who need it.

### ***Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: How Can I help?***

As 70 of our children enrolled in Faith Formation continue preparing for their First Reconciliation, here are some ways that parents and caregivers can help:

- Go over the Sign of the Cross prayer with your child, help them practice. They will begin their confession with the ***Sign of the Cross.***

*In the name of the Father,  
And of the Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

- Help your child learn an ***Act of Contrition.*** The priest will ask your child to make an act of contrition. Most of the children are learning this prayer in Faith Formation.

*O my God, I am sorry for my sins,  
In choosing to sin,  
And failing to do good,  
I have sinned against You and your Church.  
I firmly intend,  
With the help of your Son,  
To make up for my sins  
And to love as I should.  
Amen.*

- Consider receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the days or weeks before your child's First Reconciliation. Share your experience with your child. Consult the bulletin for Reconciliation times and Advent Penance services in our area during this Advent season.
- Set aside 30-45 minutes to do each lesson in your child's packet with them. Make this quality one-on-one time, if possible.

### ***Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: How Can I Help? (continued)***

- Encourage your child through this time of preparation. Bring them to Mass wearing the necklaces they received at the Enrollment Mass. Show them by your example, that just as your faith brought them to the sacrament of Baptism, you are here with them as their first teachers to love and support them as they receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you parents for your support!

### ***Parent's Prayer***

*God, you are a parent to us. You have made us in your image and likeness. Help us to become more like you in our relationships with our children.*

*God, you are always there for us. Even when we turn away from your love, you stay with us always. Teach us to be good parents.*

*Help us to be present to our children in good times and in bad times. May we support them and love them as you have loved us — unconditionally.*

*God, give us the strength and determination to be just and honest in our relationships with our children. Give us the patience and perseverance to face each day, knowing you are with us, as we try to become the parents we must become for our children. Amen.*

### **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**13** ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class – 9:30-10:45 a.m. High School Confirmation Class 6:15-7:30 p.m.

**16** ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class – 5:45-7:00 p.m.  
***Christmas Holiday for the remainder of the month.  
Classes resume Wednesday, January 6, 2016.***

- **Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays 5:15-5:45 p.m.**

### ***Faith Formation Office Hours***

Mondays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

Fridays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education  
[natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com) 239.566.8740, ext. 3909



# Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of

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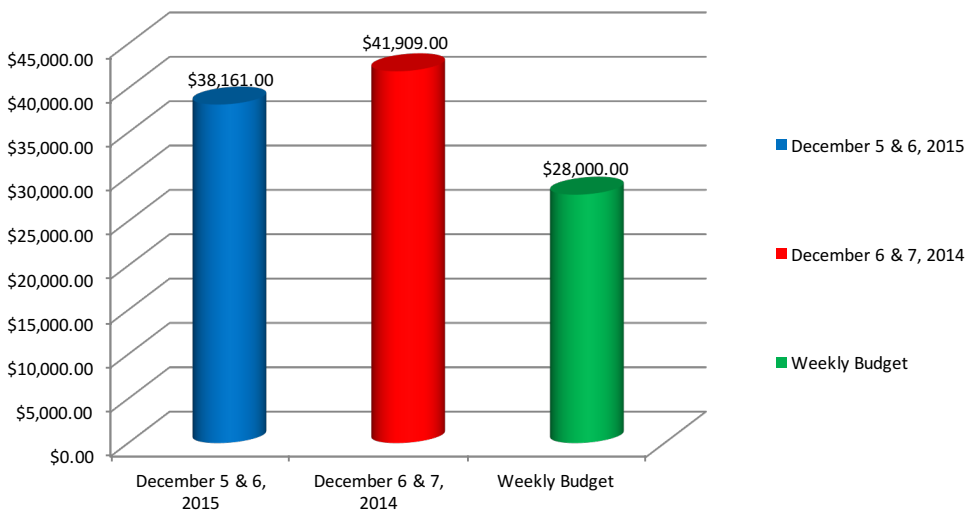
Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Christmas season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet during the Christmas Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

