

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2023 | Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

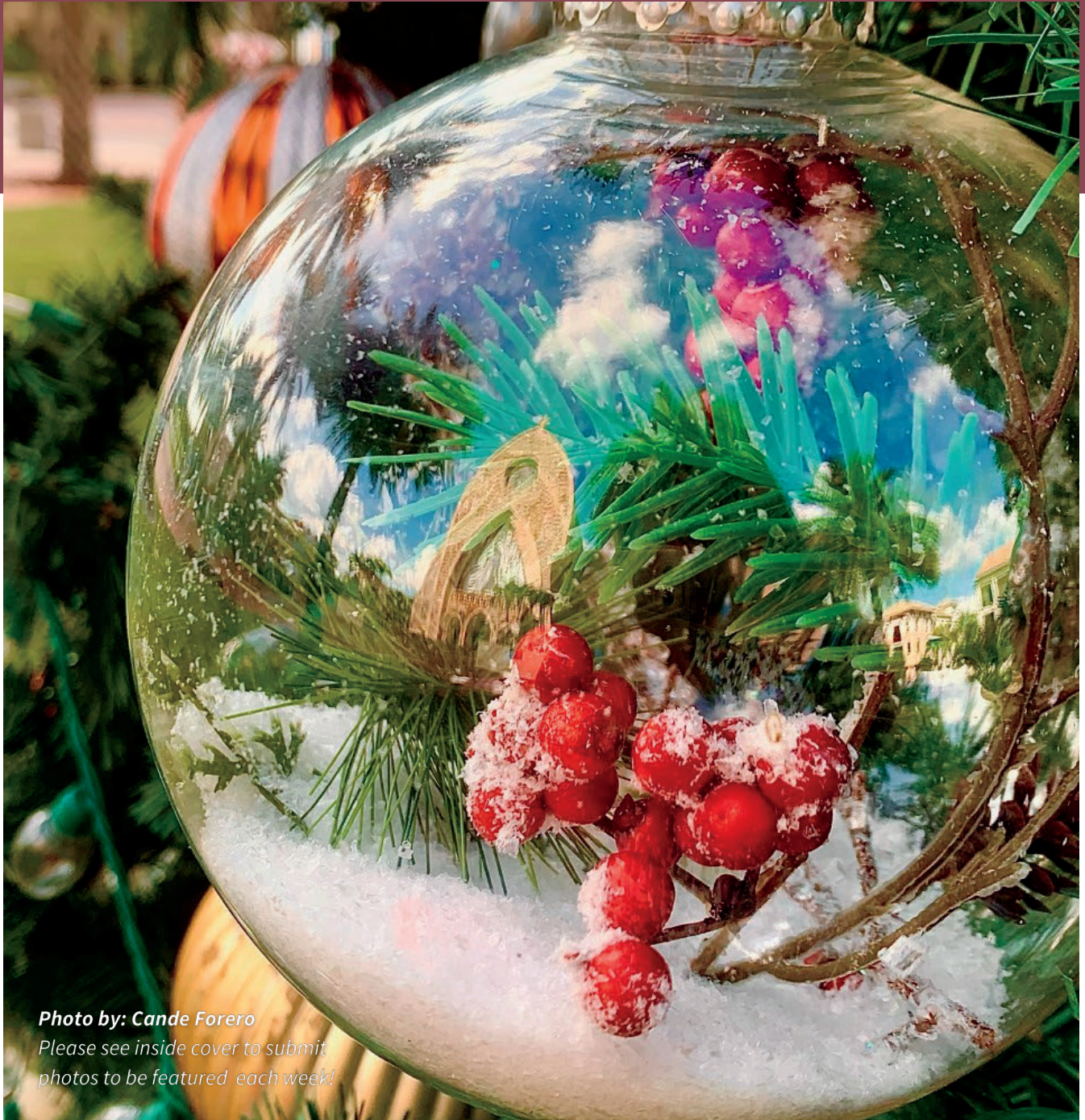


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Weekly Reflection



In his writing, *All Mothers Are Alike—Save One*, the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen brings a story that illustrates the meaning of our celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God:

"A Catholic boy from a parochial school was telling a professor who lived next door about the Blessed Mother. The professor scoffed at the boy, saying: 'But there is no difference between her and my mother.' The boy answered: 'That's what you say, but there's a heck of a lot of difference between the sons.'"

