

January 14-15, 2023 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

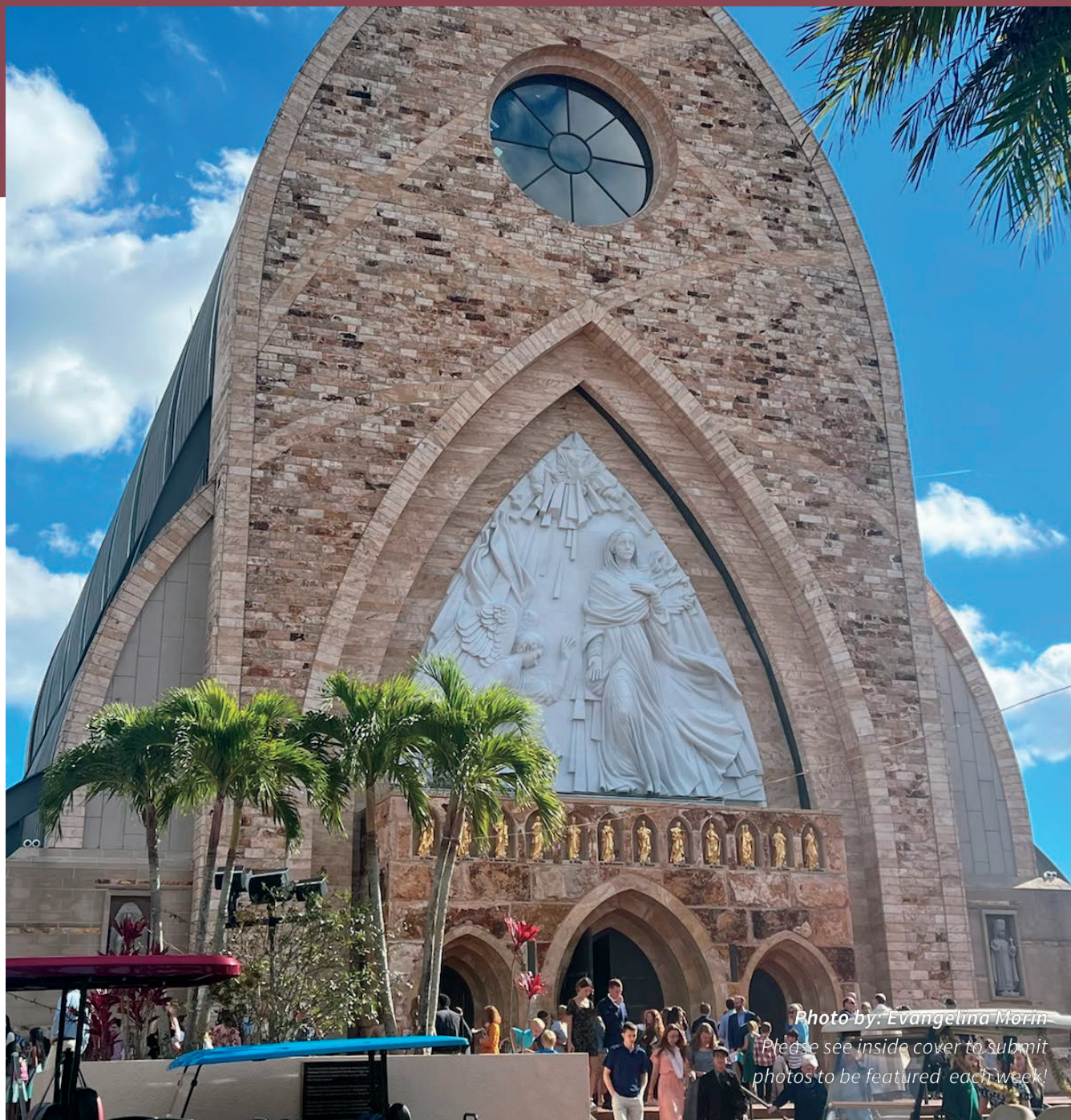


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Weekly Reflection



This weekend, as we prepare ourselves to be part of next weekend's March for Life, let us read some beautiful words from Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. on "Public Witness and Catholic Citizenship," (October 18, 2012)

"Catholic" is a word that has real meaning. We don't control or invent that meaning as individuals. We inherit it from the Gospel and the experience of the Church over the centuries. If we choose to call ourselves Catholic, then that word has consequences for what we believe and how we act. We can't truthfully call ourselves "Catholic" and then behave as if we're not.

Being a Catholic is a bit like being married. We have a relationship with the Church, and with Jesus Christ, that's similar to being a spouse. If a man says he loves his wife, his wife will want to see the evidence in his fidelity.