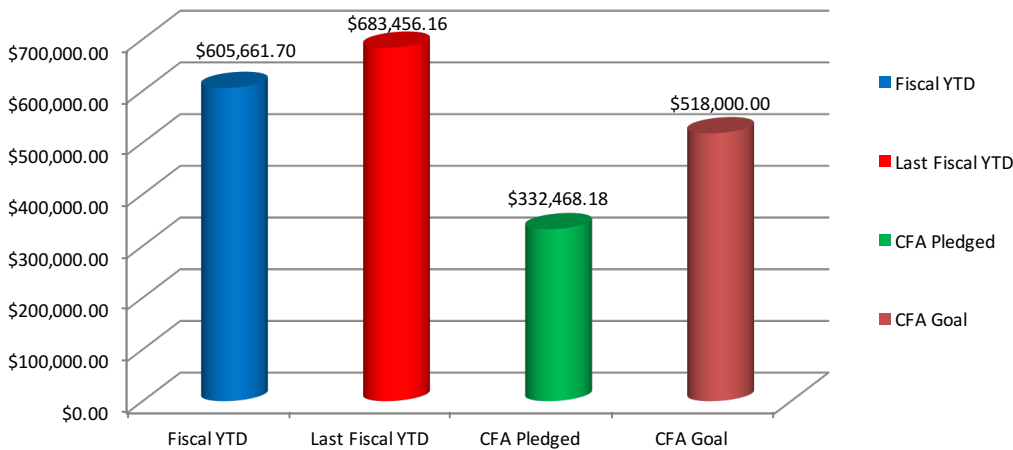
*For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex.*

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Collection Summary



## Fiscal YTD (7/1/2015-6/30/2016) & CFA Summary



## Mass to Celebrate Diocesan Volunteers

In appreciation of the volunteers of the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all volunteers to a Mass on Saturday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Leo Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. The Mass is an opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation for those who generously give of their time and talent.

All priests, deacons and the faithful are invited to participate in a celebration of the active stewardship of our laity. A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. No registration is required, all are welcome.

## Holiday Office Closing Dates

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, 2015 for the Christmas Holiday.

The Parish Office will be closed as well on Thursday, December 31, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016 for the New Year's Holiday.

## Catholic-Jewish Dialogue

### “The Jewish Cardinal” Screening Wednesday, January 6 at St. John

“The Jewish Cardinal” may sound like a punch line, but it accurately describes a real man, Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Paris-born son of Jewish immigrants from Poland, who at 13, bar mitzvah



age, converted to Catholicism in the fraught year of 1940.

It is the amazing true story of a man who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism and joining the priesthood. Lustiger was

appointed Archbishop of Paris by Pope Jean Paul II and found a new platform to celebrate his dual identity as a Catholic Jew. When nuns plan to build a convent within the walls of Auschwitz, Lustiger may be forced at last to choose his side.

This haunting film is about reconciliation, the reconciliation of two faiths, Judaism and Christianity. “The Jewish Cardinal” reminds us of the possibility for goodness if there is respect, love and forgiveness between and among cultures and those of faith.

This family film will be shown in the St. John PLC on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Please RSVP to [cjdialogue@naples.net](mailto:cjdialogue@naples.net)

*image: Le cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger sur le parvis de Notre Dame de Paris le 15 août 1988. source: Claude Truong-Ngoc [CC BY-SA 3.0] (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>), via Wikimedia Commons*

# SAVE THE DATE!


Thursday, January 28th 6:30pm-8:30pm  
doors open at 6 pm

Open to Men & Women



Gus Lloyd, the exciting and engaging host of “Seize the Day” on Sirius XM 129: The Catholic Channel, is coming to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for the Faith & Wine. His topic for the evening will be “Proclaiming the Gospel of Joy”

Are we a people of joy? Are we preaching the Gospel? Are we putting the two together? At the next Faith and Wine, Gus Lloyd, host of Seize the Day, the morning radio show on The Catholic Channel on Sirius XM, will talk about proclaiming the Gospel OF Joy and WITH Joy! Don't miss one of the most magnetic speakers in America today as he shares the Joy of the Gospel with us.