And Fulton Sheen reflected: *"That is the answer. It is because Our Lord is so different from other sons that we set His Mother apart from all mothers. Because He had an Eternal Generation in the bosom of the Father as the Son of God and a temporal generation in the womb of Mary as the Son of Man, His coming created a new set of relationships. She is not a private person; all other mothers are. We did not make her different; we found her different. We did not choose Mary; He did."*

The Church recognizes that Mary, the *Theotokos*, the Mother of God, assures the reality of the Incarnation because — as Saint Augustine says: *"If the Mother were fictitious, [Jesus's] flesh would also be fictitious . . . and the scars of the Resurrection."* (Tract. in Ev. Ioannis, 8, 6-7).

Then, today and always, we pray: *"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!"*

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Do you enjoy taking photos of our beautiful Church? Please share them with us! Send your photos to **Media@AveMariaParish.org** and be featured on the cover of the bulletin. We will of course offer recognition for your beautiful work!

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Sat. December 31

- 9:00am + Dr. Bob Devetski
- ● ● 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Daryl Jenoreas

Sun. January 1

- 10:00am Rick Evans
- 12:30pm (EF) +Rafael Pagan
- 5:00pm (SP) +Jonathan & Paula Gomez

Mon. January 2

- 7:30am + Beth Glenn
- 12:00pm Prayer Box Intentions
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Sonny Ruberto

Tues. January 3

- 7:30 am (EF) + Duska Anne Meister Waite
- 12:00pm + Pat Lancellot
- 5:00pm + Ann Fridgen

Wed. January 4

- 7:30am + John Bonham
- 12:00pm + Josephine Hindman
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Robert Klucik

Thur. January 5

- 7:30 am (EF) + Helen Lenicek
- 12:00 pm +Barbara Hegele
- 5:00pm +Amy Beth Bourdeau

Fri. January 6

- 7:30am + Carol Molloy
- 12:00pm + Vicente D. Crisostomo
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Constancia Agapay
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Sat. January 7

- 9:00am + George Rotkvin
- ● ● 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Irene Dougherty

Sun. January 8

- 8:00 am + Bob Klucik Sr.
- 10:00am Parish Community
- 12:30pm (EF) Carol Bailey
- 5:00pm (SP) +Juan Rodriguez
- 7:30pm +Joseph & Patricia Lancellot

Color Key for Priests

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|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| ● Fr. David Vidal | ● Fr. Romanus Cessario | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi | ● FSSP |
| ● Fr. John Andem | ● Fr. Rick Martignetti | ● Fr. Anbu | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
| | ● Fr. Richard Bondi | ● Fr. Guy Mansini | |

Contact the Parish Office for Mass Intentions. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial para Intenciones de Misa

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Baptism is God's most beautiful gift, it renews us through the Holy Spirit, and washes away our sins, especially original sin.

*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.

Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a union of love and a response to God's call to holiness. The love of husband and wife becomes the symbol of God's love on earth.

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.

Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



Prayer of the Week:

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER,
MOTHER OF GOD

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Oración de la Semana:

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MADRE,
MADRE DE DIOS

Oh Dios, que por la fecunda virginidad de la Santísima María concedió al género humano la gracia de la salvación eterna, concédenos, te rogamos, que podamos experimentar la intercesión de ella, por quien fuimos hallados dignos de recibir al autor de la vida, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo. que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

PARISH LIFE



January 1

Have a Blessed
New Year!



January 14

Parish Men's Retreat
SAVE THE DATE
7:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Church & AMU Ballroom



January 21

Ave Maria Pro-Life
March
Evening Event
Ave Maria Church & AMU



February 25

Youth Choral Festival
& Mass
4:00 - 6:00 PM
Ave Maria Church

SAVE *The* DATE

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AVE MARIA PARISH
MEN'S RETREAT

**MY HEART
IS READY,**
O GOD, MY HEART IS READY

Psalm 57:8

Directed by: Fr. David Vidal

Understanding our hearts and their education is fundamental for our good and communicating goodness to others. As the Venerable Fulton Sheen teaches: "Nothing ever happens in the world that does not happen first inside human hearts."

Mass and Confessions will be offered.