The same applies to our relationship with God. If we say we're Catholic, we need to show our love for the Church and our fidelity to what she teaches and believes. Otherwise, we're just fooling ourselves. God certainly won't be fooled.

We can't call ourselves Catholic, and then simply stand by while immigrants get mistreated, or the poor get robbed, or – even more fundamentally -- unborn children get killed. If our faith is real, then it will bear fruit in our public decisions and behaviors.

Our Priests

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Request for Photos

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. January 14

- 9:00am Joseph Micillo & Family
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm Todd Leeloy

Sun. January 15

- 8:00 am + Joseph & Patrick Lancellot
- 10:00am + Andrea Benlock
- 12:30pm (EF) Parish Community
- 5:00pm (SP) Hilda Garcia Tondo
- 7:30pm Rich Dittus

Mon. January 16

- 7:30am Veronica & Daniel Lendman
- 12:00pm John Micillo & Family
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + John Davis

Tues. January 17

- 7:30 am (EF) + Kathleen Farina Steinke
- 12:00pm +Duska Ann Meister Waite
- 5:00pm Patricia Butler

Wed. January 18

- 7:30am Mark Scullard
- 12:00pm + Daniel Bonham
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Suzanne Dionne

Thur. January 19

- 7:30 am (EF) Harriet Garzero
- 12:00 pm +Gordon Ball
- 5:00pm +Bennie Dolnick

Fri. January 20

- 7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00pm + Finnie Kabiling
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Joseph & Patricia Lancellot
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Sat. January 21

- 9:00am +James Clifford
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm +Dick Weber

Sun. January 22

- 8:00 am The Parish Community
- 10:00am + Spencer Apollonio
- 12:30pm (EF) Jeff McManus
- 5:00pm (SP) + Vannia Coutinho Simas
- 7:30pm + John DeFelice

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. Eamon McManus | 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

- January 2, 2023
 - Nathan Huck and Tanja Phul

*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.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

1927 - 2022



Prayer of the Week:

For Pope Benedict XVI

God our Father, lover of life, hear the prayers we raise to you with faith in the Risen Lord for Pope Benedict XVI and for the needs of the Church and our world. Grant us a share in fellowship with you in the heavenly Jerusalem, where sorrow and tears will be no more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oración de la Semana:

Para el Papa Benedicto XVI

Dios Padre nuestro, amante de la vida, escucha las oraciones que te elevamos con fe en el Señor Resucitado por el Papa Benedicto XVI y por las necesidades de la Iglesia y de nuestro mundo. Concédenos una participación en la comunión contigo en la Jerusalén celestial, donde no habrá más tristeza y lágrimas. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

PARISH LIFE



January 21

Ave Maria Pro-Life March

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Ave Maria Church & AMU



February 3

**Holy Hour
Scott Hahn's Lecture**

6:00-8:30PM
Ave Maria Church



February 25

**Youth Choral Festival
& Mass**

4:00 - 6:00 PM
Ave Maria Church



March 9

**Catholic Culture Series
Dr. Christopher O. Blum**

7:00 PM / AMU (Prince Bldg.)

SAVE The DATE

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hometown Heroes

GALA

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF FAITH TOGETHER
Honoring "Faith and Deacon John Jarvis"

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

VINEYARDS COUNTRY CLUB
400 Vineyards Blvd.
Naples, FL 34119

Cocktails: 5 pm | Dinner 6:30 pm

**INDIVIDUAL TICKET:
\$175**

For more information:
239.867.4900 | www.avemariaparish.org



ST. PAUL CENTER
for BIBLICAL THEOLOGY



Ave Maria University
Aquinas Center

The Holiness of God and the Mystery of the Eucharist Conference

AQUINAS CENTER FOR THEOLOGICAL RENEWAL,
AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY & ST. PAUL CENTER FOR
BIBLICAL THEOLOGY - **FEB 2-4, 2023**

In response to this call to Eucharistic renewal and revival, The Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal at Ave Maria University and the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology present a conference on "The Holiness of God and the Mystery of the Eucharist" to be held on February 2-4, 2023 here at Ave Maria University.