 *Faith and Wine*

## GUS LLOYD

CATHOLIC *Apologetics*

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on January 26th, by going to [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com) (using PayPal) or dropping off your check made payable to “Faith and Wine, Inc.” to the St. John parish office.

Or you can mail (postmarked before Thursday January 21st) your check to Kathleen Millard at 1937 Crestview Way Unit 172; Naples, FL. 34119

**DONT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR GUS SPEAK AND GROW IN THE GIFT OF JOY**

### *5 Life Saving Screenings Here Thursday, January 7*

Once again we will offer a preventive health event on Thursday, January 7 in conjunction with Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. For those people who are unsure, vascular disease is progressive and this means that if it's been longer than a year since you were last screened, it's time again to go through the safe, non-invasive process.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: **blocked arteries**, which is a leading cause of stroke; **abdominal aortic aneurysms**, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; **hardening of the arteries in the legs**, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; **atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat**, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a **bone density screening**, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. You will receive a \$10 discount on the screening packages by calling 888.653.6441 to pre-register.

# Adult Faith Formation

## Being Catholic

*“Our Catholic Faith is a wondrous and expansive world, full of history, deep theological discussions, and enlightenment. We want to make sure every individual who is part of our Parish Family has the opportunity to grow in their faith, in a spectrum of ways. Some may want to have small group discussions around certain topic. Others may want formalized classes and curriculum. Others still may desire individual discernment.*

*We are not waiting for our Capital Campaign to be completed in order to start these initiatives.”*

With these words, five months ago Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager, announced a new focus on Adult Faith Formation at Saint John the Evangelist Parish and the appointment of a Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation to proactively address the needs of all adult Catholics in our parish, women and men, to continue to grow in their faith.

For those of you I have not had the pleasure to meet, my name is Jack Kindsvater and I'm the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. I have been a parishioner for 14 years, retired for 10, and since retiring, for my own Faith Formation, earned a MA in Pastoral Theology from Barry University through the diocesan Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Ministry where I was introduced to the need for AFF in our Church today.

You may ask, what exactly is Adult Faith Formation? And you have good reason to ask since it has not typically been the “Catholic way”. For many of us religious education and formation ended when we were confirmed, and though we may be highly educated, we are still operating with the religion we received as a child. It's quite difficult to address adult questions with eighth grade answers.

*The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation* published by the Episcopal Church describes Christian faith formation as “a lifelong journey with Christ, in Christ, and to Christ. Lifelong Christian faith formation is a lifelong growth in the knowledge, service, and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, tradition, and reason.”

OK, you may ask, what does it look like? A great example is multi-media study program based on the documentary film series **CATHOLICISM**. Over 11 Thursdays this fall 50 parishioners were taken around the world and deep into the faith to consider what

Catholics believe, and why.

After watching the award-winning DVD presentations that have been viewed by thousands on PBS, they discussed them to increase understanding and to explore their application to their life in the world today.



For the thousands of parishioners who did not attend, this **CATHOLICISM** program will be repeated. This program begins January 6th and will be offered at two times of day to enable more parishioners to fit it into their schedules. One session will be at lunchtime (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) on Wednesdays and the other will be on Thursdays evenings (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.). You can attend either session, or lunchtime some weeks and evening others.

And there will be additional opportunities for you to form your adult faith. Watch this page for details over the next few weeks. More information about any of these programs can be obtained by contacting Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com).



# Knights Honor Bishop Dewane at Vocations Dinner

## \$11,000 Awarded to Seminarians

Over 160 people enjoyed a great evening of fun, food, dancing, and entertainment at the annual Vocations Dinner Dance, which honored Bishop Frank J. Dewane. The event was held on Friday, November 20. The St. John Knights of Columbus Council #11281 would like to thank all who attended, donated and worked to make the event a success. Special thanks to our Boosters and local merchants.