For more information and registrations, contact
Deacon Jeff Ball Jeffrey.B@AveMariaParish.org or
Knight of Columbus' Grand Knight, John Lanham
john432apf@gmail.com

DAY	TIME	
JAN, 14	7:30 a - 2:30 p	Ave Maria Church & AMU Ballroom

PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

COLLECTION SUMMARY

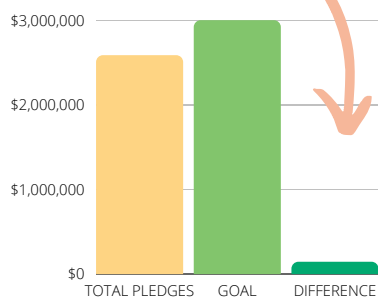
● 12/17 & 12/18 Total	\$17,644	● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943
Donations to CFA 2022	\$60,735	CFA Goal	\$210,000
Pledges Collected to Date	\$2,215,718	Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,855,964	*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt	



only

\$144,036

TO GO!



Parish Capital Campaign

The ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is underway and your gift is vital for our success. Thanks to the generosity of 234 donors, \$1,397,153 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,855,964. However, we need your help to reach our **goal of \$3,000,000** to help reduce our debt and fund necessary improvements.

Please, join us in supporting ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** to secure the financial future of our growing parish community.



Tax Smart Giving

IRA - REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

This is the time of year that many of us are receiving the Notice of Required Minimum Distribution from our IRA Administrators. Did you know that you can direct your Required Minimum Distribution to Ave Maria Catholic Church and avoid increasing your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

You can request your IRA Administrator to send a check payable to Ave Maria Catholic Church or any other qualified charity to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution. Donations made to reduce debt help the Parish by decreasing the interest payments due on the debt, thereby freeing up Parish funds for ministry. Please check with your professional advisors for more information on this beneficial giving option.

For more information, contact Beatrice Sanford at (239) 867-4900 or email at giftplanning@avemariaparish.org

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Ave Maria March For Life

SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 2023 / 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Organized and Sponsored By:

Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry
Ave Maria University (AMU)
Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc. (CPCI)
Maria Vision USA

Master of Ceremony: Pam Stenzel, Senior Regional Clinical Director, CPCI

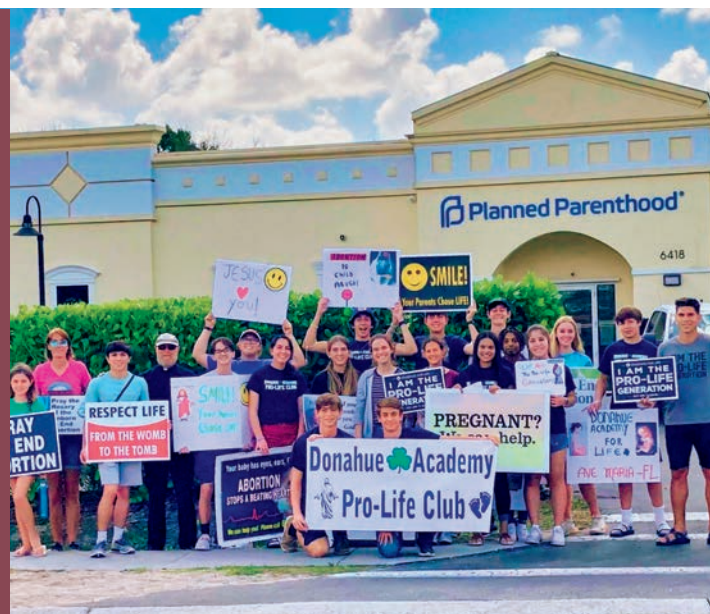
Special Guest Speaker: Bishop Frank Dewane,
Diocese of Venice

Speakers: Mark Middendorf, President, AMU,
and Katheryn Hallinan, CPCU

The Catholic Church teaches us, with absolute conviction, that *“the life of every human being must be respected and protected from the moment of conception,”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270).

This January 2023 marks the 50th year, that pro-life Americans will gather from around the Nation to bring light to the evil of abortion. We will stand together, united in the conviction and commitment to speak out for the protection of the unborn.