As Part of the Program on Friday,
February 3 at Ave Maria Church

12:00 p.m. - Conference Mass Celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane (Diocese of Venice)

6:00 - 7:00pm - Holy Hour and Eucharistic Blessing

7:00 - 8:30pm - Keynote Address: **Scott Hahn**, Franciscan University & St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, "Holy is His Name: The Transforming Power of God's Holiness in Scripture"

All Are Invited

PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

COLLECTION SUMMARY

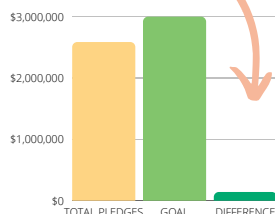
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| 12/31 & 1/1 Total | \$23,180 | Weekly Budget* | \$18,943 |
| Donations to CFA 2022 | \$60,735 | CFA Goal | \$210,000 |
| Pledges Collected to Date | \$2,233,765 | Campaign Victory Goal | \$3,000,000 |
| Total Campaign Pledges | \$2,859,627 | *Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt | |



only

\$140,373

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 240 donors, \$1,400,816 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,859,627. 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 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
Knights of Columbus Ave Maria Council #14697

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, CPCI

Pope Benedict XVI said, *"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right -- it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society."*

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.

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

1.21.23 | 10A - 12:30P | AVE MARIA



Master
of Ceremony

**PAM
STENZEL**

Sr. Regional
Clinical
Director, CPCI



Special
Guest Speaker

**BP. FRANK
DEWANE**

Diocese of
Venice



Speaker

**MARK
MIDDENDORF**

President,
Ave Maria
University



Speaker

**KATHERYN
HALLINAN**

Outreach
Coordinator,
CPCI



KoC Business Meeting

Monday, January 16
6:00 - 8:00 PM | Parish Hall
Grand Knight, John Lanham
john432apf@gmail.com



Fraternus

Wednesday, January 18
5:30 - 8:30 PM | Parish Hall
Tom Nuttle
avemariafraternus2022@gmail.com



Children's Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 18
6:00 - 7:00 PM | Church Choir Loft
Kathy Dittus / Marian Mandy
Marian.M@avemariaparish.org



American Heritage Girls

Thursday, January 19
3:30 - 6:30 PM | Parish Hall
Alicia Ritter
alicia.ritter@ymail.com

Feed Ave Maria Program

AVE MARIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Feed Ave Maria program is sponsored and administered by the Ave Maria Knights of Columbus Council 14697 in conjunction with the Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities, Immokalee, FL. Program volunteers will include members of the Ave Maria Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. The purpose of this program is to provide Ave Maria residents in need of grocery assistance with non-perishable groceries once a month.

Please complete the Assistance Request online form if you are interested in requesting grocery assistance.



Once you complete the form, you will be contacted by a Brother Knight to let you know your level of assistance and when you can expect to receive your first delivery. Grocery bags will be delivered to your home and left without contact. You will be notified electronically of the delivery. We want you to know that confidentiality is always observed.

The plan is to provide each recipient's family with one to two bags of non-perishable groceries per month. Each bag is expected to feed a family of four for a week.



Diocese of Venice in Florida Eucharistic Congress

MARCH 24-25, 2023

The Bishops of the United States have launched a 3-year National Eucharistic Revival centered on the Eucharist.

The first year of the Revival is the Diocesan Phase, the second year is the Parish Phase, and the third year is the National Phase. On March 24-25, 2023, the Diocese of Venice in Florida will hold a Eucharistic Congress at the Caloosa Sound Convention Center and Amphitheater at the Luminary Hotel (1375 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901). The theme of the Eucharistic Congress is, *The Word Made Flesh* (John 1:14).

You have probably noticed information coming out via flyer, The Florida Catholic, The Mustard Seed, etc.

- The Youth Rally is the evening of March 24, beginning at 5pm and ending at 10pm (doors open, check-in at 4pm).
- Saturday's Eucharistic Congress, geared for adult parishioners is March 25, from 9am – 5pm, (doors open at 8am).

Please see related information including schedule, registration, speaker pictures and bios, information pertaining to the Luminary Hotel, etc. at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/eucharistic-congress/>.

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Este fin de semana, cuando nos preparamos para participar de la Marcha por la Vida que tendremos el fin de semana próximo, leamos estas hermosas palabras del Arzobispo Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. sobre “El Testimonio Público y el Ciudadano Católico,” (Octubre 18, 2012).

“Católico” es una palabra que tiene un sentido real. Nosotros no controlamos o inventamos este sentido como individuos. Lo heredamos del Evangelio y de la experiencia de la Iglesia a través de los siglos.

Si elegimos llamarnos católicos, entonces esta palabra tiene consecuencias en nuestro creer y en nuestro actuar. No podemos llamarlos verdaderamente “católicos” y comportarnos como si no lo fuéramos.

Ser católico es un poco como el estar casado. Tenemos una relación con la Iglesia y con Jesucristo que es similar a la de ser esposo. Si un hombre dice que ama a su esposa, su esposa va a querer ver la evidencia de su fidelidad. Lo mismo se aplica a nuestra relación con Dios. Si decimos que somos católicos, necesitamos mostrar nuestro amor por la Iglesia y nuestra fidelidad a lo que ella enseña y cree. De otro modo, nos estamos engañando a nosotros mismos. Dios ciertamente no puede ser engañado.