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## *From Earning Cub Scout Achievements and Belt Loops to Helping with Food Drive and Sharing Camaraderie Pack 226 Has Busy Few Months*

Cub Scout Pack 226, chartered right here at Saint John the Evangelist, has been busy this fall. Fostering more than 25 elementary-aged boys, Pack 226 has been working on Cub Scout Achievements and earning belt loops along the way. The boys greeted the honor flight veterans returning from a trip to Washington DC at the airport, attended the Veterans' Day celebration at Cambier Park, and gathered for camaraderie and fellowship at a Tampa Bay Buccaneers game.

At regular meetings and monthly camp outs, we've worked on physical fitness, learned how to tie knots, and discussed a few of the twelve points of the Scout Law: bravery and helpfulness.

Learning first hand how a Scout can be helpful, many from the

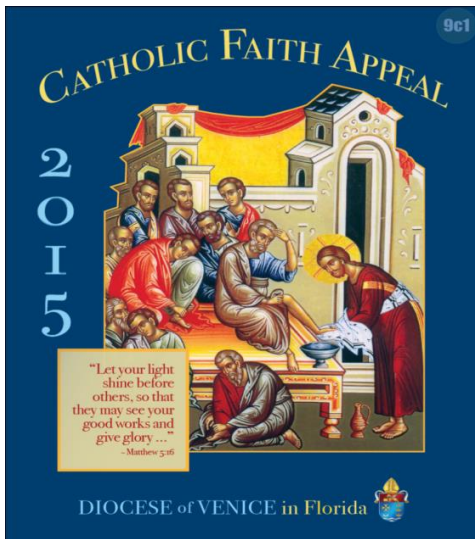
Pack assisted with the St. Vincent de Paul food drive collection before the weekend Masses November 21-22. Working despite the rain, our boys assisted parishioners by carrying their full grocery bags to the SVdP truck. The boys learned that being helpful feels good, and playing in the rain puddles was fun, too!

Pack 226 meets on Monday evenings on the SJE campus. Faith is an integral part of pack life for Pack 226. We welcome new members! For more info, email: [pack226naples@gmail.com](mailto:pack226naples@gmail.com)

*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. — Proverbs 22:6*

*text submitted by Melissa O'Brien  
Cub Scout Pack 226*





# End of Year Giving



**As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!**

*Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ's ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!*

Please consider a possible year end gift. Remember to consult with your financial advisor before making a decision.

## Cash Gifts – Stock or Real Estate Gifts

A cash contribution can be made to your parish, Catholic school or to the Catholic Faith Appeal and may provide you with an income tax benefit. Call the Development Office to facilitate a transfer of stock. Be sure to let us know if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarship, CFA or unrestricted for the greatest need. For more information please contact: Mrs. Deborah Shafer (941) 486-4719.

## Contribute to an Endowment Fund

One can give to an endowment fund through the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida to benefit a Catholic institution within the Diocese of Venice. A gift or series of gifts made now can provide a long-term income stream to benefit your selected institution, ministry or program. At certain levels of giving, a named endowment fund can be established.

## Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable gift annuities provide a secure income during your life and a residual gift to an endowment fund benefitting your parish, Catholic School or the Diocese of Venice. Your gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida will generate regular fixed payments to you.

The chart below indicates the same annuity rates based on a single life annuity:



AGE	*RATE	<p>Example: A \$25,000 case contribution from a 75 year old donor will produce an annual fixed income payment of \$1,450, that is partially non taxable and an initial tax deductible amount of \$11,443.</p> <p>The minimum amount required to establish a charitable gift annuity is \$25,000</p>
85	7.8%	
80	6.8%	
75	5.8%	
70	5.1%	
65	4.7%	

For more information please contact:  
 Dr. Lois J. Cavucci, Director of Development  
 (941) 441-1117

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