All are invited to join us for this second annual pro-life event in Ave Maria. The march begins from the AMU football field and concludes in front of Ave Maria Catholic Church with a free lunch of hot dogs, chips and drink. The march route is under a mile. Golf cart riders are welcome. For more information, contact Sharon Levesque at: amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com



Respect Life Ministry

Monday, January 2
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Parish Hall
Sharon Levesque
amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com



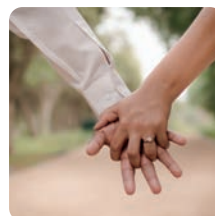
Amici di Giuseppe

Friday, January 6
8:00 - 9:15 AM | Parish Hall
Deacon Jeff Ball
Jeffrey.B@avemariaparish.org



O.L.Mt. Carmel Prayer Group

Saturday, January 7
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Donahue Acad.
Jean Prather
jeanann101@gmail.com



Marriage & Family Ministry

Saturday, January 7
11:00-2:30 pm | Spanish at Donahue
4:00-7:00 pm | English at Donahue
Jorge and Karla Cebreros
marriageandfamily@avemariaparish.org

The Eucharistic Devotion

THE TREASURE AND HEART OF THE CHURCH!

The Catholic Church describes the Eucharist, i.e., the Sacrifice of the Mass, as “*the source and summit of the Christian life*” (CCC 1324). It’s the source, because the Eucharist enables us to make present and offer anew Jesus Christ’s one redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary, which began with his Passion (CCC 1362-68; 1341). It’s the summit, because the Eucharist is truly a foretaste of heaven, in which we partake of Jesus’ body and blood as heaven and earth become most profoundly one.

In our parish, we have recently had a Eucharistic Procession through our neighborhoods. With that, we proclaimed that Jesus in the Eucharist is at the center of this town and at the center of our lives as a parish community.

Besides de perpetual adoration at Martha J. Burke Perpetual Adoration Chapel (Across the street from the front entrance to Ave Maria Catholic Church), the parish offers two special moments during the week for Adoration at the Church: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM (Children’s Adoration), and Fridays, 6:30-7:30 PM (A Holy Hour with Confessions). On March 27-29, 2023, we will have at the parish Church the Forty Hours Devotion. Please, save the dates for this important occasion.

We would like to thank in a very special way Emilio Burillo and Maria Vision Family for the donation of a new monstrance for the parish! We will start using this monstrance very soon for our Holy Hours. Thank you, Emilio and the Maria Vision Family, for donating such a worthy liturgical vessel for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to the parish!



Catholic Apologetics 101

FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Apologetics 101: How to Defend Your Faith
All parish middle-school and high-school invited!
January 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Parish Hall.
Topic: *Problems with Evolution Theory*

Taught by Dr. Thomas Carr. Sponsored by the Ave Maria Homeschool Committee. No registration needed. For questions: dr_carr@drstox.com



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



En su escrito, Todas las Madres son Iguales – Excepto Una, El Venerable Arzobispo Fulton Sheen trae una historia que ilustra el significado de nuestra celebración de la Bienaventurada Virgen María, Madre de Dios:

“Un niño católico de una escuela parroquial hablaba sobre la Santísima Madre con un profesor que vivía junto a su casa. El profesor en tono burlón le decía al niño: “Sin embargo, no hay diferencia entre ella y mi madre.” El niño le respondió: “Es lo que usted dice, pero que diferencia más grande hay entre los hijos!”

Entonces, Fulton Sheen reflexionó: *“Así se responde. Porque Nuestro Señor es tan diferente a todos los demás hijos, nosotros consideramos a su Madre por sobre todas las demás madres. Porque El tiene una generación eterna en el seno del Padre como Hijo de Dios y una generación temporal en el seno de María como Hijo del Hombre, su venida ha creado un nuevo grupo de relaciones. Ella no es una persona privada; todas las otras madres lo son. Nosotros no la hemos hecho diferente sino que la encontramos diferente. Nosotros no elegimos a María, El lo hizo.”*

La Iglesia reconoce que María, Theotokos, la Madre de Dios, reafirma la realidad de la Encarnación porque – como dice San Agustín: “Si la Madre fuera ficticia, la carne de Jesús también sería ficticia . . . y así también las escaras de su resurrección.” (Tract. In Ev. Ioannis, 8, 6-7).

Entonces, hoy y siempre, rezamos: “Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros!”



Legión de María

La Legión de María es una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica con cerca de cuatro millones de miembros activos. ¿Quiénes pueden pertenecer? Todo católico que practique fielmente su religión y desee ser útil a la iglesia y a la sociedad, y que esté dispuesto a cumplir las normas funcionales de la asociación. ¿Qué hace? Orar y trabajar apostólicamente. Funciona con reuniones semanales de grupo, donde se ora, se revisa la actividad apostólica, y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. La Legión de María se reúne miércoles a las 5:30-6:30pm en el salón de conferencias de la oficina parroquial. Para mayor información contacte a Marvin Gaitán, marvingaitan73@gmail.com

Ave Maria University Events

December 31

SAVE THE DATE

AMU Events in 2023!