No podemos llamarnos católicos, y después quedarnos cruzados de brazos mientras los inmigrantes son maltratados, o los pobres son robados, o – más fundamentalmente – mientras los niños por nacer son matados. Si nuestra fe es real, entonces dará fruto en nuestras decisiones y conductas públicas.



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

January 14

JANUARY 20

Join Our Students at the March for Life Through Prayer!

Please keep our students, faculty, and staff in your prayers as they travel this week to participate in the March for Life.

Eternal Father, Source of life, open our hearts to see and desire the beauty of your plan for life and love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our love will be generous and self-giving and we may be blessed with joy. Grant us great trust in your mercy.

Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life and heal us from the effects of the culture of death.

Instill in us and in all people a sense of the sacredness of every human life.

Inspire our efforts to protect and care for the most vulnerable; especially women who are pregnant and their unborn children, the sick, and the elderly.

Strengthen us in the hope that with you nothing is impossible.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who by his Cross makes all things new. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life, pray for us.

—Prayer for Life, Sisters of Life



JANUARY 21 | 2:00, 4:00 p.m.

Basketball

Women's and Men's,
AMU vs Keiser
Rhodora J. Donahue Academy



JANUARY 21 | 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Religious Freedom after the Sexual Revolution

Professor Helen Alvaré, George Mason University
Thomas and Selby Prince Building, O'Bryan Performance Hall

THE Catholic Theology SHOW

a podcast with Dr. Michael Dauphinais

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AVE MARIA
UNIVERSITY

DONAHUE ACADEMY

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

Dr. Pat Castle

LIFE RUNNERS

On January 12th, Donahue Academy was honored to host Dr. Pat Castle, a pro-life guest speaker, who engaged with our students and spoke about the dignity and sanctity of all human life. Dr. Castle is the founder and president of “LIFE Runners,” the largest pro-life team in the world with over 20,000 members, an organization he founded after a personal encounter with St. Padre Pio.

He is an inspirational speaker and unites his team through faith, activism, courts, and education regarding the pro-life movement. While some of our parish community are current members of “LIFE Runners,” it was a wonderful opportunity for the rest of the faculty, staff, and student body to meet Dr. Castle.



Donahue Academy's Classical Catholic Education

WHAT IS THE GRAMMAR STAGE?

The Grammar Stage of a classical education focuses on presenting information, acquiring facts, and laying the foundation of knowledge. “Grammar” in this context refers to the simple, concrete facts, basic building blocks, and fundamental rules which inform a subject. This is the critical stage where students learn “how to go to school,” how learning works, what behaviors, conduct, and intellectual involvement are appropriate.

Students in the Grammar Stage explore the basic elements of reading, math, art, language, and science. Memorization and observation are emphasized while nurturing an ability and love for reading is kept at the heart of their academic formation. Through these measures, a student’s developing intellect will more fully appreciate and synthesize this fact-focused stage as he or she grows in age and wisdom.

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

Here is another excerpt from Simon's Catholic Kids 101 page about forming our conscience. This is from the section covering the 6th commandment:

"..."The sixth commandment is about keeping our hearts pure. Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God." We want to be able to see God in all we think, say and do. God wants each one of us to have a pure, clean heart. He understands how much sin hurts us. He especially wants us to be on guard against things that will hurt our mind and take away our innocence. To keep our hearts pure we must not watch any show, movie or look at anything on the internet that exposes our minds to impure, immodest things. This is also true for the books and magazines we look at and the music and music videos we listen to and watch...We must never have conversations on our phones with people we don't know or be a part of texting things that are immodest. If we see or hear anything impure by accident, that is not a sin. We should turn off the video or music as soon as we realize it is not good. It is only a sin if we choose to keep looking or keep listening to these things on purpose..."
You can ask your dad or mom to look with you to see what else Simon has to say on his CK101 page.

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. *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 week are **LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY**.

I will make them by not being selfish!

"Dear Jesus, when you were a child like me, You were *never* selfish! I don't want to be selfish either. I know that You don't want me to be always thinking of myself and what I want but You want me to think also of being thoughtful and helpful to the people all around me. Every time that I am not selfish this week but instead do something for the good of another person, I will be making beautiful LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY flowers in the 'garden of my heart.'

I hope You like my lily-of-the-valley flowers, Jesus!
They can sometimes be very hard to make.

*"Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13*

SOME UNIQUE TREASURES

from Ave Maria Catholic Church & Resources



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**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN PARISH OFFICE,
MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 9 AM - 5 PM,
5078 POPE JOHN PAUL II BLVD., SUITE 107**

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.