Our spring athletic programs are in full swing at Ave Maria! Scan the QR code to view the full schedule for AMU basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, golf, ultimate frisbee, beach volleyball, dance, lacrosse, swim, and track.

Along with our Gyrenes, we've got some other exciting dates for your 2023 calendar:
Stay tuned for updates as events approach

COMING SOON

JANUARY 12

JANUARY 27

JANUARY 28

FEBRUARY 2-4

FEBRUARY 15

FEBRUARY 16

MARCH 23 -
APRIL 1

AMU Drama Club, *Mary Poppins*

Mass in Memory of Fr. Matthew Lamb

Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture

Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas Mass

Aquinas Center Conference, *The Holiness of God and the Mystery of the Eucharist*

Reclaiming Vatican II Lecture with Rev. Blake Britton

The Role of Uncertainty in Aquinas's Philosophy Lecture with Dr. Joshua P. Hochschild

Shakespeare and Performance, *Much Ado About Nothing*



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Ave Maria Parish's PK-12 Catholic, Classical School

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ACADEMICS RESUME

As we reflect on the past year and prepare to enter this new calendar year, the Rhodora J. Donahue Academy family would like to wish all of our fellow Ave Maria parishioners a blessed New Year! Please keep your parish school's students in your prayers as we return to school this week!



Remembering Rhodora J. Donahue

OUR PARISH SCHOOL, BIDS FAREWELL TO ONE
OF OUR STRONGER SUPPORTERS

Please join us as we pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rhodora J. Donahue, our parish school's namesake, who passed away peacefully at the age of 97 on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She lived a long, fruitful, and God-fearing life along with her husband, Jack, and leaves behind a beautiful legacy of 14 children, 84 grandchildren, and 168 great-grandchildren.

The Donahue Family's generous spiritual and financial support of our school has enabled hundreds of our parish children to benefit from the school's academic program, nurturing them in their Catholic faith, and ensuring they encounter Christ and pursue excellence in all things. We are very grateful to Rhodora J. Donahue's faithful commitment to Catholic education.

To the members of the Donahue family mourning her loss, please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. While words are insufficient to convey our sincere gratitude, we trust that our prayers for the peaceful repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family will be heard before God's Holy Throne.

*Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat ei.
Requiescat in pace. Amen*

News / Events



Reenrollment

December 15 through March 31



New Applicant Assessments & Interviews

January 15 through March 15



Catholic Schools Week

January 29- February 4

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Visit With Jesus

*See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.*

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail Redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

*Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility.*

*Virgin Mother! Mary blest!
By the joys that filled thy breast,
Pray for us that we may prove
Worthy of the Savior's love.*

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, Redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

One of the best ways we can show Jesus *we love Him* is to come to Church often and make our visits with Him. On Monday nights from 6:30-7:30pm we have our guided Children's Holy Hour with Mrs. Hampton and myself, including Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with our pastor, Fr. Vidal, and Ave's finest altar servers. Our next guided Children's Holy Hour will be January 2, 2023. *See you then!*

Mrs. Prather
CatholicKids101.com

"We are kids telling kids about Jesus!"



The Garden of My Heart

The flowers I will make in "the garden of my heart" for Jesus this new year are **FORGET-ME-NOTS**.

I will make them by never forgetting about Jesus!

"Dear Jesus, HAPPY NEW YEAR! I don't ever have to be afraid of anything this new year brings as long as I never forget that You are always with me. Even if I sometimes forget about You, You *never* forget about me!

I will try to think about You and talk with You often in prayer throughout my day. I will also try and make my visits with You in Church too. Each time I do this, I will be making a true-blue FORGET-ME-NOT flower in the 'garden of my heart.'

I hope You like my forget-me-not flowers, Jesus! They are my *favorite* flowers to make.

*"I, the Lord, made you, and I will never forget you."
Isaiah 44:21*

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The Drawing will be held on **February 4, 2023**, during the "**Hometown Heroes Gala**"
at the Vineyards Country Club,
400 Vineyards Blvd, Naples, FL, 34119.

The drawn winner of the raffle is entitled to
receive an Advanced EV A40L Golf Cart.